

Anatomy labs looking into the human body — literally



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Students concentrate while studying cadavers in their gross human anatomy lab, held in the Reynolds Gynasium.

By Vanessa Raba
Old Gold and Black Reporter

One of the university's health and exercise science classes will be learning with the ultimate visual aid — the human body.

The human gross anatomy course, taught by Anthony Marsh and Stephen Messier, professors of health and exercise science, to about 50 students, will be supplementing their studies this semester with labs involving observation of two human cadavers.

Junior Stephen Herman, an aspiring athletic trainer and HES major, said he was "excited by the opportunity to take part in the class."

"Without having the actual human bodies to study, I don't know how I'd ever get a feel for everything," Herman said. "I think that this experience will help me have a better feel for what goes on underneath the skin, behind the muscles. It will help me know the structures behind movement."

Human gross anatomy, a lecture

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lab course that teaches the structure and functions of the human body, is open to undergraduates majoring in health and exercise science, and non-majors with a letter of permission.

Lab sessions, with nine or 10 students, are used to dissect and study the human musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, and vascular systems. The labs are held in the lower level of Reynolds Gymnasium.

The cadavers designated for the course, one male and one female, are dissected exclusively by Lab TA's.

These selected assistants are seniors who have demonstrated interest and proficiency in anatomy and lab work throughout their university careers.

After the initial incisions are made by the TA's, the students take over, palpating and moving the tissues to observe, hands-on, all the systems and structures of the body.

Junior Emily Miller, also an HES major, enrolled in human gross anatomy for background information that will help her in becoming a physical therapist.

Before her first lab on Wednesday, Emily admitted she was "a bit nervous about the whole situation."

After the first lab, which focused on the shoulders of both cadavers, Emily reflected, "It was my first time in the presence of a cadaver, but it wasn't as bad as I thought. No one freaked out," she said.

"There's just so much information to absorb that you have to get past the fact that it's a dead person."

Herman echoed her satisfaction, saying, "It took a few minutes to get into the correct frame of mind. I had to sit myself down and say, 'this is going to be a great learning experience.' Once I got past

that hurdle, it seemed completely normal. I was really satisfied with the first lab."

Wake Forest is one of five schools around the nation to provide undergraduates first-hand experience with cadavers.

The expense associated with acquiring the cadavers, and the stigma that accompanies hands-on work with the deceased makes a class like human gross anatomy a rare one.

The decision to include these labs in a course not exclusive to medical students did not go unnoticed.

"Yeah, it is a little freaky if you think about it, actually working on deceased people," Herman said. "And there are those who disagree with offering this class to undergraduates."

"But there's so much to learn from this experience that I could never get from a book, and it's time to start learning it now. And, as for the cadavers, these people made a choice to donate their bodies to science, to research, and there's nothing scary about that."

Rape Awareness Week hits campus

By Kezia McKeague
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The ever-present concern of sexual assault will receive added attention on campus next week, which is designated Rape Awareness Week.

"The purpose is to get more people interested in the problem and in ways to combat it," Betsy Taylor, a psychologist in the university's Counseling Center and adviser to the Policy Group for Rape Education, Prevention and Response said.

The week kicks off with a solo performance piece entitled "Crimes Against Nature," to be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 in Wait Chapel.

The piece, written and performed by Christopher Kilmartin, an associate professor of psychology at Mary Washington College, is sponsored by the university's advocacy group Center for Awareness, Response and Education.

Laurel Banks, project director of CARE, described Kilmartin's piece as "a humorous look at the pressures of masculinity."

The annual PREPAR SpeakOut will take place Feb. 13.

This emotionally-charged candlelight ceremony includes anonymous testimonials of rape and sexual assaults experienced by university students.

"We want to show people that rape actually happens on our campus," Katie Kjellstrom, senior and co-chair of PREPAR, said.

While prevention is one obvious goal of next week's events, many administrators and staff involved in the judicial process for sexual misconduct feel like more

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students should know about the options of prosecution that are available to rape victims.

"We have a sexual misconduct policy that we think is excellent," Taylor said.

"We want to raise awareness that the judicial process is not fruitless. Unfortunately, we think the people we see are just the tip of the iceberg."

Mary Gerardy, assistant vice president for student life, estimated that "the vast majority" of rape victims do not even make a report with law enforcement officials.

In a 1997 survey conducted by PREPAR, one in nine students described experiences that met the North Carolina definition of rape or sexual assault while they were students at Wake Forest.

Of those, 15 percent went to the Counseling Center, 13 percent went to Student Health and only 5 percent contacted University Police.

University Police Detective James Rae, who conducts investigations into sexual misconduct reports, said that victims are under "an enormous amount of stress."

"They are often hesitant to give the name of the offender because in most cases the victim and the accused have some kind of relationship," Rae said.

"Are they going to tell an adult they don't know about this? Especially a cop?"

Taylor said, "it's a difficult issue to talk about even with a trained counselor or friends or family."

"There is also a stigma about rape as one of the only crimes that many don't feel comfortable reporting."

Those who do report incidents to University Police are advised on their options for prosecution.

If the alleged assailant is thought to be a university student, victims are encouraged to press charges through the campus judicial system.

Victims may also pursue criminal prosecution.

Witnessing these judicial hearings are a panel of students, faculty and administrators, including Ken Zick, vice president of student life.

