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HEXAPOD HERALD

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MISCELLANEOUS

Happy Birthday to:

Sridhar Raichur	May	12
Nancy Witters		14
John Uscian		14

Summer working hours begin May 14.
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Graduate Student **Xiaolong Zhu** and his wife, Minghua Liu, participated in the 4th Annual International Bazaar held in the East Union on March 7 and 8. Their photo appeared in the April Issue of "International Affairs".

Congratulations to **Krista Golden** and **Tom Weissling** on being initiated as Associate Members of Sigma Xi. Also, **Marion Ellis** and **Dr. David Stanley-Samuelson** were elected to full membership and **Bob Peterson** was promoted to full membership.

As recipient of the Outstanding Young Scientist Award, **Dr. Bob Wright** gave the Sigma Xi address. He spoke on "Biological Control of Insects using Nematodes."

Thank you to **Bob Davis** and his wife for hosting the Bruner Club picnic Saturday, April 28. A great time was had by all.

Great job on the new display of Linnaean Games Award plaques by the graduate students and especially **Tom Weissling** and **Bob Peterson**.

A copy of the Directory for Center for Biotechnology is available in Dr. Foster's office. The Directory contains general information on grants and funding.

VISITING INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR

Dr. Jaime Castillo, Universidad Nacional Agraria, Department of Plant Pathology, La Molina, Peru, presented a seminar on "Insect Vector/Virus Relationship of MCMV/CLN in Peru". Dr. Castillo visited scientists at UNL in the Departments of Entomology and Plant Pathology

TRAVELING OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Gus Thomas traveled to Washington, D. C., April 9-12 for the first National Research Leader's Meeting. He presented an invitational talk entitled "Modeling and Simulation."

Dr. Gus Thomas traveled April 23-25 to New Orleans, Louisiana, to attend the organizing committee meeting of the "Insect Resistance Action Committee (IRAC) for Arthropods of Veterinary Importance in the United States."

Dr. Jim Petersen traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, April 18-19 and co-hosted a Livestock Insects Biocontrol Coordinating Committee workshop on the implementation of parasites in the control of filth flies associated with poultry and confinement cattle.

A BIT OF HISTORY

The early Welsh language contained words without vowels. One such word was **bwg**, referring to a ghost or evil spirit that flew from here to there around the countryside. When the English borrowed the word, they changed it to **"bug"**. In time the word became associated with insects, probably because like ghosts, tiny insects often buzzed by without being seen.

In the sixteenth century many varieties of bugs were known and most of them were harmful. The wheat bug damaged crops, the bed bug plagued people and the field bug pestered livestock. One bug however was apparently harmless. It usually arrived in June and was identified by its loud humming sound, and thus was called the June bug or hum bug.

The big insect's sound was much like that of the bumblebee, and the approaching sound frightened people, causing them to turn away until they could recognize it as a harmless hum bug. As a result the hum bug was branded as a trickster and cheat. The name was eventually passed on to people who deceived one another. By 1750 any bluffing imposter was called a humbug.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 4

John Uscian, Graduate Student

Seminar Title: Mate Guarding in Two Linyphia Species (Araneae: Linyphiidae)

3:00 p.m. East Campus Union

Saturday, May 5

Beekeeping Field Day

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more details, see **Dr. Fred Baxendale**

Monday, May 7

Finals Week through May 11

Tuesday, May 8

UNOPA Luncheon

11:45 a.m. Nebraska Union

Friday, May 11

Faculty Meeting

10:30 a.m. Conference Room

GRANTS

Dr. Fred Baxendale ... Extension Research ... \$90. (Hoegemeyer Hybrids Inc.)

Dr. Steve Danielson ... Ecology and Management of Legume Insects ... \$25. (KWBE AM 1450)

Dr. Shripat Kamble ... Cockroach Research ... \$4,000. (FMC Corporation)

Dr. Shripat Kamble ... Participation in Natl Ag Pesticide Impact Assess ... \$14,787. (Dept of Agric-CSRS-NAPIAP)

Dr. Leon Higley ... National Investigation of Soybean Stress from Defoliating Pests: Northern Region... \$128,787. (Dept of Agric-CSRS)

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra."

PUBLICATIONS

New or revised publications:

A Guide for the Control of Flies in Feedlots (revised) Jack Campbell (Extension Circular)

Probing and Feeding Behavior of Sitobion Avenae (F.) (Hom., Aphididae) on Three Wheat Cultivars Infected With Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus by John Foster, A. Fereres, R.H. Shukle, and J.E. Araya (Purdue University) Journal of Applied Entomology

A Historical Perspective for the Establishment of Research Goals for Wheat Improvement by John Foster, F.L. Patterson, G.E. Shaner, and H.W. Ohm (Purdue University) Journal of Production Agriculture.

"The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one does."