

## **Since the Last Annual Report**

This year's Annual Report is dedicated to Raymond Paynter and Myhron Tate, two Kent Island legends who died in 2003 after long and rich lives. Ray Paynter ('47) directed the Bowdoin Scientific Station from 1946 to 1948, resuscitating a field station and program that had been virtually abandoned during the second World War. His seminal studies of the demography of Tree Swallows and Herring Gulls on Kent Island continue to be cited to this day (see "Publications of the Bowdoin Scientific Station"). Ray's towering achievement, however, was introducing Chuck Huntington to the island in late D

refused to tend the weir any more once he'd  
made \$1000, even if the fis

University of California-Davis professor Gaby Nevitt and her two post-docs, Alexis Blackmer and Rick Van Buskirk (plus two of Gaby's nieces), were on Kent Island in various combinations from mid-July until early September, during which they performed experiments on the development of olfactory capabilities in storm-petrels. Specifically, they were interested in whether chicks imprint on odors during the incubation period. They painted about 100 eggs with t



Andy Didyk (University of New Brunswick-Moncton), Al Canaris, and Mike Kinsella (University of Texas-El Paso) spent several days in August collecting Spotted Sandpipers and Ruddy Turnstones as part of a comparative study of helminths (parasitic worms) and feather lice in eastern and western populations of migratory shorebirds.

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that Bob Mauck presented to Genie and me on the  
occasion of my Tm (ni) Tj 12 0 0 32 Tm (c) Tj 12 0 0 i



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