

STAFF NEWS



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A SLIM BLONDE MOTHER OF TWO who works with steel plates and temperatures of up to 1500 degrees Fahrenheit has transformed the stately walls of the Twelfth Floor Gallery into an iridescent display of fiery reds and brilliant blues with her exhibition of large fire-enamels. Not only because of the rarity of the medium but also because of the quality of the work it is held by many to be among the best shows ever organized there. And it proves once again that the Fund harbors an abundance of professional art talent, witness also the earlier Gallery shows of Helen Finch, Nadia Hosni El Sebai and Hördur Karlsson. Ute Conrad-Parnemann, whose work will be exhibited through December 3, belongs to this group as the wife of the Fiscal

Affairs Department's own Ernst-Albrecht Conrad.

Being married to Ute gives Ernst-Albrecht an additional job as the artist's assistant and engineer, and it costs him most of his time outside the Fund. However, it does help that besides his PhD. in economics he holds a degree in engineering, for there's a lot of engineering involved in Ute's specialty.

She acquired that specialty at the Berlin Academy for Fine Arts where she graduated in 1966, a year after her marriage. Born in the little North German town of Hachum (pop. 300), she first studied art in Brunswick and then moved to Berlin where she became interested in the experiments of Professor Rudolf Kuegler with porcelain enamel. The art of enameling is thousands of years old but Professor

Kuegler and his group sought modern grand-scale applications of what has mostly been a miniature art.

In January 1968, the young couple moved to Washington and a few months afterwards son Dan was born followed earlier this year by daughter Anne (shown with Ute on page 1) and whose arrival caused a year's delay for the exhibition. As soon as they were settled in Washington Ute continued her art work, first on a small scale, literally, because she had only a small kiln that took only small enamel plates. It worked beautifully as some of the



small enamels in the exhibition can testify. However, the big breakthrough came when they moved two years ago to the treeshaded one-floor rambler on South Alexandria's Hope Court which had been built to their specifications. "I went over the plans before the construction began," Ernst-Albrecht tells, "and adjusted them so that Ute could have all the facilities she needed for her work."

These included a large kiln that Ernst built with his very own hands. Which Fund economist can boast of that kind of expertise! The large kiln, that Ernst operates on the average of three times a week in the evening after Ute has prepared the designs and plates during the day, permitted the larger, more ambitious works that grace the exhibition. Ernst also does the framing and the etching of the plates.

Lots of experimenting went on with plates, glass and colors and with layers of transparent and opaque shades that produced the very special color effects and nuances of Ute's pieces. And she did it all while looking after the house and children, with no special help except from her husband.

At the opening on November 10, Art Society President Nancy O'Rourke discussed Ute Conrad's work and the art of enameling and afterwards many could see her at work in the special color movie taken at the Conrad residence as a joint venture of Sven Cronquist and Ernst Conrad. Art Society President Nancy O'Rourke is seen with Ute Conrad on page 1 during the opening reception while our top picture also shows her and her husband with Barbara Owen and Nancy Christie of the Art Society Committee.

FOOTBALL-AMERICAN-STYLE was on the IMF Institute program this month for the 33 Latin-American members of a course in financial analysis and policy. They saw a color film and listened to a player sent over by the Baltimore Colts professional team, then saw a game between the Naval Academy and Syracuse University. Their analysis was that the safest policy is to be a spectator.

BRITAIN MAY HAVE GONE DECIMAL but those with enough nostalgia for the end of an era will shortly be able to cherish the good old British coinage of pre-decimal days, when the Royal Mint starts striking proof-standard sets of eight old coins from the halfpenny to the half crown. Arrangements for ordering them in the U.S. will be announced shortly, according to a press release of the British Information Services.



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AS A PROPER FAREWELL TO WARM FAIRWAYS AND SUNNY GREENS 102 members, spouses and guests gathered at the Fund for BWRC's Annual Golf Awards Banquet. It was the final ceremony of 1971 organized by Mr. James Chaffey and his golf committee who, also for this year introduced shotgun tournaments, a mid-week interdepartmental league, high-to-very-high rough and exclusive use of the blue tees. The ladies' committee was also active this year and sponsored three special events for the ladies.

