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PSC Biological Sciences Receive More Than 50 Skulls from a Pensacola Veterinarian

PENSACOLA, FL – Pensacola veterinarian Dr. Cliff Owen has donated 54 museum-quality skulls to Pensacola State College’s Biological Sciences Department.

The authentic mammalian skulls range from very small rodents to very large carnivores and bovids.

Matt Drum, PSC Biological Sciences Department head, says Dr. Cliff Owen and his late wife Sandra Kay Owen spent more than 25 years compiling the array of skulls.

“Many of the specimens require special permits to collect, and for that, could be considered very rare,” Drum says. “We are currently cataloging the skulls and then will rotate many of them in the glass cases located in the front of the Planetarium, Building 21, so that students and the community can see them.”

The skulls also will be used in PSC zoology courses and in the Biological Sciences Department’s educational outreach collaborations that expose children to science, such as MESS Hall and PEGASUS Camp.

“My daughter went to PSC, and I had the pleasure to teach in the Biology Department some years ago,” Dr. Owen commented. “I really enjoyed the students and hope they find the skulls as interesting as I do.”

“Dr. Owen had served on an advisory board for the Zoology Technology program and taught a course in anatomy for the program,” Drum said. “When he saw a newscast about PEGASUS, he thought we would benefit from the addition of the specimens.”

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