# SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ENGINEERING DESIGN CENTER

# **1988 PROJECT DAYS**

Engineering Auditorium Thursday-Friday, May 26-27, 1988





# Welcome

One year ago. Seattle University launched the most far-reaching initiative in the almost half-century of the Engineering program. This initiative is the Engineering Design Center which "officially" celebrates its first anniversary at this week's Project Days. While we have modeled the Center unabashedly on others' success, we have adapted it to our own unique situation. During these Project Days we will see the fruits of the efforts of all who participated in the Center this year.

It remains only for me to thank Prof. Rolf Skrinde, the Director of the Engineering Design Center, who so magnificently brought the Center through its difficult first year; the companies who have supplied and supported projects for our students; the liaison engineers who have guided the projects; the faculty who have drawn upon their expertise and mentored their students; and, most importantly, the students themselves who have poured so much energy into their projects, thereby making the Engineering Design Center such a successful undertaking.

> Dr. Terry Van Der Werff Dean, School of Science and Engineering

On behalf of our engineering faculty and students, may I welcome you to Project Days 1988. During these two days you will see not only the fruits of our Dean's efforts in developing these fine new facilities, but also the fruits of your own labors in advising and assisting us in developing an emphasis in the senior year on engineering design project work. Both faculty and students are appreciative of the efforts of the Engineering Advancement Council, the Departmental Advisory Boards and leading industries in the region for the support of our senior engineering design program.

Special thanks are due to the EDC Subcommittee of our Engineering Advancement Council, whose membership is as follows:

Tony Sutey, Boeing Aerospace Company, Chair Ardell Anderson, Boeing Commercial Airplane Company Tom Claudson, Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories Bill Finnegan, Puget Sound Power and Light Company Dick Kuhner, Pacific Northwest Bell

We not only welcome you to participate during these two days, but also encourage your feedback so that we can improve our Design Center program over the years ahead.

Thanks for all your support. Dr. Rolf Skrinde Director, Engineering Design Center

# SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ENGINEERING DESIGN CENTER PROJECT DAYS PROGRAM

# Thursday, May 26

10:30 a.m. Engineering Advancement Council Meeting

12 noon Engineering Departmental Advisory Board Meeting

1:00 p.m. Registration, Coffee, Student Conducted Tours

1:25 p.m. Welcome. Dean Terry van der Werff

## Presentations

1:30 p.m.Transmission Line DesignSponsor:Puget Sound Power and Light CompanyLiaison:Dale EasleyAdviser:Prof. Richard T. SchwaeglerStudents:Mike Dahlem, Mark Murphy, Mohd Ismail, Jeff Dragovich,<br/>Randy Richter

An integrated set of software programs developed by the Electric Power Research Institute to design overhead transmission lines was used to:

- 1. Check the specifications, calculations, and design parameters against current Puget Power practices.
- 2. Recommend modules that could be most helpful to Puget Power's engineers and technicians.
- 3. Assist Puget Power in training their engineers and technicians in the efficient use of the program TL Workstation.

## 1:50 p.m. RF Power Meter

| Sponsor:  | Puget Sound Power and Light Company   |
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| Liaison:  | Mollie Launer and Jim Nolan           |
| Adviser:  | Prof. Paul O. Neudorfer               |
| Students: | Rick Blum, Jeff Frey, Tammie Skoglund |

The company needs to monitor electromagnetic radiation surrounding communications installations. Existing technology for this purpose was surveyed. Difficulties related to near field and nonfree space conditions were considered. Fiber optics were investigated as a likely possibility for non-disruptive sensors that can operate over a wide range of conditions.

| 2:10 a.m. | Cutter Lifting Device                                 |
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| Sponsor:  | The Robbins Company                                   |
| Liaison:  | Ken Deering   |
| Adviser:  | Prof. Lewis Filler                                    |
| Students: | Scott Bear, Debbie Limb, Shawn Phillips, Randy Britts |
|           | Gene Carpenter  |

The present method of cutter disk replacement in tunnel boring machines is labor intensive and results in significant down time. The team designed, fabricated and tested a device to lift, and insert into its housing, a disc cutter assembly weighing 450 pounds.

#### Break

| 3:00 p.m. | Sulfur Dioxide Removal From Flue Gas           |
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| Sponsor:  | Seattle University                             |
| Adviser:  | Prof. David W. Schroeder                       |
| Students: | Azhar Daud, Shahnam Shaghaghi, Ihsan Mohdidris |

Sulfur dioxide in flue gases from smelting operations and the combustion of coal causes air pollution such as acid rain. Ozone and air activated by ultraviolet radiation were used to oxidize SO2 to SO3 so that sulfur compounds could be removed by simple scrubbing with water. The team designed and constructed a model, followed by a laboratory test program.

