

SEMINAR

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, February 4 will be given by SUSAN WALLS, University of Southwestern Louisiana. She will speak on:

Competition in Larval Salamanders

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Feb. 2nd - Leaving, IRA RUBINOFF, on official business first to Houston for meetings with Barnard Johnson, Inc. regarding the master plan, and then to the SI in Washington, D.C. He will return Feb. 8.

Feb. 3rd - Arriving, GEERAT VERMEIJ, Univ. of Maryland to do studies on biology and extinction of tropical american molluscs. Dr. Vermeij will be at Naos until March 10.

Feb. 6 - Arriving, HANS MALICKY, Biological Station at Lunz, Austria, on an SI Short term visitor appointment to study the ecology of cadis flies. Dr. Malicky will be on BCI until March 25th.

Feb. 7 - Arriving, JOHN GUARNACCIA and MERCEDES VILLAMIL to continue work on the translation of Ridgely's BIRDS OF PANAMA. They will be here until July 31.

Feb. 6 - Leaving, CARL HANSEN, with the marine scientists going on the R.V. Bejamin to Bocas del Toro, so he will not be available at the photo lab.

Feb. 7 - Arriving, JUDITH WINSTON, American Museum of Natural History, with an assistant, B. HEINBERG, to collaborate with J. Jackson at Naos. They will be here until Feb. 28.

LIBRARY NEWS

A new exhibit: "La Influencia Pre-Colombina en el Ambiente de Panamá," prepared by RICHARD J. COOKE is on display in the Library.

Smithsonian Libraries Loan Policy brochure (with modifications for STRI Library) is available at the Circulation Desk.

The Library want to remind users that On-line database searching has been budgeted and is available to qualified users of SI.

Missing Items

The Charges Page/Sign Up Sheet for the Library Copying machine (with attached clipboard), please return it to the library. All of the January records are required for STRI bills.

Book: Millman, R. editor. Perspectives on Evolution. Sunderland, Mas.: Sinauer, 1982. QH 366.2 P45X STRI. Please return. Dr. Lessios needs it urgently.

CALENDAR

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Feb. 10 - 14: RUSSELL TRAIN, Chairman of the Board of World Wildlife U.S./ Conservation Foundation will visit conservation projects in Panama. He will visit BCI on Feb. 13.

Feb. 11 - Carnival - STRI offices will be open but will observe a liberal leave policy (see back of NEWSLETTER).

Feb. 11 - DAVID ROUBIK will be returning for a brief stay.

Feb. 17 - Holiday (U.S. celebration of Washington's birthday).

Feb. 18 - 21: Visit to STRI by MARGARET CHILD, Assistant Director for Research Services, SI Libraries, and VIJA KARKLINS, Deputy Director, SI Libraries.

Feb. 18 - Scientific staff meeting. Please note this meeting will not be held as usual on the second Tuesday of the month (Feb. 11).

Feb. 23 - STAN RAND will return for two weeks.

Feb. 23 - ROBERTA RUBINOFF, director of the SI Office of Fellowships and Grants, will visit STRI for one week for fellowship review meetings.

Feb. 23 - March 3: Visit to Panama by MADELEINE JACOBS, science writer and assistant director, SI Office of Public Affairs.

Feb. 24 - ALAN SMITH will return for one week.

Feb. 25 - Meeting to review Smithsonian Fellowship applications for 1986.

Feb. 26 - March 6: NORMAN MYERS, conservation ecology consultant, will visit STRI and present seminars.

ASSISTANT AVAILABLE

RITA BETHANCOURT, a 4th year biology student (botany), who has worked for the Hubbell-Forest Dynamics Project on BCI for one year, is interested in working for a researcher at STRI on a part-time or full time basis. Please call and leave message for her at 26-6925.

FOR SALE

14 cu. ft. GE refrigerator, \$200. See Ross Robertson.

MORE ON THE BACK

A TODOS LOS EMPLEADOS

Deseamos recordarles que el martes de Carnaval no es un día feriado oficial para los empleados de STRI. Las personas que deseen tomarse el día libre (al igual que el día antes o después) deben solicitarlo de sus días de vacaciones por adelantado y recibir la aprobación de su supervisor.

El lunes, 17 de febrero es un día feriado oficial de E.U.

NOTICIAS DE LA COOPERATIVA DE AHORROS

En conversaciones con la Sra. Rosario Borda, oficial de la Cooperativa de Ahorros de la Institución Smithsonian, hemos averiguado que la cooperativa ha tenido muchas dificultades con la compañía encargada de preparar y enviar los estados de cuenta. Esto explica parcialmente la razón por la cual muchos de los miembros de STRI no han recibido estados de cuenta desde comienzos del año pasado.

Los miembros de la cooperativa que no hayan recibido sus estados de cuenta del año pasado o que tengan preguntas relacionadas a su participación en la cooperativa deben escribirle a la Sra. Borda. Los estados de cuenta para el año 1985 (31 de diciembre) deben estar llegando a principios de febrero.

La Directiva de la Cooperativa ha autorizado que la correspondencia con los empleados de STRI sea en español. Se les solicita a los miembros que tengan preguntas o problemas que le escriban en español directamente a la Sra. Borda a la siguiente dirección:

SI Credit Union
Arts and Industries Building
Room No. 2263
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C. 20560

TO ALL EMPLOYEES

A reminder to all that Carnival is not a STRI official holiday. Employees wishing to take this day off should request it in advance from their supervisors.

Monday, Feb. 17 (celebration of Washington's birthday) is a U.S. federal holiday and STRI offices will close.

NEWS FROM THE CREDIT UNION

We have learned from recent conversations with Ms. Rosario Borda, SI Credit Union Official, that they have been having difficulties with the company that prepares and mails the Credit Union's statements. This partly explains why many of the STRI members have not received their statements since early last year.

Members who have not received past statements or have any questions regarding credit union business should write directly to Ms. Borda. Members should expect to receive their year-end statement for 1985 (31 December) by the first week in February.

The Board of Directors of the SI Credit Union has approved that correspondence to and from STRI employees can be in Spanish. If you have any questions or problems regarding credit union matters please write to Ms. Borda at the following address:

DE VACACIONES EN FEBRERO /ON LEAVE

JUAN CAMPOS (Galeta) 17 Jan - 13 Feb.
MARIA LORENA OSSA (Tivoli) 6 - 14 Feb.
GEORGINA DE ALBA (Ancon) 10 - 14 Feb.
MARCOS GUERRA (Ancon) 14 Feb. - 14 March.
GLORIA MAGGIORI (Tivoli) 13 Feb. - 7 March.
OTILIA PEREZ (Tivoli) 10 - 12 Feb.
AUDREY SMITH (Tivoli) 10 - 11 Feb.
VIELKA VERGEL (Ancon) 10 - 11 Feb.