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Anatomy lab offers students hands-on look inside humans

(Editor's note: This is part one of a three-part series about OKCCC's new anatomy lab. This series follows five students who are among the first to enroll in Human Anatomy at OKCCC. Look for part two in the Oct. 25 issue)

By Darcey Ralls
Editor

Being allowed to dissect a human body may not sound like a privilege to most but one of the newest courses at OKCCC offers students that very opportunity — the chance to get hands-on experience in human anatomy.

The college opened its fully-equipped human anatomy lab to students for the first time this fall for two Human Anatomy classes.

Kent Smith, professor of biology, was the driving force behind OKCCC's anatomy lab.

"The best way to learn it and experience it first-hand is with a cadaver," Smith said.

"We really wanted the students to do the dissection," said Smith. "You may have a student that is really gung-ho, has the mental capacity, physical ability to pursue careers in medicine, say become an orthopedic surgeon. Then, as they're cutting on the knee in dissection class they may learn that they just really don't want to do that."

Part of dissection is not just to cut down to it. It's to clean away all the tissue around it so you can identify and clean it up."

—Jess Able
OKCCC
Premed major

The lab houses four cadavers which are dissected by students majoring in allied health disciplines including science education, physical therapy,

pharmacy, dental hygiene and even funeral services.

"The individuals who are preparing these bodies for a funeral need to know anatomy to drain the vessels, to pump the fluid into them and get them ready," Smith said.

Only the most serious students will be allowed in the course. Students have to have several prerequisites, including zoology, and they have to get the signature of the instructor before enrolling.

"It's not really an interview or anything. It's just to make sure that [the students] meet the criteria," Smith said.

"I don't look at them and decide 'Well, they're wacky, I don't want them in here.'"

Students enrolling in a human anatomy course might be worried about whether they could perform the required lab dissections. The only thing Jamie Winders, a 20-year-old nursing student, worried about was whether she could get into the class.

"I was afraid it was full," she said.

Students do the actual dissecting of the cadavers. That doesn't bother Winders,

"You just have to get in a different mindset."

Jess Abel, 27, a premed major, said there is a common misconception about cadaver dissection.

"We don't really do that much cutting in here," he said. "We make the initial cut and the rest of it is just pulling and tearing stuff back."

"We have designed cuts to make, things to look for. We're dissecting and in the process we'll come across other things."

"Each time we come into lab there're specific things that we're supposed to look for. Part of dissection is not just to cut down to

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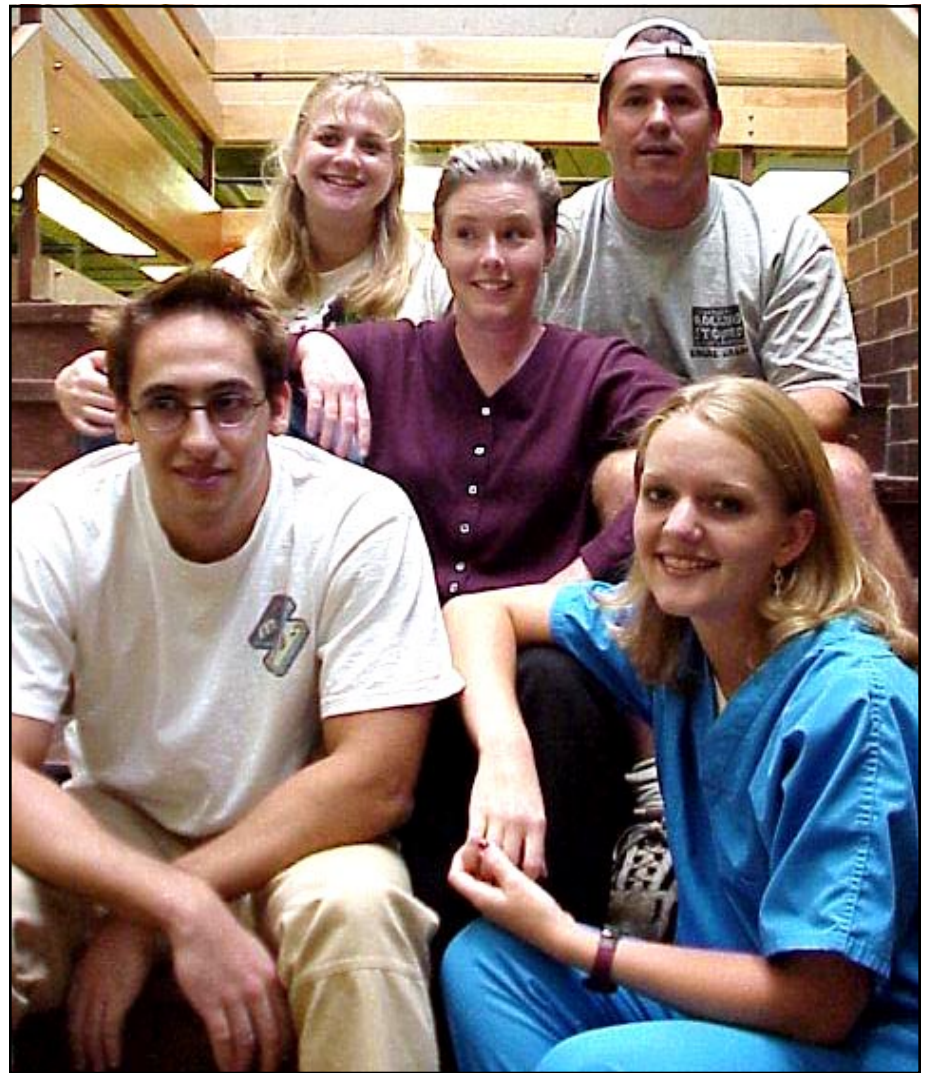


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Susan Hunt, back left; Jess Able, back right; Rosie Digby, center; Michael Fernandes, front left; and Jamie Winders, front right; are anatomy students in one of OKCCC's newest courses — Human Anatomy. The Pioneer will follow and report on this group of five students throughout the semester.

