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Faculty analyze generational issues among students

Four panelists spoke to 35 faculty members at brown-bag discussion

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

Pens held by faculty members raced over paper Friday as they took notes on how to bridge the gap between student generational issues with communication, technology and entitlement.

Four panelists spoke to about 35 faculty members at the first brown-bag discussion titled "Let's Talk Teaching: Who are our First-Year Students?" to analyze what the incoming generation's problem areas are and what faculty members can do to compensate for them for a more successful learning experience.

The event was sponsored by the Faculty Development Office, and the four panelists were: Stephen Lucas, the department chair and graduate coordinator of secondary education and foundations; Melissa Ames, an assistant professor of English; Dianne Timm of the counseling and student development department; and Moe Samad, the associate residence director of Carman Hall.

Lucas said one of the main goals needed to address the generational issues is to discover how to take the admitted freshman students and transform them into the graduates that faculty members envision.

Samad said he encounters generational issues every day because about 95 percent of the fresh-

man students on campus live in Carman Hall.

He said two common communication issues he witnessed are lack of face-to-face conversations and lack of courage to speak to faculty members.

"We need to find a way to break that barrier and say 'I'm not just your instructor, but I am also here to mentor and help you to get you educated enough to move on after college,'" Samad said. "I think there is an approachability factor and a comfortness that they are lacking that they aren't really pushing themselves to."

Samad also tied these issues to technology, especially with students incorporating text lingo and using poor email etiquette.

"I think they get to a point where they think it is OK because they are doing it constantly with their friends," Samad said. "They engage in that lingo and dialect in a daily, hourly and minute basis so they don't know any better."

Ames addressed methods with how to keep students motivated and interactive, and she said the typical college freshman's attention is lost after about 14 or 15 minutes.

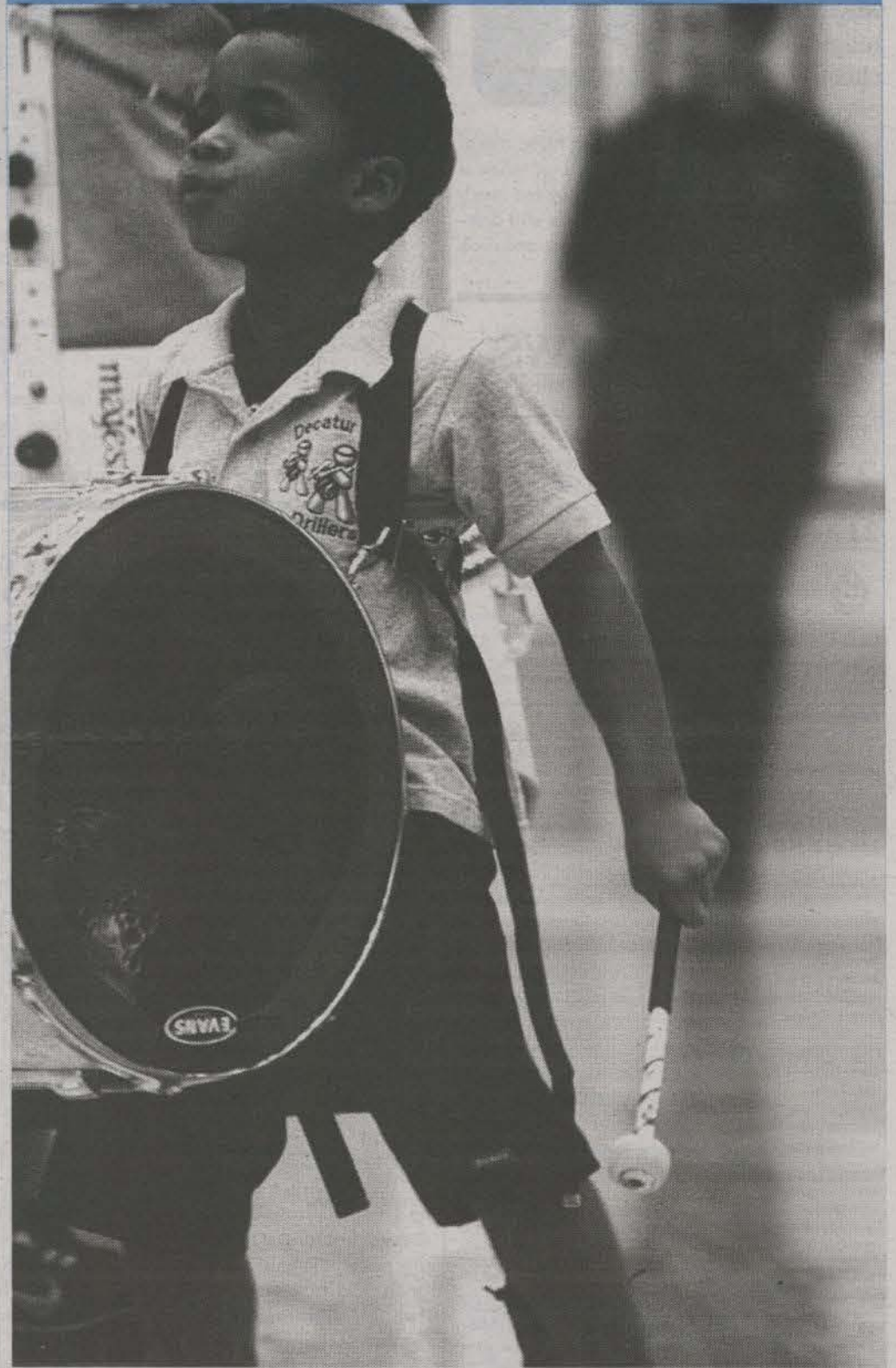
"We have to almost trick them into our subject matter and seduce them into being interested and engaged," Ames said.

Faculty members should abandon the teaching practice of lecturing, and students are more apt to learn and be motivated when working with others, Ames said.