#### 3:20 p.m. Crack Velocity Measurement

| Sponsor:  | Seattle University                             |
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| Adviser:  | Prof. Dennis W. Wiedemeier                     |
| Students: | Khairuddin Hashim, Rocky Koreis, Tom Thatcher, |
|           | Alex Irwanto                                   |

The team designed, built and tested a digital system to measure the growth rate of a propagating crack in a fracture test specimen. The team included both Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering students.

# 3:40 p.m. Voltage-to-Frequency Converter Test Program

| Sponsor: Sundstrand Da | ta Control Inc. |
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- Liaison: Ron Leonardson
- Adviser: Fr. Lammert B. Otten, S.J.
- Students: Margaret Achey, Hendra Suhartanto, Michael Kelly, Billy Tam

The project developed a PC interface board that accepts TTL level signals up to 10 MHZ to test voltage-to-frequency converters. Comparison measurements were made with an external high precision DVM and high precision digital counter with IEEE-488 control.

## Friday May 27

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| 9:00 a.m. | Cannon Downrigger Automation                |
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| Sponsor:  | Cannon/Seattle University                   |
| Adviser:  | Prof. Gary J. Erickson                      |
| Students: | Vernon Perryman, Russell Powell, Mike Riley |

The team designed an acoustic fathometer which measures the distance from a boat to the bottom of the ocean. This information will be used to control an electric downrigger manufactured by the Cannon Company. A sinker which controls the depth of a fishing line raised and lowered, depending on the depth of the ocean, thus avoiding hooking the weight on the bottom while keeping the lure at the proper depth.

| 9:20 a.m. | Kenworth Power Hood  |
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| Sponsor:  | Kenworth Company   |
| Liaison:  | Ludi Giese   |
| Adviser:  | Prof. Dennis W. Wiedemeier   |
| Students: | Mitch Hayes, Robert Simpson, Kent Preston, Steven<br>Johnson, Bridget Brewer |

The design team developed and tested an inexpensive mechanism which permits the operator to open the hood of his truck from within the cab. This mechanism can be provided to customers as an option which will cost the company less than \$200 per unit during production.

| 9: <b>40 a.m.</b> | Storm Drain Design                                |
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| Sponsor:          | Scattle Engineering Department/Seattle University |
| Liaison:          | Wayne J. Greer                                    |
| Adviser:          | Prof. Percy H. Chien                              |
| Students:         | Greg Ebe, Andy Marshal, Tim Hume, Mike Norton     |

An existing storm drainage system has proven to be inadequate during periods of heavy rainfall. Alternative solutions and designs by the rational method resulted in a cost effective drainage system which satisfied long term storm projections and was publicly acceptable.

#### Break

| Faiz, Mohamed Sibo Zeng, Jamaluddin Mustakim | <b>10:30 a.m.</b><br>Sponsor:<br>Adviser:<br>Students: | <b>Design of a Log Splitter</b><br>Seattle University<br>Prof. Hamid Moosavi-Rad<br>Mohd Shaibi Ahmad Hijazi, Alan Rodrigues, Muhammad<br>Faiz, Mohamed Sibo Zeng, Jamaluddin Mustakim |
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The team designed, built and tested a log splitter which attaches to the standard three-point hitch on a small farm tractor. The splitter uses the motion of the hitch to split firewood logs.

#### 10:50 a.m. Water Hammer

| Sponsor:  | Seattle University                      |
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| Adviser:  | Prof. Percy H. Chien                    |
| Students: | Craig Hislop, Charles Smith, Karen Irby |

A physical model has been designed and built for the investigation of water hammer. The model has the capacity of identifying and measuring the magnitude and velocity of the water hammer pressure wave.

## 11:10 a.m. Design of a Polariscope

Sponsor: Adviser: Students:

Seattle University Prof. Hamid Moosavi-Rad Marwan Al Hammadi, Ken Davis, Bill Balogh, Mike Feider, Mark Barnett

A portable polariscope was designed and constructed for class demonstrations. The device is placed on an overhead projector and illustrates the stress patterns in specimens loaded in tension, compression and bending.

#### 11:30 a.m. Brake Release Design Fixture

| Sponsor:  | PACCAR  |
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| Liaison:  | Mike Gilbert                                    |
| Adviser:  | Prof. Robert F. Viggers                         |
| Students: | Dan Holiday, Dan Lavallee, Andy Hogenson, Brian |
|           | Sheldon   |

A fixture was designed and constructed to slowly depress a truck brake pedal to obtain a desired pressure in the brake air chamber. Once steady state is achieved at the desired pressure, the fixture releases the pedal instantaneously without applying any external forces to the pedal as it retracts. The fixture will be used to test airbrake systems to ensure that they meet specifications.

