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Students to compete in 'Battle of the Brains'

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Two teams from Penn State Harrisburg will compete in a regional "Battle of the Brains" on Oct. 25 at Shippensburg University.

Formally known as the International Collegian Programming Contest (ICPC), the competition involves computers and problems requiring knowledge in math, physics or computer programming. The team who wins the regional contest will go on to face students from up to 7,000 universities across the globe. The final competition will be held in Stockholm, Sweden in April 2009.

Each team will have five hours to complete 10 problems. The team that solves the most problems during the allotted time wins the competition. Team members also win \$10,000, medals, career opportunities and bragging rights to the "world's smartest trophy."

Dr. William Deng will lead two PSH teams to the regionals in Shippensburg. This will mark his first ICPC experience. Many of his competing students are first-timers as well. Deng is teaching Computer science 121 and a Programming languages course this semester, among others. He received his PhD in Computer science from Kansas City University. He has been teaching at Penn State Harrisburg since August 2007.

One of Deng's teams includes Luke Brassard, Allen Brubaker and Jesse Demarco.

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Lost Boy of Sudan makes journey back

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Photo courtesy of **DOR AMOL**

Dor Deng Amol, a Penn State Harrisburg student and Lost Boy, in Uganda on his way to Sudan.

He lived without seeing his parents for nearly 21 years. When he was finally able to visit them, he learned that he had four new siblings, which he had never met. This was Dor Deng Amol's case, one of Sudan's Lost Boys.

According to Amol, 25, he is considered a Lost Boy because he has lived without his parents for so long due to Sudan's civil war between the North and the South in 1987.

He was able to visit his family in the village of Nyantor in Sudan during the 2008 summer vacations.

"It was great," he said as he described how it was to finally go back. "We missed each other a lot."

Upon his arrival to Nyantor,

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PSH takes part in practice security drill

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In the weeks leading up to the Oct. 16 and 17 practice drills, Penn State Harrisburg posted fliers throughout campus and sent multiple mass e-mails, asking people to prepare by familiarizing themselves with campus emergency procedures. Students and most faculty members, however, remained unsure of what to expect.

But that was the point.

The campus is not preparing too much, said Steven Hevner, manager of public relations at PSH. It would defeat the purpose of an emergency drill, he said.

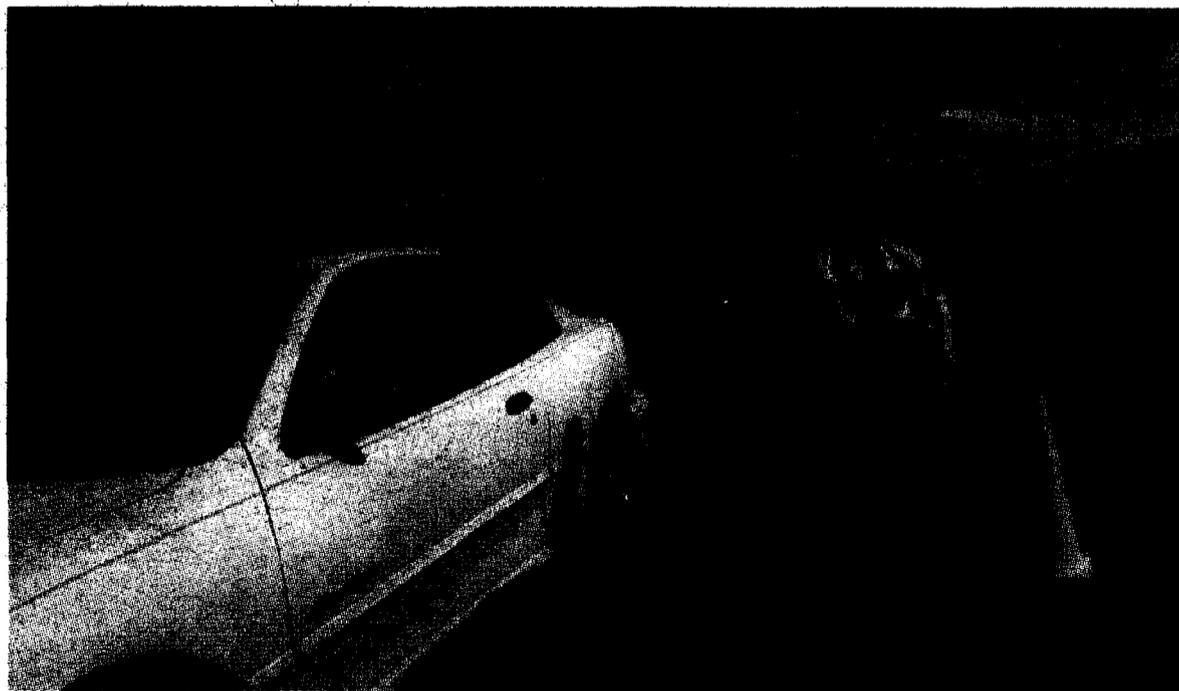


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At the Wharton Avenue entrance to campus, Officer Sherwin checks IDs and informs students and faculty of the practice drill.

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