Sace Elder, an associate professor of history, said she teaches using a combination of lecture and discussion, and she found these ideas troublesome.

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Little drummer boy



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A young member of the Decatur Power Drillers entertains the crowd during half time at the women's basketball game against Morehead State in Lantz Arena on February 4. The Power Drillers collected money from spectators to fund their efforts to purchase new equipment.

STUDENT LIFE

Union food court anniversary successful

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

The Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Food Court celebrated its 10th anniversary last week with special deals each day.

The celebration included free birthday cake on Tuesday as well as discounts and deals throughout each of the food court vendors each day.

Celebratory balloons and placemats for the trays, which featured the week's deals, were also on display during the week.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said the week seemed very successful.

"When I talked to the staff (at the food court) they seemed very pleased with how the week turned out," Hudson said.

Hudson said the numbers have not come in yet for how successful the week was com-

pared to other normal weeks, but the results will come back in a few weeks and the staff will be able to determine just how successful it was.

"It seems like judging by the amount of traffic I saw in the food court all week that it went pretty well and people were having a good time," Hudson said.

Shanon Norris, an employee at the food court and a junior mathematics major, said she worked several of the days during the 10th anniversary celebration.

"Wednesday I worked at Chick-fil-A and it was a lot of fun," Norris said.

Wednesday featured a deal where customers could buy one spicy chicken sandwich and get one free between 5 and 8 p.m.

Sandy Black, the assistant director of the food court, said Wednesday was one of the most successful days fea-

tured last week.

"We had a line outside of Chick-fil-A before 5 p.m. on Wednesday to get the buy one, get one sandwich deal," she said.

Norris said she worked on Friday, where students could get a free fry with the purchase of a sandwich.

"We also had a lot of student participation in Free Fry Friday," Norris said.

Students also had the chance to put their name on the back of their receipts in a raffle drawing for several prizes during the week, including Pepsi and Dr. Pepper brand items. Some of the items included a Pepsi mini fridge, a Dr. Pepper tent, a Pepsi cooler and prepaid combos at each of the food court vendors, Hudson said.

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ANTHROPOLOGY

Darwin week kicks off

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

This year's Darwin Days focuses on the theme of evolution through anthropology, dealing with the evolution of the human form, and it involves five events and one film.

The biology department partnered with the geology, geography, sociology and anthropology departments will implement Darwin Days, a celebration of the life of Charles Darwin as well as the study of evolution.

The groups kicked off the citywide celebration of Darwin week Sunday with a lecture by Eric Meikle from the National Center for Science Education titled "Opposition to evolution in America: Yesterday, today, and tomorrow."

Stephen Mullin, one of the four Darwin Days committee members, said they are trying to raise awareness through public outreach.

"Nothing makes sense in light of evolution, and evolution attempts to enlighten that," Mullin said.

Eastern started organizing Darwin Days nine years ago when incidents involving conflicts of religion and the study of evolution made it into the public press, Mullin said.

"It is a conflict of ideas, not a conflict of facts," Mullin said. "Religion is supernatural law, and evolution is natural law."

The first Darwin Days event was a panel of religions leaders explaining why people can accept both religion and evolution, Mullin said.

"Just because it is fact that doesn't stop people from challenging it legally," Mullin said. "It continues to be debated in legislators and brought up to school boards."

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College Cuisine
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Although many who overdid it on Super Bowl chili last night might not want to hear it, beans are the best when it comes to eating well without spending too much money. In this post, Doug T. Graham will demonstrate the proper way to pick, prepare and cook beans with two easy-to-follow recipes.

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CITY

Runners race through the streets

By Kathryn Richter
City Editor

On Saturday, dozens of runners traveled from all over the region to compete in the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department Mid-Winter Classic 5k, 10k and 15k race.

Gavin Prior, 13, from Mattoon ran the 5k on Saturday because he thought the race would be a good challenge.

"I thought this one would be a good one because of the hills," Prior said.

Prior runs track and cross country for his school.

Spencer Rumbaugh and Brandon Blair from Casey also raced to help train for the upcoming track season.

Blair said the race helped provide a competitive environment and help break the monotony of training.

Blair and Rumbaugh both run track at Casey Westfield High School.

Kelly Smith, of Champaign, came to race this year after attending the previous Mid-Winter Classic.

"I ran in it last year and it was awesome," Smith said.

She said her favorite part of the run was the rain and meeting other people who shared a passion for running.

Smith, who ran track for the University of Illinois, is currently in training for a half marathon, which consists of 13.1 miles.



A group of runners begins the 5k portion of the Charleston Challenge Mid-Winter Classic Saturday on Reynolds Drive outside Carl Sandburg Elementary School. Other events included a 15k and a 10k race and an awards banquet after the runners finished.

Smith was the winner for the females aged 29 and under in the 5k.

Jesus Sanchez, of Champaign, ran the 15k on Saturday and is currently training for the Champaign marathon.

Sanchez said the Mid-Winter Classic was a good way to gauge his fitness level during training.

"That was a lot of fun," Sanchez said. "I didn't expect so many hills."

After the races finished, the top three men and women of each age

group for each race received a trophy and various prizes were auctioned off.

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COMMUNITY

Theatre stages plays of acquired taste

By Andrew Crivilare
Staff Reporter

After killing the Pope and the eunuch in the middle of a hostage crisis, the radical New Jersey nun bent down on stage and stole the Holy Father's tiara.

The audience laughed. The madness continued.

The collision of comedy and controversy Friday at the opening of the Charleston Alley Theatre was all part of the theater's premiere of "Three One Act Plays by Christopher Durang" directed by Charleston resident and veteran CAT actress Marie Jozwiak.

Jozwiak said one of the first plays she performed when she joined up with the CAT theater in 2003 was a work by Durang.

"Ever since then I've been hooked on Durang," Jozwiak said. "I enjoy that kind of tongue in cheek humor that pushes the limit."

