

Eastern gets a “web-redemption” (corny title I know..sorry! couldn’t think of anything else besides Tosh. Whoa haha)

Comedian Daniel Tosh kept Richmond laughing at Monday’s event

If you had happened to be driving by Brock Auditorium last Monday night, there would be no doubt in your mind that something big was happening on Eastern’s campus. Comedian and star of the hit show Tosh.0 Daniel Tosh visited ECU to perform with his Tosh Tour Twenty Ten: A Comedy Central Live Event and students were understandably excited. The sold out event had students and others lining up outside of Brock as early as 2 hours before the show. The place was absolutely packed, with over 1500 some people present, and all eagerly waited for the show to begin. At around 7:30, the first opening act hit the stage: Jasper Redd. Redd had the audience in stitches for his entire time on stage, covering areas ranging from racial differences to sex. Next up was comedian Matt Fulchiron. Employing a very different style from his predecessor, Fulchiron used a faux-cocky, self-deprecating approach to issues such as relationships and dating that too had the crowd cracking up. Finally, shortly after 8:00 Tosh himself was welcomed onstage to a huge roar of cheers and applause. For those who are not familiar with his stand-up, it may have come as a surprise to see him forgo his show’s web-clip based humor in favor of a more traditional approach. This was just Tosh, a mic, and an open stage. Over his contractually obligated hour to perform, as he joked later on in the show, Tosh covered a huge variety of topics from high school to disabilities to religion to even a hypothetical love child between Brad Pitt and David Beckham. Nothing was off-limits or “too far”. Tosh certainly seemed to be enjoying himself especially towards the end of his act when he walked all around the front of the auditorium and joked about different parts of the building. The show was a big hit at Eastern as was very clear immediately following the show. Students all around could be seen laughing and reliving the jokes with their friends outside of Brock. Freshman Megan Keller agreed with the crowd’s sentiment. “I loved Tosh! The pace was quite a bit different from his show, but there is just a certain quality to seeing him live that is totally unique and enjoyable.” Sophomores Liz Bushey and Brian Schultz concurred. “I loved his situational humor, when he would walk around and be like, ‘I’m going to play with this part of the stage now.’ I was like ‘Yes, yes!’ So very humorous, I enjoyed it.” Bushey exclaimed. “He acted like he doesn’t care about anything, like he didn’t even want to be here...and yet he was absolutely hilarious,” Schultz stated. “I especially liked towards the end where he almost seemed like he was our professor on stage talking to us, like he was one of our buddies or something. Also, I’ve always wanted to play with an organ, so he lived my dream!” joked Schultz. Not everyone was so familiar with his television show before the event. Sophomore Paige Pelphrey, who had her first experience with Tosh at the event, had this to say: “It was so hilarious! He did kind of push the bar a bit sometimes, but you couldn’t help but crack up anyways.” So to both fans old and new, the Tosh Tour was a huge success and will undoubtedly be remembered as a huge event at Eastern for years to come.