

Cadavers provide hands-on learning

By Clinton Dick
Sports editor

There are two bodies on campus. There hasn't been a murder or suicide. They are here to help students learn the material they need to become successful in the field of science and medicine.

Pat Ross, professor of biology, teaches the anatomy and physiology course offered every spring. The course gives students an in-depth look at the human body, including a large section in which students use cadavers to identify parts of the body.

"We are teaching the next generation of professionals," said Ross. "Would you rather be helped by someone who has had experience with cadavers or who was trained on fetal pigs, frogs and textbooks?"

Southwestern College has had a cadaver lab since before Ross began teaching at the college in 1997. The University of Kansas has a cadaver bank that supplies the colleges with cadavers every year.

"It is a big investment," said Ross. "They supply their own students as well as other schools who need them."

The biology department always has two cadavers. They receive a new one each year and keep one from the previous year. In turn, they return the older cadaver back to KU, making it so the class had a fresh cadaver and one that has already been through a course. The two cadavers are of the opposite gender and their shapes vary.

"You are generally using people who are in their 70s or 80s," said Ross. "I've had cadavers that have had appendectomies and even one that was an amputee. In terms of how good of shape they will be in, you really don't know until you get inside."

Ross says that it is important to maintain the cadavers and keep them in a state in which students can practice dissections.

"They already come in a state of preservation," said Ross. "The tissue has been fixed and the bodily fluids have been drained away. My main problem is dehydration because as the tissue begins to dry, it becomes fragile. The mistake would be to use a lot of water because that leeches out the preservation and you run into the problem of mold and bacteria. I use a wetting solution."

The cadaver lab presents opportunities and challenges for students. It is not the easiest thing to be around a dead body.

"I thought I was going to be OK with it," said Taylor Anglemyer, biochemistry junior. "It was really unsettling at first. You get used to it really fast."

Mallorie Coffman, biology freshman, agreed that it was an interesting first experience.

"I had never seen a cadaver before, so it was kind of freaky," said Coffman. "They are pretty cool to look at and see what the insides of people look like."

Ross says that most of the students end up enjoying the experience and learn a great deal.

"Most of the students in the class are quite successful," said Ross. "By the end of the semester, they are up to their elbows as much as I am. Occasionally, we have students who do not want to deal with that stuff, but you have to in order to do well in the class."

"A lot of schools do not have this kind of opportunity," said Coffman. "They really help with understanding the content."

Anglemyer agreed. "It is really important for those going into a health care profession because they need to know what it is like instead of just reading it out of a textbook."

Anglemyer has learned through lab exercises, but says it is still odd.

"When it gets late at night, you get kind of scared being around dead bodies," said Anglemyer.

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9 Lives combines with comedian

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9 Lives and Student Foundation will team up to double the laughs this week.

Adam Mamawala, a comedian from New Jersey, will perform with 9 Lives at 9 p.m. March 17 in Messenger Recital Hall.

Jordy Train, business marketing senior, said, "I'm really excited about Adam getting to be a part of the event and teaming up with StuFu to host the event."

The two groups teaming together will bring a different event to students than what they're used to.

Mandy Bostwick, elementary education junior, is vice president of community involvement for StuFu. She said, "We thought it would be a fun change in pace."

Brandon Hessing, coordinator of StuFu accompanied the executive team to a regional conference in October in Arlington, Texas. "While we were at NACA, the team was very impressed with Mamawala's comedic ability," said Hessing. "We saw a lot of comedians there, but they were the most impressed by him."

Mamawala won the New Jersey Comedy Festival in 2007, a statewide competition to find the funniest college comedian.

"Mamawala is close to our age, and he has experienced the college life," said Bostwick. "His jokes relate to college ex-

periences, so he will be able to connect with the college students."

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C.J. Johnson, physical education junior, Marilyn Craft, elementary education senior, Cody Davis, theatre performance and music education senior, Jordy Train, business marketing senior, and Chris Cole, physical education junior, act out an improv sketch. Their show will be at 9 p.m. on Thursday in Messenger Recital Hall.

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games. Mamawala will end the night with his own performance.

Hessing said that the idea of this show is to be able to hopefully put smiles on more people's faces than just the students on campus. "We are going to try to collect donations for Operation Smile," he said.

Operation Smile is an international charity organization that collects money to help children who are born with severe cleft conditions. The children are of-

ten unable to eat, speak, socialize or smile.

There will be a table at the entrance for the show where donations are accepted. StuFu will match all the donations with a contribution.

Train said, "I'm really big on selfless giving, so I hope that this becomes something successful."

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Western culture ignites scholar's quest

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Some can pinpoint the source of the beginning of their beliefs with an exceptional speaker. Some have a startling experience or a wild professor.

Aliaksandr Paharely, visiting scholar from Belarus, remembers watching "Smurfs."

