

PETA: NKU is harming rats 'unnecessarily'



Two lab rats from Southern Illinois University.

Professor defends merit of brain surgery performed on rats

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People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is condemning animal experimentation in a biopsychology lab at Northern Kentucky University.

In the contested course, instructor Mark Bardgett is performing brain surgery on mice and rats. The surgery is followed by the death of the rodents by drug overdose. PETA is asking NKU to end the course or to stop using animals for research.

The class, a laboratory in biological psychology, studies the biological basis of behavior. It is not a required class, but Bardgett said the research performed has

merit and can be useful to his students.

"The research that is being done in the lab is the type that has done a lot of people a lot of good," Bardgett said. "By studying the brains of rats and mice, a lot has been learned about Alzheimer's and schizophrenia."

Matthew Mongiello, an associate researcher for PETA, sent a letter of complaint to President James Votruba about the course in November 2005. In response, Votruba said the lab procedures were found to be acceptable. Mongiello said that PETA feels Votruba "is not adequately addressing our concerns."

Votruba said that after the letter came from PETA, he asked

Provost Gail Wells to investigate the issue and ensure that the university was following all the guidelines for the use of animals in research.

"Professor Bardgett is one of our finest faculty members," Votruba said. "He has provided a detailed rationale and description (of his lab experiments) which satisfies me that he is working within our campus guidelines."

Mongiello said that the surgery causes a great deal of "pain and distress" to the rodents involved and it could be replaced by non-animal techniques. Mongiello said PETA makes it a policy to oppose all forms of research that involve death or injury to animals.

Mongiello specifically suggested other techniques that could be used in the lab, including PET Scans and MRIs.

"The law says that animals may only be used for instruction if the teaching goals couldn't be met with non-animal procedures," Mongiello said, citing the Animal Welfare Act. "In this case I think the course could certainly be offered without invasive animal techniques."

However, Bardgett said that most of the non-animal procedures Mongiello suggested were impractical.

"Many of those alternatives would be a huge expense for the university," Bardgett said.

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Flies help solve homicides

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Imagine receiving more than \$500,000 to look at flies.

Dr. Gregory Dahlem, a biology professor at Northern Kentucky University, did just that. He received a grant from the National Institute of Justice to study flies.

Beginning next month, Dahlem, along with Dr. Ron DeBruy, will be using an identification system where a police crime lab

Cincinnati, will begin a three-year project studying flesh flies and blow flies, the flies that are most commonly used for forensic purposes.

Dahlem said he and DeBruy are attempting to "come up with an identification system where a police crime lab



Dahlem in Australia.

anywhere in the country could take specimens from a crime scene and, following protocol, extract the DNA and send it to the lab to identify which species it is," according to Dahlem.

This identification system is hoped to make it easier for police to get more accurate information about the length of time someone has been deceased.

"You can get a pretty good idea of the amount of time that a dead body has been

exposed to the environment by looking at the different species of insects that are found on it and what stage of development they are in," Dahlem said.

According to Dr. Mark Marsolais, a criminal justice professor at NKU and former police officer, this identification system would be very useful.

"From a forensics standpoint, we are looking for much more clear-cut evidence to pinpoint the time of

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Tuition payments change

Students can pay bill 'as if it were a credit card'

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Beginning this summer, Northern Kentucky University will change the tuition payment plan. Students will have the option to pay on their tuition as if it were a credit card.

Students who do not pay their tuition by the due date will automatically be registered in NKU FlexPay. Once enrolled, students will be charged a late fee and have the ability to make payments toward their tuition at any point throughout the semester until it is paid off.

A letter from Bursar Operations to students said this plan "offers great flexibility in timing of payments, and the university hopes that it will assist students in reducing some of the stresses placed on them by impending due dates."

In addition to the late fee, every 30 days the remaining balance will acquire interest, just like a credit card. When registration rolls around for the following semester, a hold will be placed on the account if a student has a balance more than \$100. The interest rate and late fee have not yet been set.

Freshman Anna Alex said she would use this new option. "I don't want to have \$10,000 in loans when I am out of here," she said. "I would rather pay with my money than borrowed money."

These changes will also affect student enrollment. Students will no longer be dropped from their classes if tuition is not paid. The only way a student will be removed from a class is for violation of the non-attendance policy or if the student officially withdraws from the class or university. If a student stops attending class, but never withdraws, the student will still owe tuition to the university.

"These changes will move more responsibility to the students," said Robert Neumann, director of Bursar Operations. Neumann said this will also lead to less stress for the professors. With the current system, students could be in a class for two weeks but then be automatically dropped because they did not pay their bill. This causes the professor to have an inconsistent number of students.

Under the new system there won't be systematic drops if a student is late paying tuition, an idea some professors like.

"I like the idea that students can't be forcibly evicted from a class," said Brad Scharlott, journalism professor.

Some exceptions to the NKU FlexPay exist. First-time students who borrow money or students who receive Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) money will not be subject to the late fee. "The purpose of this plan is not to generate revenue," said Neumann. "But we want to cover debt that we may incur."

Groundbreaking slated for Feb. 15

Groundbreaking on the \$37 million Student Union Building Ground is being held at noon Feb. 15.

An accompanying ceremony will be held Wednesday between University Center and Lot A. President James Votruba will speak at the groundbreaking celebration. The celebration will also feature music and the presentation of a time capsule.

Chase Justice Day teaches through mock trial



Photo contributed by Megan McCarty

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It's like something out of "The Practice." The jury, the trial, the witnesses... the high school students?

On Feb. 9, Salmon P. Chase College of Law sponsored Regional Youth Leadership Justice Day, coordinated with the help of Chase Professor and Director of Clinical Programs Kathleen Hughes.