State board pass rate drops OKCCC's nursing program will undergo change

By Danielle Keel
Staff Writer

Changes in the state board of nursing exam are causing the teaching staff of OKCCC's nursing program to re-examine its program.

Last semester, 42 OKCCC nursing graduates took the state board of nursing exam.

Thirty-two passed. This resulted in a 76 percent pass rate,

one of the lowest at OKCCC in past years.

To pass any exam within the program, the graduate must achieve a score of at least 77 percent.

Acting Dean of Nursing Jane Nelson said the reason for the drop in the pass rate could be because the state board has updated and changed the test.

She said it was upgraded to have higher results in the field of leadership, critical-thinking and home health.

Nelson said she is considering a change in OKCCC's curriculum as well.

She said the changes would include enhancing independent thinking, home health and leadership qualities within OKCCC's nursing students.

This change may require that applicants to the program have their unlicensed assistance personnel certification.

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Everyone entitled to own opinion

In this world, your opinion is the only thing that no one can take from or give to you. It is the one thing that is truly yours.

Then why do some people think they must oppress your opinion when it doesn't agree with their own?

Why do people feel the need to do this?

I recently overheard a conversation at a gaming store I frequent. Two people were arguing. They were arguing about a card game that is popular among the gamers these days, and one of them (Guy A) decided that he knew what the best card in the set was. It was his opinion.

The other one (Guy B) had a different opinion on what he thought the best card in the set was. Guy B told Guy A that he was wrong and that Guy A didn't even know what he was talking about.

This argument kept going for about 30 minutes, until it exploded into a full-fledged screaming match.

By this time they had broken the concentration of other customers playing games. They had attracted the attention of everyone who was in the store, including the owner.

They were asked to leave and did so without any trouble. Upon reaching the outside Guy A dropped his stuff and assumed a fighting position.

He was so furious about the fact that Guy B told him he was wrong and argued for some time with him about it, that he was willing to inflict physical harm.

This act made me start wondering — what is it in people that makes them have to be right, even at the expense of someone else's opinion?

Why can't people have their own opinion and respect the fact that other people, too, have an opinion? If having a different opinion from other people makes you wrong, then nobody would ever be right.

I know that there are a few people who will read this and not agree with what I am saying.

Rather than come to me and tell me I am wrong, they will stop reading and go on with their lives.

Good for those people.

If you don't like what someone is saying, then don't talk to them. Please don't resort to physical violence to show them that you are "right."

Violence never was and never will be the answer. At least that's my opinion.

— **Ryan Johnson**
Staff Writer

College faculty, staff, students express opinions

Editor's note: I was recently looking through past issues of the PIONEER with the purpose of finding articles for an upcoming contest. In doing so, I ran across some of my favorite letters to the editor. Here are a couple of excerpts from letters that ran in previous PIONEER issues:

Be responsible for you

To the Editor:

Congress is talking about throwing money at teenage smoking. You know what? I don't care if teenagers smoke. Mine didn't and they are the only ones I was responsible for...

Social problems are not going away until we all take responsibility for ourselves and our own. That one word means so much: responsibility. Take credit when you do well and take the blame when you screw up. If you have children, be responsible for them until they are old enough to be responsible for themselves (and then allow them to be).

I am old enough and wise enough to start sharing this wisdom. Take advantage of it.

— **Pam Zamora**
Student Services
July 20, 1998

Kill a mouse before granny

To the Editor:

In reading Trent Dugas's review of the summer's dumbest movie, I couldn't help but laugh at the irony...

I think that most people would prefer that research be done on mice before their grandma is injected with a test serum.

Our only other option would be to conduct these experiments on pretentious people with low IQs.

This would help the local economy by opening up staff writer positions at your newspaper.

As for the film, it doesn't take Gene Siskel to realize that Godzilla is no classic.

Dugas could put himself to better use by not reviewing B-movies at all.

When I open the paper, I like to read opinions by people who are a little more

enlightened than the average Joe.

— **David Mayo**
OKCCC student
July 13, 1998

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RUBES®

By Leigh Rubin



"Well, I suppose the upside of all of this is that we won't have to show up for work next Monday."

Comments and Reviews

Local hospital needs volunteers

To the Editor:

Physician's Hospital of Oklahoma needs your help. Physicians Hospital, a new facility located at 3100 S.W. 89, is the first new medical-surgical hospital to open in Oklahoma City in the past 20 years.

The hospital has been developed by a group of physicians and community leaders whose philosophy dictates that health care must return its primary focus to the patient's needs and well being.

Since volunteers are an indispensable component of all hospitals, the volunteer auxiliary is seeking help from the community.

The purpose of the auxiliary will be to provide needed volunteer services to patients and their families, to hospital visitors, to hospital staff and to support us in creating and cultivating an environment in which the goal is to become Oklahoma City's premium health care facility.

Volunteers can assist in the gift shop, outpatient admitting and surgery, information areas, deliver mail and flowers and assist with some patient needs.

To apply, or for more information contact: Janet Barber, Physicians Hospital Manager of Volunteers, at 602-8100.

— **Janet L. Barber**
Manager of Volunteers

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'Ed TV' worth watching

"Ed TV" is a comedy video must this fall.

A desperate TV producer (Ellen De Generes) worries about her job. Her ratings are dropping. She has to come up with a job-saving idea.

Her concept is a real-life TV show, half MTV's "The Real World," half soap opera. She wants to put an ordinary guy's life on TV, 24 hours a day, no script.

