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The American Ornithologists' Union solicits applications for research grants from its **Josselyn Van Tyne and Alexander Wetmore Memorial Funds**. The Van Tyne awards will consider any aspect of avian biology; the Wetmore awards are limited to taxonomy/systematics. Grants are usually in amounts of a few hundred dollars. Preference is given to students and other persons without other sources of funds. Applicants should send three copies of the following: (1) a 3–5 page description of research goals and procedures; (2) an itemized budget, with a justification of major items and the total amount requested; and (3) a brief résumé of academic/ornithological experience. In addition, all applicants should request two or three letters of recommendation from recognized ornithologists, to be sent directly by the writers. If possible, recommendations also should be submitted in triplicate. All application materials, including letters, *must* be received before **1 March 1980**. Awards will be announced on or before 1 May 1980. Send all materials to **Dr. A. S. Gaunt, A.O.U. Committee on Research Awards, Department of Zoology, The Ohio State University, 1735 Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210**.

The **98th Stated Meeting of the AOU** will be held at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado during the week of 11–15 August 1980.

Fellows and Elective Members of the AOU are reminded that nominations for Elective Members are to be submitted to the Secretary on the prescribed form 5 months prior to the opening of the 1980 annual meeting. Nominations for Fellows must also be received by that date, which is **11 March 1980**. Nominations for President-elect, Vice-President, and Elective Councilors (3) may be sent to the Secretary any time prior to the annual meeting.

Student membership awards are made available in limited number each year by the A.O.U. Students at any stage of academic training who are not and have not been A.O.U. members are eligible. Application forms will be mailed in November to ornithologists who normally have contact with students. Forms are also available from Frank Heppner, Department of Zoology, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I. 02881, or from the chairman of the Student Awards Committee, Kenneth P. Able, Department of Biology, S.U.N.Y. at Albany, Albany, New York 12222. The deadline for receipt of applications is **10 December 1979**.