The audience that was present at the show's opening seemed to enjoy the three short plays, Jozwiak said.

"I did hear laughter," she said. "And I didn't see anyone running

away in shame."

The night began innocently enough with a fictional portrayal of Durang's alleged aunt as the title character in a monologue titled "Mrs. Sorken" played by Linda Bagger, who doled out trivia and minutia directed at understanding drama.

Among her theories includes a connection between drama and the nausea suppressant Dramamine.

"We go to the drama seeking the metaphorical Dramamine that will cure us of our nausea of life," Bagger said, in character as Mrs. Sorken. "Of course we sometimes become nauseated by the drama itself, and then we are sorry we went, especially if it uses the F-word and lasts over four hours."

Bagger, who played the least controversial role of the night, said she understood the appeal of Durang's plays and hopes audiences will give him a chance.

"They're an acquired taste, they're not everybody's cup of tea," Bagger said. "I recommend everyone give him a try."

Soon after Bagger was applauded off the stage, new actors took their

places on a kitchen set for the domestic quasi comedy "The Nature and Purpose of the Universe".

In it, Victoria Bennett plays Eleanor Mann, the downtrodden wife of a hard line Catholic and mother to three unappreciative children who abuse and mistreat her as they see fit.

At the center of the Eleanor's problem is God, who the play's narrator said has agents that do everything to the housewife from rape to infuse her with a false hope of salvation.

Alexis Evans, who plays God's agent acting as the radical Sister Annie De Maupassant, said she thought the play received an expected mixed reception due to its author and subject matter.

"I think having Durang playing to any audience you're going to have people say 'What the hell?'" Evans said. "Be prepared to be shocked and pleasantly uncomfortable."

The show closed with one last one act also focused on a family, called "Death Comes to Us All, Mary Agnes."

The ensemble play depicted a dysfunctional family brought together

by the eminent death of their patriarch.

Like "The Nature and Purpose", "Death Comes" also breached uncomfortable topics ranging from incest to elder abuse, but not without purpose.

"You can look at both of them as having a love theme to them," Jozwiak said. "Really the shows are about humor and comedy and creating this whole new aspect about how we should view the world."

Jozwiak said she was proud of the CAT for staging such diverse material all year around, and looked forward to their future productions.

"Our goal is to have that artistic freedom," Jozwiak said. "We don't want to feel like we can't do something for mature audiences."

The CAT's "Three One-Act Plays by Christopher Durang" will continue February 10-13. For more information, go to www.charlestonalleytheatre.com.

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Equestrian team competes in Western style



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Stephanie Forsyth, a senior health studies major, competes at St. Mary of the Woods in Terre Haute in December. Forsyth qualified for the regional Intercollegiate Horse Show Association competition on March 2.

Equestrian team members will compete against each other

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

Passion for horses and horseback riding is what motivates members of Eastern's Equestrian Team.

Recently, two members of the Equestrian Team qualified for the regional Western competition, which will be in Terre Haute, Ind. at St. Mary of the Woods on March 2.

One of the qualifiers, Stephanie Forsyth, a senior health studies major, said she just found out a few weekends ago that she had qualified.

Forsyth said she is one of only two girls on the team that ride Western style, and both of them qualified for the Western competition in March.

Forsyth and Audra Staley, the other qualifying team member, will travel to Terre Haute to compete in March.

"I found out I qualified two weekends ago and (Staley) just found out this past weekend," Forsyth said.

The two will be competing in the same class, which means they will be competing against each other.

"First and second place get to move on to semi-finals, which is in

Florida, so it would be pretty awesome if both of us could go," she said.

Other colleges in the regional zone of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association include St. Mary of the Woods, Purdue University, Ball State University, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and Indiana State University, Forsyth said.

Forsyth said she has showed horses since sixth grade, but the competition process is completely different.

"When you go to compete, you have no idea who your horse will be," she said. She explained how competitors draw horses' names before the competition and have to pretty much go in blind with no prior experience on the horse.

"Everything is really luck-of-the-draw because you might get a really nice horse or a more difficult horse," she said. "It really helps show your horsemanship skills."

She said she was nervous, but doing well helped boost her confidence and self-esteem.

Erika Buado, a senior nursing major, said she's never competed before, but her first competition will be on Feb. 11 at Ball State.

"I'm nervous, but you just have to keep in mind that this is for fun and if you get too serious, it's not as fun anymore," she said.

To help prepare, Buado said she's been taking lessons with her coach, Kandi Lane. Buado rides English style, unlike Forsyth, and said regionals for English style are not until April.

"When you go to compete, you have no idea who your horse will be."

Stephanie Forsyth

"I don't think anyone will be going to (English regionals) this year, but hopefully next year we will," Buado said.

Forsyth said though the group has many members, only about eight compete regularly and they are looking for more members to learn the competition process and eventually compete.

The Equestrian Team has its meetings on campus, but when the members want to ride, they go to their host barn, Reinin' Lane Ranch in Toledo, Ill.

"We have about 30 members, but not everyone rides," she said. "A lot of our members just show support and help with fundraising, but they're always welcome to come out to the barn with us."

The Equestrian Team will have its next meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday in the Mattoon/Charleston Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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WOMEN'S STUDIES

Deadline for feminist essay contest submissions today

By Emily Provance
Staff Reporter

For more than 30 years, the Women's Studies department awarded students entering the Women's Studies Essay Contest who demonstrated a well-written feminist perspective.

Every year in March during the Women's History and Awareness Month, there is the essay contest and the Woman of Achievement Award.

Deadline for submission for either the Women's Studies Essay Contest

winners or the Woman of Achievement Award is today.

Essay entries and award nominations are to be sent to Room 3144 in Coleman Hall in the English Department.

The theme this year is "Women Imagine Change."

The Women's Studies Essay Contest has been going every year since 1980, said English professor Melissa Ames.