Through Justice Day, students learned how to tell a counterfeit bill from a real one, heard a rescue story from a United States Secret Service agent and became a lawyer, witness or juror in a mock trial of a reckless homicide case in front of a real judge.

In addition to encouraging

students to examine ethical dilemmas that lawyers face and helping them gain knowledge of the judicial system, the goal of the program, according to the Regional Youth Leadership Program, is "to expose students [to] the role that law plays in our social justice in a variety of areas and to examine the many functions that lawyers perform in those areas."

Students were able to see multiple examples of that role. The day's events included talks by Jim Liles, director of the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force, and Matthew Mann of the United States Secret Service, before everyone broke off into small groups to discuss legal ethics issues with Chase professors.

While the students were actively engaged in all parts of the program, the mock trial in Chase's Moot Court courtroom before Judge Gregory M. Bartlett of Kenton County Circuit Court was what students said they enjoyed most. "I liked the interactive-ness of the mock trial," said Sean Spille, a student at Villa Madonna Academy in Villa Hills. "I enjoyed the atmosphere, and I liked that everyone received a part."

Chase law student volunteers coached the high school students through the trial process on aspects such as what questions to ask the witnesses and when to object. In teaching the high school students what they are learning to do themselves, Chase students

gave the high school students a peek into the world of the law student.

Theresa Henke, a student at Bishop Brossart High School in Alexandria, played a key witness in the trial as Officer Shannon McFadden.

"I thought about being a lawyer when I was younger," she said. "Doing this brought back what was appealing about it."

Acting as the prosecutor questioning Henke was Steve Davis, of Holy Cross High School in Covington. He wants to be a pilot, but he enjoyed being a prosecutor just the same.

"I like being able to get up there and argue," Davis said. "It's pretty sweet to be a lawyer."

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"Getting the equipment to run a PET-scan would cost the university next to \$10 million. It would cost about \$100,000 every year for maintenance and it would be very hard to need room to store the equipment."

Mongiello said PETA was notified of Bardgett's class by one of his fellow professors. He said some students who were formerly enrolled in Bardgett's class had also been upset when they learned slicing of mice's brains was involved.

Mongiello said he believes the experiment is an unnecessary procedure for undergraduates to perform. "This surgery is not even going to apply to the careers of most of Professor Bardgett's students," Mongiello said. "These are only a few undergraduate students."

However, Bardgett said that the students who take his lab class are very likely to use similar surgical techniques later in their careers.

"A very small percentage of psychology students take this lab," Bardgett said. "There are only about 16 students in the lab and we have over 400 psychology majors. My students are the ones who are very interested in going on to graduate school and this will be useful to them later on."

Bardgett said he informs all students who register for the lab exactly what experiments will be performed. He tells the students that if they have ethical concerns, they should consider withdrawing from the

course.

"Some students don't want to perform the surgery themselves and tell me they would rather just watch. That's OK with me, too," Bardgett said.

Mongiello said that he believes the university's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is being lenient on Bardgett's experiments.

Mongiello said PETA cannot take legal actions since the lab class does not breach the limitations of the Animal Welfare Act. However, Mongiello said he hopes people will be protesting.

"I know that PETA disputes whether it's necessary to use the animals in Dr. Bardgett's research and instruction," Votruba said. "But (Bardgett) has informed the university that it is indeed, necessary and I trust his judgment."

"(Wells) and I are both very committed to insuring that when animals must be used for teaching or research, they are treated humanely and that their use is the only cost-effective way of accomplishing what the faculty member is working to accomplish," Votruba said.

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death," he said. In his opinion, the flies Dahlem is studying may be the forensic evidence needed to know when the death may have occurred.

Normally, the only way to tell the different species of flies apart is by looking at their sex organs, which according to Dahlem, is not an easy thing to do. "In reality, there are probably less than five people in North America that can accurately identify these flies... and I fall into the category of being able to do that," Dahlem said.

DeBry, who specializes in molecular systematics, which is figuring out the evolutionary relationship between

organisms based on their DNA, has been a friend of Dahlem's since they attended graduate school together. According to Dahlem, the idea for this project "brought together my fly work and his DNA work," so they decided to work on the project together with Trevor Stamper, a graduate student from UC.

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Through the looking glass KRT

Weird, and somewhat unbelievable news from around the globe

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Danger? I scoff at danger? Fuzzzz!

A man in Belinabad, Texas, decided to steal valuable copper wire while it was still attached to high-voltage transformers at an electrical substation, despite posted warnings that such a thing might be dangerous.

His next of kin have been notified.

Hurry! For the love of God, Hurry! Aieee!

A construction worker in Wisconsin discovered that a dog sitting on the railroad tracks for more than two hours was frozen to the tracks by his testicles.

With less than ten minutes before a train was scheduled to go through, the animal control officer freed the dog by yanking him up by the tail, much to his dismay.

Oh, hi your honor, I was just, uh, using the men's room... After being found guilty of drunken driving and ordered not to drink alcohol during his six months of probation, a man in Jackson, Mo., promptly went to a

nearby restaurant and bar and had a few.

Alas, the judge who sentenced him came into that very same place for lunch and spotted him. Probation revoked.

Is it getting warm in here, or is it just me?

A man from Finland was barred from neighboring Norway because he was arrested 98 times for vagrancy, drunkenness and being a public nuisance.

But he snuck back into the country yet again and was soon arrested on a public bus in downtown Bergen, heavily intoxicated and wearing only his undershorts.

Police who are familiar with him say he tends to remove more and more of his clothes as his blood-alcohol level gets higher.

And they'll never catch on, dude...

