



THE BUG'S BUZZ

Partners in Giving—It's not how much you give but your participation that counts! Contributions will be accepted through November 30. It's not too late! Let's make it a 100% this year for the Department of Entomology.

The **2006 Entomological Society of America (ESA) Annual Meeting** in Indianapolis, IN, December 10-13, 2006, will serve as host to 17 Department of Entomology faculty, staff and graduate students.

Teaching—

New Offering Alert—Entomology 875 (Special Topics), Spring 2007, seminar-style class on "Multivariate Analysis in Landscape/Community Ecology" offered by Drs. C. Gratton (Entomology) and P. Townsend (Forest Ecology and Management), 2 cr., Tuesdays 2:30-4:30pm. Please email gratton@entomology.wisc.edu for more information.

Bob Jeanne has been named Chair of Biology 151-152, the primary introductory biology course for majors on campus. The course is team-taught; the five lecture sections employ about two dozen faculty and staff from across the campus. About 1,000 students take the two-semester sequence each year. One of the challenges is recruiting faculty to replace those who leave to go on sabbatical or take on other teaching responsibilities. Others include responding to the recommendations of the recent course review and revising the course administrative structure under the umbrella of the new Institute for Cross-College Biology Education (ICBE), which oversees the course. Bob reports one of the rewards is that he gets to work with a great group of creative people from across the spectrum of biology, many of them eager to experiment with innovative ways to help students learn. He says it's an exciting time to be involved in teaching introductory biology.

The **2006 Charles Chesley Doane Lecture Series**, sponsored by the Department of Entomology, was held on Friday, October 27, 2006. This year's invited speaker was Dr. George G. Kennedy, William Neal Reynolds Professor of Entomology, North Carolina State University. He presented an informal seminar on Thursday, October 26, which included a pizza luncheon. Friday's special seminar was preceded by a catered reception in the Russell Labs Lobby.



The **EGSA students** held their **annual Thanksgiving dinner**, Friday, November 17, 2006, in the Department of Entomology Conference Room beginning at 3pm. Two turkeys were donated with students, faculty and staff filling in with all the other Thanksgiving favorites. Reports were received that the smell of the roasting turkeys was permeating throughout the building and making many people very hungry!! A raffle drawing was held completing the festivities. Congratulations to lucky winners Irina Vyazunova, Steve Hong, Min-Sik Kim, Janet Deutsch, Susan Paskewitz, Ben Taylor, Matt Helmrick (undergrad in Lan's lab), Ben Werling and Tom Dettinger. The "big winners" were Matt who won the turkey and Ben who won the Wild Turkey. A big thank you to Melissa Yanek and Mike Hillstrom for organizing this year's event; Mike Hillstrom for cooking the turkeys and Dave Coyle, Irina Vyazunova and Leanne Vigue for carving them; Irina for also selling raffle tickets and everyone for their participation in another successful and delicious dinner!

Leanne Vigue Miranda (Lindroth's Lab) recently received the John Jefferson Davis Travel Award through the Zoology Department. The Award provides \$400 for travel. Leanne will apply this award for travel to the Gordon Research Conference on Plant-Insect Interactions, Ventura, CA, in February 2007. Congratulations, Leanne!

Claudio Gratton returned November 21, 2006, from a two-week trip to the United Kingdom (UK) visiting the lab of Dr. Guy Poppy at the University of Southampton. This is part of a grant sponsored by the Worldwide University Network (WUN) that Drs. Lindroth, Raffa and Gratton have to foster international exchanges. Visitors from other institutions will be coming to the UW-Madison in the Spring.

Recent Publications–

Claudio Gratton has a new manuscript out:
 Gratton, C. 2006. Interactions between a native silkmoth *Hemileuca* sp. and an invasive wetland plant, *Lythrum salicaria*. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* 99:1182-1190.

Congratulations to **Rick Lindroth** for his recent election to the rank of Advancing Science Serving Society (AAAS) Fellow. He is being honored for pioneering studies in the chemical ecology of plant-insect interactions elucidating how genetics and resource availability modulate plant defense responses. The honor of being elected a Fellow of AAAS began in 1874 and is acknowledged with a certificate and rosette. Both will be presented to him in San Francisco on Saturday, February 17, 2007, during the AAAS Fellows Forum, a part of the Association's Annual Meeting.

Chris Williamson reports that Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) educational information was recently displayed at the Star Cinema IMAX Theater in Fitchburg, WI, where the movie, *A Rainforest Adventure - Bugs 3-D* is featured. This Extension event provides an excellent opportunity to showcase EAB outreach materials to a broad range of people. It is estimated that over 4,500 people from and around the greater Madison area and elsewhere will be exposed to EAB information.

Phil Pellitteri, UW-Extension entomologist who runs the Department of Entomology's Insect Diagnostic Lab,

reached celebrity status in October when he was featured in the *Wisconsin State Journal's* "What I Do" column. Phil stated for the article that he processes up to 2,500 insect samples each year and "Yes, I like what I do!"

Did You Know 10 Years Ago–

Scott Chapman received the R. Keith Chapman scholarship for \$1,000 for work in vegetable crops!

Mary Domann was welcomed as the Department's new Financial Specialist.

Rick Lindroth was awarded a \$50,000 H. I. Romnes Faculty Fellowship.

November Birthdays

Michael Hillstrom (Lindroth)	-	November 1
Michael Madritch (Lindroth)	-	November 1
Daniel Marschalek (Young)	-	November 3
Helen Thompson (Office)	-	November 3
Tim Meehan (Lindroth)	-	November 5
Bryan Jensen (Extension)	-	November 6
Stuart Wooley (Lindroth)	-	November 9
Ashley Bennett (Gratton)	-	November 11
Jack Donaldson (Gratton)	-	November 18
Ken Howard (Jeanne)	-	November 22
Patrick Irwin (Paskewitz)	-	November 22
Ken Raffa (Faculty)	-	November 23
Laurie Gerber (Gratton)	-	November 27

December Birthdays

Nadine Kriska (Young)	-	December 7
Rick Lindroth (Faculty)	-	December 10
Craig Brabant (Young)	-	December 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

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