



SEMINAR

No luncheon seminar on Tuesday, January 28. Persons wanting to give a luncheon seminar, please call D. WINDSOR at Ancon.

ARRIVALS

JEFFREY BRAWN arrived this week to begin his tenure as a postdoctoral fellow. Dr. Brawn will work on a project involving the relationship between arthropod abundance and avian community structure. His office will be at Ancon.

BITS & BYTES

Just received:

- the latest release of COPYII PC.
- Catalogue of public domain software.

If you need these please call our computer specialist, Francisco Rivera at the Tivoli.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The review meeting for the selection of Smithsonian Pre and Postdoctoral Fellows has been tentatively scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 25. Staff scientists are asked to reserve this date on their calendars.

NOTE OF INTEREST

The Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management of Budget have submitted a list of fiscal 1986 cuts they recommend for federal programs affected by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget reduction law.

Some that might be of interest:

|   | Fiscal 1986 budget | Proposed cut |
|---|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>National Science Foundation</b>                                |                    |              |
| Science and engineering education .....                           | 55,550,000         | 2,389,000    |
| Research .....  | 1,352,205,000      | 58,145,000   |
| Total N.S.F. ....   | 1,523,855,000      | 65,526,000   |
| <b>Department of Agriculture</b>                                  |                    |              |
| Cooperative state research service .....                          | 291,480,000        | 12,534,000   |
| Extension service .....   | 342,747,000        | 14,738,000   |
| <b>Environmental Protection Agency</b>                            |                    |              |
| Research and development .....                                    | 233,400,000        | 9,607,000    |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>  |                    |              |
| Peace Corps .....   | 130,000,000        | 5,590,000    |
| VISTA .....   | 19,000,000         | 817,000      |
| Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ..                        | 165,000,000        | 7,095,000    |
| Postal subsidies for non-profit organizations ..                  | 748,000,000        | 32,164,000   |
| U.S. Information Service educational and cultural exchanges ..... | 140,500,000        | 6,042,000    |

T.V. PROGRAM RECEIVES AWARD

A 20-minute program on environmental education for children filmed on Barro Colorado Island was recently awarded the JAPAN PRIZ in the educational programs category. It was produced last year by Panama's Channel II in collaboration with our Office of Conservation.

EXCERPTS FROM A BOOK REVIEW

On Becoming a Biologist by John Janovy Harper & Row 160 pp.

"A tough world, biology. No place for skinny weaklings. To survive you need to be made of the right stuff. You must have 'the values of a biologist,' a belief in the worth of nonhuman organisms for what they can teach us about the nature of life and an aloofness from the commercial and human-centered obsessions of business and such professions as law and medicine. If you have these values, you can make it as a biologist. If you don't usually from an early age, you probably won't pass biology's rather spartan test. That is the impression given by this book.

Being a skinny weakling myself, I worry that some reader who would enjoy life as a biologist might be put off my this locker-room approach to biology. I also resist the notion that the "values of a biologist" necessarily differ from those of other enlightened people or that they lurk within only certain ones, wanting to be discovered by those who will form part of this odd breed."

The reviewer continues giving an inside view of biology's appeal and what makes a good biologist.

"I was disappointed that On Becoming a Biologist gives rather short shrift to the potential role of informed amateurs and rather long attention to the importance of learning how to ask "the right question." On the contrary, I find that some of the best questions about organisms are asked by children and laymen. One of the difficulties in training researchers is teaching them to keep asking many questions at once, as would a child, to wonder about things and be curious. A persistent wide-ranging curiosity seems to me far more likely to give rise to productive and original research than concern with the right questions."

The review posted on STRI bulletin boards was written by Mary Jane West-Eberhard.

LIBRARY NEWS

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## LIBRARY NEWS.

### New books

FLORA DU RWANDA: SPERMATOPHYTES ( Georges Troupin, 1978 - ) QK 411.5 T86 STRI

FUNDAMENTALS OF INSECT PHYSIOLOGY ( Murray S. Blum, ed., 1985 ) QL 495 F86 STRI

GULLS (LARIDAE) OF THE WORLD: THEIR PLUMAGES, MOULTS, VARIATIONS, RELATIONSHIPS AND DISTRIBUTION. ( Jonathan Dwight, 1925 ) QL 696 L3 D992 STRI

HABITUATION, SENSITIZATION, AND BEHAVIOR ( Harmon V.S. Peeke, abd Lewis Petrinovich, 1984 )  
QP 374 H325 STRI

HISTORIC SITES REPORT: SPANISH COLONIAL SITES IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE ( Albert C. Manucy, 1958 ) F1569 C2 M29 STRI

KEY ENVIRONMENTS--WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN ( Ramon Margalef, ed., 1984 ) QH 93 K 46 STRI

LE PROJET ECEREX: ANALYSE DE L'ECOSYST'EME FORESTIER TROPICAL HUMIDE ET DES MODIFICATIONS APPORTEES PAR L'HOMME ( ORSTOM, 1983 ) QH 541.5 R27 P96 STRI

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#### B. Relocation

The appropriate library branch(es) should be notified if a borrower relocates from division to division within the SI so that circulation records can be changed or cleared.

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### NEW STRI I.D.'S



KATE HOWARD  
Visitor  
ANCON



JERRY HOWARD  
Fellow Post-Doc  
ANCON



DONALD M. WALLER  
Visiting Fellow  
B.C.I.