STRI NEWSLETTER

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

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
stationary phases. He was associated with the
Department of Animal Behavior of the American
Museums 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 approxi­
mately 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 ME-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.

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