



# LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Nominations for the Usibelli Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Service, and Research are due February 18, 2008

All members of the university community - faculty, staff, students, and the public - are invited to submit nominations. Nominations will take the form of a one-page memorandum, highlighting the experience of the nominee in teaching, research, or public service. Please choose which one of these areas you are nominating the candidate for and provide rationale for the nominee's qualifications and the nature of the distinguished activity. Please send nominations to the Office of the Provost, 301 Signers' Hall or fax to 474-1836.

For more information, please refer to <http://www.uaf.edu/provost/usibelli/index.html>, or contact Sarah Lewis at x5178.

The Student-Faculty Awards Committee is seeking **nominations** for the **Marion Francis Boswell Award** (Outstanding Graduating Senior Woman), the **Joel Wiegert Award** (Outstanding Graduating Senior Man), and the **Gray S. Tilly Memorial Award** (Outstanding Graduating Non-Traditional Student). These awards recognize outstanding UAF graduates each year.

You are encouraged to nominate a student or students for consideration by the committee relative to the awards above. Students nominated must have received or will be receiving their baccalaureate degree during the 2007-2008 academic year. Questions concerning these awards may be directed to Lydia Anderson at 7037.

Nomination forms are available at the Wood Center Front Desk. Nominations should be returned to: Student-Faculty Awards Committee, c/o Wood Center. You can also nominate on line at

**\*[www.alaska.edu/woodcenter/awards](http://www.alaska.edu/woodcenter/awards)\*. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 15, 2008.**

**Emeritus Professor David R. Klein** has been invited to be a visiting lecturer and scientist in residence at the Center for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo in Norway during the month of February 2008. Dave will give lectures at the University of Oslo and the Norwegian University of Environmental Sciences on climate change and the environment and will be involved in discussions comparing attitudes of Alaskans and North Americans toward the challenges posed by global climate change with those of Norwegians and other Europeans. Following the Norway visit, Dave will travel to Portugal where he will be a guest of the Technical University of Lisbon. He will give talks there on climate change influences at the landscape level and will advise on land use planning to minimize threats from wildfire associated with climate change-induced summer drought. Dr. Klein's travel support for the Oslo-Lisbon visits is provided through a grant from the National Science Foundation, Office of Polar Programs, Arctic Visiting Scientist program via ARCUS (Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S.).

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**7:00 p.m. - Gold Room, Fairbanks Westmark Hotel (813 Noble Street, downtown Fairbanks)**

#### **Science for Alaska Lecture Series**

"There's No Place Like Nome: Science Nuggets from the Last Frontier"

**Ned Rozell**, Geophysical Institute, UAF

Information: [www.scienceforalaska.com](http://www.scienceforalaska.com) or 474-7558.

## **LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR**

**John Wieczorek**

University of California, Berkeley

**"What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: Challenges in Biodiversity Informatics"**

Elvey Auditorium, 214 Elvey Building

**Friday, February 8, 2008, 3:30 p.m.**

### 3:30 p.m. - Elvey Auditorium

Special Seminar

“Is the Earth Still Recovering from the “Little Ice Age?  
A possible Cause of global Warming”

**Syun-Ichi Akasofu**, Founding Director, IARC

Information: [jmc@gi.alaska.edu](mailto:jmc@gi.alaska.edu)

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

### 1:00 p.m. - 210 O’Neill

“Early Life Dynamics of a Wisconsin Lake Sturgeon  
Population”

**Dave Caroffino**, SFOS Ph.D. candidate

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

### 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - 718 Gruening

Brown Bag Seminar

**Frederick Erickson**, George F. Kneller Professor of  
Anthropology of Education, University of California,  
Los Angeles

### 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - 201 Irving 1

**IAB/B&W Faculty Meeting**

### 4:15 p.m. - Elvey Auditorium

Candidate Seminar

“Weight Loss and Insulin Action”

**Robert Coker**, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Geriatrics,  
Metabolism and Exercise Laboratory, University of  
Arkansas Medical Sciences.

Dr. Coker is a candidate for an Associate/Assistant  
Professor of Nutrition and Physical Activity with the  
Institute of Arctic Biology and Department of Biology  
and Wildlife. The presentation will cover the impact of  
exercise training and /or caloric restriction on the  
etiology of insulin resistance.

Information: Michelle Dondanville, x6230

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

### Noon - IAB Break Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

CANHR will host a pizza lunch for graduate students to  
meet **Robert Coker**, candidate for Associate/  
Assistant Professor of Nutrition and Physical Activity.  
Pizza and drinks will be provided.

For more information, please contact Michelle  
Dondanville at x 6230.

even be accessible through the standard Open/Save  
dialog boxes in apps such as Microsoft Word.

Microsoft Office programs save their files to the "My  
Documents" folder ("Documents" in Office 2007) by  
default. If you would like to change this behavior, for  
instance, to always save to a USB jump drive or external  
drive, you can do that. To change it in Word 2003, go to  
Tools > Options > File Locations, highlight Documents  
(it may be chosen by default), and click Modify. Then  
navigate to the folder of your choice, and click OK  
twice. For details of other Office programs and a screen  
shot, go to the Dennis O'Reilly C|Net blog at  
[http://www.cnet.com/8301-13880\\_1-9861806-68.html](http://www.cnet.com/8301-13880_1-9861806-68.html).

## →→TRAVEL→→

- **Bert Boyer**, 2/3-5, Bethel, Kasigluk, and  
Nunapitchuk, AK, fieldwork
- **Scarlett Hopkins**, 2/3-5, Bethel, Kasigluk, and  
Nunapitchuk, AK, fieldwork
- **Chandra Meek**, 2/6-8, Anchorage, AK, attend  
Marine Mammal Commission

### *Quote of the week:*

*Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.*

*~Don Marquis*

## TIP OF THE WEEK

Do you have an FTP site that you regularly visit, and  
would like to automatically mount it as a drive in  
Windows? It is possible, using the instructions at  
<http://cybernetnews.com/2007/09/27/cybernotes-map-a-ftp-to-a-drive-in-windows/>. Through Windows Explorer  
you'll have one-click access to your files, and they will