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## Students elect Ruth president

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After a presidential race between three candidates, Josh Ruth won the Student Government Association presidential vote on a slate with Executive Vice President candidate Parker Laboiteaux. Ruth and Laboiteaux accumulated 278 votes during SGA elections April 12 and 13 to win. Their term will take effect July 1 and last through next April.

Ruth said his plans for SGA include recruiting more leaders and making SGA "the premier leadership organization on campus."

Ruth said he wants SGA "to become a powerful lobbying tool in Frankfort."

President James Votruba needs help fighting tuition increases at this university and the only way to do so is by lobbying our legislature for more funding."

Over 750 students cast votes during the election, and although the number repre-

sents less than six percent of Northern Kentucky University's student population, the number surpasses the less than three percent who voted in fall.



Josh Ruth

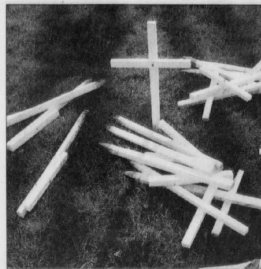
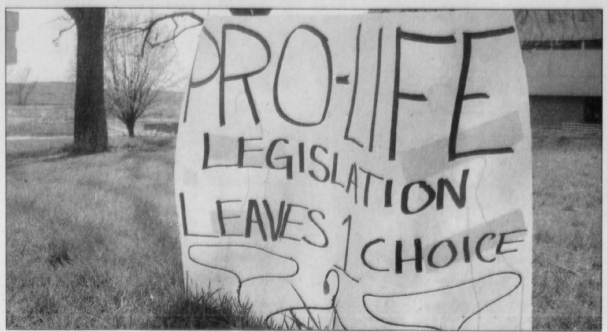
2005. "I'm satisfied with the election results," Dean of Students Kent Kelso said. "The students have spoken and their choices seem like qualified and involved students."

"We do try to bring at least 10 percent of undergraduate students to come out and vote," Kelso said about the voter turnout.

"Even though we missed that mark, by a couple hundred, this year wasn't bad."

Running mates Brandon Kiehl and Christian Grau came in a close second with 251 votes.

The Paul Myers and Josh Kinney slate received 170 votes.



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Above: A pro-choice poster sits on the grass near the University Plaza. This was one of two posters on the grass in support of pro-choice April 16. Wire hangers with painted red tips accompanied the posters. The posters and hangers were removed April 17.

Left: Crosses that were once displayed on the grass near the University Center plaza by the Northern Right to Life student organization.

Sarah Loman/Photographer

## New applications increase, scores higher on ACT

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Northern Kentucky University's freshman applications are on the rise as well as those students' ACT scores, according to an admissions report released April 17. Freshman applications are up more than 500 from last year, as opposed to a drop of approximately 150 from 2004 to 2005. Similarly, the amount of freshman applicants who met NKU's regular admission standards rose more than 200 from last year, compared to a very little change from 2004 to 2005. According to the report, the number of diversity applications is also up more than 150 from last year.

According to Joel Robinson, assistant vice president of Enrollment Management, this increase comes as more people are realizing how good of a university NKU is. "The quality and great programs we have been here all along; it's about just getting the word out," he said.

Under President (James) Votruba's leadership, we are doing a better job of telling our story," Robinson said. "What he has done in terms of public engagement has gotten us more involved with the community."

NKU's recruitment efforts have increased dramatically in the past couple years according to Melissa Gorbandi, director of Admissions Outreach. "We have a very comprehensive

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## Jacobsen apologizes, is pulled from classes

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The Northern Kentucky University professor responsible for dismantling an anti-abortion display on April 12 has stopped talking to the media and has been placed on administrative leave.

Jacobsen returned The Northerner's calls Tuesday evening and said she has been advised by her attorney not to grant any more interviews. She directed further inquiries to her attorney, Margo Grubbs of Grubbs Law Firm in Covington.

However, in an e-mail dated April 18, Jacobsen wrote to students who she invited to join the demonstration. "I want to do everything I can to keep any of you from being specifically named," she said. "And I am very sorry I got you involved in this."

Jacobsen also apologized in a television interview. She expressed her regret for including students and voiced her concern for the welfare of those students.

In an online report released Thursday evening, The Northerner reported that Jacobsen, along with approximately 10 students from her Studies of Contemporary British Literature class,

removed 400 white crosses from the hill in front of the Fine Arts Building. Those involved knocked the crosses over before throwing them in trash cans around the plaza.

Jacobsen urged students to spread the crosses around the plaza to "make it harder" to get them back.

Few have publicly backed Jacobsen, but NKU President James Votruba said that he has received e-mails from former students who have told him how important Jacobsen was to them. "She's been very important to many students on this campus," he said. "You don't judge a career on a single

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## Smoking policy change in works for fall semester

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Some students may have to change their smoking habits if they return to Northern Kentucky University this fall. A proposed ban could forbid smoking within 30 feet of building entrances and at all parts of campus including the dormitories, with the exception of eight designated smoking areas.

Joe Mills, a member of the Task Force drafting the policy, called the proposal "a compromise in the truest sense of the word," and said it was developed by "people on both sides of the smoking issue."

Some tweaking of the proposal is likely before it is brought up at the Board of Regents July meeting, Mills said.

If approved, the NKU Clean Air Act will take effect Aug. 1.

Currently NKU's smoking policy only prohibits smoking inside university facilities and has no restrictions on smoking in other public areas or even immediately outside of buildings.

"I think it would be terrible

### About the Clean Air Act

- Will forbid students from smoking within 30 feet of building entrances
- Ban will extend to residential campus
- Will take effect Aug. 1

if they passed the ban," said sophomore Alexa Summe, a smoker. "I wouldn't have time to run over to designated smoking areas in between classes. But people will probably still smoke anyway. Who's going to tell you not to?"

Disciplinary action is not outlined in detail in the proposal, and Mills said if students and faculty caught smoking outside of designated areas are reported, they may not receive more than a reprimand.

"The proposed smoking policy does not intend to punish smokers, only make the NKU campus a more healthy place," Mills said.

Assistant to the President Kim Luse is chairing the Task Force, which is developing the policy.

"It's been a really positive experience," she said. "I thought this could be a divi-

sive thing but I discovered everyone wants to come to a conclusion on the smoking issue."

Luse said the Task Force welcomes input from all members of the community.

"We don't want to surprise anyone with this policy," she said. "The last thing we want is somebody to not even know we are looking at this issue. We're trying to get input from everyone because when this policy is passed, it will affect everyone."

The Student Government Association will likely decide the next week whether to endorse the policy.

"I would hope SGA will support anything that will improve the lives and long-term health of the student body," said Jeff Fox, vice president of public relations.

"If that means a smoking ban, so be it."



Audrey Kunkel/Photographer

Fans are used to dry the area that flooded on the first floor of the Health Center.

## CRC to reopen after flood

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A water main broke and flooded the Northern Kentucky University Campus Recreation Center (CRC) on the first floor of Albright Health Center in the early morning, April 14, causing damage and forcing faculty to relocate classes and their offices.

A subcontractor was digging during construction of the new Student Union when he accidentally hit a water main around 1:30 a.m. April

14, CRC director Steve Tribble said.

The contractor's insurance company is paying for a restoration crew and Tribble said the facility should be back in their offices April 19 or 20.

According to Tribble, there was little damage after the several inches of water was pumped out, but the inconvenience was significant.

The office complex was flooded, and faculty had to move their desks and equipment into a large multipurpose room.

"A little bit of water can do a lot of damage, but we're not

looking too bad."

