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WEIU-TV receives Emmy nomination

First nomination for WEIU

By Jason Hardimon
Staff reporter

"CSI," "Desperate Housewives" and "30 Rock" are a few of the notable television productions that come to mind when contemplating the Emmys.

Yet, the Emmys recognize much more than prime-time entertain-

ment.

The WEIU-TV News Watch broadcast was nominated for a Mid-America Emmy in the student news production category on Aug. 20.

That day, Kelly Runyan, news director for WEIU, had been checking the Mid-America Emmy Web site all afternoon to see if the nominations had yet been revealed.

Six months before, Runyan applied for nomination and had submitted a copy of the Sept. 8, 2008, broadcast for review.

"I remember feeling very nervous during the application pro-

cess ... after all, the Emmys are held in such high regard," Runyan said. "But I just kept thinking to myself, 'Wouldn't it be wonderful for the students if all of the hard work that they do each day was recognized on such a grand scale?'"

She said, upon seeing News Watch among the nominees, she entered a temporary state of disbelief, and was ultimately moved to tears.

Runyan said it was impossible to contain her excitement.

"I started calling everyone I could think of," she said.

This is News Watch's first Emmy

nomination and greatest achievement to date, said Runyan, who has served as news director since December 2001.

"Even though we are the only nominee within our category, we are not certain to receive the award," Runyan said. "If the nominees are unable to meet the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences stringent standards, then the Emmy will not be awarded to anyone."

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Honorees

All of the members of WEIU-TV who worked on the Sept. 8, 2008 broadcast were nominated.

- Barbara Harrington
- Kevin Ratermann
- Avery Drake
- Zach Nugent
- Brian Gallagher
- Kevin Jeanes
- Kelly Runyan

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Long-distance service canceled

By Jennifer Brown
Staff Reporter

The Telecommunications Office canceled the long-distance service it once offered on-campus students.

The service was canceled in the summer, but the change has been initiated for the fall semester as of Aug. 9.

Telecommunications director Clay Hopkins cited a lack of participation and the advent of cell phones as the reasons for the cancellation.

"There were less than 50 students using (the service)," Hopkins said. "It was costing us more to provide than we were getting out of it."

Mark Hudson, director of university housing and dining Services, was also involved in making the cancellation.

"Reduced usage brought on this decision," Hudson said. "(Students) can access long distance with a different manner using 800-number calling cards."

This change affects all students living on campus, including those in Greek Court, University Court and University Apartments.

The discontinued service affects just long-distance calls.

"Students can still make local calls and plug in phones," Hudson said.

The cancellation also affects returning students who will no longer be able to use the service.

Before the change, students would sign up for a pin number in the Telecommunications Office, Hudson said. Students would receive a bill for the calls that were made in their rooms.

Ben Joyner, a senior history major, has never used the service while living in Stevenson Hall.

"It doesn't affect me too much," Joyner said. "I use a cell phone anyway. I've been here two years and haven't had a phone in my room yet."

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Dominique Williams takes in the music at the Gospel Explosion event at the Martin Luther King Jr. Grand Ballroom on Sunday.

Gospel explodes at BSU event

By Erica Whelan
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Students of varying religious convictions came together on common ground at the Black Student Union's first-ever "Gospel Explosion" event Sunday evening in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Guests applauded the multiple acts and the sheer amount of energy present.

"It's so spontaneous, it just feels so real," said Chelsea Grady, a junior elementary education major. "This is what church should be like. It touches you more when it's this personal."

Emcee Otis Seawood, BSU's social affairs director and event orga-

nizer, led the audience in reflection and encouraged all to "bust loose" in praise of a higher power.

Music was the main attraction amplified by religious fervor and a profound message, free of charge.

"Gospel music means a new beginning for everyone," said Victoria Steenes, a junior finance major.

As secretary of Eastern's Unity Gospel Choir, Steenes has cultivated a passion for singing praises since childhood at church.

"I always knew that one day the Lord would use my voice to encourage others," she said.

The lineup for the night did just that as crowds of students left their seats to applaud the powerful sound resonating through the

Grand Ballroom.

Chicago-based Gospel rap group "Sons of the Most High" had the crowd swaying in their seats and on their feet.

Following was local talent "Time of Change," which made its debut to a standing ovation.

Corey Mabins, a sophomore accounting major and president of "Time of Change," credited God as his source of inspiration both on and off the stage.

"I'm here for the Lord," Mabins said. "It's not about me up there, it's about Him. Without God, I wouldn't be able to talk, I wouldn't be able to sing, I wouldn't be able to move. He will use me. To me, my faith is everything."

Hoping to strike a chord with the crowd, Seawood began planning the concert over the summer. Funding for the entire event came courtesy of the BSU, the University Board, and Apostolic Christians in Today's Society and Christ Ministries to provide for a night of song and service to the public.

"You can't put a price on Gospel," said Seawood, who intends to make the concert to be a monthly campus event.

He hopes the next one will be bigger, better and appeal to a broader range of religious backgrounds.

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