



THE BUG'S BUZZ

Susan Paskewitz was recently appointed a Vilas Associate. This highly competitive program recognizes excellence in research on the UW campus and provides \$12,500 in flexible research funding each year for the next 2 fiscal years.

Susan Paskewitz visited the Department of Entomology at University of Illinois-Urbana on January 30 and 31. She presented a talk entitled "Mosquito proteins affecting malaria parasite development" and met with many people in the department. They mentioned that their next hire may be someone in the area of insect genomics as applied to host/parasite interactions (*hint for graduate students*).

CALS is moving forward on Accelerating Internationalization, a major goal for the University. Issues include improving access to Study Abroad, rewarding and promoting faculty and staff achievements in international programs, and facilitating the establishment of linkages with other countries both for education and for research. The Department has established a working group to address these issues for Entomology. The working group includes Claudio Gratton, Bob Jeanne and Susan Paskewitz. Susan serves as liaison to the CALS Internationalization Committee. If you

have ideas or suggestions, we would welcome hearing about them. Finally, a question to ponder: Is there an entomology department in another country that could serve as a sister department?

Que Lan has been asked to consult for S.C. Johnson. Maybe we can get some extra "Off" for this summer.

Walt Goodman spent a few days in Orlando at the North Central Chairs meeting. It's really tough as a chair, eh?

Winifred Doane, whose family has given the department generous funding to hold the annual Doane Lectures, was recently hit by a city bus in Phoenix. We wish her well in her recovery.

DeWayne Shoemaker reports fishing is great in Florida and that the kids love their school but "definitely don't rule out the possibility that I'll be returning in a year."

Congratulations to Archana Vasanthakumar, Research Associate (Raffa lab), and her husband, Manu Varma, on the birth of a son, Prithviraj Varma, born January 20.

Jeff Wyman reports that retirement is great, however, he doesn't seem to have any more time to himself yet!

Congratulations to **Colin Arnett** and **Kyle Johnson**, the 2006 Schaefer Undergraduate Award Winners!

Rick Lindroth is chairing the upcoming 2007 Gordon Conference on Plant-Herbivore Interactions in Ventura, CA, February 18-23, 2007. Congratulations Rick!! This is a real feather in the cap. Rick has also learned that the DOE will fund his research proposal on *Impacts of Elevated CO₂ and O₃ on insect-mediated ecosystem processes in a northern deciduous forest*, 2006-09.

Eileen Cullen was just awarded a large USDA NCR IPM grant. High-fives on this, Eileen.

Facts and Figures

The front desk gets all kinds of interesting facts and figures about the department.

1. Ten Department of Entomology colleagues attended the rescheduled 2005 Entomological Society of America Conference held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, December 15-18, 2006, at a total cost of ~\$11,900.
2. The faculty published 52 papers last year or an average of 4 papers per faculty member. Keep up the good work!
3. Extension members of the department gave talks to better than 13,000 people last year !!!!
4. Phil Pelletteri's website on insect identification recorded more than 3.7 hits.