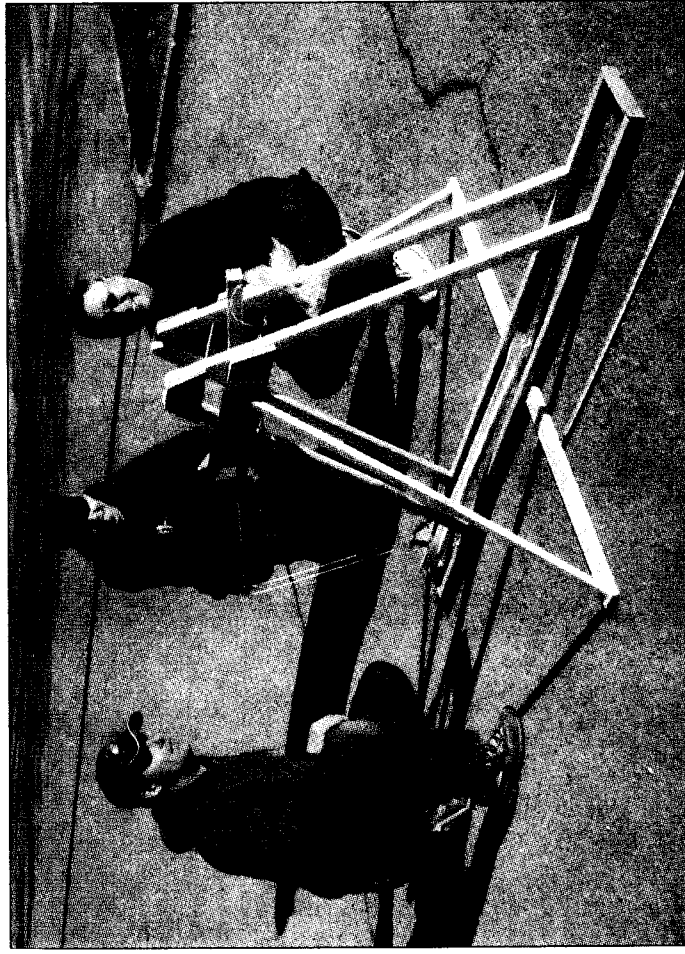


Building 11th century weapon develops modern skills

system, so it's got a counter-weight on one end and it's tied down on the firing end and you basically release the pin and it turns over and fires a

squash ball." Hudson said the course is preparing him for the world of work. "As a civil engineering technologist, it is a very wide field and in one branch you can be project manager, site superintendent, so this dead on what you need to do on site basically. That way it's great."



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OKANAGAN COLLEGE students Jerome Hudson, Jarrod Weaver and Jason Manning launch a squash ball using the trebuchet they built for a communications class.

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working on their trebuchet, which they have been testing behind the college.

"You're using all the writing reports and progress reports and meetings and agendas and everything else in order to complete the entire

report and hopefully at the end of it have a functioning trebuchet," said Manning.

The team is using a design they found on the Internet and then tweaked to meet the assignment's criteria.

"There's tons and tons and tons (online), everything from full-scale 40 foot trebu-

chets. There's one in Europe that actually throws cars and there's one in the States that throws Planos. There's entire sites dedicated to trebuchets," he added.

"It's a basic design," said Weaver about his team's trebuchet.

"It uses a counterweight