

Students, instructor respond to dissection alternatives

By AMANDA DURHAM

Instructors in the Science Department have responded to a student complaint about the dissection policy.

Douglas Royal, Department Head, said that the dissection policy at WCC will not change.

If a student has a legitimate complaint or religious objection to dissection, the department offers an equal but fair alternative to dissecting.

Regarding the concern for animal rights and the dissection of animals for the advancement of science, Royal said that the animals were not killed for purposes of dissection. Rather, they are the off-products of natural morbidity.

He said the fetal pigs used for dissection are runts of the litter that did not live during birth.

Other WCC students had varying responses to the issue. Allison Kennedy, Associate in Arts college transfer student said that if she needed surgery, she would not want a doctor who had watched only videos of procedures.

"I would want a doctor who had hands-on experience and knew what she was doing."

Suellen Neas, also an Associate in Arts major, stated that if the animals are already deceased, then they feel no pain and there is nothing wrong with learning through hands-on experience.

As for the cost of the animals to dissect, Royal said that not much of the budget is used for these animals.

SGA officers for 1999-2000 elected during Spring Fling

By SHANE PATE

During Spring Fling on Tuesday, April 26, students voted for student government officers for 1999-2000.

Filling the office of President will be Sharon Simmons. Marcus Rouse was elected Vice-President, and Angela Roycroft will serve as Public Information chair.

To the VOICE Staff and Editor:

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Wayne Parson, Director of Student Activities, said other officers and board members would be selected at a later date.



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