Any student, male or female, can enter the essay contest. Last year's winner was William Kendall, an art history major.

Ames said a possible essay topic is attention to gender and sexuality, usually in the light that stresses equality, progress and positive change.

Carrie New of the Women's Resource Center said there are two awards for the essay, one to an undergraduate student and one to a graduate student.

Jeannie Ludlow, an assistant professor of English and the director of Women's Studies, said the two essay winners receive \$100 each.

Daiva Markelis, a professor of English, said the Women of Achievement

Award is presented to a woman who the Women's History and Awareness Month committee members think has given back to the community in a significant way.

Last year's winner was Janet Messenger, a Charleston resident, who won for her contribution to promoting art in Charleston.

"Most of the past winners have won because of extensive volunteer work," Markelis said. "They don't have to be a certain age or from a particular profession."

Ames said the committee goes beyond campus and the local surrounding areas for the winner of The Women of Achievement Award.

New said the woman awarded is recognized with a corsage and plaque.

Nomination guidelines and more information can be found on the Women's Studies website.

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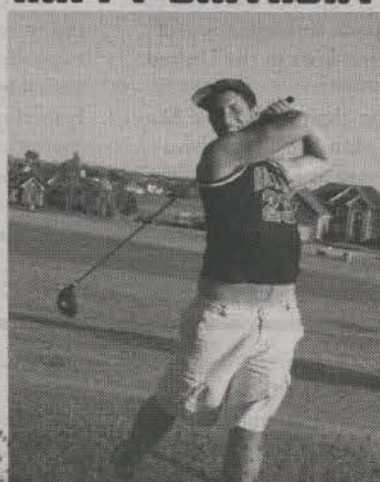
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 Hello DJ,

I am not sure which English class you are referring to. I won't give you notes or homework since I don't know which class and section you are in.

That being said, in the future you should end your email with your name so I may know whom I am addressing. Since you are not using your free panthermail account, there is no last name for me to see and use to check who you are.

P.S. If you "can't fail this class" then I suggest you start working on your grammar.

As we addressed in Friday's editorial, bad student emails are a curse professors have to deal with too often, but that is no excuse for our mentors and role models to respond in kind. Professors can't be expected to remember every student's name and which class they are in. They are not nannies and do not have to email missing students to check up on them, and send them the homework and notes. But professors are expected to be adults and act like adults, even if their students do not.

Too many professors often fall to the level of their students when replying to emails. The example above sounds reasonable enough, but there is big difference between "I won't give you notes or homework since I don't know which class and section you are in," and "I can't give you..." Students will often translate the "won't" as professors saying there is no way the student will be getting the notes and homework.

For every professor out there who does announce in the first week of class they will not email homework and notes to students who miss class, there is one who does not announce it but assumes the students will know. It is within every professor's power to make a pre-emptive strike against bad emails. An example email can be included in the syllabus, could be emailed to the class, or could be discussed the first week of class if it is a big enough problem.

Every student has had at least one professor that has said "I don't use email." That is a lie. Every professor uses email. The school contacts them through panthermail, their department can contact them through email, their family and friends can contact them through email. If there is a professor who cannot figure out email, it may be time for him to consider retirement.

Email is easy and convenient to use, especially for students, the clients of the professors. We depend on email as a mode of communication and we have panthermail as an official avenue for that communication.

Professors should at least read student emails and respond to those that require a response, even if it is their policy not to. If a professor is obstinate about not using email for class, then fine, just make sure that there is enough time set aside to confer with students in phone calls and office visits.

But know that there are students who are working or raising families and can only rely on email to contact their professor.

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COLUMN

I would rather avoid nuclear holocaust, thank you

It is sometimes hard, as Americans, to remember the importance of global politics; we're isolationists by tradition. I'm guilty of this myself, as I usually limit the scope of this column to American politics. That said—I can't stop thinking about Iran. What's going on there is just more important than Newt of the Moon People right now.

Last week, I mentioned Obama's hawk-like State of the Union remarks regarding Iran and Israel. Granted, this issue is too big for one Monday, and I recommend you do your own recon and avoid as many U.S. news sources as possible. Still, unlike the last two wars we started in the Middle East, I thought it might be beneficial to whet the palate for Iranian and U.S. foreign policy. You know, in case we bomb them this year.

The problem lies with Tehran's nuclear program, and the nation's intentions for the future of this program, which they claim to be entirely energy-based and peaceful. However, Iran does have a complicated history with United Nations inspectors that has apparently not improved. Add to that Iran's constant refusal to negotiate, and the removal of uranium enrichment facilities to a secure mountain bunker: smells like nuclear spirit.

Let's say Iran is building nuclear weapons. Step away, if you will, from our "iron-clad commitment to Israel" and consider that Israel may have nothing to do with why Obama suddenly started sounding like



Mia Tapella

a neo-con. I submit the possibility that what the war-hawks are really worried about is a regional shift in power that the West does not control.

Whether or not Iran is building bombs, tensions are extremely high. An Israeli journalist reported to NPR expectations that Israel will attack Iran in 2012. Iran has promised to hit any nation used as a launch-pad for attacks.

Last month, in solidarity with Israel, Western countries including the United States, Canada and the UK, imposed more sanctions on Iranian oil and financial sectors. Such extreme sanctions are designed to cripple the nation into cooperating with the foreign powers, and the Iranian economy is feeling the heat.

However, these efforts could ultimately prove to be against our own interests as we continue to struggle against a weak economy and an uncertain energy future. Iran has insisted that these sanctions are only exacerbating the problem for both sides, threatening to close the Strait of Hormuz, nec-

essary to much of the globe's sea-based oil traffic, and target U.S. Gulf bases like Qatar and Kuwait.