Ed (Matthew McConaughey) ends up at the casting with his women-chasing, buff guy brother (Woody Harrelson), who sees in the casting his chance for fame.

To his brother's disappointment, Ed is picked over him.

The show begins.

At first it seems "Ed TV" is a loser.

The audience doesn't seem to be interested in the uneventful life of a beer-drinking, fast-food-eating 30-year-old guy with a boring job at a video place.

Until one day when the camera catches sight of the budding romance between Ed and his brother's soon-to-be-dumped and way-too-good-for-this-loser-girlfriend (Jenna Elfman).

The ratings explode and "Ed TV" becomes a media sensation.

Elfman's character can't handle the stardom. The young romance breaks apart.

Ed enjoys the newfound fame and glory until it begins to take a negative toll on his relationship and family life.

His celebrity status makes his former laid-

back lifestyle impossible.

People stayed away from this movie in the theaters because the plot suggests that it is a "Truman Show" follow-up with the same message: Why can't mass media respect the right of privacy?

Didn't we all have enough of this?

Compared to the "Truman Show," which was cheesy, this movie is funny, smart and closer to the real world.

The cast, altogether talented, presents each character's personality in an exaggerated way, but they are still believable.

Especially Woody Harrelson. He gives a great performance as Ed's brother.

The director Ron Howard crafted the movie carefully, paying great attention to the characters. He gave supporting roles great impact.

Elizabeth Hurley stars as a model-actress putting her moves on Ed so she can shine in the light of his fame.

Ed is a guy she usually would not even pay attention to even if he were dying on her doorstep.

Dennis Hopper appears as Ed's long lost dad, who now hopes to profit from Ed's stardom.



It is said that the director drew inspiration for the movie from his own life as a public figure.

However, the question about the mass media and the right to privacy is not

answered in this movie either, but it is an entertaining parody of today's media and society.

— **Michaela Marx**
Staff Writer

Pepperland goes digital

It has been a while, but if I remember correctly, I was five years old the first time I heard The Beatles.

Even at such a young age the Beatles music reached out and touched me like nothing else had at that age and it's safe to say that a new era of "me" was born.

I was somewhere in the age range of 7 to 9 (it's all a blur to me now) the first time I saw The Beatles' animated classic, "Yellow Submarine." And to this day I'm still feeling the precautions of this early childhood viewing.

"Yellow Submarine" influenced me in ways no other film has since. By combining (tastefully) psychedelic animation, amazingly witty humor, time-tested great music and Blue Meanies, "Yellow Submarine" went where no movie had gone before (or has since).

All this being said, I think it's safe to say I was a bit on the excited side to hear that MGM was going to re-release this lost and almost impossible to find classic.

The re-release includes footage that was once cut from the U.S.

version of the film, as well as digitally remastered sound and video. Imagine that—Pepperland in full digital surround sound. What could be better?

Also, along with the video, a soundtrack has been released. Unlike the old soundtrack, the new soundtrack includes all of The Beatles songs that appeared in the movie.

Songs like "Eleanor Rigby," "Nowhere Man" and "Love You To" along with other classics are included on the CD.

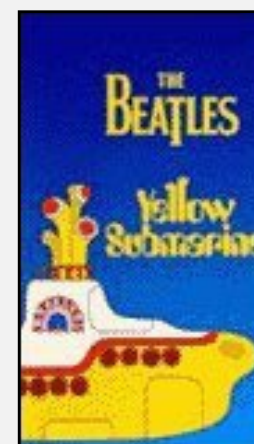
Last, but not least, we now have from the makers of "SPAWN," Yellow Submarine action figures! (Which I will soon have my hands on.)

If you've seen "Yellow Submarine" you understand my enthusiasm. And if you don't, call me, I know a good therapist.

And if you haven't seen this film, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN FOR THE LAST 31 YEARS? Go rent (or buy) this movie A.S.A.P!!!

Take my word for it, it's a sure thumbs up for the whole family.

— **John Thomas**
Contributing Writer



Professional employee of the year chosen

By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer

This year's Professional Employee of the Year award went to Ted Lemser, database administrator from the computer system development department.

Lemser received the award from OKCCC President Bob Todd Aug. 17 at the OKCCC Fall Convocation.

Lemser first came to OKCCC as a student. He started his professional life at the college five years ago, he said.

In addition to his regular duties, he currently teaches a database application course at OKCCC.

John Richardson, director of computer system de-



Ted Lemser

velopment and Lemser's boss, said he is glad to have Lemser in his department.

"Ted does a great job," Richardson said.

"Our department greatly depends upon his skills. Since he is also a part-time instructor, students can, and do, benefit from his abilities."

Lemser has played an active part in the develop-

ment of database applications at OKCCC.

Examples of his efforts are the sign-in system in the labs or the information system at Student Development.

Lemser has worked for the Oklahoma College Student Personnel Association, the Board of Regents and Student Development.

He said he takes great pride in promoting OKCCC.

He speaks at conferences and helps keep OKCCC's web page up to date.

"All OKCCC employees deserve recognition for their work for this institution," Lemser said regarding his nomination and win.

"I am very honored. Thank you to the people who nominated me and

thanks to the committee."

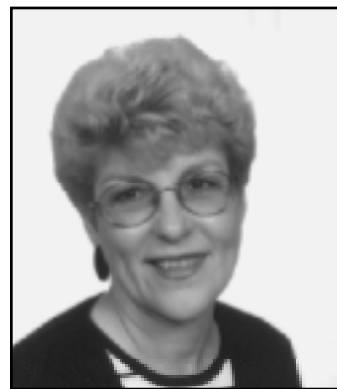
Any member of the student body, staff or faculty

can nominate OKCCC employees for Professional Employee of the Year.