Tribble said, "The hardwood floors are fine and we might not even have to replace any carpet. We had 16 computers in our office but only one was damaged." Tribble also said the cardio equipment in the exercise room is fine.

"It was bizarre," faculty member Wiley Piazza said. "There were a couple inches of water on the floor and anything sitting on the floor was ruined. And you know (instructors) don't keep everything on the desk. Luckily what I had on the floor was from past classes."

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incident in the last two weeks. You don't judge Sally or anyone else like that," Votruba also said they understood that "We all have moments in our lives that we'd like to replay."

In the April 18 e-mail sent to students involved, Jacobsen outlined the class procedure for the rest of the semester and encouraged students to "stay away from LA 317," which is her office. She also gave the students legal advice.

"If you are named, my advice is to get your attorney to plead you down to a misdemeanor," she said. "The well-funded Right to Life group that are pushing for this need felony convictions. I believe, in order to file civil suits for damages."

Jacobsen also informed the students of the current investigation by the Northern Kentucky University Police Department.

"In the meantime, the campus police continue their investigation," she said. "If you have not yet been interrogated, you do not have to talk to them without an attorney. You can make it hard to find you. Again, I am so sorry."

NKU Provost Gail Wells has confirmed that she suggested Jacobsen take the last two weeks of the semester off as paid leave. "She has been removed from all of her classes," Wells said. "I want students to be reassured that the classes in which they will cover the classes in an adequate manner."

Students involved in the removal of the crosses have the possibility of facing criminal charges of a class D felony, according

to NKU police. Though no charges have been pressed by the Right to Life group, NKU Officer Rob Yelton said they are imminent. "The group has indicated that they are willing to press charges," he said.

However, Yelton and Lt. Col. Jeffrey Martin don't believe that the students involved will face legal retribution. "At this time, we don't anticipate the students being charged," Martin said. "They were intimidated by an authority figure into believing that this was not a criminal act."

The investigation, Yelton said, is three-quarters of the way finished and Commonwealth Attorney Jack Porter is expected to call the department shortly. "The prosecutor will make the final decision," Yelton said.

Yelton and Martin also said that although the prosecutor does have the right to charge the students for their involvement, he also has other options. "The prosecutor has a right to grant (the students) immunity," Martin said. "He could choose to prosecute, but I just don't see that happening."

Police believe that the prosecutor will pursue charges against Jacobsen. "I would anticipate that (Jacobsen) will be charged," Martin said. "The probable cause is overwhelming."

NKU President James Votruba said he didn't think Jacobsen knew what an impact she would make. "I don't think Professor Jacobsen understood the full impact of her choice," he said. "You don't judge a career on a single incident

in the last two weeks." In Votruba's statement, released to the university community on April 17, Votruba said, "Nevertheless,

(Jacobsen's) recent lapse of judgment was severe and, for a period of time, has caused some in our community and beyond to question whether Northern Kentucky University upholds freedom of expression."

Dr. Christopher Wilkey, an assistant professor with the Literature and Language department also works as an associate for the Institute of Freedom Studies on campus. Wilkey, according to the IFS Web site, "is committed to linking much of his professional work to the work of social justice." He is also the faculty adviser to Students Together Against Racism (STAR).

"I think that (this) speaks to the status of freedom of speech on this campus," Wilkey said. "The university needs to revisit our policies." Wilkey said that the free-speech zone, which is located in front, and to the left of the University Center, is half under construction and therefore unavailable to students. "There's no zone," he said. "Where can they go?"

Wilkey said there are all kinds of paperwork to be done and administrators to talk to when it comes to putting up a display on campus. He also said that it's not something that can be done quickly.

"Where is it that students can spontaneously address issues without going through the bureaucracy," he said.

"And I don't mean



Sarah Loman/Photographer

### Crosses littered the ground April 12.

passing out leaflets, but doing the displays. It can't be done quickly without spending hours with the administrators."

Wilkey also said that he had hoped that the university would be more understanding when it came to handling Jacobsen. "I think people are demonizing her here," he said. "I'm reading these blogs and they are ridiculous."

Dean of Students Kent Kelso said that the Right to Life group was given permission to use the hill in front of the Fine Arts Building for their display partially because the free-speech zone was under construction.

"Student organizations can request alternative locations, and there are specific areas you can request," he said.

The decision on whether or not to grant a designated public forum rests with the Dean of Students. According to Kelso the decision is based on issues such as whether or not the demonstration would block traffic, or if it would be too noisy near the class-

rooms. "If a group wants to do a demonstration that's loud and disruptive around classrooms, we deny them," Kelso said. "It would disrupt the educational process."

Kelso said that registered student organizations are kept to a non-public forum.

The full list of rules and regulations with posting can be found at [president.nku.edu/resources/GovAdminRepsABC.pdf](http://president.nku.edu/resources/GovAdminRepsABC.pdf), or by going to the NKU home page.

Senior marketing major Nicole Smith doesn't agree with the actions that were taken by Jacobsen. "I think it was absolutely uncalled for," she said. "Everyone has a right to freedom of speech and she violated it."

Second-year Chase Law student Joseph Ireland said that he understands. "I understand her point; she wants to express her views," Ireland said.

"But she's entangling the school and making it look like they are endorsing her actions," you just can't do that."

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have a very comprehensive recruitment plan that allows high school students to look at NKU as an option for them," she said. This plan includes increasing information to high school students through direct mail, e-mailing and teleconferencing.

"The kinds of students we have attracted applications from have high expectations, and we feel we've done a fantastic job in getting them to give NKU serious consideration," Gorbandt said.

According to Gorbandt, support and recruitment from alumni have also played a big role. "NKU graduates in the community allow everyone to see what type of leadership we have at the university," she said. "Our graduates are doing fabulous things in the community and the word filters out."

Another new feature attracting students to NKU is the increase in scholarships available. "We redistributed funds to be able to offer more scholarships," Robinson said. The number of scholarships offered rose from 436 last year to 629 this year. Last year, 64 percent of offered scholarships were accepted, and according to Robinson many students have already accepted offers this year. The deadline is May 1.

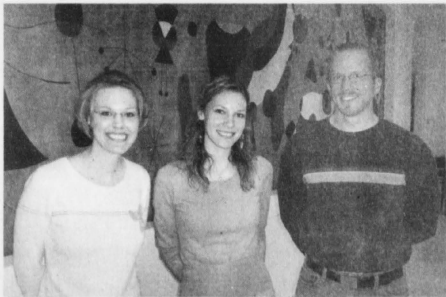
Having a comprehensive program to help students who do not meet the regular admission standards also lures students to apply to NKU. To be admitted under regular admission standards, students must have a composite ACT score of 20, with at least a score of 18 in English, math and reading. "We have a program that allows students that may need some assistance in one or two academic areas to enroll at NKU and be placed in appropriate courses," Gorbandt said. According to Robinson and Gorbandt, the future of NKU looks promising. Their departments are working on additions to the current recruitment plans to ensure that the freshman application numbers keep rising.

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# Biology profs: Intelligent design is not science

Governor believes topic is 'self evident'

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To the biology department, intelligent design is a theory that should stay in philosophy or religion classes.

To Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher the idea of an intelligent designer is a truth as "self-evident" as "two plus two equals four."

Since several new nominees to the Kentucky Board of Education said intelligent design should be taught in classrooms, Northern Kentucky University biology Professor Miriam Kannan has been worried.

The Kentucky Academy of Sciences of which Kannan is president, issued a statement in December 2005 reaffirming its stance that creationism should not be taught in science classes.

Kannan said she's had three students drop her classes "because they couldn't handle" learning about evolution because it conflicted with their religious views.

