



CLOSING CEREMONY FOR COURSE ON PROTECTION
OF NATURAL RESOURCES HELD AT BCI

Six STRI Game Wardens: Rodolfo Selles, Jorge Ventocilla, Alberto Gonzalez, Juan Barria, Mario Bernal and Marcos Guerra participated in an intensive course on protection of renewable natural resources that was organized by the GUARDIA NACIONAL RENARE and STRI and was held from September 7 - October 1st. The closing ceremony for the course was held this morning on BCI and was attended by the 24 course participants and by officials from the three organizing institutions.

ARRIVALS

October 3 - Arriving, Dr. Tom Spight, Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow, who will be working at Naos for the next year, studying "Relationships between hermit crabs and the snails that provide their shells". He will be accompanied by his wife, Alane, and their two small daughters, and we welcome them to STRI.

SEMINAR NEWS

We have not received news regarding the seminar for next Tuesday. Please check your Bulletin Boards on Monday for a possible seminar announcement.

NOTES OF INTEREST

- Fares on the Panama Railroad have been changed as of October 1st. Regardless of destination it now costs \$1.25 for a one-way fare (even from Gamboa to Frijoles).
- Look up to the skies and take notice of the incredible hawk migrations that are taking place, right now. Richard Foster from the BBC is filming the migrations with Neal Smith from right outside the Ancon Building.
- Ambassador and Mrs. Moss invite you to a Benefit Cocktail Party on Thursday, October 22nd, in support of the Bella Vista Children's Home, a home for needy orphan girls. Donations will be \$7.00 per person at the door. By invitation only. Please call Marcela Lemacks at 64-9629 or 52-2469 for your invitation.
- Applications and information for the Institute of Ecology's Intern Program are available in Mrs. de Alba's office at Ancon. The program sponsored by the Institute of Ecology (TIO) in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service is for students at the Master's or Ph.D. level seeking a year's experience in a natural resources field. The deadline for internships beginning in January 1982 is November 2nd of this year.

-Monday, October 12, (Columbus Day) is an official holiday for STRI employees.

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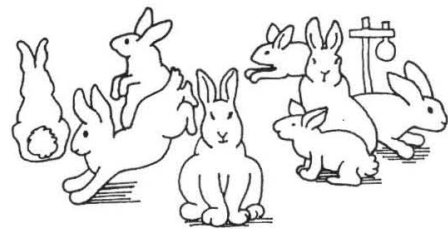
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-Mrs. Arilla Kourany has been selected to be a member of the Binational Committee that recommends candidates from Panama for a variety of scholarships and grants, for study in the United States, including the Fulbright-Hays Award for Senior Scholars from the Caribbean and Latin America.

RESEARCHMANSHIP



GORDON'S FIRST LAW:

If a research project is not worth doing at all, it is not worth doing well.

MURPHY'S LAW OF RESEARCH:

Enough research will tend to support your theory.

MAIER'S LAW:

If the facts do not conform to the theory, they must be disposed of.

Corollaries:

1. The bigger the theory, the better.
2. The experiment may be considered a success if no more than 50% of the observed measurements must be discarded to obtain a correspondence with the theory.

WILLIAMS AND HOLLAND'S LAW:

If enough data is collected, anything may be proven by statistical methods.