



FACEBOOK's first Hackathon!



Facebook hosted their first ever Hack on the UC San Diego campus last week to a rousing success. Hackathon is a great chance to take a 'wouldn't that be a great idea' all the way to 'Wow that works great!! You'd be surprised what kind of creativity a combination of sleep deprivation, Red Bull, and a never-ending table of food can unleash.

Facebook believes that every engineer has a great idea inside, and this is a chance to let it out. From a beginning field of 130, after nearly 24 hours, 14 teams of four completed a Hack and presented their product to Facebook's awesome engineering team, including Jacobs School judges Gert Lanckriet and Luke Barrington. Winners received a set of Dr. Dre headphones AND a trip to Facebook HQ this fall for the BIG Hack!

Sweet Bytes

The Women in Computing @ UCSD (WIC), recently organized a 'Sweet Bytes' bake sale fundraiser to help raise money to send about 60 ladies to the CWIC Southern California Conference in Santa Ana, CA from April 14th-15th (<http://www.cs.hmc.edu/cwic-socal/>). About 20 WIC members helped out at the event and raised over \$200. We have already received some matching funding from the CSE department and the Dean's office. We hope to secure more funding to cover all the registrations and group bus transportation to and from the conference. Any additional donations are highly encouraged and appreciated.



Google Research Award for CSE Grad!

CSE Grad student Sivasankar Radhakrishnan (advisor is Amin Vahdat) worked on a project called "TCP Fast Open" when he was an intern at Google recently. Sivassannkar and his co authors received the "Google Research Award for Best Paper in Networks".

"TCP Fast Open", Sivasankar Radhakrishnan, Yuchung Cheng, Jerry Chu, Arvind Jain, Barath Raghavan, Proceedings of the 7th International Conference on emerging Networking EXperiments and Technologies (CoNEXT), 2011.



Faculty GPS



Gary Cottrell traveled to Washington DC on March 6th - 8th to attend IES PI's meeting. Also, Gary will be giving the Walker L. Cisler Memorial Science Lecture at Lawrence Tech University outside of Detroit on Tuesday, March 27th.