



STRI NEWS

Arrivals & Departures

Leaving this week are: Dr. Carol Augspurger and Dr. Robin Foster.

Also leaving on an official trip to Washington, D.C. is Dr. John Cubit. Dr. Cubit is expected to return on July 28.

John and Stella Pickering will be returning from Colombia were they were married on July 20th. Congratulations, John and Stella, we wish you both the very best.

Visiting Panama for approximately 10 days are Dr. and Mrs. Bob Trivers and their son, Jonathan. Dr. Trivers has been designated as one of the Smithsonian's Regents Fellows, and the Trivers family will be coming to spend a year in Panama in 1980.

Returning to Washington on July 26th is the Thorington family.

Seminars

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, July 24th will be given by Dr. E. Broadhead et al. (of the canopy fogging group). The title of the seminar will be:

"Canopy Fogging across the Isthmus of Panama: Aims, Methods and Concepts"

It will be in the Ancon Conference Room, as usual.

The luncheon seminar for Tuesday, July 31 has already been scheduled, and will be given by Dr. Egbert Leigh. Dr. Leigh will speak on: "Ecological Organization of the Rocky Intertidal at Tatoosh"

This seminar will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

Volunteer Available

Ilya Raquel Espino, 5th year student at the Instituto Alberto Einstein, (17 years old) wishes to work as a volunteer, diving or doing any work related to marine studies. She has a scuba diving certificate, and is available to work on week-ends and on week-days after 3:00pm. She may be contacted at 23-6164.

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Science Writer Joins Office of Public Affairs Staff at SI

Madeleine Jacobs has joined the staff of the SI Office of Public Affairs. She is an experienced science writer, who previously worked for the National Bureau of Standards, where she headed the general publications unit, and was the chief science writer. She has also worked as a writer for Chemical & Engineering News magazine, and has won 10 awards for writing from the Society for Technical Communication and the National Association of Government Communicators.

Scientific staff members are asked to send Ms. Jacobs notice of the expected publication date of their works of general interest.

Portrait of "Chombo" Donated

Mrs. Carey Thorington has donated to STRI a black and white etching of "Chombo" the recently deceased red spider monkey, who was the alpha male of his troop on BCI. The portrait is being framed and will then be placed in a suitable location, probably in the BCI Lounge along with other BCI forefathers.

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Vanishing canal?

By the year 2000, when the U.S. turns over the Panama Canal to the Panamanians, there might not be much left. "What we transfer may have become a worthless ditch," warns Frank H. Wadsworth of the U.S. Forest Service. The problem: Sediment is filling in the canal and water runoff required for shipping is falling. That, in turn, is caused by deforestation. So far, about two-thirds of the trees in the canal watershed have been cut down. If all

the rest are cut, erosion will reach catastrophic levels, predicts Nicholas Smythe of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Station in the Canal Zone. "If Panama doesn't preserve the forest in this watershed," Smythe predicts, "it will lose its most important source of revenues." So far, little has been done to control the destruction, but Panama has promised to declare a new national park in October when it takes over some land under the Canal treaty.