Elvin Gray award given for going beyond call of duty

By Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

Each year OKCCC gives the Elvin Gray award to an employee who goes above



Francine West

and beyond the call of duty.

This year the award went to Francine West, payroll bookkeeper in OKCCC's finance department.

The award was started in memory of a former OKCCC employee by the same name who was diagnosed with cancer but continued to work, despite his health problems.

West is elated to be the recipient.

"I feel great to be quite honest," she said.

"It feels really good. I feel appreciated and proud to have won."

Sue Wright, assistant payroll bookkeeper and West's co-worker, said West

is deserving of the award.

"I've worked with Francine for 15 years," Wright said.

"She's very deserving, always very kind and willing to help."

OKCCC President Bob Todd agrees.

"Francine West is a person who possesses a devotion to the college that is unequalled.

"Her friendly, positive attitude serves as an inspiration to others."

To be eligible for the award, employees must have worked at OKCCC for at least five years and be nominated by a college employee.

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Nursing students can expect to see a new face

**By Katherine Etherton
Newswriting I Student**

When walking through the nursing wing, students may see a new face.

Lea Ann Loftis joined the OKCCC nursing community in August after moving from San Antonio, Texas, to be closer to her two sisters and her mom.

She is teaching the last semester of nursing school dealing with the cardiovascular and neurological section.

This is not the only place

Loftis has taught nursing.

"I started out teaching in a hospital as an educator for the nurses, then I taught licensed practical nurses. Then I decided I was ready to get my master's," Loftis said.



Lee Ann Loftis

For the past five years, she has taught registered nurses and diploma programs.

After being a nurse for 10 years in the critical care unit, Loftis

said, she believes in teaching by showing.

"My favorite part is clinicals where I go in the hospital with the students because they are discovering things that they have never discovered before.

"It's really fun to see them put things together and all of a sudden the light bulb goes on over their head and they understand what we were talking about in class," Loftis said.

Being new to OKCCC this year, Loftis said she had to learn the ins and outs of the school. She said her first impression of the college is a good one.

"I love it. It is very different. I come from a hospital-based nursing program that is very regimented.

"I like the fact that we work very hard for the students to succeed..."

—Lee Ann Loftis
OKCCC Nursing Professor

"I like the fact that we work very hard for the students to succeed and that there is such a variety of students here. The faculty is very supportive of each other and very open," Loftis said.

When she isn't busy teaching, Loftis said, she loves being outdoors and being athletic.

"I run marathons. I ran my first marathon last year in San Antonio and I didn't die.

"My marathon was 26.2 miles and it took me 5 hours and 40 minutes to finish," she said.

"I am in training right

now to do another one. I've done one triathlon — just a mini-triathlon. That is where you bike, swim, and run.

"I run five days a week about four to six miles and then, on the weekends, I try to run eight to 12 miles."

Loftis received her master of nursing at the University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas; bachelor of science in Nursing from Central State University in Edmond; associate degree at Bacone College in Muskogee; and an associate in liberal arts from Northwestern Oklahoma A&M in Miami, Okla.

Part-time professor named to full-time position in nursing

**By Katherine Etherton
Newswriting I Student**

This year Connie Kuebeck jumped feet first into a full-time position of teaching Nursing Process III.

Arriving in the fall of 1998, Kuebeck was welcomed into the nursing department as an adjunct faculty member.

Kuebeck said there are a few differences between being an adjunct professor and a full-time one.

"The big difference is the amount of time that I put in at home on school related things," she said.

Kuebeck said she received her master of science in Nursing Education at the University of Oklahoma; master of business administration at Oklahoma City University; and a bachelor of science in nursing at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

She said she likes OKCCC for two reasons.

"The physical environment is beneficial to the students and [the college] shows a progressive mindset for administration.

"And the other reason is the faculty and staff," she said.

Besides working in the classroom lecturing, Kuebeck also gives students hands-on experience by going into OKCCC's mini-hospital.

"I enjoy taking students into the actual practice setting and teaching them not only how to be a nurse, but [also how to be] a good nurse," she said.

Besides being a full-time teacher she is also working on a grant proposal.

She said she eventually wants to focus on education for students who speak English as a second lan-

guage.

"I have admiration and respect for them because they are learning so much at the same time.

"Nursing in itself has its own language," Kuebeck said.

In the few moments Kuebeck isn't working, she said, she likes skating of any kind.

She said she started skating at the age of two. She even met her husband at a

skating rink.

"If it rolls and goes on my feet, I like it," Kuebeck said.

Being a wife, full-time teacher and the mother of five cats and two dogs, one might say Kuebeck has her hands full. She said she has no regrets and loves what she is doing.



Connie Kuebeck

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Professor by day — novelist by night

By day, Richard Trout is a laid-back, mild-mannered OKCCC biology professor. When the clock strikes 10 p.m. he becomes Richard Trout author and adventurer.

Each evening when the rest of his family heads to bed, Trout retires to his computer to work.

"I write from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. I take a little nap after dinner and sometimes I even take a 15 or 20 minute power nap," Trout said.

Life is moving much faster these days since Trout has signed a three-book contract with LangMarc Publishing Company.

Trout's family could not believe the good news that has led to a book contract. He said his family laughed as he read the letter he received from LangMarc, praising him for an excellent novel.

"It was late at night and my wife and daughter were watching television in the living room," he said.

"I ripped open the letter. There was a commercial on so I began to read. They looked at me and started laughing because they thought I was lying to them.

"My oldest daughter said, 'dad, come on, we know.' My wife was laughing and saying, 'no, it isn't true.' They had seen me go through all the rejection letters before and thought I was just being funny," he said.

