Engineering team wins award at Seismic Design Competition

Am SJSU engineering team received accolades at the 2010 Undergraduate Seismic Design Competition held by the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) Student Leadership Council.

The SJSU team earned eighth place overall out of 22 and won the award for structural innovation for making the best use of technology and structural design to resist the effects of an earthquake, SJSU team co-captain Dan Torrey said.

"We wanted to take a risk and innovate," Torrey said. "We wanted to think of something new." The first time SJSU has won an award at this competition, Torrey said.

"I am really proud of the SJSU EERI Seismic Design Team," said Thalia Anagnos, professor of civil engineering major, said he believes winning an award means recognition from other classes and download what students can upload their own information to the next level by allowing students to share their memories in real life as possible."

Each team has to build a scale model of its building to be tested on what is known as a shake-table, which is designed to simulate earthquakes at any given magnitude, he said.

"We had to build a scale model that is about six feet tall," Torrey said. "The challenge is to construct this thing and have it perform at competition."

The SJSU team used new technology and techniques to build its scale model, Torrey said. This included the construction of a wood frame that uses steam to shape the wooden building materials with high precision.

"We are really excited that we won this award because the engineering department gets recognized for what we do," Torrey said. "It was not only students who were positively affected by Schiavo." Eric Austin

"Frank was an inspiration to me," said Bill Shireman, a friend and colleague of Schiavo, during his speech.

"Frank made a difference," Shireman said. "He inspired everyone that he met," he said.

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A group of 15 students participated in a workshop on alcohol abuse issues in the Health building on Thursday when they learned facts and myths about drinking alcohol.

The purpose of the workshop is to give undergraduate students the subject of how to be more responsible with their alcohol consumption, said Jennifer Gacutan-Galang, the wellness and bonding coordinator.

“I’m not here to tell you not to drink, that’s not my role,” Gacutan-Galang said.

The major characteristics of alcohol abuse were discussed, with the presenter asking the audience for what characteristics they thought fit in the “good” and “bad” category.

Gacutan-Galang said that the subjects students usually think of for healthy benefits are: for some, for social reasons, for stress relief, for bonding with others. She also said she would bring up some serious effects. 

I had never heard that term before, said Denise Smith, a junior justice studies major. 

A borough has occurred when initially you can’t remember previous words that you said or situations that happened, and then someone knows you your memories, Gacutan-Galang said.

For Stephens, alcohol and rehabilitation, alcohol and education usually. But she said she can become a party drinker with some shots of alcohol.

She also didn’t know about what a borough is.

“I will change my drinking habits because I didn’t know it took an hour and a half for one drink to metabolize,” Debra said.

The group of students laughed when the presenter showed photographs that displayed a image of a person becoming drunk. She also brought up the idea of a woman collapsing and being carried away.

Gacutan-Galang said that despite the kilocalories of the photographs, there’s no laughing issues about this drinking college females.

“Once in four males will have survived an attempted or completed rape in their college career,” she said.

“We can change that statistic, it doesn’t have to be this way — that 25 percent of college men rape,” Gacutan-Galang said.

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It can do,” he said. The competition was designed to provide students exposure to events that are always readily available to undergraduate students, Torrey said.

“The whole premise of the competition is to give undergraduates the opportunity to get involved in earthquake engineering, which is typically something that you don’t do until graduate school,” he said.

In an effort to increase exposure to earthquake engineering at SJSU, the first Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, stand beside their entry in the 2010 Undergraduate Seismic Design Competition.

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and their families about what it can do,” he said.

There has been a 26.7 percent increase in African-American enrollment at SJSU. Phillips said that “there is a lot to be done in our communities with respect to earthquake preparation, and we are trying to make our contribution,” he said.

Wearing an award at the Undergraduate Seismic Design Competition provides exposure for the newly founded student chapter of the research institute and supports all of the institute’s other chapters, missions, and projects.

Not only does the award provide exposure, but it has led to an increase in the number of members and participants, Martin said.

“Achieving this is growing significantly and this award really shows what EERI can do,” Martin said.

The annual competition took place in San Francisco and included 200 students from 25 schools competing from across the United States and Canada.

