



# LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Biology & Wildlife Thesis Defense

“Effects of Bear Viewers and Photographers on Brown Bears at Hallo Bay, Katmai National Park and Preserve, Alaska” on Friday, 9 June, at 10a.m. in the Elvey Auditorium.

**Blair French**, M.S. candidate

The IAB LARS Third Annual Open House, known as the “**Birthday Party for the Babies**” had a great turnout on May 20. Approximately 3,000 family and friends came out to see the 8 muskox calves and 4 caribou calves. Big thanks to all the volunteers and the donations.

**Staff Meeting: Thursday, June 8, at Irving I, Rm. 201; 1:00p.m.** Jock Irons will be covering everything ever wanted to know about **Computer Security**.

**Sandra Preshaw has accepted the Proposal Coordinator position** with the IAB director’s office. Sandra comes to us from the Geophysical Institute, and has several years experience with proposal preparation. Ms. Preshaw will start work with IAB on June 12, 2006. She will be a welcome addition; please come by and introduce your self.

The IAB Director and Business offices have also hired Jump Start high school students, **Julie Jackson** and **Sharina Straughn** for summer internships.

We will keep you posted on a welcome coffee for these new employees!

### New Travel Authorization and Travel Expense Report Procedures:

Starting June 1, 2006 please pick up TA’s from Alyssa at the IAB Business Office front desk. Alyssa will now prepare all initial travel arrangements, and Fanta will process TER’s.

#### Pre Travel Contact Information:

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**IAB courier run for the summer season will be 2:00p.m.** Monday through Friday. You may bring courier items to the Business Office.

### FOSS N America Visit, June 13-16, 2006

Andre Behrens, Vice President, and John Allen, Region Manager for FOSS N America will visit Fairbanks and area June 13-16 to introduce FOSS chemical analysis and automated microbiology instruments, and infrared spectrometers. To set an appointment with Andre and John contact them at:  
[jallen@fossnorthamerica.com](mailto:jallen@fossnorthamerica.com)  
Telephone: (204) 482-0727

As part of an effort to encourage interdisciplinary research in the broad area of complex systems here at UA, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Complex Systems Center, will be hosting a meeting on this topic in July and would like to strongly encourage participation from faculty and students.

### **2006 The Dynamics of Complex Systems: Common Threads, July 5-7, 2006**

This will be an interdisciplinary workshop style meeting focusing on application of the methods and concepts from complex system dynamics to all areas of science

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## LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR

Life Sciences Seminars are scheduled throughout the fall and spring semesters.

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and social science. Special emphasis will be on common features in complex systems and the development of techniques aimed at characterizing the dynamics of these systems.

More information can be found on the website:

[http://ffden-2.phys.uaf.edu/complex\\_systems\\_center/complex\\_systems\\_2006/ComplexSystems2006.htm](http://ffden-2.phys.uaf.edu/complex_systems_center/complex_systems_2006/ComplexSystems2006.htm).

Please contact Karina Possenti at [fnkmp1@uaf.edu](mailto:fnkmp1@uaf.edu) or 474-5151 if you have questions.

**Computer Tip of the Week:** Do those "You have unused icons on your desktop" or "Take a tour of Windows XP" balloons that pop up from the system truly annoy you? IntelliAdmin has a little tool that will disable them. Keep in mind that if you disable the notification area balloon tips, it disables balloon tips for all programs, so if you like the little reminders you get from certain programs/processes down in the notification area, this isn't for you. On the other hand, if the notification balloons are nothing but a nuisance to you, this little registry hack will take care of it. If you're not into touching the registry yourself, IntelliAdmin (<http://www.intelliadmin.com/blog/2006/04/remove-those-stinkin-help-balloons.html>) has a download that will do it for you.

## \$\$ GRANTS AND AWARDS \$\$

**Mark Lindberg and Kate Martin**

UA Foundation

"Does breeding probability limit production of ducks in the boreal forest?"

\$4469

**Matt Olson**

NSF

"Dissertation research: Late quaternary history of Balsam poplar in North America."

\$11690

## NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are being accepted for the **Jack R. Luick Memorial Travel Fund** from students seeking limited support (generally \$500 - \$1,000) for travel to upcoming scientific conferences in 2006 and 2007.

Qualifications: Enrolled as a graduate student at UAF, in good academic standing, and pursuing a course of study in nutritional or physiological ecology of ungulates.

Preference will be given to students presenting papers at international conferences.

The application should include: A letter from the student to the fund's Selection Committee summarizing education, experience, research interests and career goals, a letter of support from the student's major professor, a conference agenda or synopsis, title and abstract, if available, of the paper to be presented, and an itemized travel budget. Submit entire packet to: Scholarship Coordinator, UAF Financial Aid, 105C Eielson Bldg., PO Box 756360, Fairbanks, AK 99775  
Deadline: Oct 15, 2006 for travel through April 30, 2007

## →→TRAVEL→→

- **Todd Brinkman**, 6/3 to 6/8, to Vancouver, BC, Canada to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society & Resource Management.
- **Doni Bret-Harte**, 5/2 to 9/15, to TFS for summer fieldwork.
- **Mariana Bulgarella**, 5/1 to 7/24, to Argentina and Peru for fieldwork.
- **Chanda Meek**, 5/2 to 6/12, to Montreal, Quebec Canada to attend the IPSSA Seminar.
- **Christine O'Donnell (Apodaca)**, 6/4 to 6/30, to St. Mary's and Anchorage, AK, and Whitehorse, Canada for fieldwork and to coordinate the NABS poster session.
- **Jonathan O'Donnell**, 6/4 to 6/9, to Anchorage to present a poster at the North American Benthological Society (NABS) meeting.
- **Todd O'Hara**, 5/2 to 6/17, to St. Kitts, Florida to attend the International Whaling Commission Meeting.
- **Steffen Oppel**, 6/3 to 6/8, to Barrow, AK for fieldwork.
- **Sarah Trainor**, 5/25 to 6/9, to Vancouver, BC to attend the ISSRM 2006 Conference.

*Quote of the week:*

**"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."**

*E. E. Cummings*