

SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

Tuesday, **October 10**, noon seminar speaker will be EGBERT LEIGH, STRI staff.

MacArthur, Levins and Ecology.

(Dr. Leigh was not able to give his talk last week.)

NEXT WEEK

No seminar scheduled for Tuesday, **October 17**.

REQUEST FOR MANUSCRIPTS

Please remember to send the Deputy Director one copy of all submitted manuscripts of scientific papers related to your research at STRI. This procedure helps to keep track of STRI research activities and also to prepare timely press releases on appropriate forthcoming work.

STRI LIBRARY NEWS

From **October 9 - November 10**, ANGEL AGUIRRE will be on leave. During this period, the STRI Library will **not be conducting database searches**. Interlibrary loan requests will be on a limited basis, processed as staff is available. New requests for database searches may be submitted again beginning November 13.

NEW PUBLICATIONS BY STRI STAFF, FELLOWS AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

Gúzman, H.M. and D.R. Robertson. 1989. Population and feeding responses of the corallivorous pufferfish *Arothron meleagris* to coral mortality in the eastern Pacific. Mar. Ecol. Prog. Ser. 55: 121-131.

OPEN SEASON AGAIN / TEMPORADA ABIERTA NUEVAMENTE

The annual open season for individuals who are enrolled in federal health plans **starts November 13 and ends December 8, 1989**. If anyone is interested in changing plans or options within a plan, please contact the Personnel Office.

La temporada abierta anual para aquellos individuos que suscriben a los planes médicos federales **comenzará el 13 de noviembre y terminará el 8 de diciembre de 1989**. Los interesados en cambiarse de plan o de opciones dentro de algún plan, favor de comunicarse con el Depto. de Personal.

MEETING OF COMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS

The next luncheon get-together for discussion of computers and computer programs is scheduled for Friday, **October 13**, at the Amador Officer's Club.

PERSONNEL NEWS

ROXANA DURAN will be on maternity leave from October 10 - January 16.

SCIENTIFIC STAFF MEETING

The monthly scientific staff meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 10**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ancon Conference Room.

HOLIDAY REMINDERS

**October 9** is Columbus Day, a STRI holiday. **October 11** is a Panamanian national holiday; all businesses, banks, and government offices will be closed.

CURSOS DE LA O.E.T.

La Organización para Estudios Tropicales anuncia dos cursos en español a nivel de posgrado en áreas que contribuyen al conocimiento y manejo de los recursos biológicos tropicales (O.E.T., Apartado 676, 2050 San Pedro de Montes de Oca, Costa Rica):

*ECOLOGIA DE POBLACIONES*, del 4 de enero al 25 febrero de 1990, es un curso que expone al estudiante a la teoría y práctica del estudio de poblaciones de plantas y animales bajo condiciones naturales. Las solicitudes deberán llegar a la OET en Costa Rica a más tardar el 15 de octubre.

*AGROECOLOGIA*, con fecha de julio-agosto 1990, tiene como objetivo principal examinar los sistemas agrícolas a la luz de los nuevos conocimientos agroecológicos. Los formularios de solicitud deben llegar a la OET para el 15 de febrero de 1990.

NEW BIRD GUIDE

*A Guide to the Birds of Costa Rica* by F. Gary Stiles and Alexander F. Skutch (illustrated by Dana Gardner) was just published by Cornell University Press (124 Roberts Place, PO Box 250 Ithaca, NY 14851-0250). The guidebook covers waterbirds and migrants, as well as resident tropical species, their plumages, vocalizations, food habits, nesting, and distribution. Costs: \$35 softcover, \$65 clothbound.

CONGRESSES & CONFERENCES / CONGRESOS Y CONFERENCIAS

The Forest History Group of the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations, in cooperation with the Forest History Society and the OTS, is sponsoring a conference on **LATIN AMERICAN FOREST AND CONSERVATION HISTORY** in San Jose, Costa Rica, February 1991. The theme includes environmental issues that are pertinent to the history of land uses and policies. Presentations from specialists in history, social sciences, and the natural and physical sciences are sought. If interested in presenting a paper or attending the conference, contact Harold Steen, Forest History Society, 701 Vickers Ave., Durham, NC 27701 (919-682-9319).

NOTICIAS DE BCI

El viernes, 29 de septiembre, ante una gran concurrencia y una pertinaz llovizna **LOS AULLADORES** de BCI se adjudicaron la **COPA ESPECIAL**, doblegando al equipo **FLASH** con un marcador final de 2 x 1. El próximo juego será este viernes, **6 de octubre**, a las 5:00 p.m. -- **AULLADORES** vs Electrical Shop.