"I told them that science is not a matter of belief," she said.

"Scientists consider facts and the facts support evolu-

*"Although intelligent design is inappropriate in science classes, that's not to say it wouldn't be appropriate to teach it in other classes, like religion."*

- Debra Pearce  
Department of Biology chair

tion." The Department of Biological Sciences at NKU was recently upset when Fletcher issued a letter to KAS asking that intelligent design be taught in science classes.

"It disappoints and astounds me that the so-called intelligent elite are so concerned about accepting self-evident truths that nearly 90 percent of the population understands," Fletcher wrote to KAS.

Fletcher, who has a medical degree, wrote even a computer that is "less sophisticated in function than this writer, was built by an intelligent designer."

Richard Durschte is an assistant professor of biology at NKU and also a Christian Church of Disciples of Christ

minister.

Durschte said he teaches evolution in his classroom. "The belief and God and evolution are not mutually exclusive," he said.

"God uses evolution as a part of his plan."

Kannan also expressed concern because three recently appointed members of the Kentucky Board of Education have said intelligent design should be permitted to be taught in science classes.

"There is absolutely no place for religion in biology," said Debra Pearce, Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences.

"Although intelligent design is inappropriate in science classes, that's not to say it wouldn't be appropriate to teach it in other classes, like religion."



The following reports were filed with the Northern Kentucky University Police Department between the dates of April 12 and April 17.

## Wednesday, April 12

3:05 a.m. Complainant reported that unknown subject(s) broke into Kentucky Hall and that some money was missing.

11:12 a.m. A fire alarm was determined to be caused by a water pressure drop in the sprinkler system. The alarm was re-set and the building cleared for re-occupancy at 11:30 a.m.

2:05 p.m. Subject stated that a minor non-injury auto accident involving two vehicles occurred at the Landrum Academic Center annex near Central Receiving.

4:07 p.m. Subject reported a lost parking pass.

4:09 p.m. Subject reported the theft of a purse from W. Frank Steely Library.

7:32 p.m. Subject reported a theft from the university plaza.

10:21 p.m. Complainant reported an unwanted subject at Norse Hall. Upon arrival, officers determined Edward Yancy, 21, of Chicago, Ill., and William Yancy, 24, of Burlington, Ky., were becoming disorderly. The subjects were arrested and lodged in Campbell County Jail.

## Thursday, April 13

10:32 a.m. Subject reported the theft of a parking permit from Lot S.

1:44 p.m. Subject reported lost parking pass.

8:27 p.m. Subject reported losing a wallet at Founders Hall.

## Friday, April 14

1:11 a.m. Kate Green, 19, of Maileville, Ohio, was cited for speeding on Nunn Drive.

1:45 a.m. Subject reported a water leak at the Albright Health Center. Several inches of water was covering the ground and flooding into the building. The water originated from a water main in the construction site.

## Saturday, April 15

No reports.

## Sunday, April 16

12:28 a.m. A fire alarm was received from the Fine Arts Center. There was no smoke or fire found in the area. The cause of the alarm was a faulty detector, which will be replaced.

## Monday, April 17

2:34 p.m. Subject reported losing a parking permit.

3:25 p.m. Subject reported the theft of cash from the BEP Building.

3:27 p.m. Subject reported losing a parking permit off campus.

6:25 p.m. Subject was found with a forged parking permit in Lot T and was cited for criminal possession of a forged instrument.

9:26 p.m. A fire alarm was received from Commonwealth Hall, but the exact cause could not be determined. The alarm was reset and the building cleared for reoccupancy at 9:47 p.m.

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## nkubriefly

### Student-produced movies to screen

Sixteen movies that were created by teams of students from Northern Kentucky University and five other colleges will be shown at the Carnegie Visual and Performing Arts Center on April 21.

The movies will be screened in two groups showing at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 for one show or \$6 for both (with a student ID) or \$6 and \$8 for

the general public and may be purchased by calling (859) 491-2030.

For more information visit [www.collegemoviefestival.com](http://www.collegemoviefestival.com)

### Anthropology Career Day on April 21

The Northern Kentucky University Anthropology faculty invite students to the annual Anthropology Careers Day April 21, 3-5 p.m., in Landrum Academic Center Room 110.

The event is free and open to the public.

There will be speakers, a film, free careers handouts and lots of refreshments.

### Holocaust author to speak April 24

Holocaust survivor Ernest Michel will be speaking on "The Holocaust and its Aftermath" in the Otto Budig Theater at 3 p.m. April 24. Michel was imprisoned in Auschwitz but managed to escape to America.

Shortly after World War II ended, he returned to Germany as a reporter covering the Nuremberg war crimes trials. Michel's autobiography "Promises to Keep" was published in 1996.

This lecture is free and open to the public.

### Poet's themes heritage, education

Latino Student Affairs is sponsoring the visit of famed Chicano poet Francisco Alarcón to NKU.

Alarcón will be at the Honors House April 28 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

He will address the importance of education and of maintaining one's cultural heritage.

### STAR to host town hall meeting April 20

Students Together Against Racism will hold its first campus and community town hall meeting from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 20 in Landrum Academic Center Room 506.

All students are invited to attend and to voice their concerns, be informed, and have the opportunity to organize with others.

This event is sponsored by the Association of African Charities, The Afro-American Studies Club, NAACP NKU Collegial Chapter, The Sociology Club, The Anthology Club, Common Ground, Women's Empowerment, Black United Students, Black Men's Organization and Student Government Association.

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**inmyopinion:** by Joseph Szydlowski

## Reactions cross the line Some remarks as distasteful as the act they condemn

I am ashamed. Not embarrassed, mortified or humiliated. Ashamed.

When Dr. Sally Jacobsen "invited" her students to rip the "Cemetery of Innocents" apart, they assaulted both the Northern Right to Life's beliefs and its right to express them.

Her and her students' despicable actions jeopardized her legacy, her students' futures and everyone's First Amendment rights.

Not to mention Northern Kentucky University's reputation. The story appeared on Fox News' Web site and in several newspapers around the country.

But while Jacobsen's actions sicken me, the viciously vitriolic reactions of some individuals is just as nauseating.

Conservative Web sites pounced on the story and decried Jacobsen as just another liberal. Many of the comments posted were attempts at one liners, which tried to be funny, but were just foolish and, quite often, vulgar. Some responses were so obscene that even the raunchiest HBO special.

However, the most recurring claim is one that I, and many progressives, have encountered. That Jacobsen's actions prove that it's the liberals, not conservatives, who are intolerant.

Michelle Malkin, an Asian-American pundit and columnist most famous for her approval of imperialism and neo-Nazi Japanese-Americans during World War II, wrote in her blog that this was "liberal tolerance at work again!"

Members of the popular right-wing message board, [Freerepublic.com](http://Freerepublic.com), regurgitated that same line over and over ad nauseum.

A trip to similar conservative message boards, such as [conservativeunderground.com](http://conservativeunderground.com), showed them echoing Malkin's ridiculous assertions.

Many conservatives seem to believe that liberals can't stand another point of view and will attack, on sight, anyone who holds one.

To them, we liberals are the ones who are intolerant. Even some responses on the Northerner's Web site that liberals only want the First Amendment to apply to them.

As usual, the conservatives are wrong. Regardless of their feelings about abortion, NKU students and faculty have roundly proclaimed their disdain for Jacobsen's behavior and their support for free speech.

Ask Northern Right to Life, the anti-abortion group that constructed the display. Its president has received words of support from many individuals who, though they back abortion rights, felt an injustice had been done and now want to right a wrong.

They may not support what Northern Right to Life said, but they support its right to say it.