Mrs. Zena Knight presided over the evening's program. Dr. James M. Nabrit was introduced as a distinguished member of BWRC, past president of Howard University and, presently, ILO consultant. He was the evening's very entertaining main speaker.

Mr. Sam Stephens offered alluring details of the January 6 Jamaican golf tour. All interested members were advised to contact Mr. Gordon Murray immediately.

There were thanks to the staff at BWRC and then Mrs. Nabrit made the presentation of no less than 74 trophies and merchandise awards to golfers of note. A special hole-in-one plaque was presented to Mr. Mike Harris. The evening ended with dancing. Our pictures show Dr. Nabrit speaking and Mrs. Nabrit during the presentation of some of the many trophies to a number of familiar Fund faces.

The evening was also the culmination of one of this year's most successful ventures on the BWRC golf course: the BWRC Inter-Departmental Golf League. Among the awards was the trophy that went to the winning team of the League's three-months competition, the Bank's Administration team.

The League was conceived and organized by Bob Frederick and operates under the auspices of the Golf Committee. It is a mixed, handicap league, composed of teams of three to six players. Two players from each team compete once a week against two players of another team on a rotational basis. Play is at BWRC. Fifty-six players joined the League and formed 9 departmental teams and 4 mixed teams. A new scoring system created some initial consternation but eventually became understandable to all and acceptable to most.

After three months of competition, the field of 13 teams was narrowed to three teams with the best won-lost records. These teams were in a three-way playoff: team 2, Fund Administration Dept. with Pat Bastian, Bob Frederick, Jim Humphries and Annette Loe-Sack-Sioe; team 8, Bank Administration Dept. with Dave Pyle, Walt Rosenquist, and Erik Tornqvist, who competed for team 8 in the playoffs; and team 10 with Dick Lawrie, George Mahoney, Gene Schertz, Irene Schweitzer and Liddy Tornqvist. The winning team 8 had an amazing season record of 24 wins and no losses. The League stimulated more mid-week activity at the Club and welcomes new members, also for next year's program.



FOR THE SECOND TIME RUNNING, the Fund's Jerry LaPittus won the Annual Fund/Bank Squash trophy in this year's competition. Our picture shows IBRD Vice-President J. Burke Knapp with the winner during a small ceremony in the Bank's Executive Dining Room, on October 21.

THE IMF/BANK SKI CLUB has officially entered the 1971-72 skiing season with its annual General Meeting on November 16. The Christmas excursion to Austria will go off with 15 Fund/Bank skiers. There is still a chance for some more to join in on the January 15-29 trip to Austria, the deadline being December 1. The first trip to Seven Springs, Pa., is scheduled for the New Year's weekend. Details on this and all other

trips will be announced to Club members and on the bulletin boards of the Bank and the Fund.

THE FUND/BANK INTERNATIONAL CAMERA CLUB MEETING on Tuesday, December 7, will feature a Kodak Slide Show entitled "Adventures in Outdoor Color Slides." Its purpose is to help color-slide enthusiasts improve their pictures and to suggest some new picture opportunities. All are welcome.

Mr. George Winnett, Jr., an officer of the Greater Washington Council of Camera Clubs (GWCCC), judged the slides entered in the competition of November 9 and the winners were: Class A: 1. Harold Shipman (IBRD); 2. Mrs. Carlo R. Rietveld (wife of Class B 1st prize winner); 3. Sven Cronquist (Fund); 4. Peter Nelson (IBRD); Class B: 1. Carlo Rietveld (IBRD), 2. and 3. Christina Hoedemaker (IBRD) 4. Jean-Jacques Schul (IBRD); 5. Becky Burrows (Fund). The forthcoming meeting of December 7 will also be the occasion for the regular monthly slide competition.