LangMarc Publishing was excited to have found Trout, but said the historical novel he had sent them did not fit their needs at that time. Publisher Lois Qualben wrote Trout and told him they were planning a new series for

young adults and families called Harbor Lights 2000.

"We liked Trout's writing style and asked if he'd be interested in writing a novel for this new series," she said.

"He agreed to do so. We have never before contracted with an author without first seeing the completed manuscript, so this is a new experience. We made our judgement based upon Trout's gift with the pen as shown in his historical novel [A World Without Eden]."

It is no surprise that Trout chose to write his first adventure story based in the Cayman Islands. Hanging on his office wall is a picture of

Trout diving off the Cayman Wall.

"There is an old saying that writers do better if they write about what they know about," Trout said.

"If you write about something you don't know, readers will pick it up."

Trout said he does extensive research, making sure everything he writes is historically and geographically correct. A person could use Cayman Gold as an actual road map of the area, he said.

Once the facts are gathered, the rest is up to Trout's



Photo by Danielle Keel

OKCCC Professor Richard Trout has signed a three-book deal with LangMarc Publishing. Trout chose to write his first adventure story based in the Cayman Islands. "Cayman Gold: Lost Treasure of Devils Grotto" will be released in November. Trout's second novel "Elephant Tears: The Mask of the Elephant" is due to be released in early 2000.

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—Lois Qualben
LangMarc
Publishing

imagination.

"I enjoy fiction because I can make up stuff. I don't consider it lying. I look at it that I'm creating new truths," Trout chuckled.

Trout said he finds writing in first person too limiting.

"I write in third person always. Third person is better because I don't have to be anybody and I can speak through everybody's voice. By being able to do that it is more fun," he said.

Trout said it took 21 days to write 210 pages of "Cayman Gold."

"This is my Walter Mitty approach to life," Trout said. "I can escape for a few minutes and go diving or go on a wild safari, or crawl through Pharaoh's tombs in Egypt."

After that who knows — Trout may take his readers crawling through the catacombs of Rome or go on an outback safari in Australia.

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Cayman Gold

Lost Treasure of Devils
Grotto

By Richard Trout



This authentic contemporary novel for youth is gripping, heart pounding and adrenaline racing, fun and true to its mission. It is a tribute to the beautiful creatures of the Caribbean Sea and the warmth and wonder of her island people.

Dr. Jack MacGregor, a world-renown zoologist and conservationist, arrives in the Caymans to visit the internationally acclaimed sea turtle conservation project. His family, including three teenage children, fall in love with the underwater world of the Caymans. The teens engage in a series of island adventures that include native islanders, tourists, beautiful reefs and pirates' treasure.

The family's respect for life and the sanctity of the environment, along with their thirst for adventure drive the three kids through a series of challenging and surprising events.

"Richard Trout followed our preferred procedure by sending us a query letter, bio, synopsis, and a couple of chapters of his historical novel..."

—Lois Qualban, publisher for LangMarc Publishing, on why Richard Trout initially got their attention

• TEXT BY BECKY GERRED •

Psi Beta members learn the ROPES

Members of the OKCCC Psi Beta honor society and Psychology/Sociology clubs successfully overcame the ROPES obstacle course Sept. 10.

Part of the Ascent Programs for Growth sponsored by the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the ROPES program is a demanding mental and physical challenge that tests the individual as well as group abilities.

Participants begin with rope exercises.

"The initial cooperative games instill trust, boost team building and help the

team members get better acquainted," said Pam Collins, employee of the City-County Health Department of Oklahoma County. Collins, who along with fellow health department worker Dan Hester, operate the course which is located in the rural woodlands east of Edmond, Oklahoma.

After club members warmed up with activities on the ground, each put on safety harnesses and climbed a pole to reach the high elements course.

Participants traversed logs, beams and cables up to thirty feet above the ground.

There were some reservations at first when the students climbed to the start of the overhead challenge, but none lost their nerve.

Equipped with thorough instruction as well as safety ropes, everyone who attended the adventure completed the course.



Above: OKCCC students Tyler Weldon, left, and Kelly Thompson get a crash course in support rope transfer from Ascent Program Directors Dan Hester and Pam Collins from the City-County Health Department of Oklahoma City.



Left: Heather Ellison begins a long descent toward solid ground after leaping away from the starting platform manned by Ascent Program Director Dan Hester.

Right: Miranda Pierce, historian for the OKCCC Psychology/Sociology Club, eases along a 30-foot high dual tightrope. Co-president of the club Mike Walters acts as ground man, making sure the support harness is working properly.

**Photos and text
by
Rick Tautfest**



Above: Leann Cade, public relations officer of the OKCCC Psychology/Sociology Club, swiftly climbs toward the starting level of the high elements course.

Below: In an exercise designed to instill trust and group-solving capability, members of the OKCCC Psi Beta and Psychology/Sociology clubs lift Christina Fazio through the "Spider's Web." Members shown are: Dan Hester, Taylor Melton, Miranda Pierce, Mike Walters, Leann Cade, Stacia Roybal, Pam Collins.



Nursing dean leaves to pursue teaching

**By Darcey Ralls
Editor**

"Do you remember me?"

Anita Jones, former dean of nursing at OKCCC said she hears that question a lot when she runs across her former nursing students working out in the field.

Jones said one of her greatest rewards is to be able to see her students graduate and "become professional role models in the community."

Jones left her position of

nursing dean at OKCCC to join the faculty of Langston University.

She said she retired from OKCCC early because there were things she wanted to do that she just couldn't find time for while holding a dean's position.

One of those things, she said, is teach.

She is now teaching part-time at Langston University and said she will continue to consult with the OKCCC nursing program.

Jones joined OKCCC in January 1989.

