

STRI newsletter

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SEMINARS

Tupper Center Auditorium

No noon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, Jan 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 1991						
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■ Jan 1: New Year's Day, STRI official holiday.

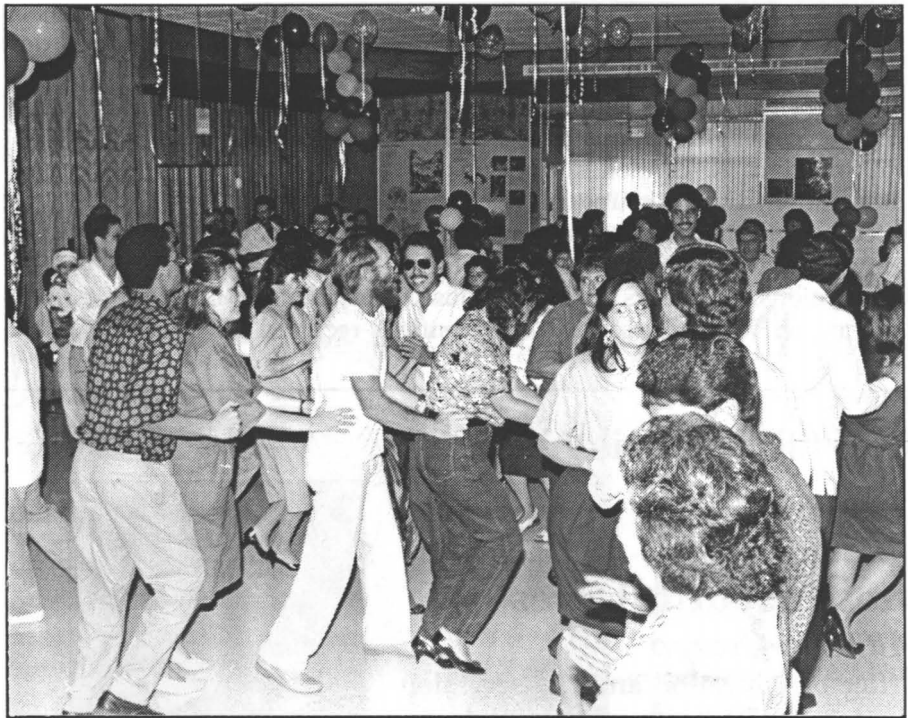
- Jan 9: *Día de los Mártires*.
- Jan 15: Application deadline for Educational Outreach. Program Deadline for International Exchanges Program.
- Jan 21: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, STRI official holiday.

PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Dec 31-Jan 18: Ola Fincke (BCI), University of Oklahoma.
- Jan 1-Jun 30: Gordon Orians (Tupper Center, BCI) Regents Fellow, University of Washington.
- Jan 1-16: Betsy Mitchell and assistant Wayne Sousa (BCI), University of California at Berkeley.
- Jan 1-17: Elizabeth Cunningham, Short Term Fellow and assistant Charles H. Cunningham (San Blas).
- Jan 1-Mar 31: Stephen Emlen and collaborators Natalie Demong and Peter Wregs (Gamboa), Cornell University.
- Jan 3-Mar 20: Andrew Martin, Graduate Student Fellow (Naos), University of Hawaii.

The Newsletter is to keep the STRI community informed on matters of general interest. We appreciate contributors. Send news items to the Office of Education and Conservation.



Dancing at the STRI X'mas party. We thank the "Fiesta Committee" for the great X'mas party held at Tupper Center where we all danced, ate great "tamales", and enjoyed the afternoon together with our co-workers and families in a beautiful setting. We also thank our supervisors and the scientific staff for sponsoring the party ••• Bailando en la fiesta de Navidad. Agradecemos al "Comité de Fiesta" por la divertida fiesta de Navidad en el Centro Tupper, donde todos tuvimos la oportunidad de bailar, comer ricos tamales y disfrutar la tarde con compañeros y familiares en una bella atmósfera de globos y regalos. También agradecemos a nuestros supervisores y a los científicos del Instituto por su cooperación para la realización de la fiesta.

