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Nationally known auto body professional visits Clackamas

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Ron Covell, nationally known auto body professional, teacher and columnist for Street Rodder magazine, came to Clackamas to teach a workshop for automotive students.

Students in Wayne Austen's "How to build a hot rod" class had the opportunity to meet Covell on February 14. Covell is nationally known for pounding metal into street rods, and for the workshops that he teaches throughout the nation.

Covell, whose hometown is in Freedom, California (between Santa Cruz and Monterey), was in town teaching workshops and to attend the Portland Rod and Custom show. At the show he demonstrated and sold tools of his own design.

Throughout the term, Austen in-

vises many professionals - people who are in the business of building cars - to his class. He received a flyer about Covell coming to town, so he called him to see if he would speak to the class.

Austen often invites professionals to his class to talk about everything that students need to know about building a hot rod; where to find new and used parts, paint and body work, heating and air conditioning, suspension, glass, and many other topics. The class also takes at least one field trip each term to an auto body shop.

While at Clackamas, Covell taught a three hour class sharing his own personal tips with students. He also demonstrated how to form, shape and weld metal panels.

"It was really a fun evening," said Austen. "He (Covell) said he'd love to come back next year."

Skills: Celebration to be held in gym

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Students will be judged for their psychomotor skills, their problem-solving techniques, their precise dexterity, their rhythmical coordination, and their endurance, states the event catalog.

An engineering competition is offered this year for the first time, and competitors will "design and build the lightest bridge that can support the greatest load over a 30 cm span."

The computer science competition includes a second contest, open to all students - an Internet scavenger hunt! Contestants will have 30 minutes to find trivia facts on the web, and may begin their searches between 9 and 11:30 a.m.

More than 90 works of art have been submitted for the art competition. The high school students' drawings, paintings, ceramic creations, photographs and sculptures comprise the next art exhibit at the Pauling Gallery, and may be viewed from tomorrow to March 16.

Graphic design students will compete to create the logo that will

be used throughout the next 12 months as the symbol for the 2001 Clackamas Regional Skills Competition.

This year's logo, the learn-ed and multi-skilled octopus, was designed last year by graphic design contestant Lisa Zednik, then a sophomore at Gladstone High School.

The logo has been worked into gold, silver and bronze pins for this competition's top winners.

The Fair

The Opportunity Fair, which will take place in Randall Gym from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., was organized by Ethel Swanson, head of the One Stop Career Center at Clackamas, and Len Eaton, School-to-Work System Consultant for the Clackamas County ESD, the

Employers will answer questions about careers in arts and communication; industry and engineering; business and management; the health services; natural resources; and human resources.

Professionals representing 50 occupations, from construction to

music to hair styling, will be present at the fair beginning at 8 a.m.

Celebration

About 200 competition winners, instructors and guests are expected at the Recognition Ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Mon., March 13, in Randall Gym. Part of the entertainment will be a movie filmed throughout the competition tomorrow, and produced, edited and presented by the video class at Gladstone High School.

Details

The skills competitions and Opportunity Fair are open to the public, and will utilize all the buildings on the central campus, as well as Clairmont Hall and the Training Center. The information center, at Community Center 127, opens at 8:15 a.m. and contests begin at 9 a.m. The event will end at 2 p.m.

Full information about the competition, to include schedules and descriptions of all the contests and other events, is available at www.techcadre.com/skills2000. Contest results will be posted on the website after 12 noon Friday.

Print staff to national conference

JOHN THORBURN

Editor-in-Chief

Members of the Clackamas Print staff will be traveling north to the Emerald City tomorrow afternoon to attend the Associated Collegiate Press' 16th National College Newspaper Convention in Seattle.

Eight editors and their advisor, Linda Vogt, will take part in the

three-day event that includes workshops, guest speakers and panels. One of the discussion panels is called, "The Big Story: Student Reporters Share Success Stories and Problems," a topic that has come into play for this year's staff, according to Vogt.

"This year's staff is the perfect group to attend this workshop,"

said Vogt, who is in her 15th year as advisor of the student newspaper. "This staff has kind of been on the hot seat from day one of fall term. [This staff] has had to deal with some very difficult issues."

The Print will be entered into the Newspaper of the Year Contest as well as Online Newspaper of the Year Contest.

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