Though he has been told repeatedly that the prison telephones are monitored, a prisoner suspect in a Florida lockdown phoned a friend from jail and told him he was faking insanity so he would be found not competent to stand trial. "I ain't no rookie when it comes to this, brother," he said.

The guards, of course, heard everything.

vacation days. Kelso actually sent Votruba a written letter.

We apologize for any inconvenience this might have caused.

Students feel burden College saving 'not a top financial priority'

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Today's college students are feeling the burden of paying for their own education since only two-thirds of parents are saving for their children's college education.

Four years of tuition at an in-state public college can cost as much as \$50,000, and more than \$110,000 at a private university. According to a recent poll in Next Step Magazine, 59 percent of parents who have tried to save money for their child's education have saved less than \$50,000. Only three percent of parents have saved between \$50,000 and \$150,000.

I have to pay half per year, and

when I get out I have to pay them (my parents) back. Freshman Kevin Rauch said.

A 2005 survey by Vanguard and UPMire found that 64 percent of families with children under the age of 12 were saving for college. Only 37 percent of parents considered saving for their child's college education a top financial concern.

According to a Sallie Mae survey, this is a big improvement. In 1997 only 18 percent of parents started saving for college before their child began school.

"Parents I know start saving when their child is in elementary school," Freshman Beth Bell said.

Academic Management Services conducted a survey and found 57 percent of parents waited until their child was in high school before deciding how their

college education would be paid for. However, 45 percent of children begin to show an interest in college before the age of 14.

"I already knew where I was going, so I tried to take classes in high school so I did not have to take them in college," said Julie Vittrakis, who did not start thinking about college until her junior year of high school. "My parents pay for it all, she said, they always stressed education."

There are several ways parents can begin saving money for their child's college education, with savings accounts being the most popular form. Other forms consist of CDs, stocks, mutual funds, Uniform Gifts to Minors and Uniform Transfer to Minors accounts, savings bonds, Coverdell education savings accounts and 529 plans.

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Musical tribute to Rosa Parks

Northern Kentucky University will present a concert with a musical tribute to Rosa Parks called "A Movement for Rosa—a Tribute to Rosa Parks" at 8 p.m. Feb. 23 in Greaves Concert Hall. The ensemble will include a PowerPoint slide presentation of 58 pictures accompanied by live music. For more information contact Brant Karriek, director of bands, at (859) 572-5284 or visit www.nku.edu/music.

MarketingExperiments.com offers "Back of a Napkin" Business Plan Competition

MarketingExperiments.com, an Internet marketing research laboratory, is offering a \$100,000 business jump-start package to the winner of their first business plan competition. The competition involves writing all of the information about the proposed business on the back of a 5-by-7 index card. Winners

will be announced March 31. Deadline for entries is Feb. 25. For more information, visit the Web site at www.marketingexperiments.com/napkin1.003.asp.

Staff Congress holds National Clean Your Closet Week

NKU's staff congress is sponsoring National Clean Your Closet week March 13-17. During the week, donations of women's suits, shoes, handbags, jewelry, packaged hosiery and scarves may be brought to Human Resources in Lucas Administration Center 708 or to Steely Library room 302A between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. These items will be distributed to low-income women hoping to make it into the work force. The women will receive clothing to wear to the job interview and upon receiving the job. All donations should be clean and on hangers. No bags of clothing will be accepted. For more information please visit www.dressforsuccess.org.

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Valentine's Day not adored by all

They say all you have to do to find out about someone's love life is to ask them how they feel about Valentine's Day. Couples in love will describe it as a magical day. For singles, it feels mostly like solitary confinement with pink streamers everywhere.

Yes, for most of us, Valentine's Day is the day about love that we love to hate.

For couples Valentine's Day is a celebration of love and passion. It's a day where boyfriends and girlfriends exchange candles and kisses, and romance is in the air. All the while, the rest of us have to watch.

While lovers gorge themselves on delectable chocolates, singles nibble on the stale candy hearts that their grandparents usually gave them. Committed couples extol the virtues of Cupid's holiday, while cynical singles mock it as a cash cow invented by greeting card companies. And for me, the "secret admirer" turns out to be someone who you wished had remained secret.

Or, perhaps, a boyfriend or girlfriend just wants to be a friend, and decided that the best time to tell you was right after receiving your gift. Real hearts can break just as easily as the candy ones.

Nothing quells that sting of being alone on Valentine's Day except when the day finally ends.

Or that nagging feeling that it's always going to be a lonely day.

Or the biting jealousy that gnaws at you when someone about you seems to have found a companion.

Or the wonderful lump in the gut when someone ahead of you at the store is buying a box of chocolates, while you're stuck with another TV dinner.

But it's over now. The lump of day February has passed, and we singles can go back to trying to either forget we're

single or change it. The mad rush to find someone on Valentine's Day is over, and there is still some time until its ugly step sister Sweetest Day rears its face.

Until then we're safe from the flood of red and pink hearts, cupid pin-ups, stuffed animals and couples.

However, Valentine's Day isn't all bad. The candy hearts, decorations and cuddly bears certainly stimulate the economy, with over \$14 billion spent on this year.

And for those who have found that special someone, or at least think they may have, it holds the hope and promise of blossoming love.

It also teaches valuable lessons, like sometimes it's OK to take candy from strangers. Or that you shouldn't try to quit smoking around Valentine's Day.

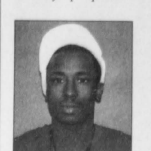
But whether a love life is full of triumphs or trials, the rest of life goes on. Being single on Valentine's Day, after all, isn't as bad as being single on your honeymoon.

As for now, relax and wait for that somebody who makes everyday feel like a holiday.