Plus, the sanctions aren't really working. According to Al Jazeera English, Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Ramin Mehm-anparast said: "If our people feel that enemies want to deprive them of their rights by threatening, bullying and adopting illegal and irrational methods, they will pursue the path that they have taken more united and more determined than ever." So... that's a good start. (Unless of course by "rights" they actually do mean nuclear energy.)

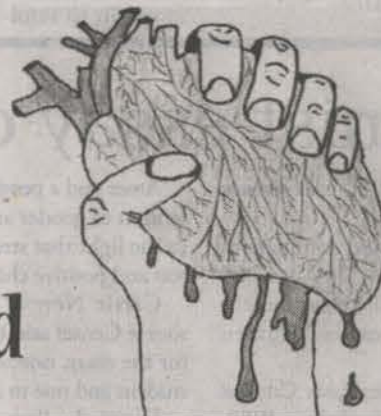
I'm not suggesting that a nuked-out Iran couldn't be a threat to Israel. But despite being coy about their military capabilities, Israel does have nuclear weapons (and even if they didn't, they clearly have us). I have to admit, my Fantasy World War III team would have bigger guns than the other guys, but can we please avoid a nuclear holocaust?

Qatar and Turkey are practically begging for talks, arguing that an attack is not an option, but a recipe for regional disaster. U.S. communications with Iran since this all started total approximately 45 minutes, and we have since given up trying to open a dialogue. Apparently the "no options off the table for Iran" doesn't include sensible diplomacy.

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FROM THE EASEL

Just in case the Mayan apocalypse doesn't come, the NFL has already lined up next year's Super Bowl halftime show:



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AROUND THE STATE

Soylent Green is people! Congress pledges action

By Beth Clothier
 Western Courier
 Western Illinois University

There seems to be a run on stupid moves by politicians lately. While in many cases these elected officials are promoting their stupid pet causes, one state senator from Oklahoma may have just topped them all.

According to newsok.com, state senator Ralph Shortey introduced a bill last week that would ban the use of aborted human fetuses in food products. Shortey, a Republican in his first term of office, stated that he was prompted to submit the bill after Internet research led him to believe that some food companies use embryonic stem cells to develop artificial flavors. I can't help but wonder what reputable source of information Shortey got these ideas from.

Of course, I guess this kind of brilliance and eye for necessity should come as no surprise from a man who, in the last few years, has introduced several controversial bills, fortunately none of which have been passed into law.

Also according to newsok.com, past proposals have included a measure to crack down on illegal immigrants by giving law enforcement

a green light to seize their property, as well as deny Oklahoma citizenship to children born to these immigrants. He also proposed that the Court of Criminal Appeals be abolished, and that state legislators be allowed to carry firearms anywhere in the state, including the floors of the House and Senate. I don't know about anyone else, but something tells me that is probably not the best idea. Angry southerners arguing while heavily armed? Sounds like the plot of a movie-of-the-week.

Fortunately for humanity, not everyone has lost their mind, or they are doing pretty well to keep this huge "Soylent Green is people" secret covered up. The Food and Drug Administration is denying that fetus food is an issue, as is the executive director of Oklahomans for Life, an anti-abortion group that has been responsible for helping push through some of the strictest anti-abortion laws in the United States.

Sen. Brian Crain, the chairman of the Senate Human Services Committee in Oklahoma, who describes himself as being "pro-life," has denounced the bill, saying that there were more important issues at hand than Shortey's conspiracy theory-like legislation.

"I'd hate to think we're going to spend our

time coming up with possibilities of things we need to stop," Crain said.

Brian, buddy, I think it's too late, and it has been for a long, long time.

As long as there are people in charge who think we need to be protected from every little thing, even if there is only the smallest remote possibility, there is going to continue to be useless legislation.

Personally, I think Shortey is just trying to gain a reputation by proposing the most far-fetched, outlandish bills he possibly can in order to look like a responsible politician. More people are interested in those who do big, notorious things - all you have to do to see proof of that is look at any channel on television, where "reality" shows are king.

With that in mind, more people are going to remember Ralph Shortey's name not because he was the guy who was instrumental in ensuring a clean water supply or because he helped make it safe to go out after dark again. Instead, it will be because he was "that crackpot" who advocated an armed legislation and said that they were putting babies in our food, and what tasty food it is, too.

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Getting into the groove



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Freshman English major Michael Skasick plays his keytar Wednesday evening in the Thomas Hall lobby. Skasick said he plays there just to pass the time.

CAMPUS

Comedian returns to Eastern for second time

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

A comedian has been asked to return to campus after a performance in 2010.

Comedian Arvin Mitchell will be performing at 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Shauna Miller, the comedy coordinator for the University Board, said Mitchell performed in the 7th Street Underground in September 2010 and filled the room.

"A lot of students found him funny and that is why we asked him to come back for African American Heritage month show," Miller said.

Miller said she thinks Mitchell is a good comedian for the students.

"He was just a really funny guy for that show, and he's still very funny to the students," Miller said.

Miller said she is excited to see the show because of the good things she has heard about him.

"I've heard a lot of good things

about that show and how everyone enjoyed it," Miller said. "I've never heard any negative comments about it."

This comedy show is being co-sponsored by the University Board and the Black Student Union. The Black Student Union will be providing refreshments during the show.

"We chose him because we thought he was a good African American comedian that students will enjoy," Miller said.

Miller said Mitchell's comedy is something everyone can relate to in a clean way.

"His comedy is very relevant and also he is a comedian who doesn't cuss near as much, and his materials are a lot more clean," Miller said. "He gets the job done without being crude the whole time, which is a different style than comedians do now."

The comedy show will be opened up by Andrew Hicks, a communication studies major, during the Happy Half Hour at 8:30 p.m. in

the 7th Street Underground.

"He is a really funny comedian on campus," Miller said.

Miller said the comedy show will give students a chance to laugh.

"I think any comedy show we put on just gives students a break from the normal study, homework, meetings," Miller said. "It's just a good break where people are able to laugh."

