

# Student 'tucks 'n rolls'

A new upholstery business has taken shape in nearby Beaver Creek offering "Quality with an artistic touch" to consumers.

Ron's Upholstery Shoppe originated from training that Ron Rood, former College student, received through the upholstery classes taught at the College.

Rood attended the College for one year where he was involved in the Auto Refinishing program.

"Upholstery started out as a part-time hobby for me, but as I took more classes my interest in upholstery as a profession increased," Rood said.

"I owe a lot to Larry Hopp, my instructor at the College. He taught me the basics I needed to know," Rood said.

The encouragement and appraisal by friends of upholstery projects Rood was working on influenced his decision to go into business for himself.

"I decided to open my own

business just out of enjoyment for what I was doing. I stress quality over quantity on my work and I didn't want to end up competing with the big guys.

"I picked up Beaver Creek as a location because it is ideal for the working atmosphere I wanted. I plan to do a lot of antique car restoration which includes

upholstery work and auto painting," Rood said. He also works on furniture projects.

Business has been very good, according to Rood.

"I had a strong nucleus of

friends who knew I was in business, but I have many people who are just driving by stop to see what's happening here. I've been much busier than I expected," said Rood.



Ron Rood, former College student, has been turning his attention to upholstery projects in his new business in

"beautiful downtown Beaver Creek."

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## Class opens students' eyes, ears to world of culture

An enriching experience in culture is what the Humanities experience class at the College has to offer.

"We are living in an age of specialization and it is becoming vital that we broaden our scope of understanding," said Tom Richards, department chairperson of English.

"Liberal Arts education is on the decline as we pursue our goals to make money," he said. "Humanities experience class will help you understand yourself and others around you."

The Humanities class is for students who are specializing in

fields where music, art and literature necessarily would not be a part of their curriculum. This required course for students in programs like waste water technology, nursing, secretarial science, and merchandizing business management, introduces them to experiences in these areas.

The three credit class is on Tuesday 1 to 3 p.m. and Wednesday 7 to 9 p.m.

This class, which started last year will be offered again next term. The instructors are Nancy Travers, Art; Gary Nelson, Music; and Tom Richards, literature and drama.

One of the most popular events in the class has been the visit of Dr. John Richards of Lewis and Clark College. Richards plays ancient musical instruments for the class. A lur, which is a horn shaped instrument, used by the Vikings is one he uses.

"The Belle of Amherst," and have studied pottery with a widely respected potter, Ray Grimm. Grimm just returned from Australia where he helped set up an apprentice training program.

The class explores the world of art, music and literature and drama.

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