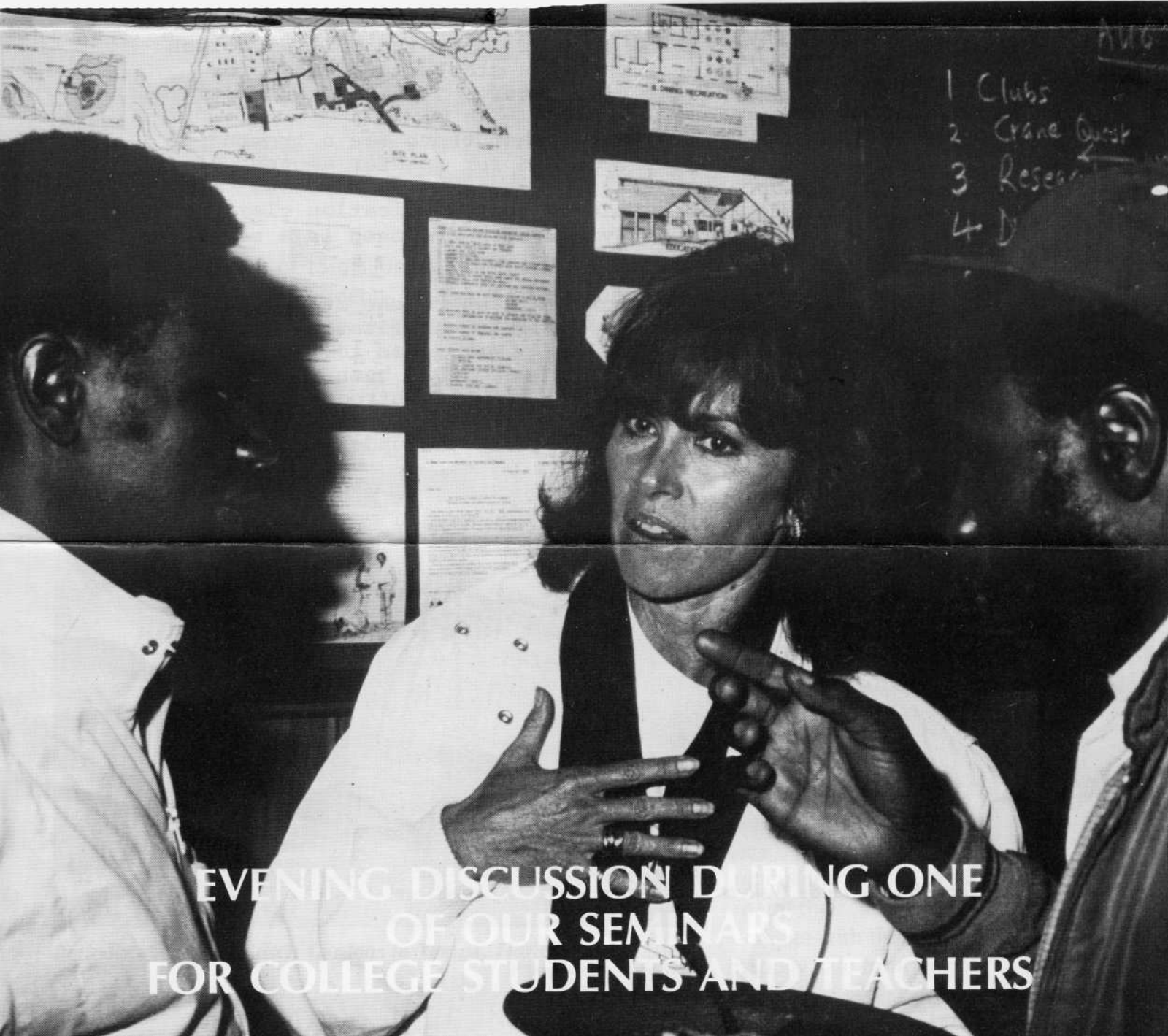




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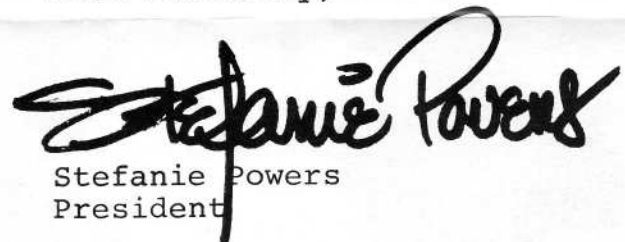
Dear Friends,

