



SEMINAR NEWS

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, July 31 will be given JIM HOWE, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who will be arriving this weekend. The title will be posted Monday on STRI Bulletin Boards.

ARRIVALS

August 1 - Arriving, HENRY HOWE, University of Iowa, to continue studies on the ecology of a neotropical seed-dispersal system. He will be on BCI until July 18.

LIBRARY NEWS

-PAT BENNETT is in charge of interlibrary loans in the STRI Library. They are processed through the Reference Section of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries in Washington, headed by Mary Clare Gray. All requests for loans from all parts of the institution are processed through this office.

For prompt service citations should be as accurate as possible. They are searched at STRI before mailing, and again on receipt in Washington. If not available in the Smithsonian Collections, they are requested at the Library of Congress by the Smithsonian Librarian who goes there daily to process loans. The Department of Agriculture Library and the National Library of Medicine are other major sources.

Because of mailing time, the procedure requires at least a month. Requests for journal articles and parts of books are honored without difficulty. For entire books purchase orders are usually made because of the reluctance to loan out of the country.

-ANGEL AGUIRRE will be returning next week from vacation.

-NEW BOOKS:

- Archaeological Ceramics (J.S. Olin and A.D. Franklin, eds., 1982).
- Black People and Their Culture, 1976.
- Catalogue and Fossil Hominids (K.S. Oakley et al, 1977).
- Electrical Conduction and Behavior in 'Simple' Invertebrates (G.A.B. Shelton, 1982).
- Estrilid Finches of the World (D. Goodwin, 1982).
- Field Guide to the Birds of Taiway (J. W-F. Chang, 1982).
- Gulls, an Ecological History (F. Graham, Jr., 1982).
- The Natural Man Observed (W.H. Truettner, 1979).
- The People of Lerna (J.L. Angel, 1971).

ANNOUNCEMENT

JAMES R. KARR has accepted the position of STRI Deputy Director, and will begin officially on August 20. Dr. Karr received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He was Assistant Professor of Biology at Purdue University, and before accepting the position at STRI, was Professor of Ecology at the University of Illinois, where he also served on numerous committees. He was a Smithsonian Pre and Postdoctoral Fellow at STRI in the 1970's, and has returned repeatedly as a visiting scientist to conduct studies on avian and freshwater fish communities in the Parque Nacional Soberania.

OBITUARY

THOMAS ZARET died June 16, 1984 after a long chemical struggle with cancer. Tom was a fellow here in 1970, and was perhaps the premier limnologist of Gatun Lake. He and his wife returned over the following years to study the effects of the introduction of the South American Cichla into the lake. At the time of his death he held a research post in the College of Fisheries at the University of Washington. His book, Predation and Freshwater Fish Communities, published in 1980, as well as his other publications, bear tribute to his vitality as a scientist. He was 39 years old.

IN ORDER TO PLAN AHEAD

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August 1 - V. VERGEL will be returning from vacation.

August 7 - 19 Director IRA RUBINOFF will be away in Washington, D.C. and in California.

August 10 - Meeting of administrative staff at 3:30 pm in the Tivoli Conference Room.

August 20 - 24: Visit to STRI by DIANE COOK-LEE, SI Women's Program Manager of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, and CHANDRA HEILMAN, Ombudsman, of the SI Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

August 21 - The monthly scientific staff meeting will be at the regular time and place, but on this date, instead of on the 14th.

BOOK REVIEW

Panama Odyssey by former U.S. Ambassador to Panama WILLIAM JORDAN, published by University of Texas Press, is a fascinating chronicle of the lengthy negotiations between Panama and the United States, to establish the terms of the 1977 Panama Canal Treaty. It is a must reading for anyone working in Panama or interested in gaining insight into the personalities of the times, from Omar Torrijos, Aristides Royo and Romulo Betancourt, to William Rodgers, Ellsworth Bunker and Sol Linowitz. In a frank and detailed manner, we see how the State Department and the Foreign Ministry of Panama labored to change the inequities of the 1904 treaty. At the same time, negotiators of both countries were required to protect their own national interests, with a view toward the ultimate ratification of the treaties by a referendum in Panama and the consent of the Senate in the U.S. The latter was a particularly acute responsibility, in view of the strong, often emotional, and ill informed opposition in the U.S.

That the Canal has continued to work effectively under binational management is testimony to the hard work and wisdom of the negotiations on both sides.

Ira Rubinoff

TO CELEBRATE CANAL'S 70TH B-DAY

Special caps and T-shirts (in adults' and children's sizes) commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Panama Canal will go on sale to the general public at \$3 each, after August 1. They come in both English and Spanish and may be purchased from 9 to 11 am on work days other than paydays at the Atlantic and Pacific Treasurer's Offices and in Room 112 of the Balboa Heights Administration Building. To place an advance order, call 52-7511.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Several members of the STRI staff were invited to participate in the Working Groups established by the newly-elected President of Panama, Nicolas Ardito Barletta, to analyze current problems and suggest possible solutions. They are: OLGA F. LINARES (Population and Human Settlement); GILBERTO OCAÑA (Science and Technology); GEORGINA DE ALBA and IRA RUBINOFF (Human Welfare/Ecological Problems).

-From the NZP

**Early Days at the Zoo: Sunshine, Welcomes, Panda Furniture and Face-painting**

Dear FONZ Member,

My first few weeks as the Zoo Director have been really memorable. The staff, the weather and a series of special events have combined to make me feel at home, welcome and very proud to be part of the National Zoo. I have been overwhelmed with new experiences and made aware of the wide range of my duties and responsibilities.

The sun broke through shortly after my arrival, just as I was becoming convinced I had left it behind forever, in Panama. The warmth of the sun was as wonderful as the warmth of the welcome I received from all the Zoo family; both helped to overcome the sadness of leaving 18 years of my life behind me, in Panama, at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, where I was Deputy Director.

The week before I joined the Zoo staff I was able to work with FONZ volunteers building furniture in the panda yards. This was a truly remarkable experience. I never expected to see so many people working together in such a harmonious way. The organization was superb, the dedication was deeply moving and the finished product clearly resulted from a "labor of love." Congratulations FONZ.

The next week was ZooFari. That was an evening to remember. It was meticulously planned, immaculately organized and a real delight. I was particularly fond of the African Dancers, the Elephant Show and the food... not necessarily in that order.

After ZooFari came an invitation to visit Brookfield Zoo, Chicago, for the opening of their Tropic World: South America. This was a chance to see how well they had reproduced the atmosphere of the tropical forests I know so well. The effect is marvelous, the entire exhibit is as good as human intelligence, skill and devotion can contrive. Congratulations to George Rabb and his staff! Every enthusiastic zoogeer should see the whole exhibit. Chicago is also the home of the Lincoln Park Zoo, with many exciting and beautiful exhibits, the Shedd Aquarium (first-class) and the Field Museum of Natural History. Three cheers for Chicago and thanks to all the zoofolk who gave me such a warm and hospitable welcome there.

Finally there was Summerfest. Summer nights with zest and entertainment, summer nights that were memorable. I particularly remember the jazz concerts. They seemed so appropriate in the setting of our park on a sunny night. I also had my face painted as a leopard. This was fun until I decided to drive home without removing the paint, so that I could be photographed there for my mother's benefit. I'm afraid that the effect on passing drivers along Connecticut Avenue was less than tranquilizing! Ah well, if the rest of the summer is as exciting as these first few weeks, I'm not certain I can stand the pace but it sure will be fun.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Robinson, Director  
National Zoological Park