

**WFCB NEWS 2007-2008**



**Donor Peter Stent (center), shares a vision for the waterfowl research and teaching of John Eadie (left). Thanks to Stent and other donors, Eadie is training graduates like Shaun Oldenburger (right) to make a difference.**

**The real product of this isn't just research, It's the next generation." John Eadie, Professor and holder of the Dennis G. Raveling Endowed Professorship in Waterfowl Biology. To read more, [click here](#).**



**Recipient of the 2008 Ralph W. Schrieber Conservation Award**

**Dr. Anderson received this award from the American Ornithologists Union, "for extraordinary contributions to the conservation of birds around the world". This award was presented at the AOU 125th Meeting on August 8, 2008 in Portland, Oregon. To read more, [click here](#).**



**Award of Excellence from the Physiology Section of the American Fisheries Society**

**Dr. Cech received this award "in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of Fish Physiology." This award was presented at the biennial meeting of the International Congress on the Biology of Fish on July 28, 2008, in Portland Oregon. Cech also presented one of the plenary talks at this meeting and was honored with a symposium entitled "A Tribute to Joe Cech, Jr.," which included many of Cech's former Ph.D. graduates from UC Davis and former research colleagues from the USA and Canada, as speakers.**

**Volunteers Help Ducks in Yolo: An effort in Yolo County aims to help the wood duck population recover. See UCD graduate student Kevin Ringelman who manages the project in video at [KCRA channel 3](#).**

**Senior environmental biology and management major Denise De Carion is an undergraduate research assistant working in the lab of Professor Peter Moyle had a**

write up in The California Aggie addressing the Marsh Project. The heading reads, "A day in the life with...." click [here](#) to read the article.



**2008 Outstanding Mentor**

**Dr. Debbie Elliott-Fisk was nominated by her students and colleagues for an Outstanding Mentor Award from the Consortium for Women and Research. These awards are designed to honor faculty who have engaged in sustained and successful mentoring of women at UCD, and, in their letters of support, those who nominated her described the positive impact she had on their research and teaching in moving detail. The Consortium Board agrees that Dr. Elliott-Fisk's efforts deserve special recognition and is very pleased to offer her one of the three 2008 Outstanding Mentor Awards. Campus reception for Dr. Elliott-Fisk and the other awardees will be on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 21st from 4-6 p.m. in the University Club. Congratulations!**



### **2007 Harry R. Painton Award**

**U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) scientist Josh Ackerman, a research wildlife biologist stationed at the Davis Field Station of the USGS Western Ecological Research Center, and his coauthors John Eadie and Tom Moore of the University of California, Davis, are recipients of the Harry R. Painton Award for 2007 from the Cooper Ornithological Society for the best publication over the past 4 years in its journal *The Condor*. Ackerman and his collaborators investigated the risk-taking behavior and life-history characteristics of dabbling ducks by measuring their approach behavior during the waterfowl-hunting season. They found that species characterized by a "slow" life-history strategy (for example, northern pintails and mallards, which are less fecund but longer lived) were more risk averse than species with a "fast" life-history strategy (for example, cinnamon teal and green-winged teal, which are more fecund but shorter lived). Their results indicate that life history influences the risk-taking behavior of dabbling ducks and provides an explanation for the differential vulnerability of waterfowl to harvest. The award announcement appears in *The Condor* (v. 109, p. 991-994).**

**The citation of the award-winning article is: Ackerman, J.T., Eadie, J.M., and Moore, T.G., 2006, Does life history predict risk-taking behavior of wintering dabbling ducks?: *Condor*, v. 108, p. 530-546**



**2007 Award of Excellence**

**At the Annual Meeting in San Francisco on September 2-6, 2007. Dr. Moyle received the Award of Excellence for original and outstanding contributions to fisheries science and aquatic biology.**

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