

CARNIVAL HOLIDAYS

Due to carnival celebrations, government offices, banks, and many businesses in Panama will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

For those living on BCI and Gamboa there will be no 9 pm. train on Monday or Tuesday.

SEMINAR NEWS

On Tuesday, February 15 at 12 noon in the Ancon Conference Room, MARK HIXON, University of California at Irvine, will be giving a seminar on:

Differential fish grazing and
benthic community structures in
Hawaiian reefs

That evening at 7 pm in the Ancon Conference Room, he will give an informal seminar on:

Determinants of feeding
territory: theory vs. reality

On Thursday, February 17 at 12 noon in the Ancon Conference Room, SANDRA GILCHRIST, Florida State University, will speak on:

The hermit crab shell game:
looking under another cup

Thursday afternoon at 2 pm., also at Ancon, STEPHEN MULKEY, University of Pennsylvania, will speak on:

Light gaps and life histories
of understory grasses on BCI

ARRIVALS

February 14 - Arriving, MARK HIXON, University of California at Irvine for a visit of STRI facilities and to give two seminars.

February 16 - Arriving, LUCIA MALDONADO, from the University of Guayaquil in Ecuador, on an Exxon Assistantship to work with Gene Montgomery on the pelican nesting project in Taboga. She will be at STRI for three months.

February 17 - Arriving, ROBERTA RUBINOFF, Assistant Director, SI Office of Fellowships and Grants for the tropical biology review meetings. She will be at STRI for one week.

February 18 - Leaving, RAMON ELY, for one week to Washington, D.C.

ALWAYS CARRY IDENTIFICATION

We wish to remind you to carry your STRI I.D., and special residency card with you at all times. This is particularly important during these days when military exercises are taking place in areas of the former Canal Zone.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library has been given a copy of the latest issue of the EARTHWATCH catalog of funded projects. The unique EARTHWATCH program brings volunteers and researchers together for their mutual benefit. Researchers are financed by vacationing volunteers who contribute their time, energy, and skills to research projects.

STRI IN THE LIMELIGHT

SMITHSONIAN RESEARCH REPORTS, No. 38, features "Beautiful and surprising, orchids provide fertile field for scientists", describing the work of STRI botanist, ROBERT DRESSLER.

A summary of the projects comprising the STRI initiative, "Alternatives to Destruction", coordinated by MICHAEL ROBINSON and GILBERTO OCAÑA, and funded by the W. Alton Jones Foundation, appears in the February issue of THE TORCH.

Tonight (Feb. 11) at 7:30 pm. DAVID ROUBIK will appear in an 11 minute segment of the program "Panama, PM" (africanized bees, right before the world featherweight champ.)

USE OF THE PANAMA COMMISSION LIBRARY

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