Miller said there will also be two tickets given away to another comedy show in April. The tickets will be for The 23rd annual Clements Comedy Cafe at the Virginia Theatre in Champaign.

Miller said she cannot wait to see how many students come to the show.

"We know he packed the (7th Street Underground) last time, we wanted to see if he'll do it again," Miller said.

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"As a historian, there is no way around teaching students content because they have to know stuff in order to do the kind of critical thinking and analysis that we all want and expect our students to have," Elder said.

She also said she does not usually organize her class into groups because she did not think they were useful when she was a student.

"Dr. Ames gave me a lot to think about in terms of how to structure classroom time and giving students opportunities for choice and group interaction," Elder said.

Timm spoke about how what students learn outside of the classroom affects how they act inside of the classroom.

One example of this is that GPS has always been available to students during the course of their lives, Timm said.

"Students have always had something to give them direction, and they expect that in the classroom so teachers need to reach out to students when they are struggling and direct them," she said.

Dagni Bredesen, the interim director of Faculty Development and an English professor, said catering to everything the students want will not help them grow so faculty members need to discover how to bridge the gap between when students need a lot of support to then becoming more independent, life-long learners.

"I think what emerged from the discussion is that it is important to know who the students are and what

Darwin Day Events

• "Darwin and the Human Fossil Record: 150 Years of Discovery, Exploration and Debate" - 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, Lumpkin Auditorium (Room 2030)

• "Hominid paleobiology" - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, Life Sciences Building, Room 2080

• Paul Garber (University of Illinois, Anthropology) presents "Playing Nice: The Ecological and Social Benefits of Cooperative Behavior in Primate Evolution" - 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, Lumpkin Auditorium (Room 2030)

• "Race, Genetics and Health" presented by Jada Benn-Torres (Notre Dame University, Anthropology) - Noon on Thursday, Feb. 9, Phipps Auditorium (Room 1205), Physical Science Building

they are coming in with in terms of expectations and skill sets," Bredesen said. "I think it is important to know how to reach those students, but I also think that we have to create the conditions so that they will really be prepared for the world."

The next "Let's Talk Teaching: Who are our First-Year Students?" discussion is scheduled for March 30.

Those interested can register at the Faculty Development website.

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Lisa Guymon, an employee of the food court, said the success of the week was obvious by the number of customers during the course of the week.

"You can tell the students really enjoy the work we do," she said.

Black said overall, the week went exceptionally well.

"We really appreciate all the students coming out and supporting us," she said. "We're definitely going to try to have specials more often."

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The funding from such events comes from a variety of places including retired professors, honors groups and the departments involved.

Mullin said the group gets a lot of help from honors fraternities such as Tri-Beta, Phi Sigma, Sig-

ma Xi and Phi Beta Kappa as well as the Biological Graduate Student Associations.

Mullin said preparation for the week of events is getting the speakers to Eastern and finding a place for them to stay as well as other logistical concerns like organizing lo-

cations for the events.

All events are open to the public.

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Actually, Morehead State's tallest player to see playing time was Mackenzi Arledge, who is 6-foot-2. Arledge played 16 minutes, but didn't score any points.

King could feel the advantage in height and even though the Golden Eagles weren't as short as she thought, she still had a dominant game. King scored 20 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

The Panthers made an effort to get the ball in the paint. Sallee said it was in the game plan.

"We did a great job executing in the first half and did a good job getting it in (the paint) with (Oroszova), Mariah, even at the end there with DeAnna and Taryn," Sallee said. "We got the ball right where it needed to go."

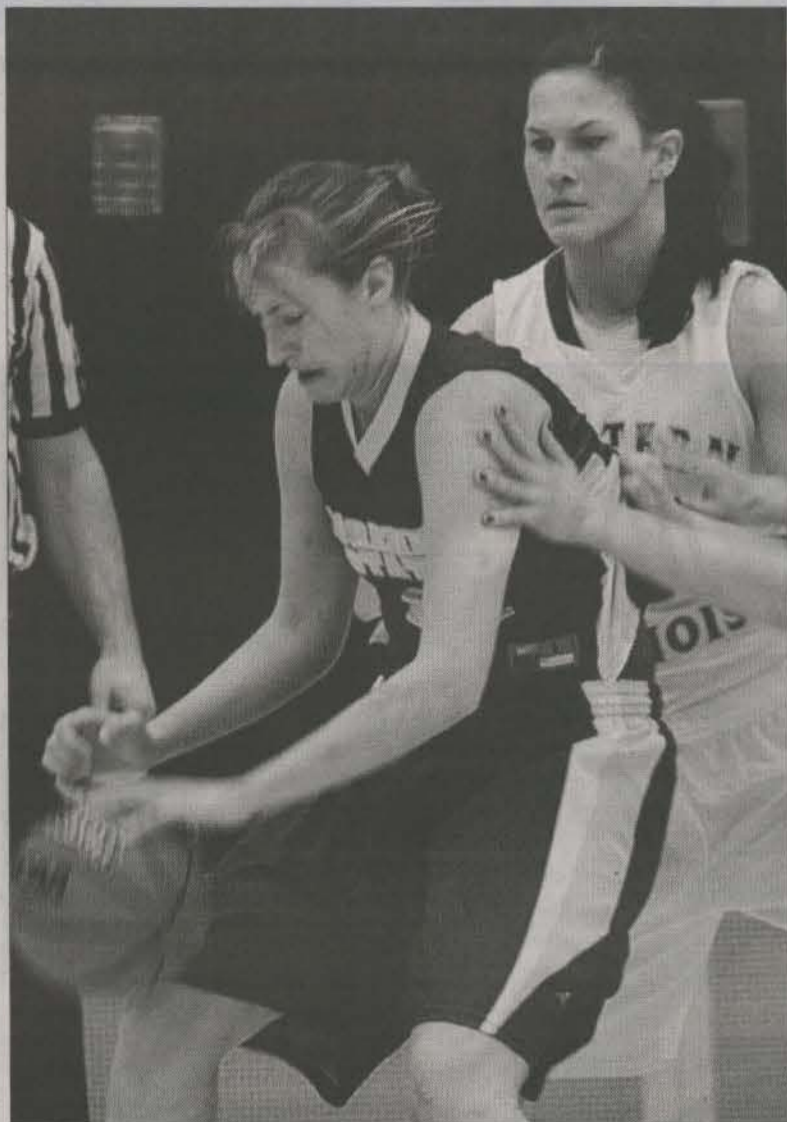
King was 10-of-15 from the field, attempting six more shots than anyone on the team. Oroszova was second on the team in that category, going 5-of-9 from the field. Oroszova had 11 points and eight rebounds.