Growing up in Hrodna, on the west edge of Belarus, Paharely was able to watch the little blue people, and then "Ducktales," and other western shows. He listened to The Cure, and other music unavailable in other areas.

Unlike children and adults from further east in the country, Paharely had access to many non-Soviet ideas, which changed the path he took in life.

"Poland was a window to the West," Paharely said. "Poland was more open to western ideas."

Paharely, now 29, thrived on those ideas, and used the help of his father, a Soviet military man, to give them a background. "He always had an interest

in history," Paharely said. "I always shared that interest, too."

His father was sent to Afghanistan when Paharely was only two years old, for subversive ideas. In the Soviet era, Paharely said, "Everything was perceived as suspicious. Everything can be turned into something politically subversive."

He remembers his father coming back, disgusted by the methods of the Soviets, and he remembers seeing photos of what happened to the victims of torture.

"America had journalists to tell about misconduct, but the Soviets had nothing like that," he said. "It was horrible. For a five-year-old boy, it was horrible."

It was television that created the link to the outside world for him. "Polish television worked pretty well to cleanse the minds of ideological cobwebs," said Paharely. "I've always been interested in the politics of the outside world."

Though he spent a lot of time in barracks, with a military father, Paharely said that was one

of the biggest reasons he decided to attend the university in Minsk, the capital city of Belarus. Once he got there, he decided to focus on anthropology and ethnology.

"I really had a cynical attitude toward the curriculum," he said, "So I read a lot of things that I liked. I was quite dissatisfied with the level of education. When you have professors who bring Soviet textbooks and read them aloud while students take votes, that's outrageous."

One professor helped change that for him. "Because he spent a lot of time in the west, he had a completely different attitude toward academic standards. He was very good at foreign languages. There was a lot of theory in his lectures. It was kind of a shock."

After college, Paharely began visits to the United States, first in Maryland in 2003, where he was around many different cultures and learning to adapt.

"I never met so many persons from the United Kingdom," he said, laughing. "You actually learn how to compare, how to have some other cultural back-

ground."

He went for the second time in 2004, and then heard about the Center for Belarusian Studies in 2006. "These guys are interested in furthering the cause through education," he said. He was, too, and arrived at Southwestern this school year.

Paharely chooses to use his education to educate others on his country, the struggles they're going through with their current president, Alexander Lukashenko, who has been called the "Europe's last dictator," and what people are trying to do about it.

Paharely said that there were many from his school who became nationalists, and many people from his hometown area. "We were experiencing change," he said. "What we expected was a change for the better, in every respect. Our generation of the early 1980s is a remarkable one. We are struggling for a better Belarus."

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Discipleship raises funds for mission trip



Paige Carswell/Collegian photographer

Rutendo Jokomo, biology sophomore, Tendai Kwaramba, biology and biochemistry junior, Sarah Rommelfanger, biology sophomore, sing during the Discipleship fundraising event in Wroten Hall on Saturday. The event was called "Coffee House Fundraiser." It was \$1 for special coffee drinks and free-will donations for everything else. The service learning team is raising money for their mission trip to the Dominican Republic in May. There was live music by Tiffany Rea, Leslie Holloway, and other Southwestern musicians. Though they flipped a breaker and it took a while for the electricity to start running again, the event was a full house.

—From Gas, page 1

I've already taken out so many student loans. There's no way I'm going to find a new car to buy."

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Matthew Mehl, physical education freshman, said, "Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and it gives you energy."

Some students on campus love breakfast and have very a strict morning routine. David Bates, psychology sophomore, said, "Everyday I eat two biscuits with gravy and three eggs, a

full cup of water, and a half cup of chocolate milk. I'm serious about my breakfast, alright?"

Other students are more relaxed about what they eat in the mornings. Julia Faust, musical theatre freshman, said, "I had a cupcake for breakfast the other day. It happens."

The other issue surrounding breakfast is when it can be eaten. Breakfast is occasionally served for dinner in the cafeteria. Late night trips to IHOP find students eating pancakes at 1 a.m. Buffum said, "I think you can eat breakfast for dinner. I don't think breakfast for lunch is acceptable."

Can breakfast be eaten at any time of day, Brown said, "No. That's the stupidest question I ever heard. It can be eaten from

6 to 10 in the morning. That's breakfast."

Not everyone agrees. Colton McNinch, biochemistry freshman, said, "It's super tasty and rules can be broken if it's super tasty."

Favorite breakfast items included cereals like Captain Crunch and Honey Nut Cheerios, biscuits and gravy, and full meals including bacon and eggs, sausage, pancakes, and French toast.

When choosing your fare, Brown recommends eating on the healthier side. "It's a proven fact that an apple wakes people up twice as fast as coffee," he said.

Many skip this important meal, but breakfast isn't something to be taken lightly.

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