

STRI NEWSSeminar

There will be a luncheon seminar on Thursday, March 22, given by Dr. Burney Le Boeuf, Univ. of California at Santa Cruz. Dr. Le Boeuf will speak on: "Reproductive success of female elephant seals". This seminar was originally scheduled for Tuesday. Please check the bulletin boards during the course of the week; we regret that there have been last minute changes in the last couple of weeks, but these have been unavoidable.

Arrivals & Departures

March 17 - 23

March 17 - Arriving Drs. John Bultman and Ray Beal, Naval Research Lab, to continue work on termites. They will be joined on March 19, by Dr. Strasburg and Mr. R. Daniel.

March 19 - Arriving Drs. G. and W. Maroldo, Texas Lutheran College, for a 3-day visit to look at primates on BCI.

March 20 - The R.V. Stenella will be leaving for Pacheca Island, where Dr. Ira Rubinoff and Leonardo Maridueña will be conducting a survey of sea birds. The Stenella will be returning on the 25th.

March 21 - Arriving Dr. Henry Howe and Mr. Wayne Richter, Univ. of Michigan, for 2 weeks. They will be at BCI studying the "Nutritional ecology of a seed dispersal system".

Also arriving this week after a trip around the world is Dr. Martin Moynihan. Welcome back!

Leaving this week are:

Ms. Betsy Mallory who will be returning to Dartmouth College, Dr. Alfred Gardner, who is going for 10 days to Ecuador and will then return to BCI for another month; and Lizzie Leigh with baby, John, on a three month vacation.

Found

Rat-sized marsupial in a zip-locked bag (labeled #4 on tail) opposite the Naos dock. It is now in the hall freezer at Naos.

Central File of STRI Slides Is Being Prepared

In order to assemble a central slide collection at STRI, Hobart Richey, who is working at the Office of Conservation and Environmental Education at the Tivoli will be visiting the different facilities and meeting with staff members to

select slides for duplication and placement in the central file. Collections of slides on the facilities, plants, animals, special projects and other subjects of general interest are needed. We hope that staff members and others who have slide collections will give Mr. Richey their cooperation.

Brazilian Celebrity

Professor Ernst Mayr has been awarded Brazil's equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize "for the best translation in the science category in the year 1978". The book, Populations, Species and Evolution, was translated into Portuguese by Dr. Hans Reichardt, a Harvard Ph.D. who studied with Professor Frank M. Carpenter.

The trophy itself is a bronze casting of a "jabuti" (the Indian word for "turtle") with the alphabet inscribed on its shell. In Brazil, the turtle is a symbol of wisdom.

(This is an excerpt from the Harvard University Museum of Comparative Zoology Newsletter)

Student Seeking Summer Job at STRI

Ned Benjamin, a sophomore at Duke Univ., from New Orleans, Louisiana, would like to work at STRI during the summer, preferably as an assistant to someone working in marine biology. If you should be interested in this possibility, please speak to Mr. Tom Borges. and....

We are likewise getting a series of letters and visits from students wanting to work as volunteers at STRI. We have thought of compiling a list of all available persons, but in the past, the response from the STRI staff has not been very positive. If you would be interested in a student volunteer to work as an assistant in your research project (or in your office) please let Mrs. Lombardo know, so that she can send you a copy of this list, once it is available

Book of the Month

The Official Rules by Paul Dickson

In this book you will find nearly 1500 Rules, Laws, and Instructions "to guide you safely (and humorously) past the perils of the real and sometimes irrational world". A few examples are:

ERMA BOMBECK'S RULE OF MEDICINE: Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.

JONES'S LAW: The man who can smile when things go wrong has thought of someone he can blame it on.

(more of these in next week's Newsletter).