"We were so much taller than them so we took advantage of that," Oroszova said.

The Panthers improve to 19-4 overall (10-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference). Their next game is Monday at 7 p.m. in Lantz Arena against Eastern Kentucky.

Monday's game will be one of two games the Panthers have left at home.

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Freshman forward Sabina Oroszova defends freshman forward Mackenzie Arledge of Morehead State Saturday in Lantz Arena. The Panthers beat the Eagles with a score of 78-58, giving the Panthers their 12th straight win.

TENNIS

Tennis teams have rough weekend

Staff Report

Both the Eastern men's and women's tennis teams took huge hits, as the men lost to St. Louis University and the women lost to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale by the same score of 5-2.

The women took on Southern Illinois-Carbondale this past Saturday in Danville where only two singles competitors won their match, senior Amanda Dibbs and sophomore Jennifer Kim. Dibbs beat Natasha Tomishima of the Salukis in three sets with scores of 6-4, 3-6, and 7-5. Kim won her match by defeating Jennifer Dien of Southern Illinois-Carbondale also in three sets with scores of 6-3, 6-7, and 6-2.

All other singles competitors lost in their matches to the Salukis with sophomore Janelle Prisner, junior Merritt Whiteley, junior Kristen Laird, and senior Annie Egan coming up short.

Prisner lost her match in two sets, getting beat by Southern's Melanie Delsart with the same score, 6-2. Whiteley also lost in two sets to Anita Lee with scores of 7-6 and 6-1. Laird lost to one of the Cairo Basa twins getting beat by Ariadna in two sets with scores of 6-1 and 7-5 and Egan lost to the other Cairo Basa twin, in two sets with the same score of 6-1.

In doubles, the team did not fair much better. The team of Prisner and Whiteley lost to the team of Tomishima and Dien for the Salukis with a

score of 8-7. The team of senior Shannon Brooks and Dibbs also lost in their match to Lee and Southern Illinois-Carbondale's Anastacia Simons with a score of 5-3. The team of Egan and Laird lost their match too, getting beat by Delsart and one of the Cairo Basa twins with a score of 8-4.

The women are now 1-2 for the season, and they are now 0-2 at home. But with their next match being on the road, they are so far at a record of 1-0. That match will be this Saturday against the Chicago State Cougars in Chicago, with the match beginning at 2 p.m.

On the men's side, it was not that much better, as only one singles competitor won his match for the Panthers. Two doubles teams, however, did win their matches as compared to the women losing all three. The men's tennis team took on the St. Louis University Bilikens this past Friday at the St. Clair Tennis Club in O'Fallon.

Senior Matyas Hilgert won his match against Vuk Poledica of St. Louis, winning in two sets of the same score of 6-3. All other singles competitors lost their matches to St. Louis.



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Red-shirt sophomore pole vaulter Jade Riebold continued to rewrite the Eastern history books, breaking her own school record in the women's pole vault event. Riebold first broke the Eastern record in her debut as a Panther, then broke it again the following week, and has now broken it a third time.

Riebold posted a vault of 13-feet, 1.75-inches, finishing fourth place in the event.

Also in field events, red-shirt senior Donald Romero posted a personal best of 65-feet, 9-inches in the men's weight throw event, landing him in second place on the all-time Eastern list.

Meanwhile, in the women's 4x400-meter relay event, seniors Megan Gingrich, Bridget Sanchez and Emily Quinones, along with junior Erika Ramos posted a time of 3:48.53. The time, ranks as the second best in Eastern history, was the fastest time posted by an Eastern team since 1981.

The Notre Dame Mevo Invite, which hosts some of the best track and field competition in the nation, was a great opportunity for the Panthers to show what they can do, Boey said.

"Teams don't give us much respect because we're Eastern Illinois," he said. "Week in and week out we show everybody else that we're Eastern Illinois. Just because we're a small school, we can compete with the best."

He said that other teams around the nation need to recognize the talent on the Eastern roster.

"Week in and week out we show everybody else that we're Eastern Illinois. Just because we're a small school, we can compete with the best."

Zye Boey, red-shirt senior sprinter

"It's funny how everybody looks down on us, but we've got five or six guys ranked in the top twenty five in the nation, every year, year in and year out," Boey said. "I hope they start to realize that, 'Hey, Eastern Illinois can battle with the best teams in the nation. We come ready to compete against anybody.'"

The Panthers will compete next at the Grand Valley State Invite in Allendale, Mich., next weekend.

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Granger said despite the recent struggles the Panthers won't count themselves out of anything, including the conference tournament.

"You never count yourself out, you never say 'we can't make it', you always want to come out and go as hard as you can and try to win every game," Granger said.

The Panthers return to action Thursday when they go on the road to face OVC rival Tennessee Tech. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Cookville, Tenn.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Warner, Morehead silence comeback effort

Panthers lose 8th consecutive game

By Rob Mortell
Staff Reporter

Silence is the only word that could describe the state of Lantz Arena after Morehead State's Angelo Warner hit the game-winning free throw with 2.2 seconds left on the clock.

