

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...

Having studied at other entomology departments has helped us (at least one of us) to learn not only about the different aspects entomology but also the many positive things the departments offers. That's how the idea of having a club newsletter came about.

After struggling with our busy research schedules this summer season, finally we are able to bring this second issue to you, which should have been in your hands by the end of May. Do not miss *the important notes from the department head, Dr. Clarence Collison* on page 2.

We encourage everyone (faculty, staff, and/or graduate students of EPP and Gast Lab) to contribute or give bright ideas to make this newsletter more 'tasty'. Finally, enjoy this issue!

CLUB EVENTS

Entomology Club Cookout

After a stressful (oops, I meant to say educational) Spring semester, the club members and their families had a relaxing get together at Dorman Lake. We enjoyed crawfish from Brewski's and had fun in the sun playing badmitton. We missed the members who were not able to attend.

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FUTURE EVENTS

- 4-H Entomology Camp 2001 at Holmes State Park, June 2-5, Volunteers Needed for Insect Olympics and Collecting Games (details in the next issue).

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2001

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

2001 Entomological Society of America (ESA) Annual Meeting: Reminders

Call for papers & posters

For those of you who plan to attend this annual meeting, here is the deadline for submission:
June 26, Midnight EST – Submission deadline for regular 10-minute oral presentation and student competition 10-minute papers and posters.
July 24, Midnight EST – Submission deadline for regular poster presentation.

Call for student volunteers

Student volunteers needed by the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) to assist with setup and operation of the meeting. Volunteers who are a member at the time of the meeting will receive *complimentary registration and special function tickets* in exchange for 6 hours of volunteer time. Please contact Wayne Gardner (wgardne@gaes.griffin.peachnet.edu) for more information.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Undoubtedly you have heard a great deal about the budget cuts that the university has had to make due to the recent economic downturn. I can assure you that this is occurring throughout most of the southeastern United States and entomology/plant pathology departments in our region are facing similar budget reductions. As a department our current budget has been reduced by \$489,587, which will significantly impact our departmental operating dollars. All vacant positions have been frozen for the time being. We have protected all graduate student assistantships and plan to honor our commitments to you. We need your help, however, in finding ways to conserve energy and reduce spending where possible. If you see any areas where money can be saved without negatively impacting departmental operations or your research program, please bring it to our attention. Administration has asked departments to plan only those travel activities that are essential for conducting departmental business. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this difficult time.

I certainly want to encourage all of our graduate students to consider joining their respective professional societies and to be active in their meetings and activities, as time and resources allow. We have recently received membership packets from the Entomological Society of America. If any entomologists and entomology graduate students are not members of ESA, please stop by the front office and pick up a packet and consider joining.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT...

- 2001 T-shirt designs
- Entomology Department Logo
- Clint Allen, the current treasurer of the Entomology Club, is leaving. We need to elect a new treasurer for the club

CONGRATULATIONS ...

To Terry Schiefer who received the CALS Research Support Staff Award at the MSU Research Awards Banquet on April 26, 2001. This award is sponsored by the Offices of the Vice President for Research and the Vice President for Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine.

To Juliet Tang and David Cross who were united in marriage on April 28, 2001. We wish you both a lifetime of happiness together.

Whose birthdays' this month ...



Chris Daves	3
Richard Kuklinski	5
Gay McCain	8
Jennifer Murray	10
Dr. Evan Nebeker	10
Mario Carrillo	13
Terry Schiefer	14
Dr. Vernon Ammon	15
Sandra Smith	19
Chris Jackson	26
Fanrong Zeng	28



Happy belated birthday
to all of you!!!

CLUB EVENTS

"Mississippi Day" at Ward Elementary School

Scott Akin and Christian Stephenson volunteered on May 11 at this school event. They talked to the children about insects in general and insects in Mississippi.

Insects Donation to Noxubee Conservation Center

Entomology Club donated two insect boxes to Noxubee Conservation Center. Scott Akin indicated that the club will assist the director with putting together insect display for the school children.

You may want to visit their website:

<http://www2.msstate.edu/~goodman/noxubee/index.html>

New face at Clay Lyle

Have you seen him around

Clay Lyle lately? Dorgelis Villaroel (call him Dorgelis) is not new to our department.



