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- THE MAGNIFICENT WORLD OF FUNGI They flourish in a microscopic world most of us don't think about, but fungi have a tremendous impact on the larger world that surrounds them. A new exhibition at Science Museum Oklahoma features the work of OU chemist Robert Cichewicz and his team at the Natural Products Discovery Group.
- 11 INSIDE-OUT Inmates and OU students are breaking social barriers and stereotypes by taking college courses together within prison walls. Through the "Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program," what classmates learn about each other is as important as the curriculum.
- BOOKS TO BELIEVE IN Established in 1928 by OU President William Bennett Bizzell to share the scholarly research of his faculty, the OU Press today enjoys an international reputation for books on the American West and the American Indian and for its meticulous vetting process of every volume published.
- HOW CHILDREN LEARN Research has long shown that children's backgrounds affect how they learn. The Early Childhood Education Institute at OU-Tulsa is taking a lead role in a long-term study of how quality early-childhood programs can decrease learning gaps among poor and minority students.

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