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A.O.U. Announcements

Fellows and Elective Members are reminded that nominations for Elective Member may be submitted to the Secretary on the prescribed form up until five months prior to the opening of the next Stated Meeting. The deadline for 1981 is **24 March.** Nominations for Fellow of the A.O.U. also must be received by that date. Nominations for Vice-President and Elective Councilors (3) may be made in writing to the Secretary at any time prior to the Annual Meeting.

The 99th Stated Meeting of the A.O.U. will be held at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada during the week of August 24-27, 1981.

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. Application forms may be obtained from Dr. A. S. Gaunt, A.O.U. Committee on Research Awards, Department of Zoology, The Ohio State University, 1735 Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210. Applications must be completed before 18 March 1981.

Marcia Brady Tucker Travel Awards to aid in the travel expenses of students presenting papers at the AOU meeting in Edmonton in August 1981 are available. To apply, submit curriculum vitae, an expanded summary of the paper to be presented (maximum of three pages, double-spaced), a budget of anticipated expenses, and a letter of evaluation from your major professor. All material must be received by 18 April. Send to Douglas W. Mock, Department of Zoology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019. Students must make their own arrangements for a place on the scientific program.

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The Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund of the American Museum of Natural History is administered by a committee that meets twice annually to review applications for grants and fellowships. While there is no restriction on who may apply, the Committee particularly welcomes applications from graduate students; management projects and projects by senior investigators are seldom funded. Applications should be submitted not later than 15 February and 15 September. Application forms may be obtained from the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund Committee, The American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th St., New York, NY 10024.

Dr. Timothy Crowe was appointed a Chapman Fellow for the period April 1981 through March 1982. He will study the systematics, biogeography and adaptive morphology of African gamebirds, hornbills, and diurnal birds of prey.

Dr. Philip Gaddis, also appointed a Chapman Fellow for April 1981 through March 1982, will study vocal communication systems and social behavior of the Plain and Bridled Titmice in the Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona.

Chapman grants during 1980, totalling \$41,913 with a mean of \$451, were awarded to: John P. Badgerow, use of the vee formation by Canada Geese (Branta canadensis) for aerodynamic advantage; Kenneth N. Baker, variation in breeding bird abundances among three state forests within the Connecticut River valley; William H. Baltosser, ecological relationships among nesting hummingbirds; Peter W. Bergstrom, incubation behavior in Wilson's Plover (Charadrius wilsonius); Verner P. Bingman, earth's magnetism and the ontogeny of migratory orientation; K. D. Bishop, study of Papua New Guinean Megapodius species and study of the West New Britain bird collections; Richard Blacquiere, age-related plumage dimorphism in male American Redstarts (Setophaga ruticilla); Kathleen A. Blanchard-French, social behavior of the Atlantic Puffin, Fratercula arctica; Peter J. Blancher, food supply and foraging behavior of Cassin's and Western kingbirds; Mary L. Bomberger, aspects of the breeding biology of the Wilson's Phalarope in western Nebraska; Michael James Braun, protein differentiation of hybridizing and reproductively isolated populations of Mexican Red-eyed Towhees; Jeffrey T. Burns, mate-switching in House Wrens; Gregory S. Butcher, coloration in orioles, genus Icterus; Michael D. Carter, social organization and parasitic habits of the Bronzed Cowbird (Molothrus aeneus); Scott L. Collins, habitat structure and habitat relationships of the Parulidae in Minnesota and Maine; Kevin J. Cook, ecology of the Flammulated Owl in Colorado; Malcolm C. Coulter, 1) importance of behavior to breeding success in terns, and 2) parental investment in breeding according to sex in Common Terns, Sterna hirundo; James Allan Cox, chromosomal morphology of the Red-winged Blackbird; Janice R. Crook, song variation and species discrimination in Blue-winged Warblers; James R. Cunningham, breeding biology, vocalization and social behavior of the New Zealand Brown Creeper (Finschia novaesselandiae); Robert Lawrence Curry, helping, behavior, breeding-group dynamics, and reproductive success in communal Galápagos mockingbirds; Carlos A. Delannoy, ecology and breeding biology of the Puerto Rican Sharpshinned Hawk; Robert W. Dickerman, 1) avifauna of the southern Pacific lowlands of Guatemala, and 2) review of the Great Blue Heron, Ardea herodias; Bruce B. Edinger, behavioral isolating mechanisms in Icterus galbula galbula and I. g. bullockii in a zone of sympatry; Bonita Eliason, polygyny in the Blackpoll Warbler; Keith William Emmerson, bird community of the Laurel Forest of Tenerife (Canary

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