

STRI newsletter

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TUPPER CENTER SEMINARS

Tuesday, March 7, noon seminar speaker will be James Howe, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Strategic Communication and Information Politics in the Kuna Struggle for Autonomy: 1915-1925



Coffee will be served before noon seminar at 11:30am.

BAMBI SEMINAR

Thu, Mar 9, Bambi seminar speaker will be Nicole Zangen, Universidad de Los Andes, at 7:30pm, Barro Colorado Island

Red Howler Monkeys and the Role of Males in a Free-Ranging Troop at la Macarena, Colombia

Travel and dinner arrangements are essential.

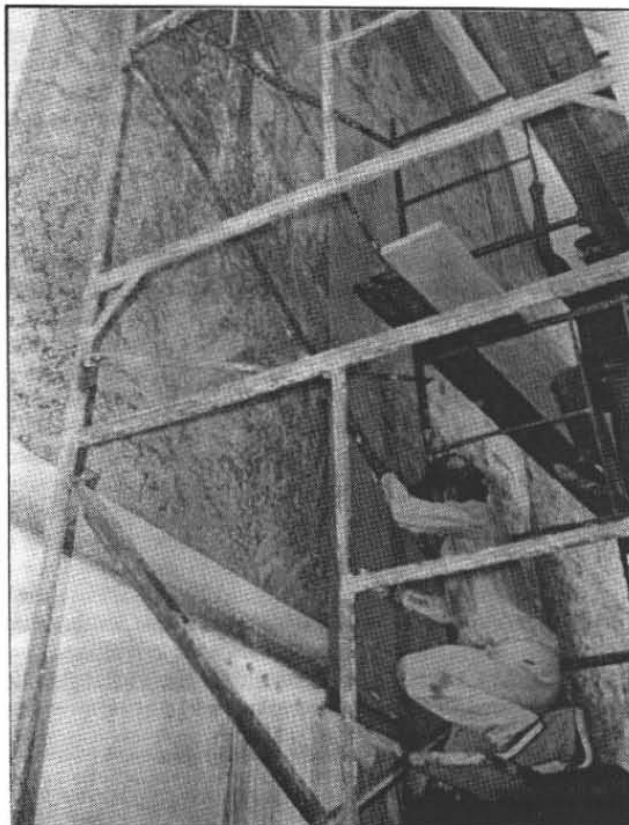
PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Ten students from the Organization for Tropical Studies, Costa Rica, Mar 5-8, to visit STRI facilities.
- Philip Elliott, Eastern Connecticut State University, Mar 6-31 Mar, to study the correlates of social dominance and sexual selection in the Red-caped Manakin *Pipra mentalis*, at Gamboa.
- Mark Brenner, Jason Curtis and Katherine Venz, University of Florida, Mar 6-23, to work with John Jones on the Paleoenvironment of Eastern Panama, at Tupper.
- Erica Knie, Fundación AVINA, Spain, Mar 7-11, to consult with Héctor Guzmán.

Departures

- Paul Colinvaux, Mar 5-15, to Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory of Columbia University, NY, to attend a Mini-Symposium on Tropical Temperature Variations and Global Climatic Change, give a seminar on "Tropical (Ice Age) Vegetation in the Americas; then to Washington D.C. to attend the symposium on "What About Increase" at SI.
- Llewellyn Hillis, Egbert Leigh, Neal G. Smith, Richard Condit and Stanley Rand, to Washington D.C., to attend the symposium "What About Increase", at SI.
- Jeremy B.C. Jackson, Nancy Knowlton and Haris Lessios, Mar 5-11, to Santa Fe, New Mexico, to attend the Keystone Symposium "Molecular Approaches to Marine Ecology and Evolution."
- David Roubik, Mar 6-5 Apr, to Malaysia, to work on canopy pollination and bees in Sarawak, and attend the Tropical Bees and the Environment Symposium; then to London, U.K., to attend the Conservancy Europe's Bees Symposium. He will be an invited speaker at both symposia.



Sergio Castillo Pedraza, from *Mosaicos Venecianos de México, S.A.*, of Cuernavaca, installs a mosaic on the front wall of the new library annex, based on the painting "El Trueque", by Brooke Alfaro, Panamanian artist ••• Sergio Castillo Pedraza, de *Mosaicos Venecianos de México, S.A. de Cuernavaca*, instala un mosaico en la pared del nuevo anexo de la biblioteca, basado en la pintura "El Trueque", del artista panameño, Brooke Alfaro.

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Congratulations

To Mirella Martínez Velarde, for obtaining her Ph.D. at Texas A & M University, with the dissertation "Development Growth and Environmental Adaptation of Two Genetically Distinct Populations of the Eastern Oyster *Crossostea virginica* (Gmelin)", on Mon, Feb 13.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Jacana New Schedule • Nuevo Horario de "Jacana"
Effective Monday, March 6, the Jacana will be leaving Gamboa at 7:20am and departing BCI at 3:50pm, on week days ••• A partir del lunes 6 de marzo, la "Jacana" sale de Gamboa a las 7:20am y de BCI a las 3:50pm, en días de semana.