BOB FAMILTON'S FAME is spreading fast in Eastern Seaboard sports circles. Both the Washington Post and the Star have been interviewing the Fund's Deputy Treasurer - and not on SDRs but on his prowess as a rugby coach. The Post's Paul Attner called our New Zealander "the reason why" the Washington Rugby Football Club is the best on the East Coast. Under his solid leadership the Club has won the Blume Trophy given annually to the top club in the Eastern Rugby Union which stretches from New York to Florida. Bob is looking forward to the big match on Nov. 30 in New York when an all-star team from the Eastern Union meets the top international "Aussie" team.

PHILIPPE VALABREGUE, who was an economist in the ETR Department and a native of Marseilles, France, died suddenly on October 13, at the age of 33. He had graduated from the Ecole Centrale and the Institut des Sciences Politiques in Paris and obtained a Master of Science degree in operation research from Stanford University. He joined the Fund in June 1965. He returned to France two years later but rejoined the Fund in July 1970. Philippe left only friends in the Fund, particularly among the younger staff, with his quiet humor, intelligence and dependability. He is survived by his wife Jacqueline, his daughter Isabelle, his son Maxime and his parents who live in Marseilles.



TWENTY-FIVE YEAR STAFF. In November, the following staff members commemorated their twenty-five years of service: Mrs. Rose Porras, Legal; Mr. Edison Zayas, Western Hemisphere; Mr. Gordon Williams, Office of the Managing Director; and Mr. P. Høst-Madsen, European.

TWENTY YEAR STAFF. In November the following staff members completed twenty years of Fund service: Mrs. Helen Mandarich, Office of Executive Directors; and Mr. Charles E. Ball, Administration.

MARRIAGES: Mr. Cyril Enweze of the Fiscal Affairs Department was married to Miss Virginia Omeili on August 15, 1971; and Miss Marylen Favis of the Treasurer's Department was married to Mr. Efren V. Balangue on November 6, 1971.

BABIES. A daughter, Amanda Clare, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas (Olive) Edwards on August 24, 1971; a daughter, Karen Margrethe Hougaard, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bent Pedersen on October 25, 1971; and a daughter, Nancy Catherine Adjoavi, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michel Fiator on November 1, 1971.

THE BANK/FUND CHORUS is busy rehearsing for the Mozart program, Regina Coeli and Messe de Minuit pour Noel, scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, at 5:45 p.m., and Thursday, December 16, at 1:15 p.m., on the Twelfth Floor Court. The Chorus is also working on a program of carols for Wednesday, December 22, at 5:45 p.m. Place: Lobby of New Building, 19th Street.

FREE CHECKING ACCOUNTS are now being offered to the Fund staff by the following banks: American Security and Trust Company, World Bank Building; Madison National Bank, 1800 G Street, N.W.; National Bank of Washington, 20th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.; and Riggs National Bank, Federal Office, Pennsylvania Avenue.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS. Staff Relations offers a reminder to have your annual physical examination, especially if you are on the official travel roster. The same office would like to inform staffers that the Health Room now has facilities for examinations for intestinal parasites. Staff members returning from mission, particularly from areas of the world where parasitic infections are endemic would do well to check with the health room for an examination, especially if they have had intestinal trouble while traveling abroad. The cost for evaluation and treatment will be borne by the Fund. Dr. Martin Wolfe, a specialist in tropical diseases will be available for consultations at certain hours. Check for an appointment by calling Staff Relations, ext. 3025.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP, in Room 669, is already a hive of activity. Under the helpful guidance of - former staff member - Miss Dorothy Weinberger, Santa's Helpers have started the task of wrapping and sorting gifts for the children (up to 12 years of age) in readiness for the Children's Party on December 12. The Clown-on-Stilts will be on hand to welcome the children at 3:00 p.m. in the Washington Hilton's International Ballroom. There will be music, entertainment and refreshments prior to Santa's arrival around 4:15. The adults will have their own party the night before in the same International Ballroom where the familiar strains of Howard Devron's dance orchestra will make for a lively evening.



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