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Poetry slam features “fresh faces”

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Junior Eric Wolinetz took first place in the poetry slam hosted by Images on Friday, Feb. 7, in the Oakton Lobby while juniors Janet Scanlon and Jen Stoker took second and third, respectively.

Along with poetry readings, the evening also included an



open mic session and music by The King’s Fleas, a student band featuring seniors Dan Wonsover, Isaac Delgado, Sam Blinstein and Kevin Henrick, as well as junior Joey Galambos.

Audience member and open mic participant Eric Shine most enjoyed the band.

“They were just jamming, but they were pretty good,” he said.

The open mic session featured some performance pieces, including a parody of a song from *Chicago* done by seniors Kim Widdes and Jacob Chacko, who were clad in matching magenta lingerie over their clothes, and a dramatic recitation of “Phive Million,” consisting numbers up to 101 by seniors Eric Shine and

Becky Bloom.

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she was pleased with the turnout.

“It’s nice to see fresh faces because we get the same people performing at every slam,” she said. However, Hettinger expressed a little disappointment over the lack of dramatic reading at the slam.

“As far as performing and expressing ourselves, we need to work on that. It’s just something that comes with practice,” she said.

The next slam will be held April 11 and Images will be welcoming poet Jeff McDaniels to West for a reading and poetry workshop on April 14.