



THE BUG'S BUZZ

Walt Goodman received word that **John Medler**, Professor Emeritus in Entomology, passed away July 4, 2006, in Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii at the age of 92. Dr. Medler began his career as a professor at the University of Wisconsin in 1946 which lasted until his retirement in 1979.

The 4th of July will have greater meaning for two faculty members in the future than just the usual backyard cookout and fireworks. Daughters of proud Dad's, **Rick Lindroth** and **Phil Pellitteri**, exchanged wedding vows the July 4th weekend. Congratulations are extended to Rick, Phil and their families!

Contrary to speculations of **Dr. Stanley Carlson's** demise, he was recently seen alive and well at Cub Foods.

Congratulations to **Ken Howard** (Jeanne lab) for recently receiving the EGSA Kinney Merit Award. Michele Price, Chair, EGSA Finance Committee, wishes to thank all for applying and to remember that during the upcoming fall semester there will be another call for applications.

Ashley Bennett (Gratton Lab) is the recipient of this year's Harry C. Coppel award based on excellent academic performance, research activity and involvement in the Department of Entomology. Way to go, Ashley!

Jeff Wyman, Emeritus Professor, Department of Entomology, along with Walt Stevenson, Department of Plant Pathology, and Dennis Zeloski, a vegetable farmer from Lake Mills, WI, were part of a USDA/UW-Madison team that made a short visit to Serbia from May 10-14, 2006, to identify issues related to the production and management of pests of vegetable crops grown in Serbia. They were able to establish important contacts with other ongoing projects and initiatives in Serbia as well as with representatives of agricultural cooperatives, agricultural extension offices, the pesticide industry and the vegetable seed industry. They developed a comprehensive plan that focuses on key needs identified by the Ministry and agricultural cooperatives that will assist the vegetable production industry and agricultural economy.

Recent Activities in R. Chris Williamson's Lab--

The eminent threat of the emerald ash borer (EAB) is becoming more likely, especially since it was most recently discovered less than forty miles from the Wisconsin state line in Kane County, Illinois (near St. Charles). Soon after it was first discovered in the Detroit, MI metropolitan area in 2002 June, I have been proactively providing extension programming (outreach) to my various constituents as it relates to the history, biology, importance/impact, as well as potential management strategies for this important, invasive insect pest that threatens our ash resources. In addition to this educational outreach effort, over the past two years (2005-06) my lab has been actively conducting visual EAB surveys in several Wisconsin counties. The focus of our survey effort has been aimed at "high-risk" areas including, but not limited to, industrial parks, commercial properties such as newly established strip malls and national restaurant and retail stores, public lands including libraries and hospitals, etc., as well as private and commercial firewood and pallet companies. For more information regarding EAB, visit the Department's website at www.entomology.wisc.edu/emeraldashborer.

Fall 2006-07 Entomology Courses Offered

201	Insect & Human Culture ...	Goodman
302	Introduction to Entomology	Young
321	Physiology of Insects	Lan
342	Insect Ecology	Lindroth
371	Medical Entomology	Paskewitz
570	Princ. of Insect Pest Suppression	Hogg/Mahr
701	Advanced Taxonomy: Coleoptera	Young
905	Career Opportunities in Entom.	Cullen
950	Interdisc. Seminar in Animal Behav.	Jeanne

Congratulations are extended to **Janet Deutsch** for receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management and Communication from Concordia University, Madison, WI, May 2006.

Blasts from the past —**Tom Burkot** (DeFoliart's Ph.D. student), Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, GA, stopped by the Department early July. **Ted Shapas** (Burkholder Ph.D. student) also stopped by the Department for a visit. Ted recently retired his V.P. position at Clorox.

2006 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Sheboygan County, July 11-13, 2006 was represented by the Department of Entomology's **Eileen Cullen, Dan Mahr, Phil Pellitteri** and **Chris Williamson**. Wisconsin Farm Technology Days is the state's largest outdoor agricultural show. The annual three-day event showcases the latest improvements in production agriculture, including practical applications of recent research findings and technological developments.

Que Lan, husband David, and two children, Crystal and Hunter, are preparing for their three-week venture to China beginning August 8. Lan will teach a one-week workshop at the Zoology Institute of the Chinese Academy of Science in Beijing, P.R. China, visit two additional universities for collaborative purposes and visit Grandpa and Grandma before returning to Madison, August 28.

The Hells Angels have nothing over on **Jim Butts!** He recently turned in his B-1 bomber for a Harley Davidson Hog. You can check it out in the Russell Labs parking ramp on a nice day when he climbs on his Hog, dons his helmet for the open ride from Fort Atkinson to work.



Phil's bug report--I am running over 150 samples ahead of last season and digital images now make up 1/3 of what I see. The warm winters continue to allow many insects to extend their range north. (I have said before, the Governor has moved us to Missouri.) I had a severe case of European Euonymus caterpillar (*Yponomeuta cagnaglla*) from Superior, Wisconsin. I have never seen this north of Wisconsin Dells before. Mild winters have given us lots of Chrysomlid leaf beetles, field ants (*Formica*) and a number of samples of Say's blister beetles. The Madison area has had lots of earwigs, Japanese beetles, and its share of Gypsy moths. Since the finding of emerald ash borer in Illinois, we have seen a lot of shiny green beetles (tiger beetles, blister beetles, scarabs) come into the lab. We have a new state record of cottony ash psyllid. Aside from all the human bed bugs, I have seen two cases of a species of Cimicid associated with chimney swifts which changes the focus of control—at least in the insect world not all bed bugs are created equal.

July Birthdays

Michele Price (Young)	-	July 1
John Dorshorst (Young)	-	July 6
Russell Groves (Faculty)	-	July 8
Erinn Powell (Raffa)	-	July 8
Min-Sik Kim (Lan)	-	July 11
James Butts (Office)	-	July 17
Zhishzeng Jiang (Lan)	-	July 18

August Birthdays

Heidi Kraiss (Cullen)	-	August 3
Andrew Bouwma (Shoemaker)	-	August 7
Peter Devries (Young)	-	August 14
Arne Thompson (German)	-	August 15
David Coyle (Raffa)	-	August 19
Daniel Young (Faculty)	-	August 22
Thomas German (Faculty)	-	August 23
Walter Goodman (Chair)	-	August 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!



(Please notify someone in the office if a birthday is inadvertently missed. Thank you.)