



STRI NEWSLETTER

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ARRIVALS

We welcome to STRI DR. DAVID CHALLINOR, Assistant Secretary for Science of the Smithsonian Institution, who will be visiting STRI facilities over the weekend. Dr. Challinor was in Brazil on official business and will be returning to the U.S. on Monday.

....There are no other scheduled arrivals or departures.

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 9th will be given by Dr. Gene Montgomery, STRI. The subject of his seminar will be:

Pelican nesting success in relation to upwelling in the Bay of Panama.

This will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

On Thursday evening, February 11th the Iguana Project crew: B. Bock, J. Him, M. Kramer, M.E. Leon and A.S. Rand will give an informal report on the 1982 iguana project followed by a showing of the iguana film. This will be at 7:15 in the BCI Lounge and please R.S.V.P. to Barbara Butler (52-2124 or 52-2142) if you plan to attend.

LIBRARY NEWS

Interior furnishings of the new STRI Library are being planned with the assistance of Architect Edwin Brown, who sets October as the date for the building's completion. Construction is now underway with digging of foundation trenches.

NOTE: Because of the excavation of the new library building it is recommended that vehicles at the Tivoli be parked in the back area. Additional parking in the back will soon be ready.

SCIENTIFIC STAFF MEETING

The monthly staff meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the Ancon Conference Room.

HELP SAVE THE BROWN PELICAN

A new T-shirt to help support conservation and research on Brown Pelicans and other seabirds in Panama is now available in a range of sizes, colors (white or tan) and with either Spanish or English wording. Price \$7, of which \$2 will help support student research on Brown Pelicans. Available from Argelis Ruiz or Gene Montgomery at Ancon

STUDENTS VISIT NAOS MARINE LAB

On Friday, January 29, 25 students from the Life Science Class at Curundu Junior High School accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Carmen S. Glynn, visited the Naos Marine Laboratory. It was a meaningful experience for these seventh graders, and they have sent many thank you notes to their STRI hosts such as the ones that follow:

To Dr. Glynn: "Thanks for showing us all the different types of corals and other animals that live under the water. And for telling us what they eat and what eats them. For giving us information on what animals under the water use the corals as their home...."

To Mr. Shane: "Thanks for showing us all the different types of animals, corals and snakes. And for the patience you had with us and the information you gave us."

To Mrs. Vergel: "Thanks for getting everything done for us. The arrangements and all the other things and for making the day such a wonderful day."

Signed Abdiel Ariza

NOTES OF INTEREST

-Michael Robinson's paper "Is Tropical Biology Real?" was chosen and published in Benchmark Papers in Tropical Biology.

-THE ZOOGEOGRAPHY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA has been published and includes contributions from three Smithsonian authors including two from STRI.

-A very fitting obituary on Bob Silberglid was published in the February issue of THE TORCH.



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