



STRI NEWS

NEW TRAIL ON BARRO COLORADO ISLAND NAMED FOR T. C. SCHNEIRLA

A new trail on Barro Colorado Island had been named in honor of T. C. Schneirla, one of the pioneers of ethology. Schneirla worked for about 35 years on the behavior, ecology and physiology of army ants. Most of his field studies were based on research done on Barro Colorado Island, beginning about 1933. Dr. Schneirla discovered the cyclical nature of army ant reproduction and the associated rhythm of colony movements, with altering nomadic and stary phases. He was associated with the Department of Animal Behavior of the American Museum of Natural History.

Schneirla Trail is a short one, originally cut in 1978 as a detour to bypass eroded and hilly sections of Wheeler Trail. It runs from approximately Wheeler 8 to Balboa 1. (The route was chosen by Nicholas Brokaw.) Trail markers will bear the initials "TCS".

UNDER SECRETARY COLLINS TO VISIT STRI

Mr. Michael Collins, Under Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution whose visit to STRI this past February had to be cancelled, will be coming to Panama from May 20 - 23rd. He will be visiting all the STRI facilities, and we will have more information as to his itinerary at a later date.

NOTICE OF OPENING AT NAOS

Applications are being accepted at the Central Examining Office for the position of Maintenance Mechanic MG-4749-9.

The Maintenance Mechanic will be responsible for maintenance, repair and functioning of the new sea water system at Naos. He will also be expected to provide repairs and preventive maintenance to buildings and grounds, small boats, air conditioning units, and electrical and plumbing systems.

Applicants must have at least 3 years of experience at the helper level or above in the mechanic (marine systems) and plumbing trades. In addition they must be fluent in English and Spanish, and must know how to swim and drive. Applicants must be able to obtain a Class 3 Canal Zone motorboat operator's license (for outboard up to 26 feet in length), and should have a working knowledge of electricity, corrosion protection in sea water, carpentry and masonry. They must also be willing to take a SCUBA training course.

Applicants who meet these qualifications should submit their applications to the Central Examining Office as soon as possible.

SEMINAR

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, May 8th will be given by Dr. Fritz Vollrath who will speak on: "The Spider *Nephila clavipes*" The seminar will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Leaving this coming week:

May 5th - Mrs. Adela Gomez will be going to Washington D.C. first on official business and later will be on annual leave. Mrs. Gomez will be returning the 4th of June.

May 11th - Leaving Harilaos Lessios for the U.S. for combined official and personal business. He will be returning to STRI around the end of the month.

NEWS FROM THE SI FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

We have received a notice from the SI Employee Federal Credit Union that member's must have \$100 in their share account when applying for a loan. Also, we remind members that 75% of all unsecured loans must be paid off before any further loans will be granted.

WANTED

Snakes of any species for tracking by radio-telemetry. Please call Tim Brown at 52-6895 or leave a message in the Visitors' Box at Ancon.

EXCERPTS FROM THE OFFICIAL RULES

COHEN'S LAW: "What really matters is the name you succeed in imposing on the facts---not the facts themselves"

DUGGAN'S LAW: "To every Ph.D. there is an equal and opposite Ph.D."

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