

Noontime Concert Series returns to HUB

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Lunchtime in the HUB is about to change.

Returning to campus Friday, the Student Programming Association's (SPA) Noontime Concert Series will feature a different genre of music each week, bringing in a mixture of local bands and out-of-state talent.

The first concert of the semester is pop/rock artist Dan Erickson, lead singer of the recently-formed band Erickson. The Buffalo, N.Y.-based singer will perform solo at noon today in the HUB-Robeson Center.

His music was discovered by SPA in an unconventional way. SPA entertainment committee member Cassandra Dahl (fresh-

man-business management) stumbled upon his band outside an All-American Rejects concert.

"We got there before the doors opened, and we didn't expect there to be a line, but it wrapped all the way around the building," Dahl said. "At one spot on the sidewalk, they were playing an acoustic set. We stopped and checked them out — they were really good, a lot of people went over to check them out."

Erickson said he follows Warped Tour in the summer as well as other concerts, playing music outside and trying to sell CDs.

"I didn't know that's how this concert happened," he said. "Just goes to show that it works."

Noontime Concert Series Chairman Zachary Krieger said

the band can be compared to Secondhand Serenade and The Early November. Erickson likes to put his music in the pop/rock genre, avoiding the term "emo." Lately, his focus has been on blending a more mature sound than pop fans are used to.

"On the next record, we went a little bit more mature...with a broader fanbase, not just 15- and 16-year-old girls," he said.

Just in the last month, Erickson left his life as an exclusively solo artist behind and decided to form a full band, he said.

Today's performance will display his acoustic work on the guitar, as well as a mix of live loops with digital drums and strings.

"I like to do a mixture," he said.

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Dan Erickson, front, is pictured with his newly formed band, Erickson. Though the lead singer recently left his life as a solo artist behind to form a full band, he will be singing solo today for the Noontime Concert Series.

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HOROSCOPES

By Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 22, 2010. This year, you move in an unprecedented direction. The key to your success is a newfound valuing of communication. Thinking outside the box, a specialty of yours, becomes the best path. You set the pace, others respond accordingly. Your home and personal life could be put on the back burner for part of the year, but not forever, as you'll discover. Don't take others for granted. If you are single, you'll meet many people, though you might not be ready for a commitment. You could enjoy the romance of dating. If you are attached, take a seminar or class together. Share a hobby. Choose an activity that draws you together. TAU-RUS reminds you of the basics.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-Not-so, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Your ability to get things accomplished has been high all week. Today is no exception. Zero in on what you want, realizing that you have limited time. Your imagination provides another source of thought and action. Tonight, as you like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Know when to back off. You will accomplish the most by being low-key when responding to a boss or someone who influences your thinking. Question which way to go with an enthusiastic friend. Tonight, Keep a secret just that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Zero in on what you want. Consider what is happening with a friend who cannot stay on topic. On the other hand, you are in a whirlwind of ideas as

you try to sort through what is workable. Use the moment. Tonight, Only where people are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Others might not like all your decisions, but they do follow your lead. Know when enough is enough. Though you might want to get this or that done, not everyone has the energy to follow through. Tonight, Still pushing your weight around?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Tap into your ability to see the big picture, but this will be a concentrated effort if you are vested. Remember, so many possibilities are out there. Be willing to walk up and take a step in a new direction. Tonight, Fry a new spot or new type of happening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** A partner continues to act on strange influences. Respond in a caring way once more, knowing that soon this person's attitude might change. Use your imagination with a day-to-day project. Do make an appointment with the doctor before starting a diet. Tonight, Go for togetherness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Deter to others and observe where the clew in the works is. Clearly, you will make changes, but only when you are more sure of yourself. Wait it out a little longer, more is likely to emerge. You need as much information as possible. Tonight, Choose what pleases you most.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Your ability to see and handle different situation emerges. If you want to understand what makes a co-worker tick, start observing more. You understand what needs to happen but might hedge on another project. Tonight,

Squeeze in some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Let more fun into your professional life. You work very hard to keep this boundary, but others could use an infusion of happiness. Make that additional time that a co-worker needs. Tonight, Paint the town red!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** If you can take off today, please do. You will benefit from time spent out of the office or away from the work site. How you feel could change your approach, and thus the outcome of a situation. Tonight, Balance your checkbook before deciding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You are inspired, and others get a charge off of this energy. Be precise, because sloppiness could be a problem, especially if someone is following your lead. Conversations are animated and have many suggestions below the surface. Tonight, Start the weekend with a fun get-together.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Sometimes your intuition leads you down an expensive path. Make sure you separate intuition from wanting, as you could be off spending way too much. How you deal with another person could be off. Tonight, Stick to your budget. There is a tomorrow.

BORN TODAY: Gospel singer Sam Cooke (1931), actress Linda Blair (1959), actor John Hurt (1940) *****

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