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Book Has Many Bethel Connections

Photos taken by Bob Kistler (ITS) appear in the book *The Invisible ABCs: Exploring the World of Microbes*, released in October 2006 by Rodney Anderson. For the book, Anderson, a microbiologist and professor at Ohio Northern University, has collected photos of microorganisms shaped like letters of the alphabet to illustrate the significant role microbes play in our daily lives.

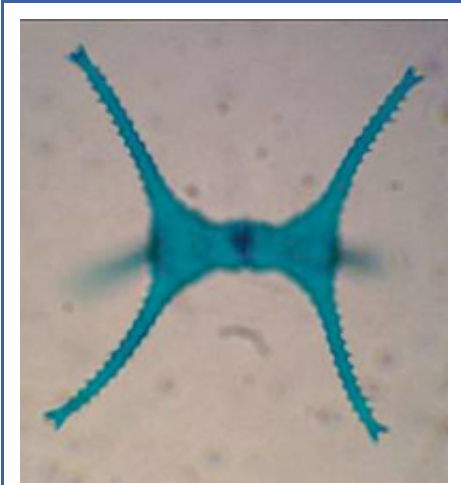


Photo of a microorganism shaped like the letter "H." Taken by Bob Kistler (ITS).

Intended for school-age children and younger, the book aims to stimulate readers to discover the fascinating world of microorganisms. The photos of the letters "H" and "S" were submitted by Kistler. It is the first children's book ever to be published by the American Society for Microbiology. An online version of the book is available at http://www.theinvisibleabcs.org/index_files/Page760.htm.

The author of the book is the father of College of Arts & Sciences senior Graetel Anderson and the uncle of Naomi Dillner '97, who often teaches as an adjunct for Bethel's biology department.