

SEMINAR NEWS

NO seminar next week.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

December 22 - Arriving, ALEX MINTZER, Texas A & M University, to study the ecology and nestmate recognition in ants. He will be at BCI until December 30.

December 22 - Leaving, ADELA GOMEZ on official business at the Smithsonian and to spend the holidays in the U.S.

December 26 - Arriving, JACKIE GIACALONE, Upsala College, and her assistant, GREG WILLIS, to continue studies on the population ecology of the squirrel, *Sciurus granatensis*. They will be at BCI until Jan. 31.

LIBRARY NEWS

ANGEL AGUIRRE will be on vacation Dec. 24 - Jan. 4.

## New Books:

- Algae as ecological indicators (L. Elliot Shubert ed., 1984).
- Evolutionary genetics of fishes (Bruce J. Turner ed., 1984).
- Guide to the birds of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands (Herbert A. Raffaele, 1983).
- International Whaling Commission Annual Reports 1-34 and Special Issue 6.
- Later-Quaternary environments of the United States (H.E. Wright, Jr. ed., 1983).
- Molecular genetics of development (Terrance Leighton and William F. Loomis eds, 1980).
- The Mollusca (Peter W. Hochochka ed., 1983-84).
- Poisonous snakes of the World: a manual for use by U.S. Amphibious Forces rev. ed., 1979).

Suggestions for purchase of research materials are always welcome by the Library.

HAPPY HOLIDAY

All non-essential STRI employees will be given administrative leave as of 1 pm, December 24th. (A Xmas gift from the Director.)

STRI offices will be closed on Tuesday, Dec, 25.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT EXPIRATION DATES

Safety equipment like flares, flare guns and smoke signals, in use at the different facilities, expire in 1984. Facilities Management requests that all who have this equipment in their possession check the expiration dates, and if expired or close to expiring, send the equipment to Ramon Ely for replacement.

REMINDER

T-shirts with the howler monkey and the yellow-bellied sea snake can be purchased in adult (\$6.25) and children sizes (\$5.25) at the Tivoli from M. Morello. T-shirts promoting the conservation of Isla Margarita are also available in adult sizes (\$5.00).

XMAS WEDDING BELLS

On Saturday, December 22, JIM KARR and ELENA SERRANO will be married. We wish them both the very best.



Feliz Navidad Merry Xmas