As for me, I am glad that I didn't spend money on Valentine's Day. More money to spend on St. Patrick's Day.

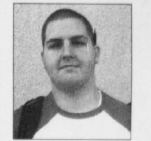
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What do you think of animal testing for scientific purposes?



DaMykel Tucker
Freshman, Undecided

"I feel like it's alright. They use humans also. They can use animals as long as they don't get harmed."



Bryan Roemer
Sophomore, Journalism

"I think it's unethical and should be banned."



Danielle Hamilton
Sophomore, Undecided

"I think on certain animals they shouldn't do it, others are OK. Like rats. They are reproduced for that purpose."



Lakeshia Payne
Junior, Computer Science

"I don't think it's right."

Building new Student Union a bad idea

NKU should concentrate on improving existing resources along with the radio station

As you may or may not know, a new building to be erected on NKU's campus, called the Student Union Building. It will feature a new Student Government Association hall, a game room and a new dining hall, and the dean's office. The third floor will be dedicated to student involvement offices.

Also much of what the Student Union Building will house the campus already has. In fact, the University Center has a few things that the new building won't, including a theater, a bookstore and a small radio station.

That last bit is of particular interest.

Given that to pay for this new facility, our tuition will be increased, as will the price for our parking passes, we may as well get something we really want, something we really need.

That having been said, I'd like to propose an initiative to make our small radio station in the UC a much larger, more widespread station with the construction of a new tower to send out its signal and an

additional room to act as the on-air room and media storage for the radio station.

We must take into consideration a few intricacies of course. For one, every radio station broadcasting on public airwaves is regulated by the Federal Communications Commission. That can work to our advantage, however.

When I was a student at the University of Kentucky, I worked as a disc jockey at the university-sponsored station WRFL. Our FCC license stipulated that we could not play music that would be heard on any mainstream radio stations.

In my experience, most NKU students don't listen to mainstream music anyway, and even those who do undoubtedly appreciate a few bands that aren't getting the airtime they deserve. For instance, when I was the last time you heard Dave Matthews' "Satellite" on 97.3 FM (Channel Z) or 102.7 (WEBN), or anything by Beck or Radiohead? They play Nine Inch Nails and the Smashing Pumpkins every once in a while and consider

themselves alternative?

That's a nice start, but let's get on the ball, here. Even rap and hip-hop fans have something to gain from the license we would hope to get. For instance, ever heard of Sound Directions, RJD2 or MF Doom? Those who have probably haven't heard them on the radio, ever.

The idea behind the new radio station is to provide the student of NKU and those in a wide radius around the university with a more diverse selection of music. The music would vary from everything from Matisyahu to The Decemberists to KMD to Mulatu Astatke to older music like Jimmi Hendrix. We would span across every genre, from the jazziest of jazz to the hardest of hard rock. The station would exist as a beacon of musical diversity.

Each DJ would volunteer their time, and be given two or three hours to play music. And the best part is the station would be student-run, so if students don't like something about the station, a show students don't like, or if

a band wasn't getting enough play, they could volunteer to take their own time slot and fix the problem, or talk to the students running the station.

A new station would also provide an outlet for aspiring broadcast journalism majors who couldn't get on WKNU because it had no openings. The station could provide news updates throughout the day before and during various DJ's shows.

But wait, there's more! The way a radio station gets more music that isn't provided by its DJs is to run music sponsored and provided by various producers and their companies. When I worked at WRFL, I was treated to the knowledge that we had over 19,000 CDs and 9,000 vinyl records that the station had accumulated since 1988.

Also consider that most major universities have student-run radio stations, including the University of Cincinnati (Bearcat), the University of Kentucky (WRFL), Xavier University (WXU), which began as a student-run station, and Indiana

University (WIUS). Each of these universities understands what there is to gain from having a student-run station.

Well, NKU has even more to gain. When prospective students hear this station and learn that they can volunteer, or hear information about the university, the potential will increase to draw them to the university.

It's pretty easy to see the advantages of a student-run radio station. This could potentially draw more students, it would expose all listeners to newer music, it would provide a non-professional outlet for journalism majors, and it would further help to bring NKU to par with the larger universities in the area. Not to mention, we're going to be paying for a bunch of things we already have with the construction of the Student Union Building with tuition increases. Why not get something we really want?

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Freshman
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Americans apathetic about the Olympics

'The public has little knowledge that the greatest sporting event of our planet has begun'

February has arrived, and so has the 20th Edition of the Winter Olympics. However, the public has little knowledge that the greatest sporting event of our planet has begun, much less where Torino is located. Situated in the Alps of Northern Italy, Torino is the proud host city of this year's winter games.

Ask anyone on the street if they know that the games have started, and you will get blank faces. It seems that unless the Olympics are hosted on

our home soil, the American public cares very little about this historical event.

Yet, we should be very aware of an event of this magnitude because it offers us a glimpse into our global community.

The Olympics are a way for people to gain insight into areas that many of us rarely think about.

The opening ceremonies of the games give us a glimpse at the historic value to host city and country as Torino did

with their Renaissance tribute, the Red Ferrari Showcase, and the great finale with Pavarotti.

I am sure the public has some knowledge about these things, but while watching the ceremonies, one can see the great pride that the Italians showed.

The Olympics do carry a strong force. Political views are forgotten for one night.

A great example would be how North and South Korea marched into Stadio Olimpico

during the Parade of Nations, united under one flag, something politicians and governments have not been able to accomplish.

The spirit of sport holds even greater value as Israel and Iran will be competing against each other not in a war over holy land, but in peace and as friendly opponents.

Yes, the Olympics are a great event that educates us about the world and teaches us the values that are impor-

tant in our society.

