

STRI news '98

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TUPPER CENTER SEMINAR

No seminar speaker scheduled for Tuesday, May 12. If you wish to give a seminar, please contact Neal Smith at the Tupper Center, ext. 2300.

BAMBI SEMINAR

Thursday, May 14, Bambi seminar speaker will be Phyllis Coley, University of Utah

This and That About the Third Trophic Level

Transportation and dinner reservations are essential. Please call BCI at 272-2124 or e-mail: Bambi

PEOPLE

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- Courtney Murren and Sybil Gotsch, University of Connecticut, May 10 - Jul 18, to study the gene flow in an epiphytic orchid, *Catasetum viridiflavum*, on BCI and Naos.
- Rachel Gallery, May 10 - Oct 15, to work for Allen Herre on BCI.
- Michael Greenfield, University of Kansas, May 10-31, to study the selective attention in choruses of the Túngara frog, *Physalaemus pustulosus*, in Gamboa.
- Kristina Hufford, Short-term fellow from the University of Georgia, May 11 - Jul 11, to study demographic genetics of *Platypodium elegans*: selection at three early life stages, on BCI.
- Kendra Pyle, University of Pennsylvania, May 13-30, as instructor at the University of Pennsylvania field course, in Gamboa.
- Fourteen students from the University of Pennsylvania, May 13, to attend an Ecology field course.
- David Marsh, University of California, May 13 - Aug 18, to study the effects



BCNM gamewardens Basilio Mela and Gabriel Abrego cut tree stumps exposed by the low water level of the Gatun Lake in the Bahía Peninsula, to avoid future boat collisions when the water level returns to normal ••• Basilio Mela y Gabriel Abrego, guardabosques de Barro Colorado, cortan troncos en Península Bahía que han quedado expuestos debido al bajo nivel del agua en el Lago Gatún, para evitar colisiones futuras de los botes cuando el nivel del agua vuelva a la normalidad. (Foto: M.A. Guerra)

- of breeding pond abundance and distribution on the behavior and population dynamics of a tropical frog, on BCI.
- Susan McRae, Post-doctoral fellow from Cambridge University, U.K., May 15, to study the ecological factors affecting reproductive strategies in a tropical population of Moorhens, at Tupper.
- Robert Dudley, University of Texas, May 15 - Jul 7, to continue research on the ecophysiology of butterfly migrations in Central Panama, on BCI.
- Javier Fiano, University of Texas, May 15 - Aug 15, to join the Túngara project, on a Latin American fellowship, in Gamboa.
- Andres Orellana, Short-term fellow from the Universidad Los Andes, Venezuela, May 15 - Aug 15, to study the palatability and chemical defense in diopline moths (Lepidoptera: Notodontidae), on BCI.

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New Honors ••• Reconocimientos

- Staff scientist John Christy, Patricia Backwell and Steven Telford received funding from the Society for the Study of Animal Behaviour to do research on claw regeneration in a fiddler crab. Backwell and Telford will spend 6 months in Mozambique conducting the study ••• *John Christy, investigador permanente en STRI, Patricia Backwell y Steven Telford, recibieron fondos de la Sociedad para el Estudio del Comportamiento Animal para realizar investigaciones en la regeneración de las tenazas en cangrejos violinistas. Backwell y Telford pasarán seis meses en Mozambique llevando a cabo el estudio.*
- Martin Moynihan's book *The Social Regulation of Competition and Aggression in Animals* published by the Smithsonian Institution Press, was announced at the *Natural History Journal's* Bookshelf section, on the April issue ••• *El libro de Martin Moynihan "The Social Regulation of Competition and Aggression in Animals", publicado por Smithsonian Institution Press, apareció anunciado en el prestigioso capítulo "Bookshelf" de la Revista "Natural History" en el número de abril.*

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Postponed ••• Cambio de Fecha

- The STRI scientific staff meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, was postponed for Tuesday, May 19, at the Tupper Center Conference Hall, at 2pm ••• *La reunión mensual científica de STRI anunciada para el martes 12 de mayo ha sido pospuesta para el martes 19 de mayo, Salón de Conferencias del Centro Tupper, 2pm.*

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NEW STRI PUBLICATIONS



Piperno and Pearsall, Fig. 2.3, pag. 64

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- Fortunato, Helena, Penchaszadeth, Pablo E. and Miloslavich, Patricia. 1998. "Observations on the Reproduction of *Bifurcium bicanaliferum* (Sowerby, 1832) (Gastropoda: Columbellidae: *Strombina*-group) from the Pacific Coast of Panama." *The Veliger* 41(2): 208-211.
- Guariguata, Manuel R. 1998. "Response of Forest Tree Saplings to Experimental Mechanical Damage in Lowland Panama." *Forest Ecology and Management* 102(2-3): 103-111.
- Piperno, Dolores R. and Pearsall, Deborah M. 1998. *Origins of Agriculture in the Lowland Neotropics*. San Diego: Academic Press.