#### Lunch

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| 1:00 p.m. | Induction Generator Relay Protection             |
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| Sponsor:  | Puget Sound Power and Light/Seattle University   |
| Liaison:  | Simon H. Cheng                                   |
| Adviser:  | Xusheng Chen                                     |
| Students: | Ginette Berosik, David Fujiki, Christopher Kang. |
|           | Allyson Kaai, Todd Robbins                       |

An increasing number of relatively small induction generators are being connected to power grids at the distribution level. A relaying scheme for protecting wind-turbine induction generators against islanding using only local intelligence was designed, built and tested.

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| 1:20 p.m. | External | Pressure | Measurement | System  |
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| Sponsor:              | Seattle University   | · · · · · ·                  |
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| Liaison:              | Don Meredith   |                              |
| Adviser:<br>Students: | Prof. Pierre C. Gehlen<br>Jon Chandler, Richard F<br>Garmanian, Sarah Jokela | lutmacher, Don Fowler, Linda |

A device was designed, constructed and calibrated to detect pressure changes inside hydraulic tubing. This was accomplished by measuring changes in the tubing's diameter using strain gauges and LVDT's. It is primarily meant for trouble shooting in aircraft.

# 1:40 p.m.TVRO Equipment Installation DesignSponsor:Seattle UniversityAdviser:Mr. H. Ward SilverStudents:Brian Clapp, Hanh Phan, Fermin Munoz, Peter Do, Steven<br/>Simonsen

The team provided engineering services on the installation of the Electrical Engineering Departments TVRO satellite equipment. The team followed an engineering approach to the project by characterizing the system goals, surveying the physical site and equipment, providing design as necessary, and supervising installation.

| <b>2:00 p.m.</b>      | <b>Dimmer Control for Aircraft Pilot Lights</b>   |
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| Sponsor:              | AVTECH  |
| Liaison:              | Doug Damon, Chris Anderson  |
| Adviser:<br>Students: | Prof. Robert G. Heeren<br>Bill Acheson, Richard Burko, Yan Lo, Brian Marley,<br>Louia Wiedman |

The team developed an AC input AC output 75 Watt incandescent lamp dimmer, operating at 115 Volt RMS at 400 Hertz input. The best circuit topology for application was determined, considering weight, package size, input vs. output voltage, performance requirements, environmental factors, and electromagnetic interference requirements.

# Break

| <b>3:00 p.m.</b>      | <b>Digital Communications</b>  |
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| Sponsor:              | Pacific Northwest Bell   |
| Liaison:              | David Alfred   |
| Adviser:<br>Students: | Prof. Patricia D. Daniels<br>Omar Abdulrahim, Jong Chien, Michalis Tsalidis, Michael<br>Ciacciarella, Samok Ouch |

Equipment was designed to test the capability of transmitting alarm information over telephone lines to an alarm company. The objective was to determine if a line can transmit a 36Hz tone from the stomer to a central seanner with an acceptable amount of loss.

## 3:20 p.m. Air Flow Visualization

| Sponsor:<br>Liaison:<br>Adviser:<br>Students: | John Fluke Company<br>Howard Voorheis<br>Prof. Stephen B. Robel<br>Thay Chheng, Michele Letizia. Mike Towey, Kelly Davis.<br>John Kinn |
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|   | John Kipp  |

The team designed and constructed a wind tunnel to analyze cooling of circuit boards and similar electronic devices. Local temperatures and velocities can be logged to a computer and a smoke-stream generator is provided to help locate heat sink deadspots.

## 3:40 p.m. Corrosion Control

| Sponsor:  | Pacific Northwest Bell/Seattle University |
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| Liaison:  | Stanley D. Overby                         |
| Adviser:  | Prof. Xusheng Chen                        |
| Students: | Gurdev Bassan, Jerome Roos, Hyo Chan Lee, |
|           | Lawrence Sherwin                          |

A device to minimize stray current corrosion of underground utility lines adjacent to electric railways was designed, constructed and tested. Small amounts of stray current will trigger an electrical connection which will inhibit the passage of stray current from the utility line being protected to the railway.

## 4:00 p.m. VLSI Circuit Design

| Sponsor:  | Boeing/Seattle University                 |
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| Liaison:  | Todd Hill, Mike Raftery                   |
| Adviser:  | Prof. Gary J. Erickson                    |
| Students: | Steve Baldwin, Linda Bender, Jeff Sanders |
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The objective of this project was to design an ETM controller using a silicon compiler or comparable IC design tool. The project team studied the TM concepts by performing the following functions:

- 1. Derive controller requirements from the VHSIC specification and Boeing inputs.
- 2. Perform trade studies to analyze design options,
- 3. Design the ETM Controller to the requirements.

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