I urge you to watch the Olympics and show support to the great American athletes who worked hard to gain their spotlight, but do not forget those athletes from small nations such as Ethiopia, Costa Rica or Nepal, whose sole representative stands for an entire nation's pride.

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Sports Scene



with Seth Millhoan

"Great One" takes a fall

Gambling on sports has always been and always will be a hot button topic in this area of the country. Generations upon generations will talk about the raw deal Pete Rose received from Major League Baseball. We always wondered why Rose would do such a stupid thing and then we wondered how in the world he would let himself get caught. We thought no one would ever experience our pain.

The National Hockey League was caught in a serious pickle last season when their entire organization decided to close up shop for an entire year.

In a country where football and baseball dominate the public interest, there should have been no way that the NHL would ever come out of the dark shadow that was cast upon it. The labor dispute among an irrelevant sport in the United States was among the silliest things in history. And believe it or not, they were doing a decent job rebuilding their image up until next week. Then along came Phoenix Coyotes Assistant Coach Rick Tocchet and the NHL's poster boy, Wayne Gretzky.

Gretzky, known as The Great One, was accused of knowingly about his wife's alleged participation in the biggest gambling bust in NHL history. The problem is that Gretzky claims that he didn't know about any illegal gambling ring and that any assumption that he did was false.

How could Gretzky not know about something this huge? The amount of money that was supposedly involved was in the hundreds of millions. I'm sure the Gretzky family has plenty of money to go around, but how much would have to come up missing from the bank account for The Great One to notice? \$500,000? \$1 million dollars? \$10 million dollars? His wife, Janet Jones-Gretzky, has her own money, but obviously not the kind of cash to keep someone from squealing to the authorities about what was going on. The Great One was also heard in conversation with the alleged financier of the entire operation. Not good news if you're trying to get yourself out of the situation.

The one problem with all of this is that the story has barely made headlines in the wake of the Olympics. That should say enough about the popularity of the NHL. Steroids was a headline story for three months. Rose is a huge story every year someone else is elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The sad thing about all of this from a fan's standpoint is the amount of national attention that it is getting, which is minuscule. This should be a bigger story than it is. The fact that it's not speaks out loudly against the NHL.

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Norse Women back in polls

Recent winning streak puts basketball team back on national map

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Last week was a busy one for Northern Kentucky University athletics. Both the men's and women's basketball were in action and the softball team started their season by traveling to Alabama. The women were also able to climb back into the top 25 for the first time in two years.

The Norse women's recent success has put them back in the national scene. The No. 24 Norse came out shooting against the University of Indianapolis Feb. 9 on their way to winning big 81-62.

Katie Butler led Norse scorers with 14 points off the bench. University of Indianapolis' guard Mandy Geryak scored 23 in her team's loss.

NKU was able to extend its streak of wins to 14 after they avenged an early season loss to St. Joseph's.

NKU shot 50.8 percent from the field as well as 60 percent from the 3-point line. Nicole Chiodi led the way with 14 points.

The Norse women remain ranked No. 24 nationally and No. 3 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference East Division.

NKU's softball team traveled to Florence, Ala. over the weekend to get their season started. They played a double-header Feb. 10. They were defeated in the first game 7-0 by the University of West Florida. Shortstop Rachele Vogelwohl was the only Norse player able to

manage some hits going 2-for-3 in the game. Game two was a different story as the Norse was able to come away with a 4-1 victory over No. 4 University of Alabama-Huntsville. Center fielder Kara Lorenz went 3-for-3 with one RBI. Catcher Sarah King added two RBIs as well.

The Norse men first played host to Indianapolis Feb. 9. Consistency was a problem all game long as NKU was unable to hold onto a few leads. The Norse eventually had to come from six down to rally and beat a team that has won three games all year.

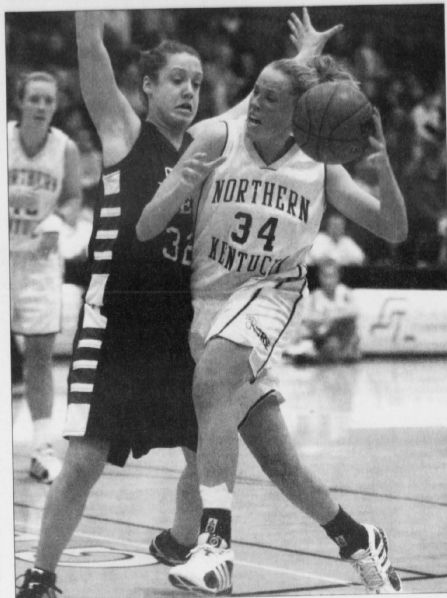
With the game tied at 71, freshman Billy Finnell was able to draw a foul with 3.8 seconds on the clock. He went to the foul line with the game in his hands and made both free throws to put the Norse on top for good. NKU won 73-71.

The Norse had three players score in double-digits. Travis Rasso and Mark Hawkins led the way with 14 points apiece.

Feb. 11 was a game the Norse fought hard for as they were taking on No. 10 St. Joseph's College. The Norse upset bid was stamped out late in the second half after NKU battled all night.

St. Joe's Sullivan Sykes, who scored 28 points, made a basket with 1:26 left in the game put his team on top. He was also able to convert some free throws in the final seconds to give him team the victory.

Mark Hawkins led in scoring with 15 points. Billy Finnell added 13 in the defeat.



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NKU's Karmen Graham drives to the hoop in their game with St. Joe's.

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Actors celebrate vagina writings

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Whether a performer screamed vaginal euphemisms or conveyed a tale of private-part acclamation, guests of the Otto Budig Theatre absorbed an hour and a half of female-anatomy discourse on Feb. 8.

