Researchers hope poop gender study gets to bottom of river otter questions

By Leaf McGowan

UNL Nancy Series

Researchers and women and gender studies faculty are teaming up to study part of the mysterious river otter. Otters are so difficult to trap and study, researchers in the School of Natural Resources as well as the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission have turned to an alternate means of studying—their feces.

The research effort has never been applied with river otters in Nebraska and it could be a very powerful tool for understanding these species, and Craig Allain, a professor in the Water and Wildlife Conservation and Wildlife Research Unit within the School of Natural Resources and primary investigator for the project. "We found nearly 300 poop pile access," Wilson said. "Each one was individually bagged and will be sent to an out-of-state laboratory for analy-

The cover art is from a poster by UNL-Andrill research project scientist and scientific illus-

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By Brett Hampton

IANR News Service

In a new publication showcasing the scope and diversity of research projects at UNL’s Agricultural Research Development Center near Mead, 2010 ARDC research highlights are being offered from 5 to 7:30 Nov. 1 in the Campus Recreation Center or East Campus Activities Center.

For more information, go to http://crec.unl.edu or call 472-3467. ARDC research highlights online

News briefs

OAHS hosts Day of the Dead event Nov. 2

The Omaha World-Herald is sponsoring, with complimentary admission, on Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the East Nebraska Union on the UNL campus.

New financial counseling available in November

Free one-on-one financial counseling sessions will be offered for faculty and staff in November. TIAA-CREF will offer sessions at the Vick Williams Center Library on Nov. 9 and 10 in the Nebraska Union (room posted) on Nov. 12 and 18. Sign up by calling 472-8253 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

LAP is farming group for women

The Employee Assistance program is offering a group for faculty and staff designed to help individuals in the area of personal wellness.

The group will provide participants with an opportunity to network with other women on campus, develop resources, and create a network of support with others who face similar issues. For more information, contact Lisa Holley at lholley@unl.edu or 472-0957.

Visitors guide available online

UNL Visitors Guide are available for campus departments to use with visitors. Perspectives include student, faculty, and for conference attendees. For more information, contact Kansas City at 816-474-5570.

Campus Rec offers CPR, AED training

The First Aid CPR, which is required to teach CPR, is $20 for students and $30 for non-students. Register online at http://crec.unl.edu or call 472-3467.

Discount offered on personal training options

Campus Recreation will offer a personal training sale from Nov. 2 - 15. Packages offered include PT starter and PT Starter Plus. Both packages include a complete fitness assessment, nutritional consultation and a one-hour workout with a personal trainer.

The PT Starter Plus package includes a testing metabolic rate for phase. Register at the Campus Rec East Center Campus Activities Building.

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UNL researches are using a novel approach to get to the poop of one of the nation’s most elusive species.

They want to learn more about rare otters, threatened nocturnal mammals that live along Nebraska’s rivers. Because of animals are so difficult to study, researchers in the School of Natural Resources as well as the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission have turned to an alternate means of studying—their feces.

The feces project, sponsored by OASIS, is 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 2 in the Nebraska Union.

The event is free and open to the public.

The goal of the event is to discuss the interaction of human and wildlife. The talk is the second event in the Fall 2009 Colloquium Series.

Women and Gender studies Lectures Oct. 29

The Women’s and Gender Studies program is hosting a lecture by Leslie Wolf at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Nebraska Union (room posted). The lecture, “Lifting as We Climb: The Feminist Revolution for Women’s Rights,” is free and open to the public.

Wolf will discuss the interaction of feminism and human rights movements.

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