



# Center for Bio-Ethical Reform

**MIDWEST REGION**

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## What caused the destruction of this student sponsored pro-life display?

- A. High winds?
- B. A powerful thunderstorm?
- C. Vandalism by a professor at Northern Kentucky University

**Answer: C** — A tenured professor at Northern Kentucky University (NKU) destroyed this pro-life display. According to NKU Police reports, the event occurred when several pro-abortion females along with a professor removed about 400 white crosses from the grass in front of the University Center Plaza. Sally Jacobsen, a professor in NKU's literature and language department, said the display was dismantled by about nine students in one of her graduate-level classes. "I did, outside of class during the break, invite students to express their freedom-of-speech rights to destroy the display if they wished to," Jacobsen said. Jacobsen was later forced into early retirement for her actions.

The display, called the Cemetery of the Innocents, is an outreach project used by pro-life student groups at universities all across America. Each cross in the display represents 100 aborted babies killed each day in the United States.

If crosses representing aborted babies cause controversy at NKU, how much more would a display that shows actual pictures of aborted babies add to the debate?

After the NKU story made national headlines, CBR Midwest contacted President Katie Walker of Northern Right to Life to see whether she would be interested in taking the debate to the next level by inviting the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) to NKU this spring.

GAP is a traveling photo-mural exhibit which compares the contemporary genocide of abortion to historically recognized forms of genocide. GAP visits university campuses around the country to show as many students as possible what abortion actually does to unborn children and get them to think about abortion in a broader historical context.

GAP creates the debate like no other pro-life project.

The good news is that Katie and her group, Northern Right to Life, enthusiastically invited GAP and we are scheduled to visit NKU April 9-10! The challenge is that we need to raise \$10,000 by March 28, 2008, to cover the expenses of taking GAP to NKU. Katie wrote:

*The Genocide Awareness Project reaches more people in a short amount of time with the disturbing reality of abortion better than any project we've done in the past. I have no doubt the entire student body will be talking about it, professors will be lecturing about it, and pro-choicers will be protesting it. I can't wait!"*

We are also planning to display GAP at Kent State University and the University of Minnesota this spring.

**Please help Katie fulfill her group's goal of displaying GAP at NKU this spring by supporting CBR Midwest. You can help by sending us a financial gift of \$1000.**



**Katie Walker, President of Northern Right to Life, is eagerly awaiting GAP**

Professor Jacobsen's concept of "free speech" wrongly includes interfering with someone else's rights. In almost every country in the world, CBR would be locked up for public displays of aborted baby photos. The only reason we aren't in jail in America is because this country has a First Amendment. Our founders had the courage to give their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor in defense of our right to speak unpopular truth to power.

GAP teaches university faculty and students that the intent of our Founders was to protect disturbing speech such as GAP because popular speech needs no protection.

**Please send CBR Midwest a gift today of \$500 to help pay for the pro-life literature we will be handing out during GAP at NKU.**

CBR Midwest recognizes that GAP will offend many because abortion is offensive. That is the point! But, as the U.S. Supreme Court has articulated numerous times, speech cannot be regulated and prohibited solely because it is unfavorable and offensive to others with a different viewpoint. For those who wonder why we exhibit our genocide photos on college campuses, as the Court stated in *Hague v. Committee for Ind. Organization*, 307 U.S. 496, 515 (1939), a college or university is "peculiarly the marketplace of ideas." Also, NKU is the best place for GAP because our future leaders and decision makers reside there. This is our target audience.

Professor Jacobsen said, "Any violence perpetrated against that silly display was minor compared to how I felt when I saw it. Some of my students felt the same way, just outraged."

**The price of fuel is soaring! Please help fill our trucks with diesel fuel for GAP at NKU. A gift of \$250 will provide one tank full of fuel for one of our CBR trucks.**

CBR Midwest has encountered similar acts of violence against our staff and GAP display in the past. This type of attack at NKU is what some pro-abortion extremists resort to when the intellectual force of their arguments fail. The fallacy is called *argumentum ad baculum* (appeal to force). Although it is impossible to predict every possible contingency, we will take all pertinent precautions. Rest assured three things will happen because we displayed aborted baby pictures at NKU: The students will become more pro-life, babies will be saved who otherwise would have been killed, and NKU will have a better understanding of free expression.

**Our phone bill increases before and during GAP. Please send CBR Midwest a gift today of \$100 to help pay the communications cost for GAP at NKU.**

If you think our tactics of non-violent resistance are counter productive to creating the debate needed to change minds on injustice, read the following words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who wrote from the Birmingham jail, it "*creates a crisis and establishes such creative tension that a community is forced to confront the issue.*" These tactics, he remarks, "*seek to dramatize the issue so that it can no longer be ignored.*" According to King, in order to have social reform, people must be bothered by injustice because "*privileged groups seldom give up their privileges voluntarily.*" The fact is, Americans are not bothered enough by abortion. Thankfully, because of your support for CBR Midwest, that is all changing.

GAP combines the hard visual truth with the compelling and persuasive arguments by trained pro-life students and activists. The one-two punch of GAP saves lives and changes hearts.

Finally, a marcher at the recent March for Life in Washington DC wrote: "Your presence at the 2008 March for Life has changed my life, and renewed my spirit." This is the impact wherever we go - changing lives! Katie Walker and hundreds of her classmates at NKU are about to encounter a life changing moment - GAP.

For life,



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PS - In addition to NKU, CBR Midwest has invitations to Kent State University and the University of Minnesota in April. Young leaders like Katie Walker are eager to defend the unborn on these campuses too. Please help us help them.



**CBR's newest GAP sign**



**Temple University students contemplate GAP**