Down nine with just under three minutes to play Eastern's men's basketball team began a ferocious comeback attempt. Senior guard Jeremy Granger showed his leadership as he made a three point shot to catapult the Panthers run. A Morehead miss led to another three-point shot, this time by freshman guard Joey Miller, which cut the lead to 52-49.

After a couple free throws by Lamont Austin, Miller hit another three that sent the fans to their feet.

Now down 54-52, a once intimidating lead was easily manageable with 45 seconds left in the game. All the Panthers needed was a mistake.

After Morehead's guard Ty Proffit made 1-of-2 free throws the Panthers were one shot away from tying the game. Which is where Granger wants to be. Stepping into a three-point shot with 19 seconds left Granger found nothing but the bottom of the net and Lantz Arena went wild.

They had done it. Despite being on a seven-game losing-streak the Panthers had found a way to tie the defending Ohio Valley Conference champions all they needed was a stop on defense. A gutsy decision was made by the Eagles head coach Donnie Tyndall to not call a timeout and setup a final play.

Instead Tyndall made the call



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Freshman guard Joey Miller attempts to dribble past an opponent from Morehead State Saturday evening in Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost 55-56. This was their eighth straight loss.

from the sideline leaving Eastern's offense heavy line-up on the court.

The Eagles isolated Lamont on Miller at the top of the key and Lamont missed a running jumpshot in the lane; however, Warner was in the right place at the right time a grabbed the biggest offensive rebound of the night.

Smothered by Panther defenders Warner jumped into a crowd and came away with a foul on Eastern red-shirt junior forward James Hollowell.

Warner stepped to the line. Every Panther fan in the arena was yelling at the top of their lungs. He shot. The ball clanked off the front of the rim, giving the fans and more importantly the players a glimmer of hope.

Granger said he was begging for

Warner to miss the second shot.

"I was thinking we can go into overtime or maybe hit a big shot to win," Granger said.

But Warner was not on the same page as Granger. He hit the second free throw and knock the wind out of Lantz Arena. Granger threw up a last second heave, but it missed everything and the Panther lost their eighth consecutive game 56-55.

In a game, where the Panthers statistically out-played Morehead State in many areas, head coach Mike Miller said the game came down to free throws. Eastern was out shot 22-to-6 at the free throw line, as the Eagles made 17 of those shots, while the Panthers made only four.

Mike Miller said the team played the way they wanted to for most of

the game.

"You look at those kids and how hard they played, they deserved to win," Mike Miller said.

With the loss the Panthers fall to 9-14 overall and 2-9 in the OVC, while Morehead State improves to 13-12 overall and 6-5 in conference play.

Eastern was led by Granger and Joey Miller with 17 and 15 points respectively. Miller shot 5-of-12 from beyond the three-point line.

Morehead State was led by Drew Kelly, Milton Chavis and Proffit who each had 11 points.

Joey Miller said this is a tough loss to take but the team has to move forward.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers' post dominates in win

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's basketball team has made a habit of ending the first half of games on big runs. The team did it again Saturday.

The Panthers dominated during a 20-0 run in the last 9:32 of the first half against Morehead State to take a 42-13 lead into the halftime locker room.

Eastern went 7-of-12 from the field and 6-of-10 from the free throw line during the run, which highlighted a lopsided first half.

At halftime, the Panthers led by 29 points, made 16 more free throws, grabbed 13 more rebounds, committed 12 fewer fouls, and six fewer turnovers.

"It was awesome," freshman forward Sabina Oroszova said. "We just dominated."

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said his team's first half performance was as good as it has played all season.

The first half was almost a polar opposite to the way Eastern played Wednesday against Southeast Missouri when the junior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon said the Panthers were watching the scoreboard and trying to win the game in the first four minutes of the game.

Sallee said the team worked hard in practice to prevent that from happening again this week.

"We did a lot of work in the last couple days between their ears just trying to set the table for February and understanding what February basketball is all about," Sallee said.

Besides being mentally ready to play, the Panthers had a game plan they followed to perfection - getting the ball in the paint and exploiting Morehead State's weakness.

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TRACK

Bus issues don't slow down track team

Despite delay, team still performs well

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

Though it took them a little bit longer to get there, the Eastern men's and women's track and field teams eventually made it to South Bend, Ind., on Friday for the Notre Dame Meyo Invite. The team was hit with a two and a half hour delay when their bus caught a flat tire en route to the meet.

"Well, we were just driving, and all of a sudden I heard like, a pop, and a boom-boom-boom-boom, and I was like, 'What's going on?'" red-shirt senior sprinter Zye Boey said. "That's when I realized we had a flat tire."

The delay caused several of the

Panthers to miss their events, as the meet was scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m., beginning with the women's weight throw event.

Sophomores Jalisa Paramore and Justine Moore, along with junior Jill MacEachen were unable to compete in the women's 60-meter hurdle event, due to the delay.

"It was like a two and a half hour delay, so a couple of our athletes, they were late and they couldn't get to their races, but it really didn't affect me that much," Boey said.

Boey would go on to win the men's 200-meter dash with a time of 21.12 seconds, while finishing in second place in the men's 60-meter dash with a time of 6.77 seconds.

Despite the success, Boey said there is still room for improvement.

"I accept the victory, of course, but just the time I ran, I actually wanted to go a little bit faster," he said.

Boey said it was a matter of him not running his race, and concentrating more on this time.



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Zye Boey, a red-shirt senior sprinter, runs in the men's 60-meter dash preliminaries during the John Craft Invite 2012 in the Lantz Fieldhouse Jan. 21.

"That's what affected me the most, just worrying about time instead of running my race," he said.

Boey said the Notre Dame Meyo Invite was a great meet for the team,

featuring a lot of great performances.

"Overall, we did great, for the most part," he said. "There's just a couple areas that we need to work

on. For the most part, pretty good, solid performances."

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