

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, August 14, will be given by KEN CLIFTON, Smithsonian Predoctoral Fellow from the University of California at Santa Barbara. He will speak on:

Advantages to Territorial Grouping of the Striped Parrotfish

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

August 12 - Leaving, JEFF BURGETT, to attend the meetings of the Association of Island Marine Laboratories of the Caribbean in Trinidad. He will be away for 10 days.

August 15 - Leaving, FRANK MORRIS, for Washington, D.C. He will be on official business at the SI and is expected back on August 27.

Expected to arrive this week is MICKEY MARCUS, University of Maine at Orono, to conduct zoological studies related to the Kuna Yala Pemasky Project. He will be here for one year.

Also arriving, KEN NIESSEN, UCLA, for one year, to assist R. Robertson with research in the San Blas.

LIBRARY NEWS

Good News: A large shipment of journals has been returned from the Bindery.

New Books:

- The Barn Owl (D.S. Bunn, et al, 1982).
- Birds of Eastern and Northeastern Africa v. 1 (C.W. Mackworth-Praed and C.H.b. Grant, 1980).
- Black Caribs: a case study of biocultural adaptation (M.H. Crawford, 1984).
- The Clocks that Time us: physiology of the circadian timing system (M.C. Moore-Ede, et al, 1982).
- The Cosmic Zygote (P.G. Row, 1982).
- A Description of the Spanish Islands and Settlements on the Coast of the West Indies (T. Jefferys, 1762, 1970 Reprint ed.).
- Flora of the Bahama Archipelago (D.S. and H.B. Correll, 1982).
- Language and Living Things: uniformities in folk classification and naming. (C.H. Brown, 1984).
- Navajo Infancy: an ethological study of child development (J.S. Chisholm, 1983).
- Les Oiseaux du Proche et Du Moyen Orient (F. Hue et R.D. Etchecopar, 1982).
- Predators and Prey Fishes (D.L.G. Noakes, et al, 1981).
- Seabirds: an identification guide (P. Harrison, 1983).

REMINDER: August 15 (founding of Panama City) is a holiday in Panama. Banks, government offices and many businesses will be closed.

APPOINTMENTS TO SCIENTIFIC STAFF

STRI director Ira Rubinoff has announced the appointments of JEREMY B.C. JACKSON and NANCY KNOWLTON as members of the scientific staff effective September 2nd, 1984. Doctors Jackson and Knowlton will join the staff at the Naos Marine Laboratory.

Dr. Jackson received his Ph.D. from Yale University, and before coming to STRI was Professor at the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at John Hopkins University. He is also a Research Associate of the Department of Invertebrates at the American Museum of Natural History. His research interests include the ecology of coral reefs and the distributions and morphologies of sessile marine organisms. He will be arriving on September 1st.

Dr. Knowlton received her Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. She is currently Associate Professor of Biology at Yale University, where she will teach during the fall semester. She is expected in Panama around January 1st. Dr. Knowlton's principal research interests concern the behavioral ecology of crustaceans and other marine invertebrates, particularly matters related to choice of mates, sexual selection and parental care.

GRANTS APPROVED

A Scholarly Studies Grant for \$25,000 was recently approved to support the project: "Phytolith Analysis in Neotropical Archaeology" by RICHARD COOKE and DOLORES PIPERNO.

A James Smithson Society Grant for \$35,000 was recently awarded to DAGMAR WERNER in support of the project: "Management of the Green Iguana."

A DIFFERENT RING

It has a special feature that enables it too be heard in every office, makes a low electronic "buzz" instead of a "ring", and requires a special code to pass calls. These are some of the features of the new phone system at Naos that have frustrated users during the past weeks. One of the main advantages to the system is that it connects the different lab buildings. Facilities Management explained that it is only 25% installed at present, and that calling out will be easier once Panama Canal installs the new microwave system replacing the old 1950 lines presently in operation. And as always, there were unforeseen difficulties when it was first installed: the wrong manual was distributed, additional software was needed, and adjustments had to be made. But in the future things should go smoother, frustrations should diminish, and probably in a few months, users will be accustomed to the system's "new technology".