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# UIS' Glogovsky gets it done on and off basketball court

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Erin Glogovsky, UIS women's basketball

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Erin Glogovsky is a college sophomore, but that didn't stop her from trick-or-treating last weekend.

It was for a good cause. Glogovsky and her teammates on the University of Illinois Springfield women's basketball team weren't going door-to-door wanting candy. The players collected canned goods for a Trick-Or-Eat competition with the products going to a local food bank.

Glogovsky, a 6-foot center from Gurnee, has involved herself with community service for years. At Mundelein Carmel Catholic High School, she dedicated herself to 20 service hours each semester.

She prefers working with youth. Since arriving at UIS, she has worked with young girls at Lincoln Magnet School as a peer mentor and has volunteered for the Girls on the Run program, which encourages self-respect and healthy lifestyles.

Glogovsky is a biology major with career aspirations of becoming a doctor, specifically a pediatric oncologist, who specializes in diagnosing and treating cancer in children.

"With every family, there's history of cancer in the family," Glogovsky said. "My younger cousin was a premature baby, so there were complications. When that was going on, I thought it was really interesting."

A demanding course load comes with studying biology.

"I spend probably four to five hours a night doing homework for my biology class, then I have my other classes I have to do homework for, too.

"I spend the majority of my time doing homework and going to basketball practice."

On the basketball court, the UIS Prairie Stars most likely are going to get a huge helping hand from Glogovsky in both the scoring and rebounding categories this season.

She is the team's top returning scorer at 9.1 points per game and also averaged 4.8 rebounds per game for the 8-23 Stars during the 2008-09 season.

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Despite a solid freshman campaign that included 19 starts, Glogovsky admits she is her own worst critic. She's eager this season to top her efforts.

Glogovsky was the Stars' top scorer in 10 games — more than any other player. During a six-game stretch in January, she averaged 16.2 points.

First-year coach Marne Fauser is expecting offense from multiple players, not just Glogovsky.

"I tell them if they're open and in rhythm to shoot it," Fauser said. "I'm not going to ask one person to carry the burden of scoring all the points. I think everybody needs to be ready when their opportunity comes to contribute."

Said Glogovsky, "The way our offense is designed, everybody should be equally contributing. There shouldn't be one specific player that we turn to. Everyone kind of plays their role on the team."

Glogovsky is more than willing to do her part both on and off the court.

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