In June of the same year



Anita Jones

she was promoted to coordinator of the nursing program. Since then, she said, she has held the same position but the title has changed from coordinator

to division director and then to dean in 1994.

During that time, she said, she witnessed a growth in the nursing program from graduating about 60 per year to almost 100 per year.

She said the enrollment increase was due to having two program entry dates and added flexibility for convenience.

Jones said OKCCC's nursing program will continue to move forward and do great things.

"There's a fantastic faculty and a tremendous person that has taken the

reigns," she said.

Jane Nelson is currently acting dean for the nursing department.

Jones holds a bachelor's degree from the St. Louis University School of Nursing and a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She is also a registered nurse.

Jones has already begun to take advantage of her retirement by spending time with her grandchildren. She said she was able to take her grandson on his first train ride from Oklahoma City to Fort Worth.

Retired registrar is enjoying hobbies, travel

**By Michaela Marx
Staff Writer**

Mary Jo Atteberry retired last January after almost 16 years at OKCCC.

The former assistant registrar said she enjoys retirement very much.

"I enjoy my hobbies," she said.

"I travel and I take some art classes in Norman."

Atteberry said she has an incredible number of pleasant memories of the college.

"The school was very good to me in every respect.

"I am still very dedicated to the institution.

"I made some solid lifetime friends there."

Those friends and co-workers certainly miss her around the admissions office. Melanie Scott is one.

"Mary Jo was a joy to work with," Scott said.

"She has been sorely missed and we look forward to her visits and the postcards she sends from her numerous travels.

"I do see her once a month for a quilting day," she said.

Atteberry's former boss, Gloria Cardenas Barton said Atteberry made a real impact on her department.

"During her years at both OU and OKCCC Mary Jo acquired a tremendous breadth of knowledge and experience in the field of

records and admission," Barton said.

"She has taught us a lot while she was here.

"She is surely missed as both a friend and a colleague."

Atteberry said she is very appreciative of the school and the support she received from it.

In 1984, when she had

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—Mary Jo Atteberry
Retired OKCCC Registrar

been at the college for less than a year, she was diagnosed with Hodgkins Disease, a cancer of the lymph system.

She was out sick for six months for chemotherapy treatment, but the school stood behind her.

"It was good to know that

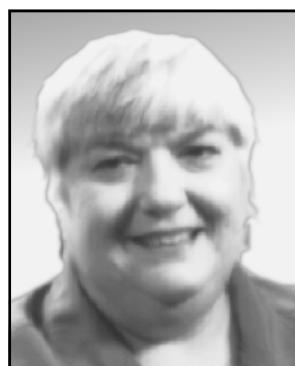
when I got better I still had a job," Atteberry said.

Sometimes, she said, she visits OKCCC to "hang out" and to see her friends and colleagues.

She said she also attends special events at the college and eventually, plans to take some classes.

"I have soft spot for the college," she said.

"I would not be where I am today without OKCCC."



Mary Jo Atteberry

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Student services assistant leaves after 17 years

By Chris Malcom
Newswriting I Student

Saying good-bye is hard when the person you are saying it to is admired and respected for the wonderful qualities they possess as a friend and as a professional.

The college is losing one such person.

Pam Zamora has retired after 17 years.

She has worked as Administrative assistant to the Vice President for Student Services for the last nine years.

Before that she explored other areas as a secretary in the division of Social Science and Human Service.

In 1989, after that division was dissolved, Zamora went to work for the new dean of Applied Sciences.

That person then became the Vice President of Student Service and Zamora moved with her.

Zamora said she decided to come to OKCCC because she liked the atmosphere of the college.

"I had taken classes here and always liked the feel of the place and decided I wanted to work here.

"I watched for something to come up and applied for three different jobs. I've never regretted it."

After retiring, Zamora said, she plans on enjoying her life and doing things that before she had to do on the weekends or just not get done.

"I've done this for almost 20 years, now I want to do something else for 20 years. I don't want to work until I'm old," she said.

Zamora was honored at a retirement reception Sept. 9. As co-workers, students, family and friends visited with Zamora and each other it was very much ap-

parent that she was going to be missed.

"Pam was an inspiration for me to come to work many days," said Mike Jones, coordinator of student activities.

Kim Velleca, Administrative assistant to Marion Paden, vice president for student services, said Zamora's absence will be felt.

"Pam has made enormous contributions to the college and has been a profound influence on me personally and professionally.

"Students, faculty and staff will miss her a great deal."

Zamora said she was overwhelmed by the number of people who had nice things to say about her.

"There were some very special people who caused a lump in my throat.

"I know it'll hit me next week after the first rush of activities dies down but right now I'm just so excited and happy it's hard to wipe the smile off my face."

OKCCC prof retires, returns home to Kansas

By Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer



Sharon Stevens

There's no place like home, there's no place like home.

Just ask Sharon Stevens who recently retired from her position as Professor of Learning Skills after eight and a half years and moved home to Kansas.

Although she is happy to be home, Stevens said, she will miss OKCCC.

"I miss how supportive the faculty was," she said.

"They rejoice with you and back you up when you really need it.

"They're like a family to me."

Stevens said she moved to Kansas to be closer to her family, mainly her mother.

played at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas.

Stevens recalled the words of encouragement she was given from President Bob Todd at her OKCCC retirement party.

"He assured me that Johnson County Community College was just as good as OKCCC and just as student oriented," she said.

"I'm lucky. I just seem to end up at good schools."

The one thing Stevens said she liked most about OKCCC was how good the college employees are at reaching out and helping the community when things happened.

"I'm going to miss the faculty and the family I had at the college."

"My father passed away not too long ago and I think my mother needed my support."

Susan VanSchuyver, dean of Arts and Humanities, was a co-worker and friend of Stevens.

