

CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

This Thursday, November 26th is the celebration of Thanksgiving (U.S.) and an official holiday for STRI employees. Business in the city (with the exception of U.S. related entities, i.e. Panama Canal Commission, Armed Forces offices, US Embassy, etc.) will go on as usual.

NEWS RELATED TO BCI

Effective immediately, except for genuine emergencies, the noon train at Frijoles will not be met.

As of November 20, 1981 mail will be sent to BCI on the 3:20 p.m. train in a locked pouch. Mail to BCI should be at the Tivoli no later than 2:30 p.m. to be delivered on that train. On paydays there will be an earlier mail delivery at 9:40 a.m. or 11:40 a.m. depending on the arrival of checks.

SEMINAR

The luncheon seminar on Tuesday, November 24, will be given by Dr. A. Stanley Rand, STRI, who will speak on:

"In search of an explanation for the anoles without dewlaps: report on a visit to Cuba"

This seminar will be in the Ancon Conference Room.

ARRIVALS

Arriving this week:

Dr. John H. Meyer, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, Univ. of California, San Diego, for 1 1/2 months, to continue work on the behavioral physiology of Sternopygus dariensis. Dr. Meyer will be working at the Naos Lab.

LIBRARY NEWS

Reprint distribution is now being handled by Argelis Ruiz. Please send all requests cards and letters to her attention.

FOR SALE

6,000 BTU Whirlpool air conditioner, call Barbara Butler at 42-0775.

INFORMATION ON TROPICAL ECOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES IN PANAMA REQUESTED

Dr. Jose I. Furtado, from the University of Malaya, is requesting information on tropical ecological activities for WALLACEANA (global newsletter for tropical biology). Please send any information you wish to send to Dr. Furtado to the Office of the Director. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

CDRS ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Several 1980 Annual Report for the Charles Darwin Research Station are available at the Office of the Director. If you are interested in consulting one, please contact Ms. Ninochtka Franco, Secretary to the Director.

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BABY BOOM CHILDREN IN JOB SQUEEZE

(extracted from article by E. M. Fowler)

Are you a child of the baby boom? If so, you might face a career problem. People born during the baby boom years of 1948 to 1962 are 19 to 33 years today. They constitute an army of 60 million people, according to the Census Bureau. And among them there are too many with education and ambition who are seeking to rise at the same time. The result is a bottleneck.

Moreover, their bottleneck comes at a time when more and more older people are beginning to worry about inflation and the need to work beyond age 65.

Last week, however, Mercer, Inc., the employee benefit and compensation consulting affiliate of Marsh & McLennan Co. the financial services firm, had an interesting message for children of the baby boom: Don't look with resentment at those people who hang onto jobs a few years beyond age 65, the real competition comes from your own age group.

"There is the idea among the baby boomers that they ought to occupy a certain position with a certain salary by a certain year," said A.H. Robertson, a Mercer vice-president, "The niches they want are not available". For many of the children of the baby boom, he said, career progress will be slow and uneven....What can they do? First they might get more education, looking on it as a continuous process. Or they might prepare a second field of expertise that could lead to another career. Still another career strategy might be to search for a mentor who can help with advice .....Although salaries and aspirations will tend to level off, the growing numbers of two-income families (husband and wife working) gives a new sense of security to baby boom couples since both are not apt to loose or change jobs at once.

(from N.Y. TIMES)