NKU's Educators for Reproductive Freedom, whose members advocate abortion rights, wrote in a letter to Northern Right to Life that they "see the display as protected free speech."

They added that we all must respect everyone's opinions, regardless of whether we agree with them.

NKU's President James Votruba reiterated that message. After expressing his distaste for Jacobsen's behavior, Votruba praised the many campus organizations that have sent messages of support to Northern Right to Life.

Whether they advocate and oppose abortion rights, these groups have displayed the courtesy and respect that Jacobsen and her students did not.

I've heard some students describe Jacobsen's conduct as inappropriate and disrespectful. I have to agree.

But I could say the same thing about some conservative bloggers.

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Compiled by Nicole Jones & Seth Millholland

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## campusviews

### Destruction of pro-life display: Moral or malicious?

NKU professor Dr. Sally Jacobsen enlisted several of her students to help her dismantle the anti-abortion "Cemetery of Innocents," a display that she has said infuriated her, on April 12.

She initially denied involvement, despite being photographed in the act of tearing down the display. But on April 18, she apologized to the community. She was placed on leave for the rest of the semester. She also will retire.

The police are still investigating; however, no charges have been filed. The following are some letters to the editor received about the incident.

#### Cemetery was intimidating

I support and agree with Dr. Sally Jacobsen's positions and actions.

However, the display of abortion is a private decision; it should not be politicized. Intimidation and guilt have no place on a university campus. If the symbol of abortion, the so-called "Klax Klan crosses" or signs decrying the sin of homosexuality, Jacobsen would have been lauded as a hero. To me, this "controversy" vividly illustrates the status of women in our society.

Wayne Shanks  
Senior Academic Advisor

#### "I was immediately ashamed"

How absolutely tragic. That is what comes to mind as I read about the destruction of the Northern Right to Life's "Cemetery of Innocents" display. I strongly support abortion rights.

However, a professor at this university inciting her students to destroy a peaceful and sanctioned display is embarrassing.

A university, supposedly, is to be a haven for free thought and one of the places where ideas and views can be exchanged. I was immediately ashamed that something like this not only could happen at my university, but did.

Dr. Sally Jacobsen, as a tenured professor, should know that one can't protect free speech by suppressing others' rights to state their views.

Furthermore, it was irresponsible for Jacobsen to "invite" students to assist her in destroying someone else's display.

If she were to stage a demonstration supporting abortion rights and an anti-abortion professor incited students to tear it down, she would be screaming about intolerance.

However, intolerance is intolerance, regardless of who propagates it. If Jacobsen thinks just because she does not agree with a group's views and beliefs that she isn't obligated to respect the organization's convictions, then she is sadly mistaken.

Therefore, I sincerely hope that Jacobsen, and any students who were involved, are held accountable for their actions.

Stephanie Davis  
Industrial/Organizational Psychology Graduate Student

#### Dismissing the display okay

Students should be able to receive an education without having an opinion about the religious rights in college. I am glad that the anti-abortion display was dismantled.

Who knows how many students, visitors or faculty members might support reproductive choice or have had an abortion? The offensive and inappropriate display should never have been permitted.

To those who describe the dismantling as vandalism, I say Northern Right to Life's display was a gross dismissal of separating church and state.

Much like the religious groups and preachers who frequent our campus, this display was showed Northern Kentucky University's lax policy toward the religious right. NKU compromises the civil liberties of its students by allowing these groups to espouse their message of guilt and hate. Kudos to those who stood up for their rights, and others, by removing the crosses.

Keep abortion safe and legal.

Brigitte Leising  
Senior

#### Right to Life's rights violated

Freedom of speech is a basic right guaranteed to Americans by our Constitution. I defended that right for 20 years as a member of the U.S. Air Force. Now a professor here at Northern Kentucky University has violated the right of free speech.

It seems Dr. Sally Jacobsen does not believe that freedom of speech applies to those who oppose her viewpoints. She also has the nerve to claim that she is exercising her right to free speech by infringing on the rights of others to express their view. NKU needs faculty who will support free speech, not stifle it. We are supposed to tolerate all views.

All Americans, even Jacobsen, have the right to express their views. However, encouraging the destruction of property is not the way. If she wants to express her views, she should put up her own display that refutes the views with which she disagrees. That is the American way.

Whatever a person's stance on abortion, everyone should be outraged at what Jacobsen did. She is supposed to be teaching and setting a good example for the students. Instead, she violated the free speech of others, encouraging her students to destroy the display.

Jacobsen's actions show an absolute intolerance for opposing views by violating the free speech rights of others. That is something we Americans can't allow.

NKU should have fired her immediately. The students who participated should be expelled.

They did not exercise free speech. They violated the rights of others. We must unite and respond to that.

Jeff Foster  
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#### Free speech trampled on

The First Amendment seems to be used to trample free speech more than to foster it anymore. Dr. Sally Jacobsen's recent tantrum, against those who that contraception shouldn't involve killing. Never shy in screaming about their rights, the abortion rights supporters should have some understanding about what rights are. Apparently not, and we just saw proof.

Frankly, it is beyond me how someone having the intellect to achieve a Ph.D. can be so incapable of comprehending a simple amendment. So I will try to explain the rest of the womb.

You have the right to express your opinions. You have the right, thanks to the atrocious Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, to kill human beings right up until the last breath. Afterward, you have the right to leave the hospital, where your legalized murder was committed, and protest the execution of our killer. You have the right, and terrorists. You can even protest against soldiers defending our rights.

The First Amendment, however, does not give you the right to force your opinion on others. Further, you do not have the right to destroy what is not yours just because it offends you. Many things offend me, including abortion rights activists' notions about human life, but I'm not going to assault them or their displays because I'm adult enough to deal with it.

One right we students do have is the right to expect our professors to show responsibility. This responsibility includes learning and demonstrating citizenship by living within the law.

The Constitution a simple document. You don't need a Ph.D. to understand it.

Dennis Fisher  
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#### Jacobsen's conduct appalling

I am appalled at the actions of Dr. Sally Jacobsen, a professor in Northern Kentucky University's Literature and Language Department, and her nine students. On April 12 she invited her students to destroy an approved anti-abortion display. Four hundred crosses represented 4,000 abortions. They found it appropriate to throw the crosses in the trash.

Jacobsen, who do you think you are? What gives you the right to decide what to censor? As American citizens, we have the right to free speech. NKU officials permitted the anti-abortion display.

I expect more from educated individuals. I expect 5-year-old kindergarten to behave in this manner, not NKU professors or students. If Jacobsen and her students are infuriated by the display, they should have gone through the proper channels to get permission for their own display to counter protest Jacobsen's and her students owe the community, NKU students and NKU's administration an apology.

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## viewpoints

## inourpinion: staff editorial

## Mere appearance of bias can hurt credibility

Northerner assistant editor agrees to leave to ensure newspaper is seen as objective and evenhanded

## What happened?

On April 12, literature professor Dr. Sally Jacobsen encouraged the students in her class to express their "free speech" and destroy the crosses.

Destruction of property does not constitute freedom of speech, but it can earn the perpetrator a criminal charge for theft by unlawful taking.

Theft by unlawful taking is a Class A misdemeanor in Kentucky unless the property is worth more than \$500, then it becomes a Class D felony.

The Right to Life group has claimed an estimated \$600 in damages from the site.

University officials have been quick to condemn the actions of Jacobsen, saying that protesting the display in an orderly manner would have been the appropriate route to express her disapproval.

## How the paper reacted

Amidst the heated debate, The Northerner was accused of bias in its coverage of the incident.