They were subjects to a 12-person cast — comprised of Northern Kentucky University students and faculty — that took the theater's stage to perform "The Vagina Monologues," a play by Eve Ensler. "Our cast was amazing, and they were all volunteers," said NKU instructor Mari York, who co-directed the play with senior James Ernest.

"In the past, I've forced my classes to be in it and it hasn't worked as well."

The play's title speaks for itself — the volunteers read monologues (either they chose or the directors assigned them) and "Vagina Facts," which are historical tidbits about that particular part of the female body.

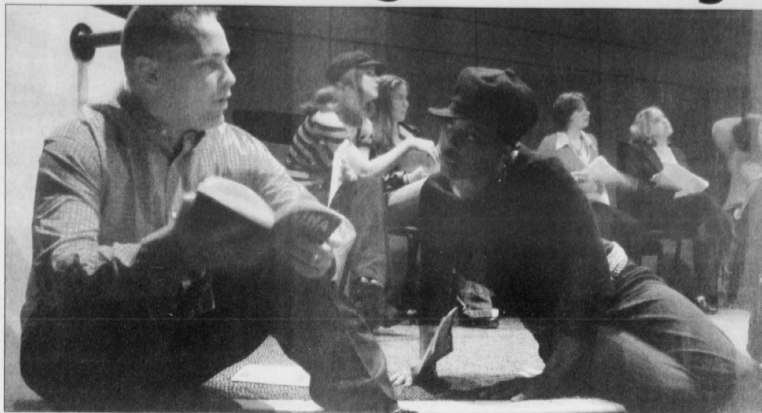
Sticking to the original introduction written by Ensler, a performer opened the monologue-oriented play with information about V-Day, a worldwide movement that looks to halt violence against women, and the inaugural performance of the "Monologues."

That performer was actually NKU junior Mike Brown, who, according to York, insisted on being a part of the play. This is the first time NKU's adaptation of "The Vagina Monologues" has ever featured a male.

"He really wanted to be a part of it, because for him the message was very important to talk about women's issues," York explained.

Brown concurred with York that he was not reading the monologue as a joke.

"I want (people) to know that men also appreciate what women go



Mike Brown (left) and Whitney Tidwell (right) discuss the Vagina Monologues during the event on Feb. 8.

Sean Dunn/Photographer

through," he said, "because the work itself expresses a love for the vagina, as well as a love for the woman."

The other performers continued with the play — only pausing very briefly between each person's monologues.

For the most part, these vaginal-related monologues read aloud conjured several laughs from the audience (and occasionally from the on-stage cast).

NKU sophomore Rachael Stefanussen braved it with her reading of "The Woman Who Liked to Make Vaginas Happy," a monologue that required her to imitate a slue of moans for nearly two minutes.

"Dang, that girl moans good," one student from the audience joked,

which added to the eruption of laughter as Stefanussen moaned continually.

Nonetheless, Stefanussen, who actually memorized the lines of the monologues, laughed with her audience — and didn't fret at what the monologue required her to do.

"I'm a horrendously flamboyant person," she said. "I think (women) are much too stoic about our sexuality in this country."

Other monologues were as comical as Stefanussen's; however, some were far from light-hearted.

Though junior Stephanie Vines read "Because He Liked to Look," a monologue that explains one man's obsession with vaginas, she also took on "My Vagina was My Village,"

"The second one has to do with Bosnian rape victims," she said, "... so it was very hard to read."

Once the play ended, a few students took a moment to share their reactions of the play.

"I thought it was good," said Paulynn Lorenzo, a Salmon P. Chase law student. "I thought it was proud, and it was necessary."

Sophomores Becca Fay and Katy Burgess enjoyed hearing the sexual tales, but they were both taken back by "The Little Coochie Snorcher that Could" read by student Kathryn Wood, who explained a woman's experiences with her vagina.

"Every time she said 'coochie snorcher' did you notice that something had happened?" Fay laughed,

when commenting on the monologue.

"Yeah and I'm like, 'That's my Regina and it is OK,'" Burgess added.

Last Wednesday marked the third reading of "The Vagina Monologues" at NKU; additionally, the student organization Women's Empowerment tallied its second year of sponsoring this annual event.

Although York did not announce that "The Vagina Monologues" would occur next year, Brown has already volunteered:

"I asked Mari when they do it again to give me a call ... maybe eventually I could actually read (a monologue) about vaginas."



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Students to perform Broadway-based play

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Starting Feb. 16, The Northern Kentucky University Department of Theatre and Dance will present "A Chorus Line."

The musical, set in 1975, is the story of a group of dancers striving to fill one of eight open spots in a new Broadway show. The stage show is the audition for these spots.

Senior Gabe Johnson, who plays Zach, the choreographer of the Broadway show, will play the lead.

"In the grandest sense, this is a role I have been preparing for all my life," Johnson said. "On a more direct level, once I made the decision to audition for this role, I had to seriously start thinking about getting back into good enough physical shape to both play and dance this role."

One by one, the dancers auditioning for a role on the chorus line must perform before Zach.

The performers stand on a white line while Zach interrogates them. They expose their lives and dreams through dances, songs and monologues.

Johnson added, "Although this story is about Broadway dancers looking for their next break, the show can appeal to all people, because everyone at some point in their lives has found themselves 'on the line,' whether it be for a new job or in a more personal sense."

Mitzi Hamilton, who has



Sean Dunn/Photographer

"A Chorus Line" details the lives of Broadway hopefuls.

directed and choreographed over 20 productions of "A Chorus Line," will use Michael Bennett's original choreography for the musical.