In Swahili we say jambo welcome to the William Holden Wildlife Education Center . . . thus starts each visit for school groups, seminars and villagers.

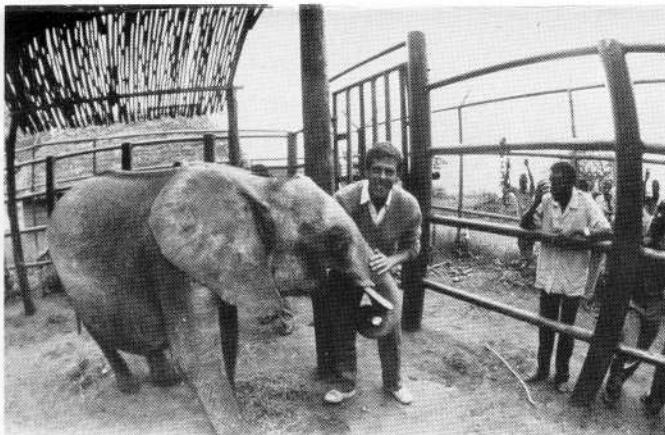
We knew when we opened the Center that there was a tremendous thirst for knowledge, but the demand for greater amounts of information is increasing. Thus we have begun advanced seminars offered to those students whose dedication clearly deserves a more in-depth study course - enclosed is a schedule of a typical seminar.

I have once again returned from Kenya where the Mt. Kenya Game Ranch invited us to take part in rehabilitating their orphan elephant Mary into the wild. Mary came to the ranch as a 3-month old baby whose mother had been poached . . . nine years later it was time for her to be introduced to other elephants in the hopes they would adopt her and she would live a normal life. We will keep you updated on this project in the next few newsletters.

Most sincerely,



Stefanie Powers
President



Mary seen here with Dr. Claude Walters.

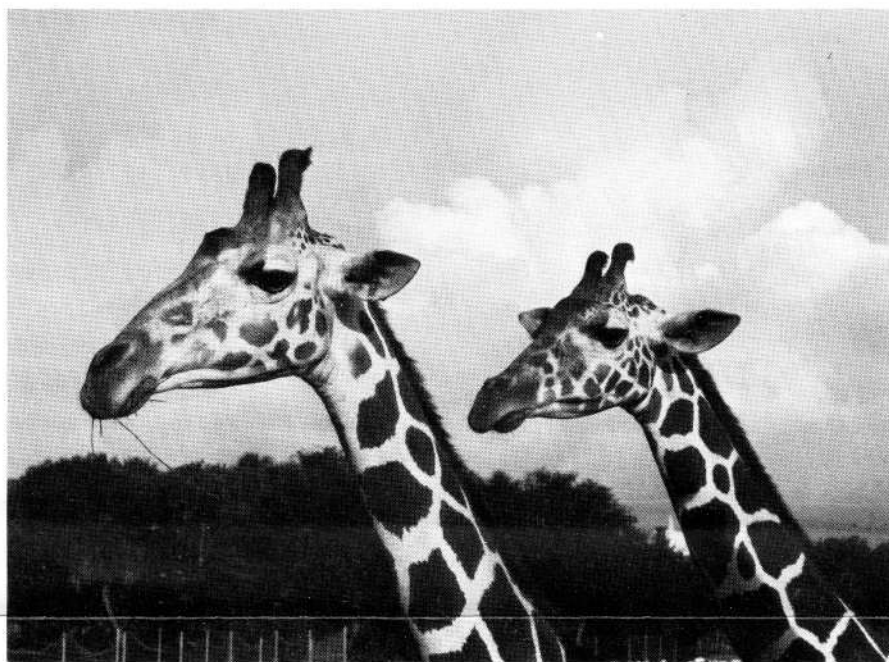
RETICULATED GIRAFFE

The reticulated giraffe is considered by most observers to be the most beautiful of the sub-species. It is so named for its sharply contrasting network of white lines and deep red-brown patches.

