

# Students present projects at colloquium

*At least one-third more students participate than years past*

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Students were given the opportunity to present research projects they have worked on at the 1999 Student Research Colloquium.

The first colloquium was started in 1996 by the Dean of Science and Engineering, A.I. Musah.

This only included presentations from students in the Science

and Engineering departments. In 1998 the colloquium was opened to students from all departments; now, in 1999, there has been a higher level of participation than in past years.

"Participation has gone up significantly, at least by one-third," said Richard Brundage, Student Research Colloquium coordinator

and director of applied research for the college of Science and Engineering. "We had participation from every college except the college of business."

Phyllis Greenburg, first-year SCSU assistant professor of Community Studies, said she

believes the colloquium gives students an opportunity to present projects and receive feedback from students and faculty.

"I think it (the colloquium) is a very unintimidating way of presenting information," Greenburg said. "It helped students clarify and get good suggestions."

Presentations included on-going research projects, class projects and graduate theses.

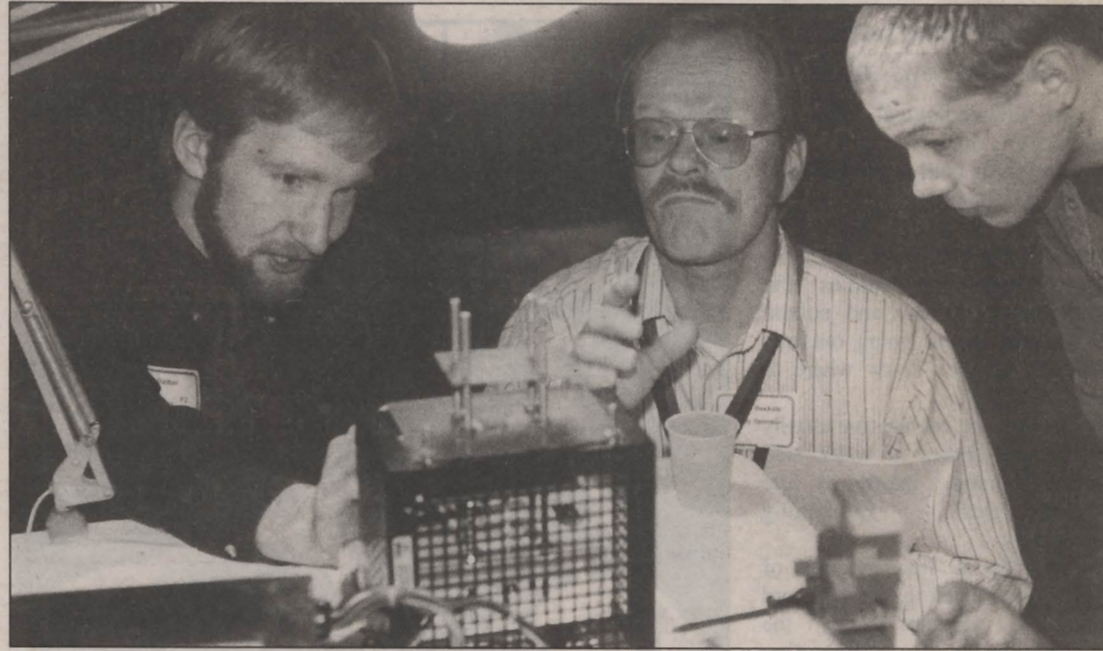
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Lloyd Dalton, senior and electrical engineering major, explains his senior design project to Andrew Bekkala, chairman of manufacturing engineering, at the Student Research Colloquium Tuesday in the Atwood Ballroom. Dalton, along with Sultan Faiz and Rabintra Sainju, designed a high-resolution pin-matrix computer display for the blind and visually impaired.

was asked by her professor to present it at the colloquium.

"It gave people a chance to ask questions you might not have thought about," Welken said. "It was a good way to show off your work and ideas, and to see others'

ideas." Brundage said he estimates about 300 people participated.

Still, bigger numbers will not guarantee the colloquium will happen again next year. People need to get involved in the early

stages.

"It takes a lot of organization; we started planning this last August," Brundage said.

Planning for next year is expected to begin next month.