"We have an amazing gift in Mitzi Hamilton. She was in the Broadway and London companies of the show. She's making a huge contribution to our production, giving us invaluable insight into the show," Director Mark Hardy said.

"A Chorus Line" played over 6,000 times on Broadway, can be challenging to direct said Hardy. "A director must fuse dance and dialogue, making the changes

flow smoothly between musical numbers and scenes.

Something more than his normal passion is driving Hardy and challenging him to achieve perfection.

"For me, 'A Chorus Line' is personally challenging because it was the first Broadway show I saw as a kid in high school, and it had a profound impact on my life. I feel a responsibility to do the show justice," Hardy said.

Hardy added that "A Chorus Line" exposes the rigors and work of a Broadway show, giving the audience a glimpse into what is usually concealed in the theater.

"Don't smile in this num-

ber; you are not performing, you are competing for your life. Do they smile in the Olympics? No. They're working too hard," Mitzi Hamilton said to the performers during rehearsal.

"A Chorus Line" runs Feb. 16 through 26 in the NKU Corbett Theatre.

The performances begin at 8 p.m., with a 3 p.m. Sunday performance.

For tickets contact the Fine Arts Box Office at (859) 572-5464, or by e-mail at boxoffice@nku.edu. Tickets are \$6 for NKU students.

CDreview



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Belle and Sebastian

Scottish release resurrects trends

By Melissa Elrod

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After their cult-classic debut album "Tigermilk," Belle and Sebastian had a hard time living up to their own reputation. It wasn't until 2003's "Dear Catastrophe Waitress" that they reclaimed their "Beetles of Twee" status and now their seventh full-length album "The Life Pursuit" proves that B&S is officially back on track.

Band leader Stuart Murdoch has always been excellent at creating story-telling lyrics that often make B&S songs the gems they are. However, in "Pursuit," Murdoch finally perfected the craft of getting the musical brilliance to parallel the virtuosity of his words.

The underlying piano melodies and horns are impeccable, as well as the vocals.

"Pursuit" is also one of the most jubilant LPs of late; the classification of "sad bastard

music," no longer seems to fit the Glaswegian septet. Perhaps it is the fact that they left Northern Scotland to record in Los Angeles, but something inspired an infectious, sunny vibe in band leader Murdoch that makes the listener wonder why this album was released in February.

In addition to being jaunty, "Pursuit" is one of the most eclectic albums to come out this year, yet it remains cohesive. All songs have the staple B&S sound, but each is derived from a different aspect of the 1970s popular music spectrum; think Bowie, Hall and Oates, T. Rex, and even some Shuggie Otis. Marrying such different tones on one album may be tricky for some, but B&S pull it off immaculately.

While better suited for a summer setting, "Pursuit's" ability to remain unique while also expressing pop-sensibility and resurrection of trends makes it a must-listen for anyone.

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Poets to focus on war in Iraq during reading

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To promote discussion and create a venue of debate on one of America's most heated issues, Northern Kentucky University faculty members are hosting the fourth annual Poetry Against the War reading Feb. 16.

The event is a forum designed to allow students and faculty the chance to speak their minds about the war in Iraq—in a poetic manner, of course.

"Poets are dangerous. You never know what they'll do," said co-organizer Dr. John Alberti, who referred to poets' passionate public readings.

Poetry Against the War planted its roots during the Vietnam War, when many American soldiers returned to find that they were not welcome or appreciated. Soldiers were looking for a way to relate the events of the Vietnam War to citizens who only possessed a vague conception of the truth, Alberti said.

However, this poetic tactic became dormant after the war ended. But according to www.poetsagainsthewar.com, the concept re-emerged in 2003, when a poet Sam Hamill, strongly disagreed with George W. Bush's plan to attack Iraq. Hamill wanted to "reconstitute a Poets Against the War movement like the one organized to speak out against the war in

Vietnam ... to speak up for the conscience of our country and lend your names to our petition against this war."

Thus, NKU faculty, such as Alberti, adopted Hamill's movement three years ago.

This year's poetry event is different from the last two years. The key organizers of this event, Alberti, Kris Yohe, and Robert Wallace, sought to do something positive by accepting donations for the Wounded Warrior Project, a program that assists men and women who have been injured in the War in Iraq.

In response to the organization of this event Alberti received three e-mails (from NKU faculty) questioning the validity of this vocal protest.

The e-mails were not inflammatory in any way and they were written with the utmost civility," he said.

Nevertheless, Alberti welcomed the e-mail disagreements: "If you speak up, there's no guarantee it will do any good, but if you don't speak up at all, you cannot hope to do anything."

The three organizers agreed the goal of the event is to provide the student body with a message of hope.

"The responsibilities of artists are about healing, to tell the truth and to create something beautiful out of the atrocities of mankind," Yohe said. "This is about reclaiming our humanity."

Poetry Against the War begins at 3:15 p.m. in the Otto Budig Theatre and will last until 5 p.m.

Miss Black and Gold 2006



Photos contributed by Cynthia Pinchback-Hines

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., crowned senior Rensha Reeder Miss Black and Gold 2006 at the annual pageant hosted by the Fraternity Feb. 3. Contestants competed in the categories of casual wear, talent, evening wear and interview. Other winners in the pageant were Brandi Luke, Miss Congeniality, Sheena Dunn, first runner-up and Joslyn Ruffin, second runner up and winner for selling the most advertisements. Reeder succeeds Camille Perry and will compete in the state Black and Gold Feb. 24 at Kentucky State University.

The FIX

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Who says old geezers don't like loud music? *Us Weekly* reports actress **Catherine Zeta Jones** and 61-year-old husband **Michael Douglas** got a baby-sitter recently so they could catch a **Nickelback** concert in Vancouver. "They knew all the songs and were singing along," a concert-goer said. "They were at each other's side all night holding hands." **Chad Kroeger**, lead singer of the band, told *Us*: "We had no idea they were at the show. They should have come backstage!"