TUPPER CENTER UPDATE

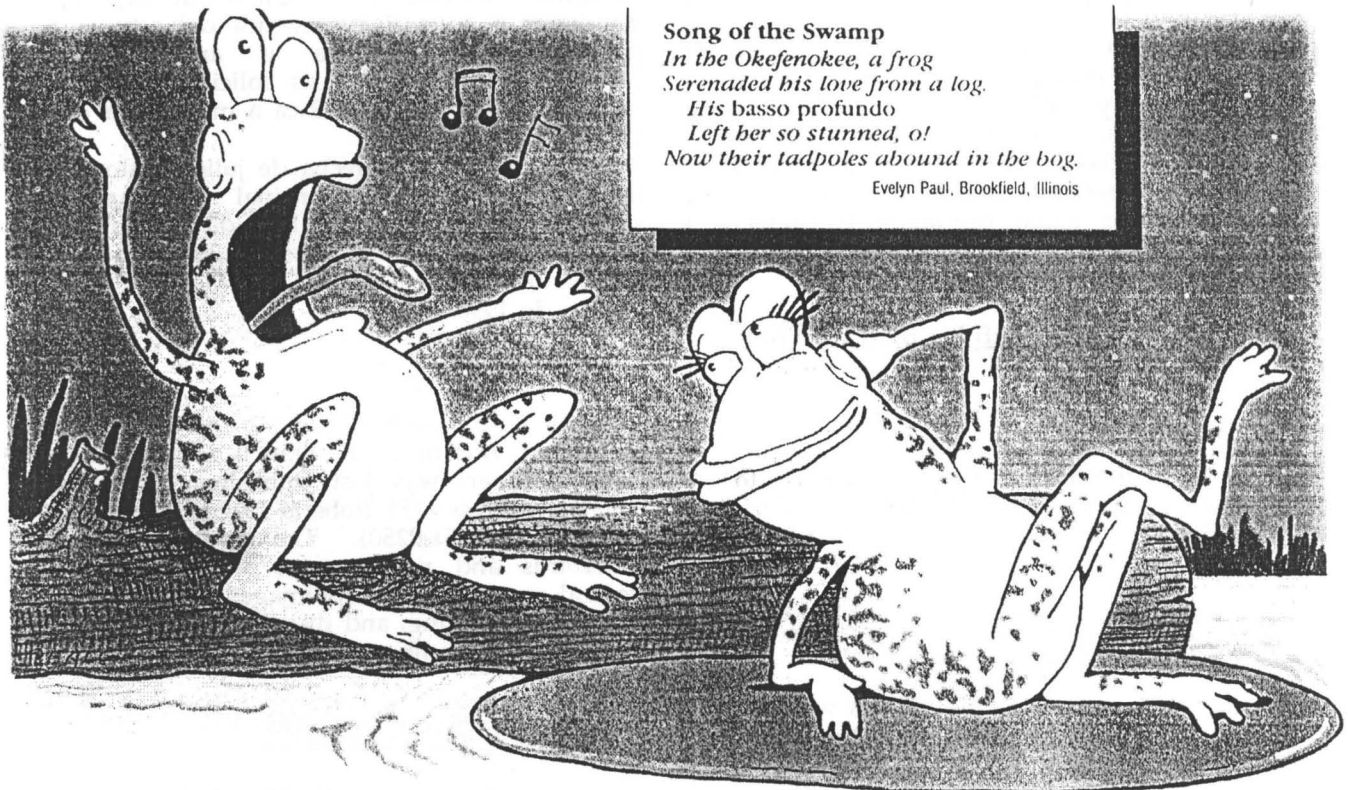


Final electrical connection by I.R.H.E. at the Tupper Center is still pending. Following this event, it is expected it will take one month to complete all the internal electrical connections and safety checks, as well as balance out the A/C system.

Final construction details are progressing, and should be completed within the next few weeks. (Photo by Marcos Guerra, digitized and printed by computer.)

TIME OUT FOR NONSENSE

(Taken from the *International Wildlife's* limerick contest winner list.)



**Song of the Swamp**

*In the Okefenokee, a frog  
Serenaded his love from a log.  
His basso profundo  
Left her so stunned, o!  
Now their tadpoles abound in the bog.*

Evelyn Paul, Brookfield, Illinois

**What Mama Bug Said to Baby Bug**

*If ever you meet an iguana  
Who thinks you are edible fauna,  
When he flashes a grin  
And bids you come in,  
Politely reply, "I don't wanna."*

J. Scott, Pearisburg, Virginia

**Noah's Oversight**

*When Noah first stocked up his Ark  
With pig, and cow and aardvark,  
Oh, why did he fail  
Before he set sail  
To refuse two fleas to embark?*

John A. Cloes, Huntington Beach, California

**Tango in Durango**

*A big-billed bird from Durango  
Dreamed of dancing a merry fandango.  
Said his friends, "Not a chance,  
"Because birds cannot dance!"  
"Maybe not, but I'll bet toucan tango."*

L. Plotner, Herington, Kansas

**The Shyness of Snakes**

*A boa constrictor, they say,  
When he found his skin shedding one day,  
Thought, "Oh, gosh, oh, how crude  
"To be seen in the nude."  
And he blushinglly slithered away.*

Gordon Krunntusz, Baraboo, Wisconsin

**Better Living With Plastic**

*A young Afro elephant named Yastik  
Told his peers of his notion fantastic:  
"Our organic tusks  
"Attract poachers to us.  
"It's time to grow tusks made of plastic!"*

Alice J. McElhane, Springfield, Missouri

**Going, Going, Here**

*Despite what most people think,  
The dinosaur isn't extinct.  
He has, I have heard,  
Turned into a bird—  
A feathered and beaked missing link.*

R. Kelly Wagner, Austin, Texas

**One Worm's Meat**

*Crawling on earth is a treat,  
For soil is a worm's favorite meat.  
He can chow down on ground,  
Without gaining a pound.  
That's a diet that cannot be beat!*

Bev Beatty, West Liberty, West Virginia

**Bovine Magic**

*Why do cows give milk that is white,  
When green grass they eat in one bite?  
Boviningly strange,  
The chemical change—  
Cow magic turns green into white.*

Simon Ho, Glenview, Illinois