

SEMINAR

The seminar on Tuesday, August 16 at 12 noon will be given by JUDITH T. IRVINE, Brandeis University, who will speak on:

Language as a multifunctional system

Professor Irvine is an anthropological linguist who received a distinguished visiting scholar's award to come to STRI for two weeks.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Arriving this week: DIANA PILSON to work with Ross Robertson at San Blas for one year, and NANCY HAWKINS to work on R. Warner's project in the San Blas, for one month.

We say a special goodbye this week to two long-term visitors at STRI: ERNEST WILLIAMS and POLLY ZHENG. Dr. Williams will be leaving for Colombia to consult with colleagues, and will be returning to Panama for a week-end stop-over, and then on to Cambridge, Massachusetts. Polly will be spending one month in Washington, D.C. before returning to China.

IRA RUBINOFF will be leaving on August 17 for one week to Galapagos, Ecuador, to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Charles Darwin Research Station.

LIBRARY NEWS

Missing Issues: Oecologia v.56 (1), 1983; v.57 (1,2), 1983. The annual subscription for this journal costs \$668.08. The cost of these issues amounts to \$165.00. We would appreciate their prompt return.

New Books:

- Agricultural Compendium for Rural Development in the Tropics and Subtropics (B. V. Ilaco, ed. 1981).
- The American Cockroach. (W.J. Bell and K.G. Adiyidi, eds., 1982).
- Animal Behavior, Ecology and Evolution (C.J. Barnard, 1983).
- Communities of the Past (J. Gray et al, eds. 1981).
- The Comparative Biology of Southern African Vultures (P.J. Mundy, 1982).
- Nitrogen Cycling in West African Ecosystems (T. Rosswell, ed. 1980).
- The Primates of Madagascar (I. Tattersall, 1982).
- Ultrasonic Biophysics (F. Dunn and W.D. O'Brien, Jr., eds., 1976).
- Working at Archaeology (L.R. Binford, 1983).

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

During the absence from the Office of the STRI Director, Deputy Director and Special Assistant to the Director through August 17th, ELENA LOMBARDO has been designated Acting Director.

STRI RECEIVES WARHOL PRINT

STRI received one of the prints from Andy Warhol's portfolio Endangered Species, the "Giant Panda". The funds derived from the sale of this print are to be used by STRI in the Alternatives to Deforestation Project. RARE, the Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Isles, and the Asociación Estudiantil para la Conservación Ambiental de Panamá also received endangered animal prints from Warhol's portfolio in support of their conservation efforts.

STRI IN THE NEWS

The front page of THE NEW YORK TIMES, of August 6th, carried Bayard Webster's article: "Vast Coral Reefs Dying on Both Oceans", focusing on PETER GLYNN's findings of coral die-offs in the Gulf of Chiriqui, and reports of coral bleaching in other areas of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

There has been good coverage in the local press on the Arachnology Congress recently held in Panama, the first time ever held in the Americas. LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA for August 11 included a photo of THE ROBINSONS. MICHAEL ROBINSON was president of the organizing committee, and BARBARA and her apple computer were instrumental in the organization of the Congress. Valuable support for the Congress came from the University of Panama and from many persons at STRI. LA ESTRELLA for August 12 carries IRA RUBINOFF's speech at the congress inauguration.

In the September 1983 issue of SCIENCE DIGEST you can find Mary Batten's article "Biologists Battle the Killer Bee", which includes information from STRI's DAVID ROUBIK and from other specialists on the Africanized honeybees. The article also has some practical advice worth remembering. "The Africanized bees have a good memory for odorsand they may also be able to hear. They are clearly annoyed by noisy vibrations and will go after people on motorcycles. Roubik's practical advice: leave honeybee swarms alone; don't arouse the bee colony; and if you're stung, remove the stingers and run like hell".

BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

ADVANCES IN HERPETOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY, essays in honor of ERNEST E. WILLIAMS, edited by Anders G. J. Rhodin and Kenneth Miyata, can now be ordered directly from the Publications Office of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138. (\$69 + postage and handling charges).