



THE BUG'S BUZZ

Mark Your Calendars – The next **Charles Chesley Doane Lecture Series** is scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2006, 184 Russell Labs (tentatively), 12:05pm. Dr. George Kennedy, William Neal Reynolds Professor of Agriculture, Department of Entomology, North Carolina State University, will be the invited speaker.

The Department of Entomology welcomes back a familiar face to the Department. **Dr. David Hogg** returns as Professor Hogg after serving as Interim Dean in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. A big welcome also goes out to **Dr. Russell Groves** as he begins his appointment as Vegetable Entomologist on September 1, 2006.

A departmental **student orientation to welcome new graduate students** in the Department of Entomology is being planned for Friday, September 8, 2006, 3-4pm and will be coordinated with the **first Bugs n' Suds** of the Fall Semester beginning at 4pm. New graduate students this term include: John Couture (Lindroth), Hannah Gaines (Gratton), Tony Hughes (Paskewitz), Patrick Irwin (Paskewitz) and Erinn Powell (Raffa).

Reminder of the **faculty and staff reception for the new CALS Dean, Molly Jahn**, September 14, 2006, 3-5pm, 125 Ag Hall. Please plan to attend if at all possible.

It took nearly two years of scrounging for parts, but **Stuart Baker** was finally able to test his homemade sailboard on Lake Mendota this Summer. He said there is a knack to staying on the board, but that he enjoyed the first effort.

The 2006 Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting will be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN, December 10-13, 2006. Reminder of the **October 11, 2006, early bird registration deadline!**

Lab Notes by Phil Pellitteri – Yes, it is true. I start praying for a good frost about this time of year. Late summer is the time for indoor invasions - strawberry root weevils, box elder bugs and crickets seem to be having a good year. Yellow jackets are not too bad and I think the multi-colored Asian lady beetle numbers will be similar or even lower than last year's "mild season." We had an interesting find in Chetek, WI. An eight year old was collecting odd things that were dug up when a well was dug on their property. One was an arrowhead but the other was a cloudy rock that appeared to be a mosquito in amber sample. After a couple emails with my lab, the family had a visit from Dr. Bruce Giebink (UW Entomology grad) who confirmed the unusual find for Wisconsin. As the family said, "Can you say Jurassic Park"!

David Coyle was recently awarded an EPA STAR (Science To Achieve Results) Fellowship to fund his PhD work. His proposal was entitled, *The effect of above and below ground herbivory by invasive weevils on forest dynamics: Effects on individual tree and forest community survival, growth, biomass and nutrient partition, and productivity*. This Fellowship provides \$111,516 over three years for a graduate stipend, tuition, and research expenses. Only 5-10% of all proposals receive funding. Congratulations, Dave! This Fellowship ensures that Dave will walk the Russell Labs hallways clad in purple Viking apparel every Monday following a Vikings' victory for at least the next three seasons. (He made me say this!!!) :)

Our **Fall 2006 Department Seminar** schedule is almost complete and it promises to be an exciting and stimulating series. Our first seminar of the semester will be on **Friday, September 15 (noon)** when we will be hosting Dr. Todd Wellnitz (UW-Eau Claire). Later this semester we will have seminars by some of our very own faculty, postdocs and students including Claudio Gratton, Jack Donaldson (Gratton Lab), Tim Meehan (Lindroth Lab), and Andrew Williams (Young Lab), colleagues across campus (Jason Harmon), and several out-of-town guests. Of course, don't forget our Doane/Wyman lecture (George Kennedy, North Carolina State) and the fall Madison Ecology Group (MEG) symposium with invited speaker, Dr. Terry Chapin (University of Alaska – Fairbanks). Be sure to mark your calendar for seminars Friday at noon, 150 Russell Labs, with refreshments after the seminar in the Entomology conference room. Exact dates and titles for each of the above speakers will be posted shortly. Please contact Claudio Gratton (gratton@entomology.wisc.edu) or Bob Jeanne (jeanne@entomology.wisc.edu) if you are interested in meeting with any of our guest speakers during their visits.

Que Lan and the family traveled to Beijing, China on August 8. Lan gave talks at the International Insect Science Symposium, organized by the Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences. Lan also gave talks at the Center for R&D of Fine Chemicals, Guizhou University, Guiyang, Guizhou; the Institute of Entomology, Huazhong Normal University, Wuhan, Hubei; and the Department of Plant Protection, South China Agricultural University, Gaungzhou, Guangdong. The family traveled through China from North to South by trains and used many transportation vehicles such as taxi, boat, bicycle and private cars. Yes, Chinese are allowed to have private cars and the gas was not cheap (about \$4-5/gallon). The changes in China were astonishing. Through the conversations with Chinese scientists in different institutions, it was clear that they urgently need technologies in biological control, IPM and GM plants. Lan read in a local newspaper that the peasants who were involved in field trials of GM rice would not eat the rice they harvested because of the fear of safety, mostly because they knew that other countries

refuse to import GM foods. Three weeks in China seemed to go very fast. Oh yes, we did eat the number 1,150,271,652 roast Beijing duck served by the Quanjude, established in 1864. How do we know? We got a Commemoration Card of Quanjude Roast Duck after the meal.

Claudio Gratton and **Jack Donaldson** recently returned from a research trip to northern Iceland (at about 66°N) where they were studying midge (Chironomidae) emergences and their role in linking lake and terrestrial ecosystems. Yes, it was cold and rainy, but they say it was well worth it!

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

September Birthdays

Krista Lambrecht (Young)	-	September 15
Paul Flanery (German)	-	September 17
Stuart Baker (Computer)	-	September 19
Melissa Yanek (Raffa)	-	September 20

October Birthdays

Jeff Lorch (Goodman)	-	October 1
Scott Chapman (Wyman)	-	October 3
Dan Mahr (Faculty)	-	October 4
Claudio Gratton (Faculty)	-	October 8
Que Lan (Faculty)	-	October 9
Adam Gusse (Lindroth)	-	October 16
Susan Paskewitz (Faculty)	-	October 22
Irina Vyazunova (Lan)	-	October 23
Jun Wang (Goodman)	-	October 25
Rachel Arango (Young)	-	October 31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

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