(Foto: M. A. Guerra)

Departures

- Dec 26-Jan 1: John Christy, San Antonio, Texas, to attend meetings of the American Society of Zoologists.
- Dec 27-30: Gilberto Ocaña, Miami, Florida, to meet Dr. H.T. Lee to discuss forestry research and schedule official visit to Forestry Experimental Station in Sarawak, Malaysia.
- Jan 4-9: Stanley Rand, travel to Washington D.C. on official business.

Our appreciation/Nuestro Agradecimiento

A special thanks to all volunteers who contributed with their time and efforts to STRI programs during 1990. To all of them our sincerest gratitude and very best wishes for the coming year. All the names of the 1990 volunteers officially registered with the SI "Behind the Scenes" Volunteer Program appear on page 4 ••• *Un especial agradecimiento a todos los voluntarios que han contribuido con su tiempo y esfuerzo a programas del STRI durante 1990. A todos ellos nuestra más sincera gratitud y nuestros mejores deseos para el año venidero. Los nombres de los voluntarios registrados oficialmente en el Programa de Voluntarios "Tras Bastidores" de la Institución Smithsonian aparecen en página 4.*

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

"Bread for the Poor" Program

We are receiving donations of one pound or one can of evaporated milk, canned soup, cooking oil in small bottles, dehydrated soup (in packages) sugar, salt, coffee, tea, rice, lentils, beans, spaghetti, toilet articles or a toy (indicating sex and age). You can also make contributions by checks to Rev. P. José Rotellini, San Anthony of Padua Church. All contributions received

will be donated to families in the outskirts of Panama City. Send donations to Nereida Hernández, Tivoli.

Visits to BCI

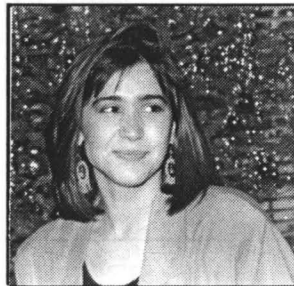
All STRI non-BCI employees, fellows and visitors are reminded that visits to BCI must be pre-arranged through the Visitor Services Offices. BCI employees and resident fellows and visitors must pre-arrange visits by guests. We request that everyone comply with this, as planning of meals, space in rooms, etc. depends on our knowledge, in advance, of expected persons.

At STRI's Christmas Party

Most beautiful eyes

Marissa Crespo

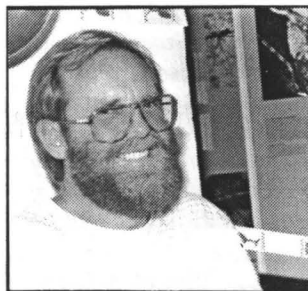
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STRI Best!



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The best smile

Ross Robertson

Naos Marine Lab



Most pleasant

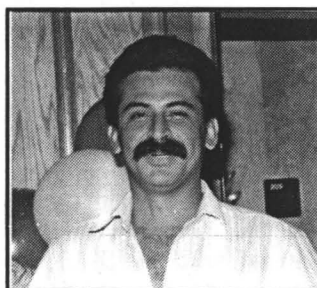
Isis Ivancic

Visitor Services Office
Tupper Center

Best mustache

Alejandro Ureña

Naos Shop



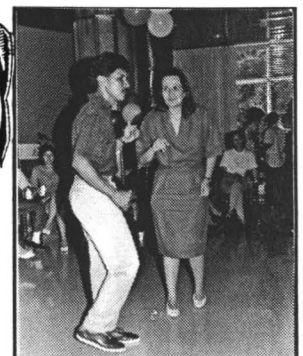
Best dancer

Consul Chamorro

Naos Marine Lab
and "Tidiest" desk

Maria Lorena Cabrera

Accounting, Tivoli



The year that was...

1990 has been a year marked with new developments for STRI: the opening of the Tupper Center and new BCI facilities, the installation of the canopy crane, hosting international conferences and visitors from over thirty nations. We welcome 1991 with the hope that it will be fruitful and peaceful for all members of the STRI community, and that we will all work together for the advancement of our mission: to increase and diffuse knowledge about life in the tropics.



Workshop on the Biological Inventory and Environmental Analysis of the areas surrounding the Panama Canal.