These accusations are not based on any slant in coverage. In fact, the paper has received numerous e-mails and Web site posts complementing the balanced coverage of the story. No, these complaints stem from one staff member being involved with Northern Right to Life. Our assistant arts and entertainment editor, Katie Walker, happens to be the president and a founder of Northern Right to Life.

The paper was criticized for allowing an integral employee to head a group at the forefront of a heated social view.

Walker was given the opportunity to resign as a result of her involvement and her

failure to disclose this involvement to her editor. Though Walker never covered the Right to Life incident or influenced the writers in any way, these accusations of bias are valid concerns.

## Objectivity?

As journalist, objectivity is our supreme ambition. From the day we step onto the reporter's path, we learn to leave everything behind but the facts. Opinions, fabrication, and the flowery adjectives of our creative writing days are trampled in the dust as we trudge toward a pinnacle of accuracy. However, in the world of academia, students are permitted to falter, to flag, to glance over their shoulders and wistfully pluck up a discarded creative ideal or two. This is our training ground, the arena for our greatest suc-

cesses and failure. Foremost, we are here to learn.

While The Northerner aspires to be viewed as a professional publication, we must never forget that we are still a training ground. This is why our doors are open to anyone who is willing to learn, work, write and stumble along the way. Normally, when a student editor or writer makes a mistake, the paper takes the hit and keeps on trucking. After all, what human being can be perfectly objective, lacking any opinions? Unfortunately, Walker's case is not a question of faulty objectivity but of the appearance of it.

## Credibility?

Walker's involvement with Northern Right to Life as the group's president did not compromise The Northerner's objectivity, but did hurt

its credibility. The appearance of bias is as damaging to a newspaper's integrity as actual bias. If our public does not trust us, who will? This is why it was necessary for Walker to resign her position as assistant editor. Not because she did something malicious, not because she was influencing news coverage, and not because her objectivity was imperfect. She merely allowed the appearance of her own bias to affect the newspaper's appearance of credibility.

In the Washington Supreme Court case of Nelson v. McClatchy Newspapers, the court upheld the paper's right to reassign reporter Susan Nelson based on her political activities. Nelson's high-profile political involvement was seen as a severely handicapping the paper's reputation and integrity. The ruling as-

serted that Nelson's personal rights were trumped by the First Amendment free-press clause, as long as she was an employee for the paper.

Justice Richard Sander wrote that the freedom of the press clause is a "constitutionally protected sphere of control of editorial integrity and credibility." In other words, a media outlet has the right to control an employee's actions if those actions threaten the organization's credibility and integrity. The reasoning behind the ruling was that the qualities of integrity and credibility are essential for a news outlet to exercise freedom of the press. This is why, in light of the damage to our credibility, The Northerner has been forced to accept Walker's resignation. May this be a lesson, but never an obstacle, to any student seeking truth.

## inourpinion: staff editorial

## University must create a designated public forum

The dismantling of the approximately 400 crosses outside the Fine Arts building holds implications for free speech at Northern Kentucky University. The crosses were a display by Northern Right to Life, a new student organization.

While university officials have said that vandalism is neither tolerated nor sanctioned by the university, they have yet to address some important issues.

## Designated vs. limited forum

First of all, the display was approved as an exercise of free speech in a limited public forum with reference to the

NKU Administrative Regulations Section II-5.0.4. However, the forum has not been official labeled by university officials as a designated or limited public forum. This distinction is crucial.

According to the National Coalition Against Censorship, a designated public forum is an area that has been expressly reserved by the state to allow the public to engage in open expression. Designated public forums are available for use by any group or individual, and any restrictions on speech in these areas must be heavily scrutinized to avoid censorship.

However, in a limited pub-

lic forum, speech can be restricted based on reasonable time, place, and manner issues, though these restrictions should never be content- or viewpoint-based.

For instance, you can't get on a bullhorn in a rally at a time or place that might interfere with teaching in the classroom.

This would be a disturbance worthy of censorship because it is counter to the university's pedagogical goals.

On the other hand, not allowing a group to speak because their viewpoint is disliked would be a violation of freedom of speech in a limited public forum.

## The university's take

In addition to federal and state regulation regarding public forums, the university imposes additional restrictions for on-campus limited public forums. To conduct or enact any act of expression on NKU's limited public forums, which the grassy hill supposedly was, the event or display must be approved. As well, only registered student organizations, official alumni groups, or faculty/staff (for extracurricular activities) can demonstrate in these areas. Individuals of the campus community and many others might not qualify for this access.

Normally, this would not be a problem, because other groups and individuals would be permitted to use the designated public forum area to express their viewpoints. However, the designated public forum is "located at the northwest end of the University Center facing Parking Lot A and partially bounded on the north side by Nunn Drive," according to Section II-5.0.4.

Sound familiar? The only designated, unrestricted public forum on campus happens to be under construction. So where can individuals express their freedom of speech? In the light of this distinction, it is crucial that the university

informs the students and campus community about where they can speak!

Not everyone is a member of a registered student group, so other students need to be able to be heard. By removing the only designated public forum on campus, and not equally informing the student body about these changes, the university is going counter to its stance on free speech.

We need a place to speak and be heard. In light of this controversy, it is essential that we maintain a free and open discourse. But without a place to speak free of restrictions, how is free speech?

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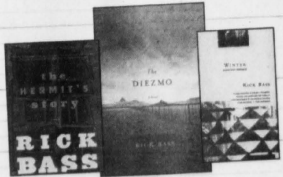
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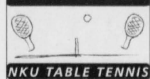
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## Tennis club alive and well

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Northern Kentucky University's Table Tennis Club aims to show members how to have a great serve and how to have fun while doing it. Club member Eric Schierberg believes playing well and having fun go hand in hand.

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT



"We want NKU students to know anyone can join. Just show up to a practice ready to have fun," Schierberg said.

The club, which practices in the Albright Health Center Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m., will give members free training and hints on how to improve.

The Northern Kentucky Table Tennis Association provides paddles for new or potential members to use, there aren't dues that a student needs to pay to join," Schierberg said.

The club, led by President Adibisi Adesoyan, has participated in numerous tournaments. The Table Tennis Club has competed against schools such as The Ohio State University and University of Kentucky.

"The tournaments take place in a round-robin format; whoever wins the best of five matches between participants advances," Schierberg said.

In table tennis participants need 11 points to win an individual match. Those points ultimately determine the victor in tournaments. Schierberg believes the club has done well in the tournaments in which it has played considering how young the club is.

"Considering that, except for Adesoyan, we're all fairly new, I'd say we've done pretty well in tournaments," Schierberg said.

But, a student doesn't need to participate in tournaments to join. Even if a student is just looking to show up and practice, the club urges them to come and see what being a member is all about.

"Students shouldn't worry about whether or not they're great, or even good when they show up. It's all about just looking to show up and trying to achieve whatever goal you want to attain," Schierberg said.

Schierberg said he's only been with the club for eight months and through the coaching he's received his game has dramatically improved.

For more information on the club, including practice schedules and contact information, visit the web site at <http://nkuut.org>.

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The Norse (28-14) are rolling toward the playoffs.

## Norse win three on road in Georgia

By Jami Patton

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Northern Kentucky University softball team traveled to North Georgia College and State University this past weekend. The Norse came out strong in the first inning with Heather Cotner and Sarah King both getting RBI hits. But in the second inning the Saints fought back and tied the score 2-2, with one run scored on a fielding error.

Then in the third inning NGCSU's Lara Seamon hit an RBI single allowing them to take the lead 3-2. NKU started a rally in the fifth when they loaded the bases and Amanda Smith up to bat. Smith hit a hard shot, picking up two RBIs and Cara Parker contributed with a hard-hit single scoring one more run.

