

SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, November 29 will be given by OLA FINCKE, Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow from the University of Iowa, who will speak on:

The effect of female behavior on alternative male mating tactics in a temperate damselfly

The following Tuesday (December 6) our speaker will be LANI WEST, Smithsonian Predoctoral Fellow from Oregon State U. The subject of her seminar is:

Prey selection by the carnivorous marine snail, Thais melones: a study of sequential feeding attacks made by individuals

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

December 1st - Returning ELDRIDGE ADAMS, University of California at Berkeley, to begin his Smithsonian postdoctoral year at STRI. Eldridge will be working on territoriality in arboreal ants in mangroves near Galeta.

Also arriving, GLENN ADAMS, from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, to work at BCI on John Sager's project. He will be at STRI for nine months.

LIBRARY NEWS

ARGELIA PIMENTEL, a graduate of Library Science at the University of Panama, is working temporarily at the STRI Library on Tuesday evenings and Saturdays.

New books received:

- Mountain Islands and Desert Seas, F.R. Gehlbach (1981).
- The Disaster of Darien, F.R. Hart (1929).
- Panama and the Sirras, G.F. Lydston (1900).
- The Birds of New Providence and The Bahamas Islands, P.G.C. Brudenell-Bruce (1975).
- Aves en Peligro de Extinción en México, F. Aguilar-Ortiz (1979).
- Wildlife Feeding and Nutrition, C.T. Robbins (1983).
- Indian Clothing before Cortez, P.R. Anawalt (1981).
- Entodontoid Land Snails from Pacific Islands, Part II, Alan Solem (1983).
- Once Beneath a Forest, B.L. Turner II (1983).
- A Field Guide to Bird Nests, H.H. Harrison (1975).

REMINDER

Monday, November 28 is an official Panamanian holiday. STRI offices will be open, but a liberal leave policy will be observed for employees not essential to STRI's operation.

SI FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The applications for Smithsonian pre and postdoctoral fellowships for the 1984 - 1985 competition are now available for distribution locally. The deadline for submitting applications is January 15. Application materials can be obtained from G. de ALBA at Ancon.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

"Botanical Translations: Needs and Responsibilities" by Hugh Iltis and Douane A. Kolterman, in the Opinion Section of November 1983's BIOSCIENCE, applauds STRI's initiative in this respect: "A step in the right direction is the splendid collection of sophisticated ecological papers, Evolución en los Trópicos, which was issued last year in Spanish translation by the SMITHSONIAN TROPICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE. Let us hope that other such translations will soon follow. If we treasure the hospitality of our Latin American hosts, if we do not take our own privileges for granted, if we really care about the diversity and survival of the world's biota, then we must vastly increase our commitment to the scientific enterprise of Latin America.....Biologists with any vision can ask for no less."

UPDATE ON NATASHA'S DEATH

Natasha's skeleton was prepared by ENRIQUE FONT, and a 22-caliber bullet was found imbedded in the rear part of her skull. The bone had overgrown the bullet, showing that it had been there for some time, perhaps years. The bullet did not explain Natasha's death, but may help to explain her suspicion of people.

*Natasha is the crocodile from Slothia (a small island adjacent to BCI) that was recently found dead.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GLYNNS

CARMEN and I (PETER GLYNN) were deeply touched by the STRI farewell party held at Naos last Friday. We wish to extend our thanks and very best wishes to friends and colleagues in Panama, and we will be seeing you all again soon. Hasta luego.