

# Mealworms: It's what's for dinner ...

## In the entomology club,

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Ingredients for a quick snack — entomologist style: "In one large bowl combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and dry milk powder. Mix with egg, butter and vanilla. Sprinkle liberally with crickets or other small insects of choice. Bake and contribute to strangers."

The idea of cricket cookies may put a chill in some people's bonnets, but not the members of the Undergraduate Entomology Club. For Whoopstock the members decided to give out a little more than information at their booth.

Leon Andes, a sophomore outdoor education major, stopped at the club's booth when their sign caught his eye — a sign for "bug food."

"They had mealworm dip for crackers, grasshopper chocolate chip cookies and brownies with grasshoppers," Andes said. "At first it looked like a regular cookie, but when I turned it over I could see their heads and legs and little chopped up pieces."

Despite the initial shock of seeing bugs in his food, Andes decided to give it a taste.

"I just did it without thinking about it. It was a little unnerving though when I heard it crunch," Andes said. "It tasted like a normal cookie, but with an extra taste in there. It wasn't quite as good as a normal cookie, but it could have just been all normal. It was okay, I just wouldn't go order a

bunch or anything."

Leann Casper, the club's president and a junior entomology major, said the main purpose of the Whoopstock booth was to promote the entomology department.

"A lot of times nobody knows [Texas A&M] has an entomology department, or even what entomology is," Casper said.

The club decided that giving out the "bug food" would be a good way to get people's attention at Whoopstock.

"Before we made the food we had about a hundred meal worms and a hundred crickets to de-head and de-wing," Casper said. "We ordered all the specimens from a place in California, it was all sanitary. It's not like we just dug them up."

The unique snacks made quite an impression on the booth patrons.

"Some people were grossed out, but a lot of others thought it was neat. People came up with their friends and dared each other to eat it," Casper said. "In other countries it's common for people to eat insects, so I think we fit in very well with Whoopstock's international focus."

Stephanie Obst, the club's outgoing president and a senior entomology major, said the club is a great outlet for promoting outside contacts and inside relationships.

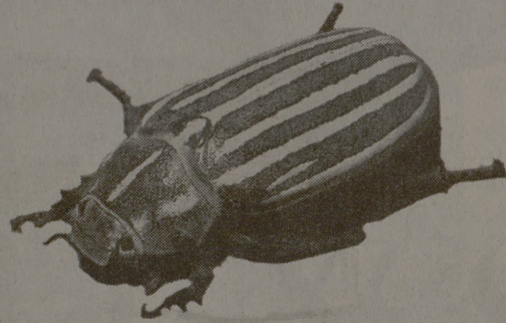
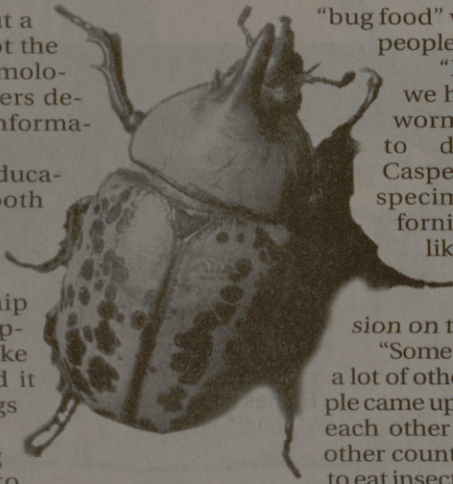
"We have a barbecue each fall semester to help orient the students and professors. We also



## insects make for great snacks

had our first annual chili cook-off, and everyone in the department was invited. It's a good way to meet each other outside of the class-

room," Obst said. "We even have students who go into local schools and show live insects to kids and answer their questions."

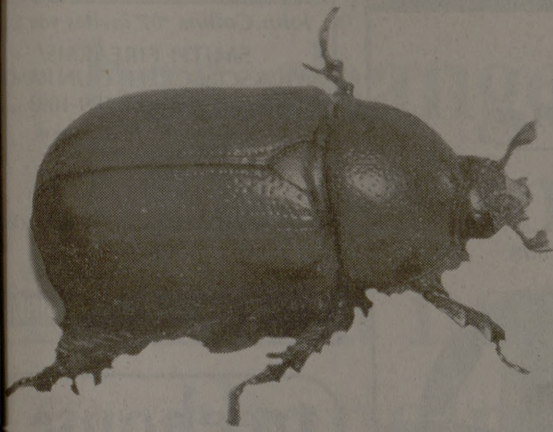


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Dwij Trivedi, a management information systems graduate student, looks at the insect collections in the Entomology building.



Pictured:

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