In the same inning, the Saint's managed to score one run, but no more. In the seventh, Smith came in to relieve pitcher Candice White and

NKU took the victory 5-4. In the next game, NKU took on Valdosta State University.

It seemed the Norse were going to have another win, but the seventh inning proved otherwise. NKU scored their first run on a steal.

Cotner was stealing second and Ricki Rothbauer, who was on third, took off and beat the throw back home. Then King added another run for the Norse with an RBI single. The Blazers had snatched the lead 4-2 over the Norse, but in the fourth inning NKU took it back with Rothbauer and Cotner both having two RBIs.

But, in the seventh, the Norse gave up the victory was given up with errors. VSU scored two runs on a throwing error and one run on a fielding error. The Blazers seized the win with one more run, winning 8-6 over the Norse.

The next day was different for the Norse. They came out

strong and ready to play.

In the opener, they faced VSU. In the first inning, Trele Edwards hit a solo home run, allowing the Blazers to take the lead 1-0. NKU came right back and scored one run in the second, one in the third, and two in the fifth. In the sixth inning, the Norse extended it's lead when King tripped, scoring two runs and RBI hits from Smith and Parker.

In the seventh inning, VSU put up a fight scoring two runs. Then Smith came in to take White's place, but in the next play, an error on the throw allowed the Blazers to score two more runs. NKU scored enough runs to have the lead, so they took the win 8-5. NKU then faced NGCSU, where Smith threw a four-hit shutout. The Norse came out hitting and scoring in the first, once in the third and once in the fourth.

In the sixth inning, Shatona Campbell had an RBI single. Rothbauer also scored one run on a triple and then the Norse scored on a passed ball. NKU took the win 6-0.

## 'Fumblerooski' not permitted

National Federation bans play that has paved way to abounding touchdowns

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At 6 feet 5 inches and 270 pounds, Covington Catholic senior Daniel Heath will most definitely be a force on the field for the football Colonels come August. But don't expect his name in the box score, or to see a hilarious "lineman" end zone celebration from Heath or any of his fellow offensive linemen for that matter this season.

Apparently it was a slow motion on the itinerary for the National Federation of State High School Associations, the administrative organization out of Indianapolis that creates and enforces the rules and regulations for high school athletics and other education-based interscholastic activities.

And because this group seemingly had nothing better to do over the past month or so, they have made the decision to ban the "fumblerooski" play from high school football playbooks around the country, making the sequence illegal during sanctioned games.

To refresh your memory, a successful fumblerooski is executed when the quarterback takes the football after the snap and places it on the ground behind the center — basically an intentional fumble.

Then, as the 10 other players on the field run a "play" toward one direction, an offensive guard picks up the ball and runs the other, faking out the defense and hopefully gaining a good amount of yards or possibly even scoring a touchdown.

You more than likely remember a version of this play from 1994, when Rick Moranis' Little Giants used the "annexation of Puerto Rico" to defeat Al Bundy's Urbana Cynaburgs in the Pee Wee football game.

In terms of national notoriety, the fumblerooski's most recent use was when the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers ran the play against the University of Miami Hurricanes during the Orange Bowl in 1984.

Banned by the NFL in the

1960s, the fumblerooski was put out of commission by the NCAA in 1993.

Since that time, however, many high school coaches around the country have utilized the fun play in order to produce a laugh or to give a lineman who would normally not be an offensive option the chance to run with the ball or to even score.

Overall, the fumblerooski is a harmless trick play that is not to watch when run effectively.

Jerry Diehl, assistant director for the NFHSAA and company, sees things differently, however. Diehl said that the seldom-run play is a burden for officials and that taking the fumblerooski away will "eliminate confusion from a ballgame."

Eliminate confusion? Isn't that the premise of a football playbook, to disrupt the defensive scheme in order to gain yardage and score points? Who does this guy think he is?

If this is appalling when a pencil-pushing suit who has more than likely never stepped foot between the white lines of a football field is given such power, because then all that happens is that guys like Diehl get bored and decide to change rules or policies for the "betterment of the game."

Gag. The only negative outcome the fumblerooski has ever produced is taking the wind out of a 300-pound offensive tackle who isn't used to sprinting 40 yards on the football field.

The intention of the play is 100 percent innocent and its removal is embarrassing. Aren't there more crucial areas of high school football that could use attention?

If this National Federation of Tigh Wads has so much time on its hands, why not make the trip to Lexington, Ky., and help the KHSAAA resolve the ongoing public-private saga?

It may have been the quarterback's whose "fumbling" led to this decision, but if a yellow flag is to be thrown, it needs to be in the direction of the NFHSAA — resolve the ones who have truly dropped the ball in this instance.

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## National rapper Chris Brown to play Regents

Activities Programming Board to host R &amp; B singer

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Northern Kentucky University is all set to host its first concert with a mainstream artist since the Nappy Roots performed on campus in spring 2003.

Headlining this concert will be Rhythm and Blues star, Chris Brown, who has had such hits as "Run It," "Yo (Excuse Me Miss)," and "Gimme That." Dubbed the next big R&B superstar, following in the footsteps of Usher, this young man has all the talent and staying power needed to take the R&B world by storm.

Brown's self-titled debut album, released Jan. 12, 2006, takes listeners on a trip through the innocent blissfulness of teenage love.

The young R&B crooner will bring along another new-comer, T-Pain, for his opening act. T-Pain another performer who seems fated to become a music heavy-hitter is the artist behind hits like "I'm Sprung," and "I'm in Luv (Wit a Strippin')."

These two musical talents will be joined by a few other artists from Loud Box Records and Break Bread Records, and NKU's own Ebony Fire Dance team. The Ebony Fire Dance team is led by its captains Joslyn "Nique"

Ruffin and Dondra Collins. Its members include Nish Vise, Shanita Strayhorn, Michele White, Charaya Wagner, Kanita House, Tiffany Taul, Toya Maley, Japera Bell and Priscilla Green. Ruffin said the whole team is delighted at being on the stage with these performers. She and her teammates have been vigorously practicing since earlier this year. This team is a testament to the talent inherent in NKU's own students, and they have already won two awards. The team also held two on campus events/fund-raisers, and are in the process of cementing themselves as a part of NKU's student life.

The current music programmer for NKU is the engine behind this concert, Sheena Dunn, said she wanted to sponsor the event because she was eager to have another big name artist perform. Dunn admitted this was not only her project, but a joint effort of herself, the Activities Programming Board, and Stephanie Goldrick.

The concert will be held in Regents Hall on campus. The doors open at 7:15, with activities starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for all NKU students (limit of 2 per student with a valid NKU ID) and \$20 dollars for all others. If you would like to purchase tickets, please visit the office of Student Life, University Center Room 10.

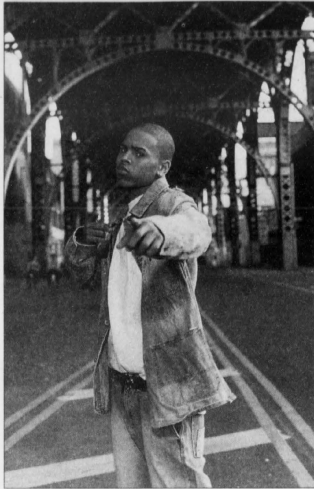


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Jive Records' Chris Brown plays Regent Hall April 21.

Photo courtesy of Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park  
Todd Lawson plays Robby in "Stone My Heart."Local theater  
writer cunning  
with new show

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Whether you do or don't keep tabs on the Department of Theater and Dance here at Northern Kentucky University, you might have noticed that the playwrighting classes almost never feature the same instructor; seemingly, someone leaves, becomes ill, or, you know, simply doesn't have time to teach the course.

