

COMPETITION

# Red Bull hosts freestyle drumming competition

By Seth Schroeder  
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Using only rhythm with pens, pencils, coffee cans and other mundane items, four Eastern students might be going to Brazil.

The students were all members of The Wings, a team competing in "Tum Tum Pa," a freestyle drumming competition sponsored by Red Bull, an energy drink company.

The teams could either bring in their own items to perform or could use items provided by the organizers on Thursday. Free Red Bull was given away throughout the competition.

Each team played a cover of a song along with an original beat. Judges for the competition graded the teams on three categories: rhythm, creativity and audience encouragement.

The Wings received perfect scores of all 10s for each of its performances and won first place.

Matthew Black, a senior music major and member of The Wings, said each member of the team is a member of Eastern's percussion ensemble.

"We're glad (the competition) got hosted here," Black said. "We're percussionists and there are not many percussion competitions at Eastern."

Black said the team members brought their own items for "Tum Tum Pa" so that they could find something with tones and pitch. He



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Matt Murphy, a freshman music major, and Matthew Black, a senior music major, perform as part of The Wings at "Tum Tum Pa," a freestyle drumming competition. The competition took place Thursday night in the Lecture Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. It was sponsored by Red Bull, an energy drink company.

said they also wanted to be comfortable with what they were playing with.

He said they mostly practiced the night before.

"We didn't want to do it on the

spot," Black said. "We spent two hours jamming and made it up last night and put something together."

The Wings performed "Friday" by Rebecca Black as their cover song. Wings member Matt Murphy,

a freshman music major, said they chose the song because it had more than 100 million views on YouTube.

"We knew people would get a kick out of it," Murphy said. "We did what we loved to do."

Other members of The Wings are Jesse Shelton, a sophomore music major, and Kyle Dombroski, a freshman psychology major and music minor.

As the first-place team, The Wings won a \$100 bar tab at the Panther Paw and a video of their performance will be posted on the Red Bull Facebook page. If their video receives the most amount of "Likes" out of every team posted, they will win a trip to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the world finals.

Black was also a member of the third place team, The Class Ditchers. Each member of The Class Ditchers won a case of Red Bull.

Members of the second place team, The Kappas, won their weight in Red Bull.

A member of The Kappas, Patrick Jake, a senior kinesiology major, said he and his teammate Charles Pailler, a junior sociology major, found out about the competition a week ago.

The Kappas performed "Look at Me Now" by Chris Brown as their cover song. Jake said their original beat was complete improvisation.

Jake said he plans to give most of the Red Bull away to members of his fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

"I guarantee I'm not going to drink my weight in Red Bull," Jake said.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## Earth Day tree to be planted

By Tenicha Hudson  
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The year is concluding and the student government will be planting its last tree of this academic school year today in honor of going green.

Jenna Mitchell, a sophomore political science major, said she was glad she became a member of the university development and recycling committee.

"There will be a little green space being in between Klehm and the Life Science Building," Mitchell said.

Zach Samples, a freshman history major with a teacher certificate, said he is glad the Student Senate members made the decision to plant a tree this year.

"As the chair of university development and recycling, it shows how we are committed to going green," Samples said.

Facilities Planning and Management will be in charge of planting the Earth Day tree, Samples said.

"It's a great way to show the campus that student government is all for a green campus," Mitchell said.

The tree-planting ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. today in the South Quad.

Samples said he hopes the tree planting will give students different ideas to go green.

"The Office of Facilities Planning and Management have drawn up the available trees to give us," Samples said.

Mitchell said she believes the South Quad is a great place to have the tree planted because a lot of people hang around in that quad.

The committee will be planting an oak tree.

"The tree will work to beautify the campus that students walk past everyday," Samples said.

There will be a plaque that will have the year of 2010-2011 and say this year's student government co-sponsored the planting.

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"The tree benefits us since Eastern Illinois University was known for being one of the greenest campuses," Mitchell said.

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RHA

## Executives get pied at short final meeting

By Jennifer Brown  
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The Residence Hall Association hosted its final meeting Thursday and adjourned after 10 minutes. The RHA quickly went through how the banquet banners were due that day and each of them must have an M&M theme.

In its hall report, Carman Hall representatives said they are raising money for "Alex's Lemonade Stand," which benefits research for childhood cancer.

Elizabeth Burbatt, a freshman communication disorders and sciences major, said Carman Hall set a goal to raise \$1,000.

"We sold paper lemons and root beer floats," Burbatt said. "We did this last year and everyone felt passionate about it."

The RHA approved \$43.50 at the meeting to be used toward donations of

Alex's Lemonade Stand. Carman Hall Council will cover the supplies, Burbatt said.

Nick Fulco, a freshman elementary education major, said "Alex's Lemonade Stand" is going to give the money to a nationwide organization.

"The little girl that started it was named Alex," Fulco said. "It's a Carman Hall tradition."

For an end of the year celebration, Carman Hall is having an end-of-the-year barbecue Monday evening. There will be a "Minute to Win it" game contest where students will have a minute to put together different games.

After the meeting, the RHA adjourned to outside of Stevenson Hall where members of RHA pied the executive board committee.

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