



**Department of Biology**  
**Undergraduate Research**



The creative activity of science is research -- making discoveries about our world. Therefore, the Biology Department strongly supports research experience for our undergraduates. Undergraduate research students are trained and encouraged by faculty and the department graduate students. Here, the enthusiastic, if a bit strange, lab group of Dr. Joseph Schall (right) show off their new lab t-shirts and stylish lab gloves. Graduate Student Alli Neal (center) is an excellent mentor for undergraduates. She studies the ecology and genetics of sex ratio in malaria parasites. Undergraduates (from left) Nate Hicks, Katie St. Denis, and Alice Ford all work also on malaria parasites. Nate is a Junior Research Apprentice, and Katie and Alice are Senior Honors students. Alice already has coauthored a paper in a major international journal, and Katie has just submitted her first paper to a major journal.