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'Rat race' is now fun new sport

United Press International
DES MOINES, Iowa — The traditional rat race has been replaced with the Rat Olympics.
The second annual running of classic at Clarke College, Dubuque — featuring Bruce Jenner, Monique the carrying and Duchess — was scheduled Monday.
The olympics were developed as a means for introductory psychology students at the school to get practical experience with conditioning behavior.
This year's competition will feature eight rats vying for medals and goodies.
"The students love it," said Hemmendinger, assistant psychology professor at the school. "It works with little white laboratory rats with red eyes and non-slimy tails. The rats come in from Wisconsin and spend the semester training animals as a project.
"The students use the rat form, giving the rats goodies as a reward for correctly performing tricks," Hemmendinger said. "It takes time. During the semester they may work with the rats one hour a day, seven days a week.
"But they seem to enjoy it and have good success with their work. A panel of judges grades the rat on showmanship and on the quality of the tricks they perform."
For instance Monique picks up a baby rat, places her in a doll carriage and pushes the carriage through a door to take her to walk.
"This is an unnatural thing for a rat to do, so, it's a good high stunt," Hemmendinger said.
Bruceette's top stunt is dunking a ball into the basket.
The students have taken the olympics, she said, designing special cages with "Rat Olympics" them and training apparatus their contestants.
"The animals all live in cages but seem to really enjoy training," Hemmendinger said. They like getting out and around and getting the extra things as rewards. The rats like cakes and cookies and go over chocolate chips. They dance cheese as often for a reward.

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