

## Shallit: Engineer moonlighting in showbiz



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Baldwin Chiu, an engineer who grew up in Rancho Cordova, performs as "Only Won" in his CD of Christian rap music.

the recent career day for Sac State's College of Engineering and Computer Science was a big success.

Lots of companies attended. Lots of job offers were extended. More offers came last week in follow-up interviews.

In fact, says Cici Mattiuzzi, the school's director of career services, her biggest challenge is getting students to hold off accepting job offers "while they explore all the opportunities landing in their laps."

It was Mattiuzzi who joked in

this space that job offers would be extended to any engineering students who can "walk and chew gum at the same time."

Adrian Engel, a project manager with Mark Thomas & Co., evidently read that item. Mattiuzzi reports that the engineering recruiter handed out gum to every student he met.

Part of an aptitude test, we figure.

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**Engineering a rap:** Speaking of career day, one attendee is living proof that engineers aren't boring. At least not all of them.

Among the recruiters was Sac State alum Baldwin Chiu. He's now a mechanical engineer with the Roseville office of Barry-Wehmiller Design Group.

And a rapper. And an actor.

At noon, he performed the "Lyrical Engineer," a hip-hop song from his new Christian rap album, "Glory."

Sample lyrics:

"Ya know it's tough being an engineer

Designing gears and calculat-

ing elasticity of shear

I can't go on dates cuz my design project's late

Be workin' onsite till quarter past 8."

Chiu - whose performing name is "Only Won" - is getting local airtime for his new CD. He's also got a small role in the current Will Smith film, "Pursuit of Happiness."

What do fellow actors and rappers say when they discover that Chiu's an engineer? They're surprised. And "They're kind of jealous," Chiu says, "because I make more money than they do."

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