

## NOTES AND NEWS

The American Ornithologists' Union will hold its 92nd Stated Meeting 14-18 October 1974 at Norman, Oklahoma, at the invitation of the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Ornithological Society and Cleveland County Bird Club. A Circular of Information providing details of the meeting and a formal call for papers will be circulated to the A.O.U. membership. Chairman of the Local Committee is Dr. Gary D. Schnell, Department of Zoology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma 73069. Chairman of the Committee on Program at the meeting is Dr. Frank B. Gill, Department of Ornithology, Academy of Natural Sciences, 19th Street and the Parkway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

Fellows and Elective Members of the A.O.U. are reminded that nominations for the classes of Fellows and Honorary and Corresponding Fellows (by Fellows only) and Elective Members (by Fellows or Elective Members) must be in the hands of the Secretary 90 days prior to the annual meeting. Nomination forms for Fellows and Elective Members may be obtained from the Secretary. Because the number of Fellows under 60 years was increased through a change in the Bylaws adopted at the 91st Stated Meeting in Provincetown, there are more than 25 potential vacancies in that class. There will also be at least 25 vacancies for Elective Members. Nominations complete with supportive data or suggestions for the committee's consideration should be submitted to the chairman of the Committee on the Nomination of Fellows and Elective Members, Dr. Keith L. Dixon, Department of Zoology, Utah State University, Logan, Utah 84321, or the chairman of the Committee on the Nomination of Honorary and Corresponding Fellows, Dr. Charles G. Sibley, Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut 06520, in ample time for processing and submittal to the Secretary by **18 July 1974**.

Another change in the Bylaws adopted at the 91st Stated Meeting in Provincetown permits nominations from Fellows and Elective Members in writing for the offices of Second Vice-President and three Elective Councilors prior to the meeting. The outgoing First Vice-President, Harrison B. Tordoff, is not eligible for nomination as Second Vice-President nor are the three outgoing Elective Councilors, Thomas R. Howell, Robert M. Mengel and Glen E. Woolfenden, eligible for renomination. Past Presidents are already *ex officio* life members of the Council. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary by **1 October 1974**. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

On behalf of the A.O.U. the editor thanks the following 163 colleagues who helped him by refereeing manuscripts during 1973: J. W. Aldrich, D. Amadon, P. L. Ames, D. W. Anderson, R. S. Arbib, A. M. Bailey, G. A. Bartholomew, Jr., W. H. Behle, A. J. Berger, D. D. Berger, C. H. Blake, D. A. Boag, C. E. Bock, W. Bock, J. Bond, W. J. Breckenridge, I. L. Brisbin, Jr., P. Brodkorb, M. Broun, A. H. Brush, T. J. Cade, D. R. Chamberlain, M. H. Clench, C. T. Collins, J. D. Cone, Jr., W. G. Conway, F. G. Cooch, G. W. Cornwell, C. Cottam, J. L. Cracraft, C. V. Davis, J. V. Dennis, J. M. Diamond, R. W. Dickerman, J. J. Dinsmore, K. L. Dixon, R. H. Drent, W. H. Drury, J. L. Dusi, E. Eisenmann, J. T. Emlen, Jr., A. J. Erskine, J. B. Falls, D. S. Farner, H. I. Fisher, M. J. Fogarty, D. J. Forrester, H. Friedmann, H. Frings, F. B. Gill, M. Gochfeld, W. E. Godfrey, D. Goodwin, G. Gottlieb, R. P. Grant, C. H. Greenewalt, D. Griffin, L. C. Graue, J. W. Grier, G. W. Gullion, J. P. Hailman, F. N. Hamerstrom, Jr., W. J. Hamilton, III, H. C. Hanson, J. W. Hardy, C. J. Henny, H. Hays,

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**AUK editorial policies.**—Each paper received is normally submitted for evaluation to several reviewers competent in its particular discipline, and is assigned a priority date when judged acceptable by the reviewers and the editor. Articles are generally published in temporal sequence of acceptance, with occasional exceptions for timeliness, expedience, or subject balance. Articles are published without charge up to 20 printed pages, above which authors are assessed for each page at actual cost, currently \$51 per page.

At present the A.O.U. is able to finance and aims to publish about 900 pages annually. With our increasingly heavy backlog, the time lag from acceptance to appearance in *Auk* is now running from 11 to 16 months. Authors willing to pay full page costs will have their articles printed in the next available issue after the article's routine editorial processing and acceptance. Such subsidized papers are added to our 900-page quota, and do not delay the appearance of unsubsidized papers.

To allow adequate time for (1) typesetting, (2) author's checking of galley, (3) paging, (4) final checking of page proof, and (5) printing, binding, and mailing, all copy normally goes to the printer at least 3½ months before the month of issue. "Notes and News" should be in the editor's hands at least 4 months before desired appearance. While sometimes a short, important notice may be inserted up to the time an issue is put to bed, usually 6 weeks before publication, longer and low priority copy cannot be given such consideration.

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The **Wildlife Disease Association** will award Recognition-Travel Grant(s) to worthy students conducting research on the diseases of wild animals. The purpose of the grant is to assist the student with travel expenses to report on the results of the research to the Wildlife Disease Association Annual Meeting 31 July–3 August 1974 at Asilomar, California. Interested students and faculty advisors may obtain additional information and applications from the association, *P.O. Box 886, Ames, Iowa 50010*.

**Master of Arts in Museum Science.**—A master's degree program in Museum Science will begin at Texas Tech University in the autumn semester of 1974. Applications are now being accepted for this program. The program is designed to train students for a wide variety of positions within museums and related organizations. Students can opt for emphasis in art, historical restoration, history, anthropology, or some area of biology or geology. For further information write to *Museum Science Program, The Museum, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409*.

**The birds of the Persian Gulf.**—The first comprehensive avifaunal list for the Persian Gulf region is now being prepared. It seeks to bring together into one publication all records, both published and unpublished, of the birds that occur at sea in the Persian Gulf, on its coasts and islands, and in the Arabian states from Kuwait to Oman. Though it is not intended to include the hinterland of Arabia, Iraq, or Iran, nor the Dhofar region of Oman, due note will be taken of the ornithology of those parts insofar as they affect the Persian Gulf. The list is intended to supplement field guides of the region and to be a working list of use to the increasing number of bird watchers and ornithologists with an interest in that part of Asia. All those who hold unpublished records or other material that might assist this project are invited to send them to: MAJOR M. D. GALLAGHER, *c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd., 6 Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5NH, England*. All records will be acknowledged, and those marked as confidential will receive appropriate treatment.

The **Alberta Ornithological Records Committee** serves as a repository for records of birds from any part of Alberta and welcomes reports in any form. A standardized form—an Area List—is now available and will enable an observer to report for periods up to one year. The form is not intended to replace or substitute for the individual record cards being used by several societies of naturalists in Alberta. Records should be sent to THE SECRETARY, *Alberta Ornithological Records Committee, Provincial Museum of Alberta, 12845 102 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5N 0M6, Canada*.

**Carnegie Museum of Natural History.**—Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has formally changed its name to Carnegie Museum of Natural History, to differentiate it more explicitly from the Museum of Art of Carnegie Institute; the Natural History Museum is also a part of Carnegie Institute. In citing specimens, however, the traditional abbreviation CM should still be used in order to avoid confusion with other institutions that may be abbreviated as CMNH (such as Cleveland Museum of Natural History).—KENNETH C. PARKES.