



# The *facet*

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If you would like to contribute, please submit items by Friday of the second week to *The facet* mailbox.

## From Editors Desk...

*Dream comes true* ... that's how we express our feeling with the first issue of the Entomology Club newsletter. We've been trying to put information together that fits and related to insects (including plant protection) to be published in this issue. And here they are!!

### Why *The facet*?

This name is taken from 'faceted compound eyes', one of the primary visual organs of insects. With their eyes, some insects can distinguish colors, some are able to analyze polarized light ... just to mention some of their functions. We hope to be like it, to be able to visualize any aspects of entomology and bring the latest entomology news to our 'community'.

You are part of this newsletter, so we welcome any input, suggestions and criticisms you may offer to improve *The facet*. Hope you enjoy this first issue.

## Club Events

### School Days on the Farm

School Days on the Farm 2001 was a great success. We had displays of insect collections and posters at the Mississippi Agriculture Center. The children really enjoyed seeing the insects and learning about entomology. Thanks to the many entomology graduate students who volunteered (Scott Akin, Jennifer Murray, John Long, Clint Allen, Christian Stephenson, Mario Carrillo, Jim Garrett, Amber Kelley, Judy Liu, and Sandra Woolfolk) despite their busy schedules.

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## 2001 Entomology Club Officers

During the first Entomology Club meeting of this year, we elected new officers for the year 2001:

**President** – Scott Akin

**Vice President** – Jennifer Murray

**Secretary** – Amber Kelley

**Treasurer** – Clint Allen

Thanks to the 2000 officers (Beverly Smith, president; Scott Akin, vice president; Greg Flint, secretary; Clint Allen, treasurer) for their hard work. Thanks also to those who are still willing to serve this year. And last but not least ... congratulations to the new officers!!!

### Spring 2001 Seminar Schedule:

**April 27** - Mario Carillo (Comparison of insect populations and pest management strategies in traditional and improved sorghum and maize production systems in foothill and coastal plain fields in Southern Honduras)

**May 4** - Clint Allen (Influence of Bt corn (Event 810) on lepidopteran pests in field and laboratory trials)

### Future Events:

- Entomology Club cook-out, Dorman Lake, Saturday, May 19
- 4-H Entomology Camp 2001 at Holmes State Park, June 2-5, Volunteers Needed for Insect Olympics and Collecting Games

## Registration Schedule:

### Summer registration:

Telephone & web April 3 – May 10

#### 5-week terms:

Schedule changes May 29 – June 1; July 2-6

Last day of registration,  
adding or dropping June 1; July 6

#### 10-week term:

Schedule changes May 29 – June 6

Last day of registration,  
adding or dropping June 6

### Fall registration:

Telephone & web April 3 – July 10

Schedule changes May 29 – August 31

Final registration August 16-17

Last day of registration,  
adding or dropping August 31

## Final Exam Schedule:

For those of you who are taking classes, final examination days will be on May 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9.

## Things to think about...

- Entomology Collecting Seminar for Girl Scouts – June 16, 2001 (Start collecting insects for them now!)
- 2001 T-shirt designs
- Entomology Department Logo
- Donating insect specimens to the Noxubee Refuge Education Facility

## CONGRATULATIONS ...

To Dr. Allen C. Cohen of Biological Control and Mass Rearing Research Unit, USDA-ARS, for the Federal Laboratory Consortium Award for Outstanding Technology Transfer success in artificial diet and rearing technology. He will receive this award on May 1, 2001 at Burlington, VT.

To Mario Carrillo, Beverly Smith, and Sandra Woolfolk who have recently been inducted to the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta, Mississippi State University Chapter. Keep up the good work!!

To the following recipients of the Annual Service Recognition Award, pins are awarded to ...

Sherry Parker	5 years
John Long	5 years
Chris Jackson	10 years
Amanda Lawrence	15 years
Dr. Gary Lawrence	15 years
Dr. Richard Brown	20 years
Ruth Morgan	35 years

## Club Events

### Faculty / Staff Dinner:

We would like to thank Dr. Mike Caprio for the use of his home for the 2001 Faculty / Staff dinner. We hope everyone had a good time and enough to eat. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a great success. Special thanks goes to Angus Catchot and Monsanto for their support.

### Taxonomy Collecting Trip to Week's Bay Estuary in Gulf Shores, AL

Dr. Richard Brown's 2001 Taxonomy class searched high and low for insects (Sand dunes at Bon Secour and a Pitcher Plant Bog). The sunshine was plentiful, but the insects were not!! Even though, the trip was considered a 'bonding' experience.



## Insects In Poem

### To An Insect

By Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)

I love to hear thine earnest voice,  
Wherever thou art hid,  
Thou testy little dogmatist,  
Thou pretty Katydid!  
Thou mindest me of gentlefolks,  
Old gentlefolks are they,  
Thou say'st an undisputed thing  
In such a solemn way.

Thou art a female Katydid!  
I know it by the trill  
That quivers through thy piercing notes,  
So petulant and shrill;  
I think there is a knot of you  
Beneath the hollow tree,  
A knot of spinster Katydids,  
Do Katydids drink tea?

Oh tell me where did Katy live,  
And what did Katy do?  
And was she very fair and young,  
And yet so wicked, too?  
Did Katy love a naughty man,  
Or kiss more cheeks than one?  
I warrant Katy did no more  
Than many a Kate has done.

Dear me! I'll tell you all about  
My fuss with little Jane,  
And Ann, with whom I used to walk  
So often down the lane,  
And all that tore their locks of black,  
Or wet their eyes of blue,  
Pray tell me, sweetest Katydid,  
What did poor Katy do?

Ah no! The living oak shall crash,  
That stood for ages still,  
The rock shall rend its mossy base  
And thunder down the hill,  
Before the little Katydid  
Shall add one word, to tell  
The mystic story of the maid  
Whose name she knows well.

Peace to the ever-murmuring race!  
And when the latest one  
Shall fold in death her feeble wings  
Beneath the autumn sun,  
Then shall she raise her fainting voice,  
And lift her drooping lid,  
And then the child of future years  
Shall hear what Katy did.

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