Reminder from the Visitor Services Office

The census of the 50 ha. plot on BCI started on Jan 1, and is expected to end in Dec. During this time, a large number of assistants commute to BCI on week-days. Due to limitation in the capacity of the *Jacana*, changes were made in the Visiting Policy, as follows: 1) The Tuesday Regular Visitors Tours were changed to Sundays. On Sundays we will have one guided tour group of no more than 15 persons and no more than 2 "guest" groups to allow STRI employees to take their friends and relatives to visit BCI. These groups must be scheduled through the VSO and are limited to five persons each, including the host/hostess who must be its guide and cannot be attached to the Regular Visitors Tour. Whenever possible, we will schedule "guest" groups on STRI Holidays. 2) On Saturdays we will only have two Regular Visitor Tours, of no more than 15 persons each. 3) STRI employees may request spaces on the Regular Visitors Tours, as well, and will be accommodated when space is available. 4) No visitors may be scheduled on week-days. The empty seats on the launch must be kept available for STRI staff and visitors to go to BCI to do research or on official business. These visits should be coordinated with BCI. *Launch operators have instructions not to leave the dock with more people than the vessel is licensed to carry.* 5) VIP and Special Visits must be coordinated by the Protocol Office. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Trips to Darien ••• Viajes a Darién

Trips to Darien National Park must be arranged at least 10 working days in advance. Please contact Maria Leone, Tupper Center, for the necessary arrangements ••• *Los viajes al Parque Nacional Darién deben ser programados con un mínimo de diez días laborables. Para hacer los arreglos, favor comunicarse con Maria Leone, Centro Tupper.*

At the Tupper Center

Mon, Mar 6 WWW Project Meeting, SMR, 1:30pm
 Tue, Mar 7 Noon seminar by James Howe, AUD.
 Wed, Mar 8 Tupper Center Meeting, LMR, 9am
 Thu, Mar 9 *Fundación Natura /ANCON/ INRENARE* Presentation, AUD, 9am.
 Fri, Mar 10 *Asamblea Legislativa: Comisión de Ambiente y Desarrollo*, Conference Hall, 8am.

At the Culebra Marine Reserve

Tue, Mar 7 Los Rios Elementary School
 Wed, Mar 8- Fri, Mar 10 Curundu Elementary School
 Sat, Mar 11 *Frente Educativo San Miguelito*
 Sun, Mar 12 *Supermotores*

At the BCI Island Station

Sat, Mar 4 Visitors from Panama and USMA
 Sun, Mar 5 Visitors from Panama
 Sat, Mar 11 *Ministerio de Educación*
 Sun, Mar 12 Visitors from Panama

ANNOUNCEMENTS**ESP News**

Copies of the 1993 meteorological summary for BCI are available outside Steve Paton's office, the mailroom or at the Office of Education display.

Canopy Climbing Course***Curso para Escalar Arboles***

Those interested in a Five-Day Canopy Climbing Course designed to meet specifically research needs, please call Oris Acevedo on BCI before March 15 ••• *Interesados en un curso para escalar árboles diseñado para necesidades de investigación específicas, favor de comunicarse con Oris Acevedo en Barro Colorado, antes del 15 de marzo.*

STRI Community Arts and Crafts Show***Exhibición de Arte y Manualidades de STRI***

A STRI community arts and crafts show will take place at the Tupper Center exhibit hall during the first two weeks of May. All members of the STRI community are invited to take part. A maximum of 5 pieces per person may be entered in the show. To participate, please get in touch with Annette Aiello, Tupper, ext 388 ••• *Una exhibición de arte y manualidades de llevará a cabo durante las dos primeras semanas de mayo en el salón de exhibiciones del Centro Tupper. Todos los miembros de la comunidad de STRI están invitados a participar, con un máximo de 5 piezas por persona. Para ello, deberá comunicarse con Annette Aiello, Centro Tupper, ext. 388.*

Wildlife Biologist Available

Julie S. Russel, graduated Cum Laude in May, 1994 at the University of Vermont with a B.S. in Wildlife Biology, is interested in obtaining a full time or seasonal position as a wildlife biologist, ecologist, field or research technician, wetland technician, or environmental educator. She is proficient in using various research techniques in the field and her experiences focus primarily on refuge management and protection. She may be reached at (508)250-1347. Resume on file at the STRI Office of Human Resources.

Liga de Bola Suave

La Liga de Bola Suave (Softball) comienza este viernes, 3 de marzo, en las canchas de Amador, donde se enfrentarán, en un cuadrangular, BCI vs. Tivoli y Naos vs. la Policía Presidencial (invitado) Para entrar en la liga, favor comunicarse con Consul Chamorro, en Naos, Eric Lam o Luis Turner en Tupper, y Daniel Millán o José Sánchez en BCI. El costo de inscripción es de \$30.