

A University of Pennsylvania biologist, Daniel Janzen, is engaged in what *Science* (Nov. 14, 1986 issue) editor Constance Holden describes as "an unprecedented attempt to regrow a tropical forest in what he hopes will become a 'case study in self-supporting perpetual ecological and biocultural restoration'." Janzen has been doing research on plant-animal relation-

ships in Costa Rica for two decades, and aided by foreign money and local talent he is intent upon incorporating the existing Santa Rosa National Park into a much larger 700-square-kilometer Guanacaste National Park. The project involves purchase of adjacent and connecting land.

The article describes the size of the task (enormous), the time frame within which it must be accomplished (almost immediately), and the estimated cost (\$11.8 million), but Janzen thinks he has found the means to restore the entire area within 100 years to where it was when the Spaniards arrived.

Part of the plan, Janzen calls "biocultural restoration," to put biology back into the native people's cultural repertoire – "back on the same status with music, art, and religion." The regenerated forest Janzen sees serving as a "user friendly" library or museum.