"Sharon is a super teacher," VanSchuyver said.

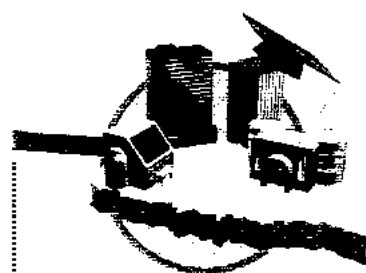
"Her students loved her and she always worked diligently," she said.

Stevens is currently em-

"OUR TOWN,"

a play by Thornton Wilder will be presented at 7 p.m. at the OKCCC theater Sept. 29 - Oct. 2.

Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$4 senior citizens and students.



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Highlights

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship announces meeting

The Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship meets from noon until 1 p.m. every Wednesday in room 3N4 in the main building.

Debate, bill writing to be discussed at next meeting

Come rub elbows with fellow Republicans at the OKCCC Republicans meeting from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 21 in the college union room 8. Debate and bill writing will be covered.

Speaker to discuss juvenile psychology/sociology

The Psychology/Sociology Club will have a meeting from noon until 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 22 in room 3P5 in the main building. Professor Pat Barker will be speaking on juvenile psychology/sociology.

Brush up on QiGong skills through practice classes

OKCCC Yan Xin QiGong conducts QiGong practice classes at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. every Saturday in room 3P6 in the main building. For more information e-mail Professor Ron Loving at jrloving@ou.edu, or call Professor Ramachandran at 682-1611, ext. 7220.

Hungry for a good time, good friends, good food

Baptist Collegiate Ministries' meeting and lunch is held from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. every Thursday in room 3N0 in the main building. Enjoy singing, great food, speakers and Christian friends.

Meeting promises lots of drama

The Drama Club will be holding a meeting Tuesday, Sept. 28 in room 1F5 in the Arts and Humanities building.

Russian internships available for summer 2000

REAP International, a non-profit organization is looking for students who are willing to intern in Russia, Latvia or Lithuania for the summer of 2000. For more information call Bill Mueller at 1-319-366-4230 or write to REAP International, 1427 4th Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404. Mueller can also be reached by e-mail at REAP@reapintl.com.

Tutoring program needs your help

Young children need tutoring in their reading skills for one hour a week. Volunteers will be working with the tutoring program through the Oklahoma City Public Schools at Capitol Hill Elementary. For more information, call Pat Berryhill at 682-1611, ext. 7591.



Photo by Rick Tautfest

Campus Activities Board discusses Blood Drive: Denise Durnbaugh of the Oklahoma Blood Institute spoke to members of the Campus Activities Board at their first meeting of the semester on Sept. 14. CAB sponsors the blood drives that are held several times during each semester on campus.

Members were asked to spread the word and encourage students, faculty, staff and members of the community to donate blood at the college on Wednesday Sept. 22 or Thursday, Sept. 23. Donations will be taken from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in college union rooms 1, 2 and 3. Blood donors will be detained for only a short time.

"The entire process takes about 45 minutes," Durnbaugh said.

Organization elects new officers for fall semester

Students interested in health professions encouraged to get involved

By Becky Gerred
Staff Writer

The first Health Professionals Organization meeting was held recently to get acquainted, learn more about the club and elect officers.

Ronil Evilla, a single mother of six, was elected president.

Evilla has worked as a midwife and wants to go to medical school.

"I am a huge believer in delegating," she said.

Professor of Physics Steven Kamm spoke before the election of officers, challenging the large group of students in the health professions field to get involved in their club.

The club offers many opportunities to get in touch with other health professionals already work-

ing in the health fields.

"The club helps get information in your hands about careers in health care," Kamm said.

Students attended the meeting for various reasons.

Student Nicole Myers, a major in Health and Sports Science at OU, is looking forward to the activities already being planned.

"The club is planning on having speakers and going on a tour to the Health Sciences Center," Myers said.

Michelle Wilson, nursing major, is looking for a future in her health field.

"I was told club participation looks good on your application when you go to different hospitals looking for a job after you finish school," Wilson said.

Exposure to others already in the health field profession is always a plus.

Nursing Major Lara Easterwood came to the first meeting to join.

"I wanted to join to be around people in the health professions field," she said.

"Most of these people are in my classes. We will be able to do things outside of class. It breaks the monotony. I enjoy being around people who want to go into the same field I am in," Easterwood said.

"I am looking forward to having fun and doing things in the community."

The time came to elect officers. Students running for office were given a chance to present their platform in a nutshell.

Other officers elected were: vice president, Susan Hunt; secretary, Julie Jarvis; treasurer, Julie Pedrosio; public relations, Michal Christian, and members at large, Yasser Dorri and Ofonime Ikpa.

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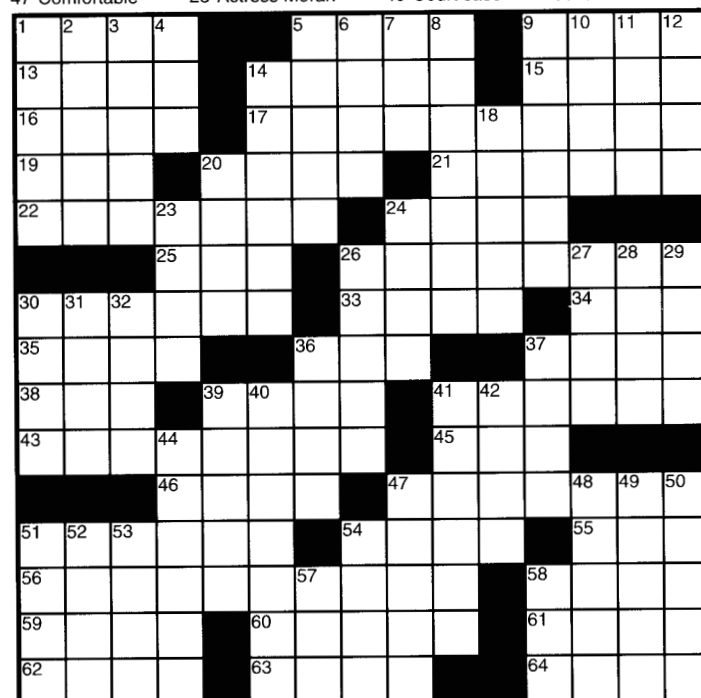
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Students' feelings differ about cadaver dissection

"Anatomy,"

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it. It's to clean away all the tissue around it so you can identify and clean it up."