Apparently though, one instructor left to better his career; it shows on a certain stage in Cincinnati.

About two weeks ago, playwright Joseph McDonough's one of two world-premier plays, "Stone My Heart," opened at Cincinnati Playhouse at the Park. Recently, McDonough received the Mickey Kaplan New American Play Prize — which is a local award given to playwrights — for this particular work.

Now, if you ever had the opportunity to meet McDonough (or took one of the two classes he taught at NKU last year), you probably perceived him as a rather humble, modest guy who knows his stuff when it comes theatrical writing.

That perception might change once you see "Stone My Heart," which somehow blends the right amount of shock and humor for a little less than two hours.

A morgue in Chicago, the play's main setting, is the first inkling that "Stone My Heart" creates a sense of eeriness, which intensifies as the art of fart humor, but the mood and location of the play (even though you still feel like you're in a morgue most of the time).

We initially meet Robby and Terrence, two employees of the morgue — and they are the ones who will make or break the play for certain viewers. They carry the story; they bring the issues.

Robby, played by Todd Lawson, is, for the most part, a likeable character. He pines for the sole woman in the play, Jessica, and will literally kill to have her. His un-stoppable stuttering

## Stone My Heart

## Location:

Playhouse in the Park,  
962 Mt. Adams Circle  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
(513) 421-3888

## Times:

Tuesday, Wednesday - 7:30  
Thursday, Friday - 8 p.m.  
Saturday - 5 p.m., 9 p.m.  
Sunday - 2 p.m.

## Cost:

\$41 to \$48

throughout the play became borderline annoying, however, it seemed necessary to maintain the suspense during a few scenes. During his monologues, though, Robby doesn't stutter. McDonough said he eliminated the stuttering to give the audience a break from the speech impediment, which would lose its effect if Robby never dropped it.

While Robby is an extremely dramatic character, Terrence, played by Sean Haberle, is dramatic, yet he attains an incredible amount of sardonic humor. The hilarity of this character is his similarity to Thomas Church's character in the movie "Sideways." Terrence's persona, shockingly, allows him to get away with such acts as leaving his Red Bull Energy Drinks in a body drawer and spending the night with a corpse (form your own image).

Simply put, you'll notice the aforementioned characters' larger-than-life personalities override those of the three other morgue-employed characters: Marcus, Jessica and Zach.

Sure, Marcus is intimidating, Jessica is innocent and luscious, and Zach masters the art of fart humor, but their personas — good or bad — don't stand up to Terrence and Robby's. On the flip side, all the characters are enjoyable since they represent (loosely, McDonough said) the main characters of "Othello."

Regardless, "Stone My Heart" is a well-thought-out. Obviously McDonough spent a substantial amount of time on this Shakespearean-based play. Hopefully, his next play "Wayfarer's Rest," which debuts at the Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati April 19, is just as stellar.

## theatrereview

## 'Elephant Man' triumphs in portraying London horror

By Meghan Gilroy

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Northern Kentucky University's Department of Theatre's latest production amazes and horrifies setting full of dark characters who all revolve around the sad life of the once lived John Merrick, in "The Elephant Man." The cast in this performance truly looked into the lives of their characters to portray this story, especially Roderick Justice, who plays the Elephant Man.

Director Ken Jones decided not to use any makeup to distort the figure of Justice. Through amazing acting skills, Justice remains in a character of comedic relief and physical horror that make the audience believe he is the Elephant Man.

"The Elephant Man" opened in the NKU Corbett Theatre April 13 and will be playing until April 23. The show is a reproduction of the original Tony Award-winning play "Elephant Man" by Bernard Pomerance. The production is a mixture of comedy and drama set around London, England, from 1884 to 1890.

The setting begins with a mixture of characters and a carnival where Merrick is the main part of a freak show. Dr. Frederick



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From left: John West, Roderick Justice and Denise Devlin

Traves, played by John West, pays to look at the disfigured Merrick. After being horrified by the sight, Traves urges the carnival keeper to allow him to perform research on Merrick.

Abandoned and sent away from the carnival, Merrick

makes his way to Traves and eventually finds a home with him. Traves studies Merrick's condition and attempts to have a female nurse interact with Merrick but finds little success due to his physical appearance.

Finally Traves hires an

actress, Mrs. Kendal, played by Denise Devlin, to talk with Merrick. She tries to flee because she is frightened of his appearance. However, after talking with Merrick, she develops a friendship with him and becomes a regular woman in his life.

As the time passes Kendal helps Merrick's outstanding intelligence shine. He wins over the friendship of many higher officials and townspeople. His mind, however, continues to spin because he cannot have and do all the things he would like, such as to see the pure flesh of a woman.

With much passion and understanding, Kendal feels sympathy for Merrick and reveals her beautiful self to him on stage, only to be caught by Traves. Ashamed of her behavior, Kendal flees and never returns.

After Kendal's abandons him, Merrick slowly starts to decline in his will to live and his fate seems bleak.

As Merrick clings to religion, Traves continues trying to find a solution to Merrick's illness. However it may be too late for Merrick.

The cast of characters, setting, music and costume and lighting design are all key components that made this show blend together in an outstanding performance that won't be forgotten.

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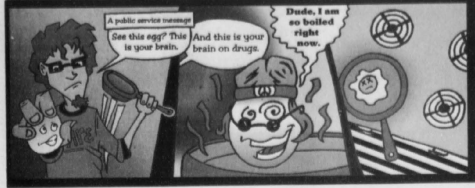
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## The Fellas



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## CampusCalendar

### Wednesday

- Faculty Lunch Seminar at noon: "Yes, Your Teenager is Crazy: The Latest Information on Brain Development in Teens and the Implications for Teaching Parenting" in Steeley 304.
- Lit and Lang Irish History and Culture Series: "Through Stranger's Eyes: British Travel Writers in Pre-Famine Ireland" at 7 p.m. in LA 506.
- Latin Student Union Salsa Night at 7:30 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

### Thursday

- Students Together Against Racism Campus & Community Town Hall Meeting at 4 p.m. in LA 506.
- Student Union Cultural Feast at 5 p.m. in the University Suites Classroom.
- Seminar: "The Complete Business Plan-Your Key To Success" at 6 p.m. in BEP 461.
- NKU Bands Spring Concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall. Tickets: \$5 General Public/ \$3 NKU Students/ Faculty/Staff.

### Friday

- Latin Student Union Plaza Sabor at 11 a.m. on the UC Plaza. Expect music, dancing, and food.
- Anthropolgy Career Day from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in LA 110. The event is free and open to the public. Expect speakers, food, and free career handouts.
- Keyboard Kaleidoscope at 7 p.m. in Greaves Hall.
- Chris Brown Concert at 8 p.m. in Regents Hall.

To include an event in the calendar, contact Regan Coomer at coomer@nku.edu, or call The Northerner at 572-5859.

## Classifieds

### Career

Come Join One of Our Favorite Cincinnati Realty Firms! We're looking for motivated students to train in our Marketing Department. No experience necessary. You can make \$14-20 per hour! Flexible hours to YOUR Schedule. Receive valuable experience while working with our Mortgage & Insurance Divisions. Opportunity for advancement after graduation. Short Drive to Kenwood/Montgomery Rd Exit in Cincy. For more info. Call Bill at 513.842.0115 or Michelle 842.6094

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Receptionist wanted. Private club in Hyde Park area needs a part-time evening receptionist to work 2 to 3 evenings a week. Hours are 2-10 p.m. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office programs. Fax resume to 513.533.5232.

