



LIFE SCIENCE NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Steffen Oppel, a B&W graduate student won best student paper award at the 2008 Alaska Marine Science Symposium a few weeks ago!

Steffen won best oral presentation for a PhD student for his talk, "Assigning birds to wintering regions in the Bering Sea using stable isotopes of feathers and claws".

Angus Gavin Memorial Migratory Bird Research Grant recipients

Caroline Van Hemert a B&W graduate student attending the University of Alaska Fairbanks has been awarded \$15,000 for her research proposal entitled "Multi-species Investigation of Beak Deformities in Resident Alaska Birds".

Emily Weiser also a B&W graduate student attending the University of Alaska Fairbanks has been awarded \$10,000 for her research proposal entitled "Diet of Glaucous Gulls (*Larus hyperboreus*) on Alaska's North Slope".

The awards are provided to support research on bird species found either permanently or seasonally in Alaska or its coastal waters, including their biology, general ecology and habitat relationships.

This grant was established in 1981 with a gift from ARCO to honor the memory of Angus Gavin who served as an environmental advisor to Atlantic Richfield Company. He was hand-picked by ARCO Chairman, Robert O. Anderson to observe, categorize and quantify the little known flora and fauna of Prudhoe Bay in 1969. Gavin was to draw conclusions, pro or con, about the impact of oil field development on the ecology of the

North Slope and to recommend operational changes that would minimize or negate any adverse effects on the environment.

Usibelli Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Service, and Research nominations 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.

Global Change Student Proposals Due February 22.

Proposals for the 2008 Global Change Student Grant Competition are due at the Center for Global Change by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 22. Information at www.cgs.uaf.edu.

As of January 1st of this year, our EPA permit no longer allows incineration of paper. For those that were having old documents incinerated, shredding is now recommended, either in the office or through a local shredding company.

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),

LIFE SCIENCES SEMINAR

Stephen Wright

York University, Toronto

"Polymorphism and Divergence in Arabidopsis and Capsella: Does Inbreeding Matter?"

Elvey Auditorium, 214 Elvey Building

Friday, February 15, 2008, 3:30 p.m.

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*. The deadline for submitting nominations is **February 15, 2008.*

There will be a Hazardous Waste training offered on Friday, February 22 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the IAB Library, Irving I Room 311. This class is required for all people that work in a laboratory environment and have not previously had this training, or anyone that might have specific concerns about disposal of waste materials in their lab. Please RSVP to Jami Warrick at x5455 if you plan to attend.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

1:00 - 201 Irving I

B&W and IAB Faculty Meeting

The B&W portion of the faculty meeting will go until 1:45, when the IAB faculty will join in to hear from the CANHR search committee regarding the current faculty position.

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

Biobites - Biology Graduate Student Assoc. Seminar

“Linking Spring Migration and Breeding Ecology of King Eiders in Alaska”

Steffen Oppel, graduate student, UAF

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

Science for Alaska Lecture Series

“The Economics of Climate Change”

Britteny Cioni, University of Alaska Southeast

Information: www.scienceforalaska.com or 474-7558.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

1:00 p.m. - 201 Irving I

All IAB Meeting

Chancellor Jones meeting with Department and Institute. All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to come.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

1:00 p.m. - 138 Irving II

Physiology Seminar

“Inter-relationships among Reproduction and Overwintering Strategies in Hibernating Ground Squirrels”

Brian Barnes, Director, IAB

Information: ftaec1@uaf.edu

Quote of the week:

“I may disagree with what you have to say, but I shall defend, to the death, your right to say it.”

~ Voltaire