His office was at Dorman Hall when he worked on his MS in

plant pathology under supervision

of Dr. Richard Baird. Besides a MS that he will obtain by the end of 2001, he also has a BS and MS in agronomy

(Texas A&M and Oklahoma State University, respectively) and a Ph.D. in plant breeding (Mississippi State University).

While finishing his thesis, he is working as a postdoc with Dr. Scott Stewart on 'remote-sensing based agricultural system characterization and management with an interdisciplinary team approach'. Welcome to Clay Lyle, Dorgelis!

Say bye ... ☹️☹️☹️

Joel Smith and Clint Allen are finishing up. We'd like to thank them for their contribution to the club (Joel was the 1999 President and Clint was the 1999-2001 Treasurer). They had played important roles that keep the club alive. We wish you both all the best for your future.

Insect Jokes

What makes a glow worm glow?
A light meal

What is life like for a wood worm?
Boring!

What is the most religious insect?
A mosque-ito!

What is the most faithful insect?
A flea, once they find something, they
like to stick to them

What does a bee get at McDonalds?
A humburger

Where do ants go for their holidays?
Frants!

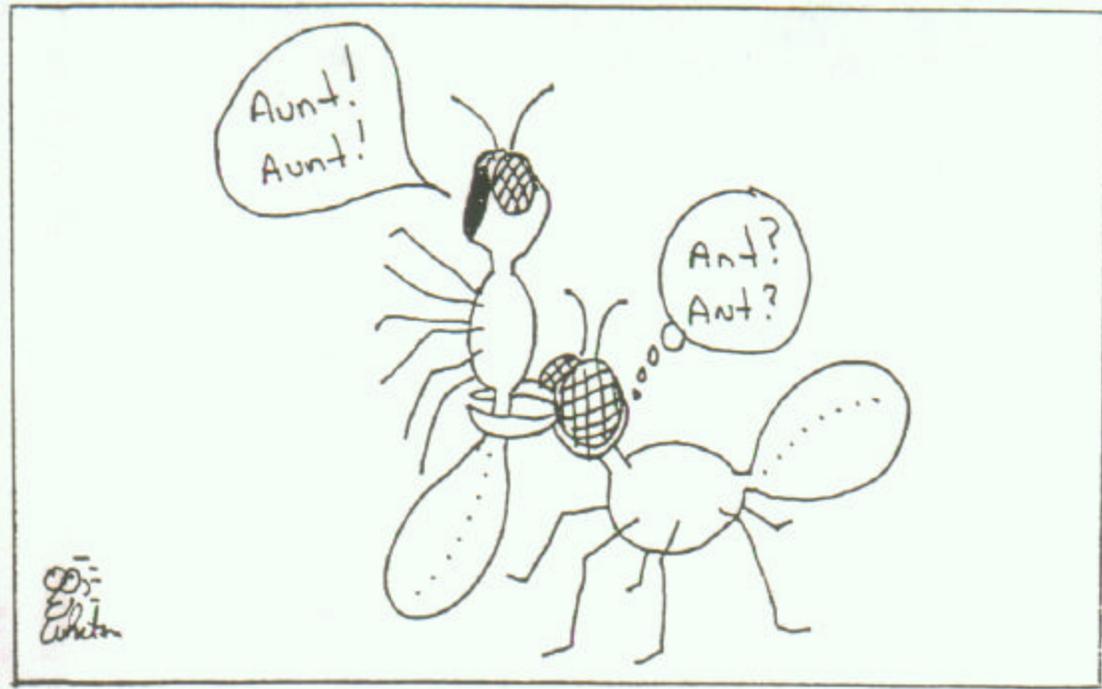
What is smaller than an ant's dinner?
An ant's mouth

Where would you put an injured insect?
In an ant-balance!

What is the insect's favorite game?
Cricket

Who is the bees favorite pop group?
The bee gees!

Why do bees buzz?
Because they can't whistle!



Ants are tenacious and will fight to the death. Some scientists believe this is because they are all females and have no word for 'uncle'.

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