### Saturday

- 16th Annual NKU Walk for Women's Athletics Scholarships from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., starting at Regents Hall.

### Sunday

- Junior Voice Recital at 4 p.m. in Budig Theatre. Free admission.
- NKU Vocal Jazz Concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall. Event Charge: \$5 General admission/ \$3 NKU Students, Faculty, Staff and Seniors.

### Monday

- NKU Steel Drums concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall. Event Charge: \$5 General admission/ \$3 NKU Students, Faculty, Staff and Seniors.

### Tuesday

- Black Women's Organization Week Event: "Love Your Body" at 7 p.m. in Norse Commons 117.
- Northern Right to Life Inaugural Event: KY Rep. Addie Wuchner speech at 4 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.
- NKU Jazz Combo Concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall. Event Charge: \$5 General admission/ \$3 NKU Students, Faculty, Staff and Seniors.

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## Horoscopes

### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

New friends and potential lovers will now ask for special consideration. Family disruptions, complex money decisions or rare power struggles in the home may be a constant distraction this week. Your patience will be acknowledged and appreciated. After mid-week, offer advice and wait for subtle signals of approval: friends and lovers will soon share their innermost thoughts.

**TALIESIN (April 21-May 20)**  
 Business officials may this week announce last policy changes or improved team assignments. After several weeks of slow progress, individual success and group accomplishments are available. Take the initiative and ask for a more public role in daily projects. Bosses or managers will welcome your enthusiasm. Loved ones will expect concrete dates, times and choices; stay focused.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**  
 Bring loose affairs to a head about a serious or publicly emotional tone. Passionate outbursts are temporary, so not to worry. Do, however, clearly define your short-term needs and long-term expectations. Later this week, potential lovers may request a declaration of your private loyalties. Trust your instincts: new relationships will take extra time to establish.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)**  
 Before Wednesday, workplace officials may demand the full disclosure of recent decisions or sensitive documents. Carefully verify all legal needs and job regulations. Poorly defined facts or mistaken numbers may now

cause lengthy delays. After Saturday, romantic triangles and social jealousies are highlighted; go slow and watch for subtle clues.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 Emotional changes in romantic relationships may now signal the end of silent disagreement and doubt. Loved ones are strongly motivated to review yesterday's promises. After Wednesday, key decisions from several months ago may demand discussion. Reaffirm your lifestyle choices and goals: shared ideals will soon prove rewarding.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 Private romantic attractions now offer excitement. Early this week, a friend or lover may reveal an unusual flirtation or the past history of a key relationship. Avoid gossip or group speculation, if possible, and wait for confirmation. Minor facts, important emotional details or mistaken comments may now be easily exaggerated. After Wednesday, a quiet business proposal may usher in a new era of financial rewards.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
 Employment and financial speculation may this week reveal new career options. Study the recent experiences of friends or close relatives (or valuable hints. A creative approach to long-term goals will be needed: use this time to re-establish forgotten business ideas, begin job searches or explore postponed partnerships. A close friend may announce an unexpected romantic or lifestyle change.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
 Job negotiations and special contracts may week provide unique business opportunities. Ask key officials for detailed explanations of recent promotions, policy changes or workplace needs. Rare assignments or verbal agreements will create valuable pathways to success. Don't hesitate to accept difficult or controversial projects. Remain patient: powerful breakthroughs will soon take precedence.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
 Delicate social triangles will require diplomacy over the next few days. Close work mates and long-term friends may soon challenge or contradict established plans. A recent phase of confusing priorities between friends needs to be clarified: don't allow others to assume your loyalties have shifted. Later this week, business or financial negotiations may be briefly postponed.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)**  
 Confidence and group optimism now return. Some Capricorns this week expand their social goals, family commitments and romantic obligations. However,

emotional health and revised goals may play a key role. Ask friends or loved ones for suggestions. Romantic partners may expect a meaningful display of loyalty and affection. Be expressive: bold statements will bring clarity.

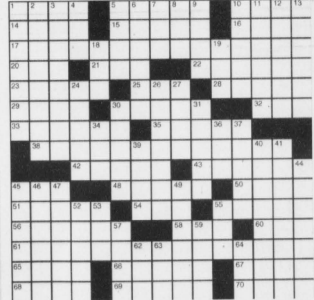
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)**  
 Minor attractions between colleagues may this week be quickly misinterpreted. Avoid overstating your views, feelings or short-term social goals. Before Thursday, potential friends or new coworkers may be easily influenced by open discussions, perceived flirtations or new suggestions. Stay alert and, if possible, avoid complex emotional questions.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
 Tuesday through Thursday, watch finances closely for unexpected errors or last-minute expenses. Home duties and family planning may this week demand extra dedication. Outline clear debt schedules at present; loved ones may require steady guidance to reach established short-term goals.

By Lasha Senuik (KRT)

## Crossword

"The Daily Crossword" Edited by Wayne Robert Williams (KRT)



### Across

- Industrial pollutants;
- "Butterfield 8" author
- Speedy
- Goofy
- Mexican docile
- Debate side
- Way to go back and forth
- Amusement
- Negative link
- "Dallas"
- "Martha" or "Norma"
- Uganda's Amin
- "Skittle Players" painter
- Religious custom
- River through
- Grenoble
- Air-leak sound
- Taxi devices
- Aquarium bottom-
- Way to go in and out
- Arab leader: var.
- Flexible
- Half a dance?
- Banal
- Model Macpherson
- Stoppages
- "Cheers" setting
- Snooped
- Bowers
- Night before
- Long-snouted fish
- Way to go up and down
- Bivouac shelter
- Lessen
- Calais summers
- God of love
- Player and Oldman
- Fewer

### Down

- Carry out
- Route employee
- Dark-haired woman
- 9-digit ID
- Milanesé eight
- Twoed type
- French friend
- Agt.
- Liberal or fine
- followers
- Gem surface
- Low points
- Inscribed stone markers
- Mythological giants
- O.J. trial letters
- Part of TGIF
- "Still Me" writer
- Disturbed mental states
- Household press
- Map dot
- Three on a par five
- CD-
- Livy's 401
- Four-bagger
- Action word
- Bind
- Lets go of
- Set right
- Unqualified
- Vallerie or Tess
- Unpigmented
- Formal agreement
- Legs wrongs
- Sp. lady
- Miles/hour connector
- Metal waste
- Contents
- Memo-pop store
- grp
- Black goo
- Animation frame

## Sudoku

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No math skills required. Neurons a plus!

Here's a puzzle with numbers. Nothing has to add up to anything else. Yippee! Instead, you solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Where do you start solving a Sudoku puzzle? You can begin in any square, but one mistake early in the game and you'll be in a mess later.

In each row, fill in the numbers one through nine (1-9) in any order without repeating any number. In each column do the same. Using the given numbers, fill in each three-by-three box with the correct answer. No number should be repeated in any row, column, or three-by-three box.

There is only one solution, and it can be reached

using logic. Guessing is not necessary!

An EASY puzzle (Neural Numbering May occur) might take you half an hour the first time, but practice should lower your time. MEDIUM difficulty (Migraine Likely) will probably give you a headache.

On the other hand, if you were on death row scheduled for execution in the morning, and the guard told you if you solved a HARD puzzle (Risk of Brain Aneurism) your life would be spared - you'd probably die.

Solutions, tips, and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com). You can visit this Web site to practice, learn strategies, and improve your time.

### Risk of Brain Aneurism

	6	1		3	
7			2	9	
			5	1	8
4			3		
9		5			6
	3	2	4		
6		9		1	2
7			1	2	

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