SEMINAR

The speaker for the luncheon seminar on Tuesday, July 15 is LINDEN HIGGINS, University of Texas at Austin. Her subject will be:

Nephila clavipes in Texas and Panama: a comparison of web investment and growth.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

EARTHWATCH volunteers arrived this past week to join J. Karr and collaborators in research at Parque Nacional Soberania from July 11 – 25.

RICHARD COOKE left for Washington, D.C. July 10 to attend meetings of the Smithsonian Directorate of International Activities. He will return July 13.

July 13 - Arriving, JOSEPH LIBBEY, Diving Consultant, SI Office of Protection Services, for meetings with STRI diving officer and others.

July 14 - PHIL BABCOCK, Office of Grants and Risk Management, for a 4-day visit, to meet with staff.

July 14 - Arriving, SUZANNE KRALI, SI Office of Safety Programs, Safety Division, to conduct a 3-day inspection of facilities.

July 15 - Arriving, NANCY FOSTER, University of Iowa, and assistant, THOMAS STEMMAN, to study growth and phenotypic plasticity in two families of reef coral. They will be at Naos.

July 15 - Arriving, ELLIOT BRENOWITZ and W. WILCZYNSKI, Univ. of California at Los Angeles, to study acoustic communication and inter-male spacing in frogs.

July 16 - Arriving, NELL JEFFERSON, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, to work with Robin Andrews on BCI until August 15.

July 17 - Leaving, IRA RUBINOFF on official business to U.S. He will return July 24.

LIBRARY NEWS

BIENVENIDA, AMALIA HORTON, the new library aide, who will begin work July 14.

New Library hours effective July 14:
Monday - Friday: 8 am - 6 pm.
Saturday: 9 am - 12 noon.

NEWS FROM THE HILL

By a vote of 87 to 13, the U.S. Senate recently approved the House of Representatives science facilities bill, an authorization for the Smithsonian to plan and construct a new base camp in Arizona for the Astrophysical Observatory and the Tupper Center and other new constructions at STRI. The bill now goes back to the House, and if accepted, will go on to the President for signature.

Budget Update

No congressional action yet on the FY 1987 budget. Matching funds for the Tupper Center are part of STRI’s FY 87 budget request.

Although Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation was recently declared unconstitutional reducing the threat of automatic across the board cuts, budgetary reductions are still expected in FY 87.

NEEDED

Someone knowledgeable in micro computers, especially IBM PCs, and basic statistics to work initially at Galeta for 3 months. Interested persons, please call John Cubit, 89-5202.

AN ANNIVERSARY

July 16 marks the 40th anniversary of the creation of the Canal Zone Biological Area (BCI) as a separate bureau of the Smithsonian Institution. This calls for a celebration--- date to be announced very soon.

THIS TIME--- IT’S A GIRL

WHITNEY MORGAN

BORN: JULY 5 WEIGHT: 8 lbs. 5 oz.

PARENTS: DENISE & ARCADIO RODANICHE

CONGRATULATIONS!

LOCAL EXXON ASSISTANTS

June-August period:

BELGIS CHIAL is collaborating with N. Knowlton and G. Bruno on research in the San Blas until August 16.

DIOGENES RILEY is working K. Sieving on a project in the Parque Nacional Soberania until August 12.

ANABEL TATIS is collaborating with R. Andrews at BCI until August 15.