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Students race at international competition

Students in Oakland University's Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) are competing at the 2002 SAE International Formula Competition May 15-19 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The engineering students conceive, design, fabricate and compete with compact formula-style racing cars in the four-day design competition, which awards cash prizes totaling nearly \$35,000.

This year's competition features more than 1,000 students from 140 universities from the United States, Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, Puerto Rico, Australia, Germany, Venezuela and Korea.

Static events, with sales presentations, engineering design and cost analysis, take place Thursday, May 16. The acceleration run and skid-pad tests begin Friday, May 17, in the morning followed by the autocross event in the afternoon. Dynamic events, with critical fuel economy and endurance track events, are scheduled for Saturday, May 18.

The events on May 17 and 18 are open to the public. Admission is free, with parking available in the South Lot adjacent to the Formula SAE track. DaimlerChrysler, Ford and General Motors are sponsoring the event for the ninth consecutive year.

The SAE at Oakland University, established to aid students with interest in the automotive industry through lectures, literature, social interaction and hands-on engineering projects, familiarizes students with various automotive ideas and technology, which is to their advantage upon graduation.

More than 83,000 engineers, business executives, educators and students from 97 countries form a network of SAE members who share information and exchange ideas for advancing the engineering of mobility systems.

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