The students use a regional approach to dissection instead of a systemic approach. They dissect in regions beginning with the muscles in the back and ending with the brain.

The students began looking at the muscles in the back on the first day.

"They start off running," Smith said.

Rosie Digby, 28, plans to pursue a career in occupational therapy. She became very anxious and upset after the first lab.

"The second was even more dreaded," Digby said. "I had a very hard time. I had nightmares."

Digby talked to the instructors and they gave her some advice.

"They encouraged me," she said. "They told me to

said three weeks after the semester began.

"It makes your eyes water. It's not so much a bad smell, it's just strong, overwhelming."

The two male and two female cadavers are older specimens. The donors were all over 60 when they died.

Michael Fernandes, 19, a premed major, said he would prefer to have a younger cadaver.

"They're so old, it's hard to find some stuff."

Smith said he wouldn't have a problem using a younger cadaver.

"I've heard of some schools such as Shawnee getting a young person who died in their twenties. That instructor was a little apprehensive about using a cadaver that was similar in age to the students... I would have the concerns of the students in mind, how they would react.

Personally, I think if they were a healthy specimen I think I'd probably keep them."

Smith said students often open up the cadavers and find evidence of abnormalities or surgical procedures.

"One thing that's really fascinating to see is a

lot of the prosthesis such as artificial hip replacements and artificial knee replacements," said Smith. "The joints are really neat to see. You can see an evolutionary trend in these mechanisms.

"For example, the shaft of older joints might be stainless but smooth on the end, but now they're serrated so they hold in to the shaft of the femur bone."

Each body comes with a sheet that tells the cadaver's identification number, month and year they

were deceased, cause of death, and age.

"You don't usually get an autopsy every time somebody dies.

"So, what we do with each body is, as students dissect they keep records of what they run across in the body, be it something as simple as 'Our body has a large heart for the size of the individual and it's larger than any of the others.'

They don't do an autopsy but they do what we call a cadaver report at the end of the semester," Smith said.

A cadaver report is simply a report on the body. If any abnormalities are found they are noted in the report.

"Our cadaver died of lung cancer," Fernandes said. "We're starting to find [cancers] all over the chest area."

Smith said the students and faculty in his program treat the cadavers with the utmost respect and dignity.

The students attend lab twice a week for three hours and lecture twice a week for an hour and a half. In addition to the lab and lecture classes required for the anatomy course, all of the students are enrolled in other courses at OKCCC.

"The students certainly feel overwhelmed. Anatomy is not particularly a difficult subject but there's an enormous amount of terminology involved," Smith said.

Abel has seen other anatomy labs and is very impressed with OKCCC's facility.

"They're not the biggest but at same time there's plenty of room and we're

kinda lucky that the classes are as small as they are," Abel said.

There are currently two classes with about 30 students in each class. Three to five students are on each team.

Those teams work mainly on one cadaver. However, they do have the opportunity to observe the other teams and their ca-

davers.

Winders said she is glad she has the opportunity to study human anatomy at OKCCC.

"I'm just in awe every day. I'm like, 'Wow, I get to touch this, I get to hold this.' It's nothing like looking in a book.

"You just cannot learn the way you can by holding it and seeing it there."

OKCCC's nursing program re-evaluated

"Tests,"

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The nursing program also offers two \$500 scholarships per semester.

Nelson said the nursing staff does all it can to help the students graduate from the program.

Another recommendation the State Board of Nursing suggests for a higher pass rate is having more full-time professors than adjunct instructors.

Currently the OKCCC nursing program has nine full-time professors and 14 adjunct instructors, she said.

Nelson said that doesn't concern her.

"OKCCC screens their adjunct instructors to limit such problems."

"We look for our teachers to have commitment and full focus," Nelson said.

She said some of OKCCC's adjunct nursing instructors have been here 20 or 30 years.

Because of that longevity with the program, the adjuncts understand fully what the teaching needs are.

"We have a highly-qualified adjunct faculty."

Nelson said students would need this certification because the increased load of the curriculum would not allow OKCCC's nursing instructors time to teach basic nursing skills.

Consequently, she said, the students would need to acquire those skills through the UAP certification training.

This change in curriculum would take approximately two years.

Nelson is also concerned about the additional load the new curriculum will place on working students.

She said working students have a harder time getting through the nursing program and passing the state board test.

Nelson is recommending that those students might consider spending more time in the classroom and less in the workplace.

She said they could supplement the lost income by filing for financial aid.

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OKCCC Student

work through it and not take it so personally."

Now Digby tries to approach the dissections with a different attitude.

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Smith said that certain things are done to help the students adjust.

"We have the face, the hands and the feet wrapped in cotton to better preserve the structures but it also takes away some of the human characteristics of the specimen," he said.

The smell of the cadavers bothers some students.

"Today's the first day that it didn't kill me," Abel

"I've heard of some schools such as Shawnee getting a young person who died in their twenties... I would have the concerns of the students in mind, how they would react."

—Kent Smith
OKCCC Professor



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