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AT THE TUPPER CENTER

No noon seminar scheduled for Tuesday, February 3. If you wish to give a seminar, please contact Neal Smith at the Tupper Center, ext. 2300.

NAOS LUNCHEON

Friday, February 6, Naos Luncheon seminar speaker will be Heidi Banford, The College of William and Mary

Piscine Adventures in West Africa

For more information about the Naos Luncheon seminars please contact Bailey Keissing at Naos, ext. 3330 or consult the Web at http://160.111.136.12/Naos_Luncheon_Schedule.html

PEOPLE

Arrivals

- Stephen Hubbell and participants of the Princeton University Semester in Panama until May 1.
- Timothy Wood, Wright State University, Feb 1-7, for a survey of freshwater bryozoans in Panama, in Gamboa.
- Terrence Marsh, North Central College, Illinois, Feb 1-7, to work with Timothy Wood, in Gamboa.
- Beth Okamura, The University of Reading, Feb 1-7, to work with Timothy Wood and Terrence Marsh, in Gamboa.
- Henry Stockwell, North Carolina, Feb 1-28 for a survey of Panamanian weevils and their host plants, and to participate at the Princeton University course.
- Gene Morton and Bridget Stutchbury, SI National Zoological Park, Feb 1-18, to carry out a project on individual territoriality in two tropical birds: Why not cooperate? in Gamboa.
- Anne Klein, University of Pittsburgh, Feb 1-5, to work with Walter Carson on a community level experimental test on the mammal and insects control over the tropical forest diversity, at BCI and Gigante.



Ascanio Castillo, Panama, Guy Reeves, U.K., and Ana Isabel Perdices, Spain, collect fishes in Chame River, Province of Panama, in support of a study of freshwater fishes and the historical biogeography of Panama, under the leadership of Eldredge Bermingham, on Thursday, January 29 ••• Ascanio Castillo, Panamá, Guy Reeves, Gran Bretaña, and Ana Isabel Perdices, España, colectan peces en el Río Chame, Provincia de Panamá, en apoyo a un estudio sobre los peces acuáticos y la biografía histórica de Panamá, el jueves, 29 de enero. (Foto: M.A. Guerra)

- Sharon Gill and Michelle Mico, York University, Canada, Feb 1 - Jul 31, to study the mating tactics, duetting and mate choice in the buff-breasted wren, in Gamboa.
- Daniel Brumbaugh and Sean Craig, University of Texas, Feb 1-8, to work on the phylogenetic analysis of zooid polymorphism and morphological complexity in bryozoans, in Naos and San Blas.
- Kyle Summers and Rebecca Symula, East Carolina University, Feb 2 - Aug 20, to study the geographic variation among poison frogs in a Panamanian Archipelago, on mainland.
- Jeanette Dubesa, C. Noel Plemmons, Sharon Smith, Kirra Swemerton and Elan Wong, University of California at Berkeley, Feb 2 - Apr 19, to participate in a population dynamics of howler monkeys field course organized by Katherine Milton, at BCI.
- Keri Boomgarden, Robert Constanza, Sara Fernandez and Cody Smout, Feb 2, to work with Jeff Brawn on the stability of tropical forests and tropical forest fauna on military installations of the Panama Canal Area, in Gamboa.

- Mairi Best, University of Chicago, Feb 4-25, to work on the molluscan taphonomy and porewater geochemistry of tropical siliciclastic and carbonate sediments, western Caribbean, in San Blas and Ancon.
- Frederick Meinzer, Hawaii Agricultural Research Center, Feb 4-21, to continue studies on the environmental and physiological regulation of water flux through a tropical forest ecosystem, on BCI.

Departures

- Egbert Leigh, Feb 6-26, to Costa Rica, to teach a course at the OTS.

NEW STRI PUBLICATIONS

- Coates, Anthony G. (editor). 1997. *Central America: A Natural and Cultural History*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Collinson, P.J. and Hillis, L.W. 1997. "Algal Populations and Cycles as integral Facets of Reef Dynamics." *American Zoologist* [Abstracts], 37(5): 35A.
- Jackson, Jeremy B.C. and D'Croze, Luis. 1997. "The Ocean Divided." In: *Central America: A Natural and Cultural History*: 38-71, edited by A.G. Coates. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Leigh, Jr., Egbert Giles, Rand, A. Stanley and Windsor, Donald M. (eds). 1996. *The Ecology of a Tropical Forest: Seasonal Rhythms and Long-Term Changes*. Second Edition. Washington D.C.: Smithsonian Institution Press.
- Losos, Elizabeth C. 1997. "Reigning in Uncertainty." *Inside CTFS Summer 1997*: 1, 11.
- Robb-Bevier, Catherine. 1997. "Utilization of Energy Substrates During Calling Activity in Tropical Frogs." *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology* 41: 343-352.

UPCOMING EVENTS • FEBRUARY

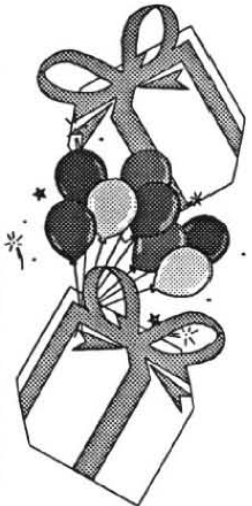
- Feb 1-3 *Future of Conservation Biology Workshop* at SI sponsored by the Institute for Conservation Biology.
- Feb 1 Initiation of Princeton semester in Panama.
- Feb 9-13 Workshop on *Bioensayos Anticancer y anti HIV para el Descubrimiento de Productos Naturales* sponsored by UDP, CYTED, SENACYT, US National Institute of Cancer, and STRI.
- Feb 22 Mariel Hemingway's program about Panama's rainforests at 9pm EST in the US on TBS.
- Feb 10 Fundación Smithsonian Gala: Guest Speaker: Nancy Knowlton.

- Feb 11 Visit of the Panamanian Chapter of the Young Presidents Organization and their families to Culebra
- Feb 18-19 Birds Life International and Partners in Flight Ecotourism Workshop
- Feb 18-22 Visit by David Ratcliffe and Bob Woodall, Southern Company, Charles McCrary, Alabama Power, G.E., and Ed Holland, Savannah Electric and Power Company.
- Feb 25 STRI Monthly Lecture at PNM: Joe Wright

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STRI February Birthdays

Fernando Santos-Granero	1
Plinio Góndola	2
Gilberto Batista	6
Eduardo Navarro	6
Mireya Correa	6
Gloria Zelaya	7
Karl Kaufmann	8
Roberto Borrell	10
Luis Carlos López	10
Isis Ivancic	12
Georgina de Alba	15
Walter Dillon	18
Robin Foster	18
Alvaro González	27
Consul Chamorro	28
Vielka Chang-Yau	29



MISCELLANEOUS

Stanley Rand's New E-mail

Please make a note that A. Stanley Rand's new e-mail is srand@stridc.si.edu.

Voleibol STRI Verano 1998

Interesados en participar en la liga de Voleibol Verano 1998, tomen nota que la Liga iniciará el viernes 30 de enero, en el estacionamiento del Tivoli, a las 5pm. Los coordinadores del equipo por son: Néida Gómez, Vielka Rodríguez, Daniel Millán y Oris Acevedo para BCI y Gamboa. Axel Calderón para Naos y Culebra. Fernando Oglivie para Tivoli, Pastor's House, Ancón, Biblioteca y Librería. Luis Turner p Tupper, Proyecto de Monitoreo y proyectos relacionados. Póngase en contacto con el coordinador del equipo de su lugar de trabajo para participar en las prácticas. Todos están invitados.