



## THE BUG'S BUZZ

**Great News!!!** Dave Hogg will be returning to the Department of Entomology August 1. Before serving as the Interim Dean, Dave served as Executive Associate Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Welcome back, Dave!

**Bugs n' Suds Visitor**—Henry Hagedorn, University of Arizona and former UW alum, has retired and returned to the Madison area. He brings with him to the University of Wisconsin an electronic version of the *Journal of Insect Science* which will, in part, be supported by UW-Madison.

**March trivia answer:** *J. G. Saunders* was appointed by Harry Russell in 1909 as the 1<sup>st</sup> Chair of the Department of Entomology. There is no winner to announce but stay tuned for future trivia – the water bottle may still be up for grabs!!!

Dr. Craig Marcus, **a face from the past**, recently paid a short visit to the Department. Dr. Marcus is currently an Associate Professor of Toxicology at the University of New Mexico; Adjunct Associate Professor of Biochemistry; and Chair, College of Pharmacy Pharmaceutical Sciences Division. He received his education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison from a BS in Biochemistry in 1975 to a PhD in 1981 under the guidance of Professor E. Paul Lichtenstein.

**Three known participants** of the more than 13,305 that took part in the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Crazylegs Classic, Saturday, April 29, 2006, were Entomology's very own Jim Butts (office), Mike Hillstrom (Lindroth lab) and Rachel Arango (Young lab). This year the "Bugs" stomped the "Pathogens"!

**Phil's Bug Report** -- "It's biting season in the lab! Things are really warming up in the lab and these critters bite. Had four human bed bug samples, a squirrel flea, a number of blackfly calls from around the state, five deer ticks, two soft ticks (Argasids) but the best one was the kissing bug picture. Someone was on vacation in Central America, woke up in the morning and stepped on an insect that squirted blood. They are now concerned about their child and Chagas disease. The problem is the disease can have few initial symptoms and a 20 year delay in the development of chronic problems. That was almost as unexpected as the mole cricket from Iraq."

*Two roaches were munching on garbage in an alley. "I was in that new restaurant across the street," said one. "It's so clean! The kitchen is spotless, the floors are gleaming white. It's so sanitary the whole place shines." "Please," said the other roach, frowning. "Not while I'm eating!"*

**Thank you** to all the Spring 2005-2006 Entomology Seminar Speakers and to Dr. Eileen Cullen and Dr. Thomas German for coordinating this effort. The upcoming Fall schedule will be coordinated by Dr. Claudio Gratton and Dr. Robert Jeanne. We appreciate *everyone* involved in making these seminars a successful experience.

**A Heads Up From the Chair** – The Department of Entomology will be "*under review*" by the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) within the next year so you might want to begin cleaning up your labs!!

**Mike Wagner**, a PhD student of Dan Benjamin in the late 1970's and a Professor at Northern Arizona University for the past 25 years, paid a recent visit to Dr. Ken Raffa and the Department.

**Tony Hughes** will come aboard this Summer as a MS student under Susan Paskewitz as part of the Naval Medical Entomology program. **Krista Lambrecht** will be reentering the Entomology Department as a graduate student this Fall Semester to complete her MS degree under Dr. Dan Young. Welcome Tony and Krista!

Despite the somewhat inclement weather, the **FINAL Bugs n' Suds** picnic outing was a big success. An estimated 50 people attended from retired professors to faculty, staff and children. A big thank you to everyone who attended, brought food/drinks to share and helped set up/tear down. Special thanks to Dave Coyle and Mike Hillstrom for coordinating the event. Note – Bugs n' Suds will commence again with the start of the Fall Semester.



Goodbye to **Yasmin Cardoza** (Raffa Lab) and **Andy Bouwma** (Shoemaker Lab) as they and their families venture to Gainesville, Florida where both Yasmin and Andy will be employed by the USDA, the current home of Dr. DeWayne Shoemaker who is on a Leave of Absence from the Department of Entomology, UW-Madison.

**Alex Kendrick** (Raffa Lab) recently received his MS degree and will be staying on come Fall Semester for his PhD degree.

**Phil Pellitteri** recently spent a week vacationing in Florida. He did some fishing...caught his first Sting Ray in shark infested waters and he's back to talk about it!!! Whew!

**Dr. Ken Raffa** recently attended the North American Forest Insect Work Conference, Asheville, NC.

**Dr. Walt Goodman, Dr. Que Lan and Dr. Susan Paskewitz** attended the recent 5<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Molecular Insect Science, Tucson, Arizona, from May 20-25, 2006.

**April Birthdays**

- Nichole Broderick (Raffa) - April 1
- Eileen Cullen - April 19
- Olga Andreeva (Paskewitz) - April 24
- Janet Deutsch (IT) - April 30

**May Birthdays**

- Emily Mueller (Gratton) - May 3
- Mary Domann (Office) - May 10
- Celia Boone (Raffa) - May 30

**June Birthdays**

- Eric Caldera (Shoemaker) - June 7
- Andrew Williams - June 16
- Chris Williamson - June 25

**July Birthdays**

- Michele Price - July 1
- John Dorshorst (Young) - July 6
- Russell Groves - July 8
- Min-Sik Kim (Lan) - July 11
- James Butts - July 17
- Zhisheng Jiang (Lan) - July 18

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!**

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