Actress **Gwyneth Paltrow** and rocker husband **Chris Martin** will soon be welcoming a new piece of fruit to the family—a sibling for 20-month-old daughter **Apple**. A source close to the couple told *Us Weekly* that Paltrow and Martin learned the sex of the baby in early December. "She's got a clean bill of health and isn't nervous about the pregnancy. This time around things have been even easier for her than when she was expecting Apple." However, Paltrow's rep said she's not talking about the sex of the baby, who is

purportedly due in April. Ah, Texas. The home of sophistication. British papers are having a field day with a new product made by a Texas toy company, **ToyPresidents Inc.**, **People Magazine** reports. The toy causing all the fuss is a 12-inch doll of the late **Princess Diana**, whose box reads, "Princess of Whales." The **Diana** doll plays phrases in **DI's** voice such as "I'd like to be a queen of people's hearts," and "There's far too much about me in the newspaper." Company representative **Dwayne Crosby** blames the box label on an "oversight." He added, "This definitely was not meant as a dig on Princess Diana."

Quote of the Week:

"If I'm, ya know, being intimate with [a guy]...and they say to me, I can't believe I'm doing this with the Nanny, I mean that is it. You are so out of there."

—**Fran Drescher** on hooking up.

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- Bishop Brossart Night at 5:30 p.m. at the Catholic Newman Club.

Thursday

- Poets Against the War at 3:15 p.m. in the Budig Theatre.
- Soul Food Fest Part 2 at 5 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.
- "A Chorus Line" at 8 p.m. in Corbett Theatre. Performances are February 16-26. Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for Adults, \$9 NKU Faculty/Staff, \$8 Seniors 60 and older and \$6 Students.

Friday

- Norse Visitation Program at 9:45 a.m. in the Welcome Center.

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Horoscopes

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- ATO Cornhole Tournament at 3 p.m. in Albright Health Center.

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- Cincinnati Caledonian Pipes and Drum at 3 p.m. in Graves Hall.
- PBL Third Annual Bowling for Babies Event at 5:30 p.m. at the Erlanger Super Bowl. Cost is \$10 for two of hours of play and shoes.
- Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers at 7 p.m. in AST 254.

Monday

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- Black History Month Lecture: "The Role of Pedagogy and Programming in Helping Students of Color (Re)Negotiate Race and Identity" presented by Dionne Bule at 12:15 p.m. in AC 506.

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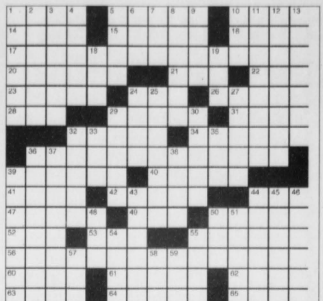
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Crossword

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Across

- Labels
- Glacial ice mass
- Khayyam of Persia
- Woody's son
- Muse of poetry
- On the — (declining)
- Angels' place
- Yeast
- Louis or Carrie
- Giovanni Trefino
- Fragrant compound
- Locke's yield
- French psychoanalyst
- Jacques
- Souse's syndrome
- Formulated belief
- Latvian, e.g.
- Post-workout woes
- Moralizing tales
- Angels' place
- Catches
- Salacious stares
- Cross letters
- Spud
- One NCO
- Counterfitted
- Old draft org.
- Earth tone
- Poetic pasture
- a bird, —
- Lady at a luau
- Angels' place
- Nice concept?
- Follow as a
- a bird, —
- Kind of poker
- Protruberance
- Cultural values
- Playwright Hart

Down

- Set aside for later
- Type of warrant
- Acts the bad winner
- Italian table wine
- In stitches?
- Notable period
- Bit of hope
- Expiated
- Facsimile
- Part of BYOB
- Daily high point during basic training
- Hardened by heat
- Acting monarchs
- Auchen article
- Sushi staple
- Hydrox alternative
- Consequences
- Monastery superiors
- Storage box
- Bid
- Open courtyards
- Fule's comrade
- Broadcast
- Insinuation
- Gave an account of
- Caddie's pocketful
- Steak choice
- Concurrence
- Packing label phrase
- Gifted intellect
- Tendencies
- Fairway position
- Klutz
- Always
- Biblical pronoun
- Calamities
- "Haw"
- Axe-handle wood
- Batman & Robin, e.g.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Established workplace policies, although worthwhile, may soon be cancelled. Many Librans will now encounter rapid changes of personnel, job titles or corporate agendas. Later this week, a new friend may request a rare romantic introduction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) New friends may this week offer misinformation or vague responses concerning relationship commitments or social obligations. Probe for private facts or details. Family information or past romantic history may be a key issue; study responses for valuable clues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Before mid-week, colleagues are easily distracted with new leadership duties or creative work proposals. Wednesday through Saturday, a complex friendship may briefly expand or intensify. Trust your first impressions; new commitments may prove draining.

By Lasha Senik (KRT)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Business partnerships will this week work to your advantage. Wednesday through Saturday, romantic and social invitations will increase. Pay special attention to unique proposals from co-workers or work officials. Remain diplomatic: passions will be high.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Over the next eight days, forgotten records, legal details and missed payments, although annoying, are vital to success. Thursday through Sunday, a friend or relative may announce an unexpected family expansion or complex travel plan.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A close relative or friend may this week propose a rare business improvement or creative lifestyle change. Sudden career reversals or risky job opportunities may be a strong influence. Remain patient; change will eventually work in your favor.

The Fellas

by Alex Campbell



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