

Auto: Roadsters on display in Barlow

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over the vehicle for any tools, wires, and/or cables that could possibly be left dangling in the engine compartment or other areas of the car. And most importantly, they check to see if all the bugs have been properly repaired.

"Everyone is doing a great job," said Dan Pech, a judge at the final check station. Pech is an industrial/vocational sales representative for Snap On Tools.

"This is one of the biggest things for these kids, being able to compete in such a great competition," he added.

Siuslaw remained calm and completed all of their tasks en route to second place. When Siuslaw noticed Vale beginning to move their vehicle to the final check station, they tried to keep things in perspective.

"We tried to stay focused on what we were capable of doing," said Bouchet.

At the completion of the contest, Harry Holton, an automotive instructor at Siuslaw High, said, "I am so proud of these guys. They work really hard and put in hours and hours before and after school; the hard work has paid off."

This was the seventh time Siuslaw has qualified for the competition, and the second place they received this year is the highest they have ever fin-

ished. Other schools in the event included Ashland, Benson, Crook County (third-place), Gresham, North Medford, St. Helens, South Albany, and Tillamook.

In addition to the chance of being able to compete at the national level, students are vying for scholarships, tools, cash, and an assortment of other awards. The winners receive two-year full scholarships at Mt. Hood, which lead to an associate in applied sciences degree in the Ford ASSETS program.

The program allows students to gain experience and earn a wage while working as a Ford technician between classes. Clackamas' automotive department provides up to \$3,000 in scholarships, to be shared among the competing schools.

The competition has a long history that started as an event sponsored by Chrysler Plymouth dealers in Los Angeles in 1949. After a few years, it became a national competition known as the Plymouth Trouble Shooting Contest.

Due to Chrysler's money troubles in the early '80s, the event took a three-year hiatus until it resurfaced in 1984, when the American Automobile Association came in as a co-sponsor. When Chrysler dropped out again in 1994, Ford stepped in. The event has since been

known as the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills National Quality Care Challenge.

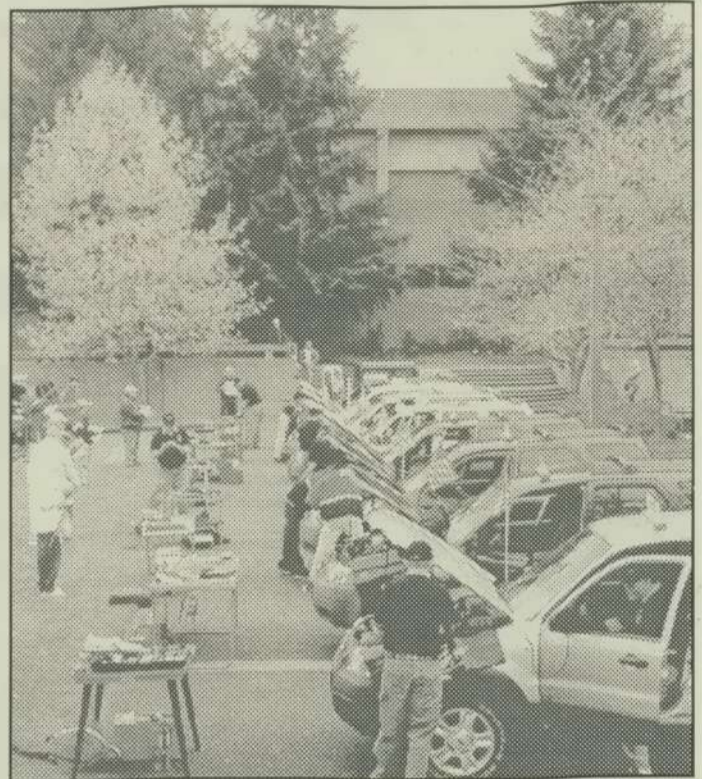
Rose City Street Rods and Instructor Wayne Austen held a showcase of 16 roadsters in the auto bays of Barlow Hall.

"We really appreciate the guys and gals from Rose City for bringing their cars here," Austen said. "There is a lot of work put into these cars and to have them here is just great."

A maroon 1957 Chevy pickup with ghost flames flowing from the hood down the doors, owned by Ed and Patrice Goodman, was voted Best in Show.

Meanwhile, the enthusiasm never ceased even as things began to wind down at the competition. South Albany's Andrew Lewis said it best: "They (an opponent) don't have theirs started yet, we're beating somebody."

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High school students working on the new Ford Escapes during the Ford/AAA Auto Skills Contest last Friday. Vale High School from Eastern Oregon won the competition.



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1957 Chevy pickup owned by Ed & Patrice Goodman that took best in show in the Roadster Show held last Friday. The roadster show was held in conjunction with the Ford/AAA Auto Skills Contest, an annual event showcasing the best high school auto mechanics in the state.

Student body presidential campaign gets started

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The Associated Student Government election season is upon us again. Candidates for the offices of president and vice-president have submitted petitions and are ready for the two-week campaign that will culminate in voting online on May 16 and 17.

Two people have submitted the required 20 signatures to get themselves on the ballot for each of the categories. Jason Gibson and Molly Stanley will face off for the office of ASG President, while Erika Egger and Stephanie Neuhauser will vie for the title of ASG Vice-President.

The official campaign kicked off last Friday and will run for two weeks. Debates will be held May 14 and 15 in the Skylight Dining Room in the Community Center. Candidates will be asked to make a few remarks about themselves and the office that they are seeking, and then questions will be taken from the audience in attendance.

The voting on May 16-17 will be conducted online, although students who will not be on campus those days can submit their choices via absentee ballot at the ASG

office May 13-15. Students may access any of the college's computer terminals to go to the ASG web page and click on the election link. Students will have to type in their student ID number before casting a vote. This is done to prevent any student from voting more than once.

"We are all very excited during this time of the year; it shows the end of one year and the beginning of another," said outgoing ASG President Stefan Myers. "It has been a really great year for ASG and we as a group are excited for the changing of the guard."

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ASG ELECTION CALENDAR 2002
May 3: Campaigning kicks off
May 14-15: Debates in Skylight Dining Room
May 13,14,15: Absentee ballots available in ASG Office (CC-140)
May 16-17: Election days (voting online and on campus)

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