Once native to much of Kenya and parts of bordering African nations, the reticulated giraffe is now found exclusively on Kenya's Laikipia plateau and numbers only about 1,000.

On Kenya's wide green Laikipia plateau, 130 miles northwest of Nairobi, the dignified and graceful reticulated giraffe faces almost certain extinction. Some wildlife experts give this, the most beautiful of the sub-species found in Kenya, approximately 10 years before it disappears forever. Another loser in the showdown with encroaching human civilization.

With a population of 15 million, and the second-highest birth rate in the world, Kenya needs its land resources for its human residents. Farms now stretch deep into the domain of the reticulated giraffe. At 18 feet tall with legs five to six feet long, giraffe easily jump the four foot wire fences crisscrossing the Laikipia searching for food and leaving wide gaps for straying sheep or cattle to disappear through. Thus animals that threaten the loss of crops and livestock will be destroyed—alas, the needs of the people supersede those of the animals.



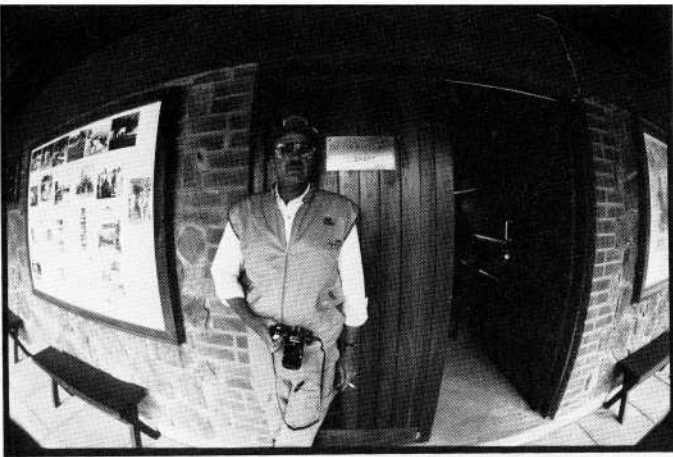
In an effort to preserve a breeding nucleus of reticulated giraffe, Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida, mounted a sort of Noah's Ark project. Assisted by the Mt. Kenya Game Ranch's Chairman of the Board, Don Hunt, and his expert capture unit, twenty-five giraffe were captured.

After months of care and nurturing to readjust the animals to new feed and the limitations of environment, they were airlifted by 747 to the United States, where they now represent the largest herd in the world of reticulated giraffe in captivity. They roam their new domain of Florida acreage with their eternal dignity . . . happily safe from harm.

Reticulated giraffe, Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida.

Photo courtesy Diana Saum.

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE:



Tom Mankiewicz has committed to build and supply the Tom Mankiewicz Library. The structure will house a video center as well and will join Phase I with the Phase II site . . . Bravo Tom and thank you!



Students at the William Holden Wildlife Education Center have an opportunity to work very closely with our white zebra. A new baby was recently born at the Mount Kenya Game Ranch and we now have four of these lovely and extremely rare animals. This is a result of the late William Holden's early work in helping to save vanishing species.



His Excellency Dr. Audu, Minister for Agriculture and Wildlife, recently visited the William Holden Wildlife Education Center to discuss an inter-Africa exchange of students. He was accompanied by his chief wildlife officer, Mr. T.A. Eseki, who received his early training as a very young man at the Mount Kenya Game Ranch.

Just a reminder that the Foundation has WHWF t-shirts!
The shirts sell for \$10.00 plus postage (\$2.00 handling).

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