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"I don't believe in afterlife, although I am bringing a change of underwear."
- Woody Allen

"Duck hunting can be a very dangerous sport, especially for the ducks."
- Walter Cronkite

FY87 TRAINING SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

PMD's Training Division revealed their FY87 course schedule at a sparsely attended news conference early yesterday morning. According to Joe Manickavasagam, the Division Chief, this year's classes will continue to address the demanding staff training environment of the institution. "This year is FY86," said Manickavasagam. "We intend to make next year FY87." New courses include:

Optimism for the Data Processing Professional. Are you a DP professional? Do you feel bewildered that no one likes COBOL anymore? Do you wonder what ever happened to keypunch machines, and what is the big deal about those little teeny-weeny microcomputers, anyway? Well, this course is for you! Learn how to give your manager that warm feeling of assurance, even though you think "dBASE" is a way to use cocaine.

Economic Theory. A detailed analysis of price differentiation, export commodity trade, and competitive market systems, with an emphasis on money and why it's nice to have lots of it. Sponsor: ERS.

Job Grading and Vietnam: A Historical Perspective (Part II). This lecture series continues the comparison of America's most divisive war and the Job Grading exercise. Watch General Dan Ritchie sue Snowflake for libel, settle out of court, then evacuate the Administrative Tribunal hearing room via helicopter, still wearing jungle fatigues.

Field Work for Urban Sector Staff. Learn how to transform street gangs into basketball teams, and vice-versa.

Who's the Boss? A panel discussion on the power struggles within the Bank, followed by vice presidential tag team wrestling. Sponsor: OPD.

MATERNITY LEAVE CANCELLED IN IRMD

Due to excessive workload pressure, IRMD management has cancelled all maternity leave effective April 1, 1986. All staff on maternity leave must return to work immediately. Staff who have scheduled maternity leave may reschedule it for any time after January 15, 1987, when the workload crisis is expected to diminish.

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CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES

Back by popular demand, Ignacio Zjerko will again entertain the World Bank community in a guitar music concert this evening at 8:00 in the I-building men's locker room. Famous for his contemporary Patagonian Sheep music, Mr. Zjerko will also play selections from his two recent platinum albums, Walk Out Backwards So I'll Think You're Coming In and You're Like Radioactivity, I Can't Get Rid Of You, including the hit singles, "I Don't Know Whether To Kill Myself Or Go Bowling", "If The Phone Don't Ring, You'll Know It's Me", "I Can't Decide What's Dirtier: Your Bluejeans Or My Thoughts", "My Wife Ran Off With My Best Friend And I Sure Do Miss Him" and "You Sprayed My Heart With A Can Of Raid". Balo Macho!

CAFETERIA SPECIAL

Readers are reminded that Tuesday, April 1, is "Ritual Slaughter Day" at the M-building cafeteria. Come join in a feeding frenzy as Marriott sacrifices a plump yet lean staff member for public consumption. For vegetarian customers, a zucchini will be sacrificed as well. Bon appetit!

J-BUILDING PLANS ANNOUNCED

In what could be heralded as a new phase in the Bank's commitment to poverty, Bill Cosgrove, Director of the Administrative Services Department, announced today that the J-building will be used as a shelter for the homeless. "Office space costs too much in Washington," said Cosgrove at a morning press conference. "This building would only be used ten hours each day. This program allows us to achieve 100% cost efficiency and meet all space-related PA Service Standards."

According to Cosgrove, each office will be equipped with specially-designed desks that automatically convert into cots. Staff members will be asked to leave at dusk each evening. If staff have unfinished business to perform after dusk, they will be given priority access to the steam grates on C Street, N.W. by the National Park Service.

REMINDER

All staff including family, friends, and just about anyone else who is interested are reminded by Snowflake as a public service that the combination on all S-building security locks has been changed to 5-2-5 for the main entrances to each floor, and 4-5-2 for the bathrooms. In addition, ADM has changed the combination on the petty cash vault in the Cashier's Department to 14-75-81. Please make a note of the new combinations.

PMD REORGANIZATION

PMD will soon undergo another major reorganization, Snowflake has learned. A secret report prepared by OPD and obtained by Snowflake indicates this reorganization, called "PMD Reincarnation", will occur effective July 1, 1987.

The report, entitled "PMD Or Not PMD, What Was The Question?", was so confidential that recipients on the restricted distribution list were cautioned to place it in the burn bag prior to reading. Snowflake obtained the report by calling OPD and requesting a copy.

The suggested reincarnation, which follows reorganizations, realignments, renewals, reconstitutions, and retributions, indicated that the PMD Staffing Division will merge with the Legal Department, while the PMD Front Office will merge with Peter's Flowerland.

PMD officials did not return Snowflake's telephone calls, so no comment was available as of yesterday evening.

NAUTILUS EQUIPMENT RECALLED

The Medical Department cancelled all H-building fitness classes this afternoon following a recall of Nautilus machines by their manufacturer, Nautilus, Inc., of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The recall was issued after researchers at the University of Virginia Medical School established a potential linkage between use of Nautilus equipment and human sterility. Affected would be anyone who has used Nautilus equipment in the last eight months. "Sorry," said a MED spokesman, reading a prepared statement at the noontime press conference.

CULTURAL FILM SERIES

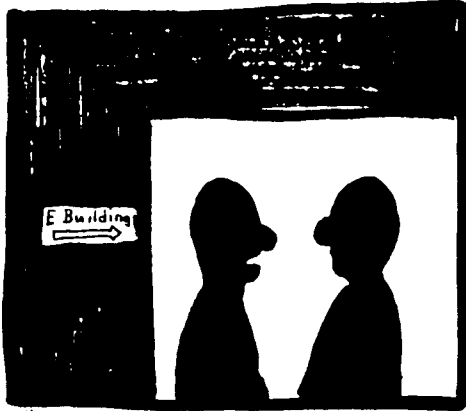
All staff are reminded that a double feature, Debbie Does Dallas and Betsy Bops the Bank, will be shown at lunchtime on the S-building security monitors, completing the World Bank/12th Street NW cultural exchange program.

NEW PROMOTION POLICY

In an effort to simultaneously allow younger staff to gain managerial experience yet not lose the tremendous human resources invested in older, more experienced managers, the Personnel Management Department has issued a new promotion staff rule targeted at senior managers at or over the age of 50. Called the "Golden Handcuffs Promotion Rule", this policy forces qualified staff to be promoted out of line management positions to allow replacement by younger staff. The mandatory 214% salary increase associated with the promotion effectively destroys the ability of the promoted staff member to find comparable work elsewhere, ensuring full employment commitment to the Bank until retirement.

Tony Williams, Director of PMD, was enthusiastic about the prospects of the Golden Handcuffs program at a news conference yesterday, but did deny that certain aspects of the program closely resemble indentured servitude.

The Comic Page



"Did you hear that only 13% of all staff were downgraded in the Job Grading Exercise?"



"And there were no discernable distinctions between individual departments or sectors..."



"And the results were normally distributed across sex and nationality, as well?"



"I should know, I used to manage the Job Grading Program."