"EERI at SJSU is growing and great exposure," he said. "There aren’t just concerned about the young spiritual growth but it has also a accelerative growth.

"The presentation provided exposure, great and energetic," he said. "To have the staff come out is huge, it’s huge to our congregation."

But one Sunday is not enough, he said.

"I tell ‘em ‘Press the flush,’" Guerrero said. "Getting out there and meeting the people has Super Sunday succeeded."
Free bike tuneups, veggie burgers, barbeque pits and water bottles were the attractions for last Thursday’s “Bike to School Day.”

Held at the Paso de Cesar Chavez barbecue pits, the event was organized by the Environmental Resource Center and open to bikers, skateboarders, scooter riders, walkers and public transit riders.

Zachary Pallin, director of the Environmental Resource Center, said the idea of the event was to expose people to ride their bikes to school.

“We just want to encour- age people who use alternate modes of transportation,” said Pallin, a senior political science major. “As far as bike-riders concerned, they are the most ef- ficient modes of transportation.”

Senior anthropology major Cody Clancy said he wasn’t aware of Bike to School Day and found out about it when he rode by the barbecue pits and saw the signs.

“I was quite surprised today day was Bike to School Day,” he said. “If I had known, I would’ve talked more about it and spread the word about the tuneups being of- fered.

The free bike tuneups were provided by Bicycle Express, a local bike shop located on East William Street.

Karen Bagaoisan, co-owner of Bicycle Express, said the business participated in Bike to School Day because it wanted to make a contribution to the neighborhood.

“We’ve been around for 25 years and this is our way of giving back to the community,” she said. “These days especially, so many students can’t afford the cost of bike maintenance, so we just try to do what we can to help the students.”

Sophomore English major Ashley Taylor said she rides her bike every day to avoid the hassle of parking and was thriled about the free tune- ups.

“Love that I can get my bike serviced for free and without having to go out of my way,” she said. “I’ve been having is- sues with the brakes and I never get around to getting them fixed.”

Senior environmental studies major Joe Moreno said that the event was great. It’s excellent,” he said. “I had heard about this before, but this is the first time I’ve got my bike fixed. It’s a great way to promote bike rid- ing because it’s an easy way to get around campus and it’s also good for the environment.”

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“We want to make sure that not only do people take steps to bike more, but that they’re responsible cyclists,” he said. “A lot of people think that cyclists are a nuisance, but there are rules for cyclists to make sure that doesn’t happen.”

The event is not a knock against drivers, Pallin said, but an encouragement to those who make the effort to do what they can to be environmentally con- scious.

“I totally understand that people, especially students, have busy schedules and driv- ing is an option,” he said. “We just want to reward people who do have the option to ride bikes and actually do it.”

Pallin said the Environmental Resource Center plans to hold Bike to School Day on the third Thursday of every month, for the rest of the semester.

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Lisa Jensen — whose sister, Kristin Jensen Sullivan, was also in speaking about Schiavo — also stood in front of the large crowd to share her experiences with the audience.

Jensen, who is a former stu- dent and a friend of Schiavo, said the way he taught himself and still lives the best way he could.

“It’s the most amazing person I’ve ever met in my en- tire life,” Jensen said. After her speech, Jensen read a poem she had written for Schiavo.

Julie Phillips, chair of environ- mental studies at De Anza College, called Schiavo the father of environmental education in California, if not the nation.

He had been a pioneer in integrating environmental protection into the education- al curriculum, said Phillips, who is a friend and a former student of Schiavo.

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Once notes, exams or essays have been uploaded, they are put through a filtration system to confirm they are usable and legal, said co-founder and/or Ryan Guerrettaz.

The idea of College Note Share started when SIU alumnus Guerrettaz, while teaching his classes, could see the ellusions and the potential flaw how text while engineering, he said.

“I was during one of his en- trepreneur finance classes that he drafted a business plan and model for the note- sharing idea and entered SIU’s business plan competition.

The business plan took 10 days to create, and Guerrettaz took first prize at the competi- tion and won $15,000 toward financing his idea, he said.