Photos: M.A. Guerra

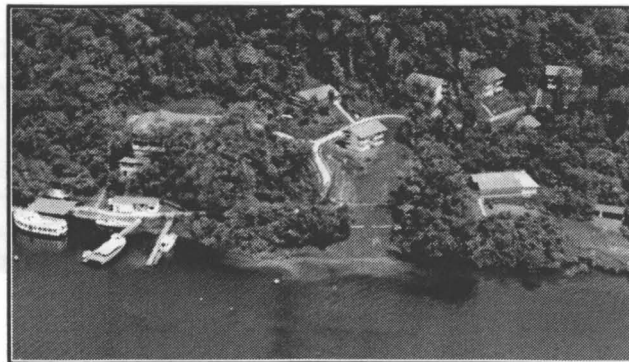
Secretary Adams and President Endara hold Honorary Visitor's certificate presented to Secretary Adams by Major of Panama at the Tupper Center dedication.



Children from El Chorrillo refugee camp visiting the Naos Marine Laboratory.



Renewal of agreement for scientific cooperation between STRI and University of Panama.



*New Facilities at BCI
(Photo: C.C. Hansen)*

1990 Behind the Scenes Volunteer Program

Lourdes Arosemena
 Iris Arrocha
 Jenny Arrocha
 Lourdes Beiro
 Juan Bernal
 Franklin Bonilla
 Emérita Borace
 Zulim Bouche
 Vanessa Carrera
 José Luis Carvallo

Adys Centeno
 Ana Cisneros
 Orelis Dormoi
 Vielka Flores
 Carlos D. Fong
 Lourdes García
 Stanley García
 María Teresa García de Paredes
 Néstor Góndola
 Lourdes González
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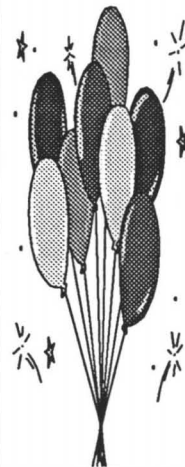
Corina Hinkle
 Donald March
 Angel Martínez
 Dee Mills
 Eduardo Miranda
 Shobana Narasimhan
 Nilce Núñez
 Jorge Silva
 Cristina Tinoco
 Rubén Vega
 Clarita de Wright

Wanted ••• Se Solicita

Interested in acquiring some experience during your summer vacation? Volunteer to help with the work load at the Office of Education and Conservation. Your help will be highly appreciated. If interested, please contact Marissa Crespo, Tupper Center, ext. 247.

¿Está interesado(a) en adquirir experiencia durante sus meses de vacaciones escolares? Ofréscase como voluntario en la Oficina de Educación y Conservación. Su colaboración será muy agradecida. Si está interesado(a) comuníquese con Marissa Crespo, Centro Tupper, ext. 247.

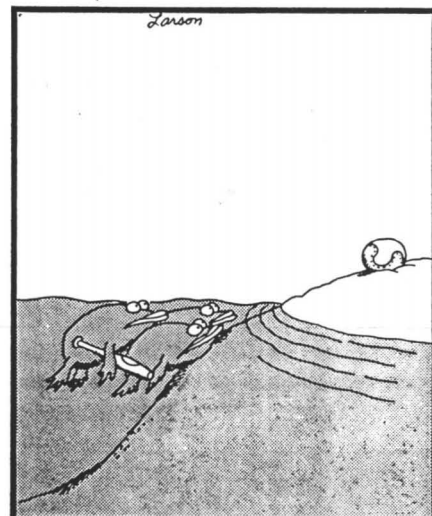
January Birthdays



Fernando Pascal	4
Flor Carvallo	6
José Sánchez	8
Joe Wright	17
Wilbert Forde	20
Digna Matías	20
Carlos Espinosa	21
Eladio González	25
Roxana Durán	28
Francisco Sánchez	29
Agapito González	29
Leonor Motta	30
Noris Salazar	30

From: 365 Ways to save our planet • Page-A-Day Calendar

Don't burn refuse or garden waste. Even if you incinerate only organic matter, you produce carbon dioxide and probably monoxide. If you torch synthetics, like PVC in floor coverings, you may release dangerous hydrogen chloride, phosgene and more. Reuse, recycle or compost what you can.



Great moments in evolution