

## Mulholland Endowment

We are honored and excited that EEB is home to the new Dr. Patrick J. Mulholland Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Environmental Sciences! Pat Mulholland joined the Environmental Sciences Division (ESD) of Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) as a Research Associate in 1979 and rose to Distinguished Research Staff Member during his 33 years there. Pat studied stream ecosystems; he was best-known for his long-term research on the Walker Branch Watershed on the Oak Ridge Reservation. Pat's work influenced policy discussions of acid precipitation, nitrogen deposition effects, and climatic variability and change.

Pat was an active adjunct faculty member in UT's Graduate Program in Ecology, and subsequently EEB, since 1988. He men-

tored numerous postdoctoral research associates and graduate students. Pat was a strong advocate for early-career scientists and UT-ORNL collaborations.

In honor of Pat's enduring scientific legacy, this endowment will support a postdoc in conducting collaborative research in ecology or environmental sciences, focusing on pressing environmental issues related to global change, with EEB faculty and ORNL staff. We are particularly grateful to Cathey Daniels, Pat's wife, and Dr. Gary Jacobs, former Director of ESD, for their vision and efforts in making the Mulholland fellowship a reality. Top biology programs in the US have endowments to support post-doctoral fellows; UT has now joined their ranks. This is the first post-doctoral endowment in UT's College of Arts and Sciences.

Gifts from Pat's family, friends and former colleagues have established the endowment with a 5-year goal of reaching \$100,000. Ultimately, we hope to increase the endowment to at least \$1.5 million so that its interest income can fully fund the post-doc fellowship. For information on how you can help us in this ambitious goal, which will enhance our research efforts, further cement our collaborations with ORNL, and honor Pat, please see page 7 of the newsletter.



Tragically, but fittingly for a world-famous environmental scientist, Dr. Patrick J. Mulholland died on Earth Day, April 22, 2012.