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Santa Clara students gather for a group hug after taking third place in the U.S. DOE's Solar Decathlon competition. Photo courtesy of Kaye Evans-Lutteroth/Solar Decathlon.

bathing, laundry, and dishwashing. Teams score points in the Hot Water contest by successfully completing "shower tests" over four days of the competition. They aim to deliver 15 gallons of hot water (110 degrees Fahrenheit/43.3 degrees Celsius) in 10 minutes or less.

First Place went to Germany's Technische Universität Darmstadt, the University of Maryland came in second and Santa Clara University placed third. Santa Clara scored a perfect 100 in the Hot Water and Energy Balance contests.

Elkay Plumbing Transforms Manufacturing Plant

Elkay Plumbing Products Division has announced plans to convert its Broadview, Ill. sink manufacturing plant into the Elkay Technology Center, which will include a new "rapid production facility."

The Center will feature flexible tooling and production capability and will produce high-end sinks featuring innovative shapes, sizes and finishes. The company said it would go from concept to production significantly faster than is possible with today's current manufacturing systems.

Elkay sink plants in Lumberton, N.C., and Ogden, Utah, will assume responsibility for more of the high-volume sink production for Elkay's Plumbing Products Division.

When high-volume sink production is transferred, and the renovations necessary to create the Elkay Technology Center complete, the company will retain a large portion of the current Broadview plant's employees. The company reached a new five-year labor agreement with the unions who represent the Broadview plant employees, and forms a

new partnership for the creation of a performance-based, highly efficient manufacturing center. The company and unions have also established significant transition packages to help Broadview employees who will be laid off and their families.

Thermasol to Host 50th Anniversary Bash

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif., is set to host a holiday party Dec. 21 as Thermasol celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

Employee awards including Team Member of the Year, Sales Person of the Year and the David Altman Award, named for the company's founder, will be presented. A ten-piece orchestra and a raffle will entertain guests throughout the evening.

"We feel that the Ronald Reagan Library is a very prestigious venue and one that is

fitting for our toast to 50 years of engineering excellence," said ThermaSol CEO Mitch Altman.

UPC, UMC Code Change Comments Being Accepted

In accordance with the ANSI-designated 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code/Uniform Mechanical Code code change timeline, the IAPMO Standards Council has issued a call for comments ending February 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. PST. Anyone interested in submitting a comment should download the form entitled "Form on Comments," found under the "Code Development/Report on Comments" link at <http://www.iapmo.org>.

Both the Plumbing and Mechanical Technical Committees will be meeting in Denver, Colo., from May 5-9, 2008 to review and act on all comments received, including the Assembly Comments passed at IAPMO's Las

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