If the accused student is found responsible for the charge, the presumptive sanction is expulsion or suspension.

"We frequently sit for days — hearing, deliberating, and struggling with these matters," Zick said.

"The judicial procedure may begin the healing process, but there are no winners. It's very sad."

Nevertheless, Zick and others felt that the procedure is well worth it.

"The number one issue is accountability. Some see it as clearing the air," Ricardo Hall, assistant dean and judicial officer, said.

"In my experience I've found that it's more empowering than traumatizing," Taylor said.

"Victims generally feel glad they did it."



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Pitchin' a tent

The site of the annual ticket camp-out at Spry Stadium stretches in front of two patient basketball fans. Campers slept outside in anticipation of choice game seats.

BRIEFLY

Campus organizations may have their announcements listed by sending e-mail to news@ogb.wfu.edu, faxing to Ext. 4561 or writing to P.O. Box 7569. The deadline for inclusion in each week's paper is 5 p.m. Monday.

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\$100 and one to New Orleans for \$150. On these trips groups volunteer a few hours each day and explore the cities in the evenings. If you are interested in helping plan a trip contact Melissa Henderson at hendma0@wfu.edu.

Major declaration due for sophomores

Sophomores should declare a major by signing up for an advising appointment at the desired department Feb. 25 to March 1. Students who do not declare by March 1 risk being unable to register for major courses at the appropriate time. Advising conferences will be held March 25 to April 5. Students who do not plan to declare a major at this time, or who do not plan to return to the university in the fall, must notify Hallie Arrington in the Registrar's office.

PREPAR seeks assault testimonials

The Policy Group on Rape Education, Prevention and Response is seeking students to write anonymous testimonials about an incident of rape or sexual assault to be read by another student at the annual SpeakOut at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 in Wait Chapel.

Students can submit a typed (less than two pages double-spaced), anonymous testimonial about a personal experience or feelings about a friend or loved one who was sexually assaulted to Betsy Taylor in the Counseling Center

in Reynolda 118, or call Ext. 5273 for more information.

HES major information session scheduled

An information and major declaration meeting will be held for students interested in health and exercise science at 11 a.m. Feb. 26 and 3 p.m. Feb. 27 in Reynolds Gym room 209. This major is appropriate for students with an interest in allied health, medicine, nutrition, health psychology, exercise science, public health, and biomechanics. For more information, contact Gary Miller at Ext. 1901.

Theme year event features Time writer

Doug Waller, a congressional correspondent for *Time* magazine and university alumnus will speak at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 in Pugh Auditorium, as a part of the Year of Unity and Hope: *Pro Humanitate* at Work.

Worrell house seeking student assistants

Students interested in serving

as assistants at Worrell House during summer 2002 are invited to submit a letter of application (stating interest and qualifications), a resume, and a letter of recommendation from a current faculty member. Applicants should state preferred dates of service: May 25-Aug. 17 or July 1-Aug. 17. Information should be forwarded to Paul Orser, associate dean of the college, by Feb. 15.

Honor society raffling seats to Duke game

Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-medical honor society, is currently selling raffle tickets for two front-row seats at the Feb. 21 men's basketball game against Duke. Money raised will go to local charities and be used to educate pre-medical students. Raffle tickets are \$2 and will be sold until Feb. 16. For more information, contact Qionna Tinney at tinnqm02@wfu.edu or Ext. 3833.

Philosophy forum to feature guest speaker

Professor Helen Hattab from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale will present "Conflicting Causalities: The Jesuits, Their

Opponents and Descartes on the Causality of the Efficient Cause" at a philosophy forum at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 11 in Tribble B-316.

SU brings author of Dead Man Walking

Sister Helen Prejean, the author of *Dead Man Walking*, will speak at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 in Pugh Auditorium. Prejean's book, a first-hand testimony to her experience working with death row inmates, was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for 31 weeks and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, while the movie version of the book won an Academy Award. The event is sponsored by the Student Union and is free and open to the public.

RLH seeking new RAs for fall semester

The office of Residence Life and Housing is now accepting applications for the Resident Adviser Assistantship position for the 2002-03 academic year.

Applications are available in Benson 344 and 218, Z. Smith Reynolds Library, or at <http://www.wfu.edu/Administrative-offices/Residence-Life-and-Housing/>.

Completed applications are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 15. For more infor-

Applications available for Dijon program

The department of romance languages is currently accepting applications for the fall 2002 program in Dijon, France. Applications are available in Greene 323. For more information, contact Stephen Murphy at Ext. 5492 or murphy@wfu.edu.

Rotary scholarship applications available

Applications are now available for the Rotary academic year and Cultural Ambassadorial scholarships, intended to improve international understanding and foster positive relations among different countries. The academic-year scholarship is for one year in an academic setting, and the cultural scholarship is for three months of intensive language training and cultural immersion. Applicants should call Susan Faust at Ext. 5891 for more information.

Service organization plans spring break

Wake Alternative Break is an agency of Volunteer Service Corps that is offering two spring break trips, one to Charleston, S.C. for

Applications for need-based aid available

Instructions and applications for 2002-03 need-based aid are available from the Office of Student Financial Aid in Reynolda Hall, Room 4. Current aid recipients should remember that renewal of aid requires annual application. The priority filing deadline for returning students in early April.

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