From there, Guerrettaz said the college was planning to sell software and the necessities for creating the site to help the students.

“We found out pretty quick $100,000 doesn’t cover a lot,” Guerrettaz said.

The prize money primarily went to the development of the site, which software and other notes have been the most popu- lar downloads compared to es- sential and pop quizzes when the launch of the Web site.

After the site is up, it would be interesting to have as a different resource,” he said.

Senior anthropology major Julie Pepe she would use the Web site to help the students.

“I would still go to class but use the notes if I missed a day or need some extra help,” Pepe said. “But I would definitely try not crossing any ethical bound- aries with the notes.”

Professor she spoke to were the College Note Share was going to be a resource for students.

Most professors have set up classes as the highest grade a student can get if they really at- tend is a C minus, he said.

“We see here to help, not to encourage students to skip class,” Hoover said.

Guerrettaz said College Note Share does not encourage pla- giarism.

Honor the Web site has been in works with an anti-plagiarism Web site, Turnitin, to avoid any op- portunities students might be tempted to misuse the site and claim to upload her notes for college.

As of now right, the notes, study guides and exams on Col- lege Note Share are for business professionals at SIU. If this proves to be a success, the Web site will be expanded to each depart- ment, the whole university, and even to small colleges and spreading it as much as possible, Hoover said.
Members of the San Jose Bike Party organized a themed ride-to-work group route through San Jose every third Friday with the self-proclaimed mission of building community through bicycling. About 1,200 cyclists took part in the San Jose Bike Party’s “Revenge of the Nerd” group ride on Friday, according to the San Jose Bike Party Web site.

Participants were encouraged to dress in costumes to match the theme, according to the Web site.

About 48 percent of Friday’s participants came dressed in costumes, according to the Web site. Of the 1,200 cyclists, some of whom were riding highly modified bikes pulling stereo on trailers or covered in hundreds of colored LED lights. Seeing all of the costumes and decorated bikes is reasons enough to join the Bike Party, said Kimberly Quach, an SJSU alumna, who coordinated last week’s event.

“Bicycles were not an enjoyable as she thought it would be,” she said.

Quach said she refused to turn for the next Bike Party for the first time.

“It is a little more obnoxious than I would like,” she said. “I even saw a few riders kicking cars.”

Quach said she does not believe that the San Jose Bike Party encourages the positive aspects of bicycling.

“It feels as if people do this to be included as a part of a group,” she said. “It’s not easy for us to take the time to fill out a long application,” she said. “It has been super long and not easy for us to take the census.”

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Molodetskiy said this year’s questionnaire consists of only 10 questions, and according to the census Web site, it is the shortest in the history of citizen registry.

Performers from Comedy- Sports took the stage as two teams wearing baseball jersey- seys and sweatpants, accompanied by a referee with a whistle.

The group played a succession of games based around comedy improv, allowing the audience to determine the winner by shouting points at the end of each one.

During the performance, one comedian throw a punchline involving the MTV series “Jersey Shore,” making one of its cast members the object of hilarity.

Wistrich said she hopes students were entertained by PRSSA’s efforts and that the group has done its job by promoting the census as much as possible.

“We just honestly want them to know that the census is easy and it’s important for all of us to fill it out and be counted,” she said.
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On senior night, Charity Shavers' career high of 34 points for the SJSU women's basketball team wasn't enough to beat Boise State, 80-62, Saturday at the Event Center.

The Spartans hung around early with Boise State, tying the game at 13, but the Broncos pulled away with a 9-0 run, and SJSU was unable to catch Boise State for the rest of the game.

Senior guard Shavers surpassed her old career high of 32 points. Shavers said although she reached a new career high during the game, the bigger picture was more important.

“When you lose, no matter how many points you score, you feel like you didn’t do anything.”

Shavers said. "Because we didn’t accomplish our team goals, tonight it’s kind of a sub- story.

“Shavers will be partly because of their sacrifice. We are proud of them and their efforts,” DeCosta said. "They helped us lay the foundation for this program and any future successes will be coming from.”

Tully said that the Spartans need better control of the ball and more aggressive. It’s what we need in the first half.”

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