

# High schoolers show auto skills



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Clackamas Community College hosted the national Ford / AAA Student Auto Skills Competition for several local high schools on May 2. The annual competition is divided into two areas: a qualifying written exam and a hands-on competition. The hands-on competition features the top two scorers from the written exam from up to ten Oregon schools. During the hands-on competition, the two-person teams attempt to correct malfunctions in various systems. Contestants are judged on workmanship, speed, accuracy and written test results.

## Nursing student advocates to change national hiring policies



BOB LADU

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Clackamas nursing student Bob LaDu went to Long Beach, Calif. last Wednesday to testify on behalf of the National Veterans' Administration of Nursing regarding the national hiring policies.

LaDu's goal was to instate specific hiring policies that place experience over certification.

"Registered nurses control everything in the medical field of nursing," LaDu said. "In the scope of practice RN's can move up the career ladder, an LPN is an LPN."

LaDu is a licensed practical nurse (LPN) specializing in intensive care. He received his training in the U.S. Army's 91C, and is a Vietnam veteran. In his 30 years of experience he has touched on almost every aspect in his field.

"I do assessments, care plans, hands-on care and work with terminally ill patients," said LaDu. "I'm a clinical specialist in burn trauma."

LaDu is also a certified nurse's aide, as well as a certified medical assistant.

He also has a Bachelor's degree

in journalism and mass communication from the University of Utah.

To LaDu, 30 years of experience outweighs one year of instruction.

Despite this, LaDu will be entering the nursing program next fall to complete his training to become a registered nurse in order to further his career.

Recently, LaDu contacted Oregon Nursing Leadership Director Debbie Burton to discuss his issues on introducing national hiring standards.

Hopes are high, but LaDu said a change in the hiring process could take a while.

"This is discrimination, but it doesn't fit into any categories," LaDu said.

An update on the results of LaDu's efforts will appear in next week's issue of *The Print*.

## Chabon brings advice, laughter to campus

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Clackamas Community College played host to Michael Chabon on April 29, an event that proved both educational and entertaining for those who attended.

Chabon is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay," as well as "Wonder Boys" and the next Spiderman movie.

He was brought to Clackamas as a guest speaker by the English department. His visit was paid for by funds donated for art programs.

The evening began with the college presenting Chabon with the highest honor it can bestow, an Honorary Associate of Arts degree from CCC.

Following a brief introduction, Chabon offered different topics of discussion to the audience and asked them to vote for which one they'd like to hear by cheering and clapping.

The majority voted to hear the story of Chabon's beginnings as a writer.

Chabon amused the audience with anecdotes about his childhood and the awkwardness of junior high, and read from his first short story, written when he was 10 or 11, a gripping mystery story of the implausible meeting of Sherlock Holmes and Captain Nemo.

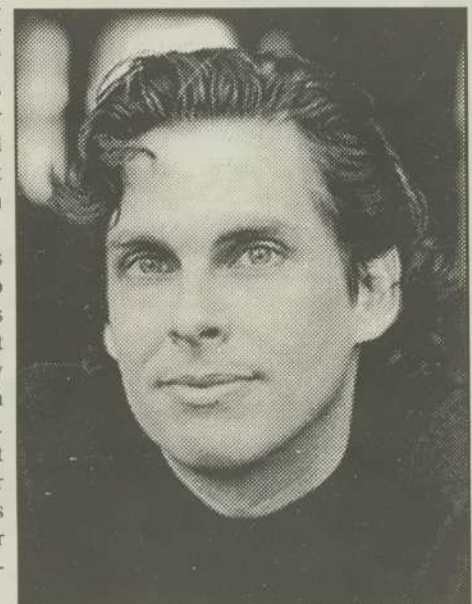
He gave good advice about how to get started in writing a story, and of the difficulties of writing the first sentence of a novel.

He spoke of how fortunate he was to have had the support of his parents and English teachers from the beginning of his writing career.

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MICHAEL CHABON then went on to talk of the odd circumstances that led to the publishing of his first novel, "The Mysteries of Pittsburgh," and of the hardships of writing the much anticipated "Fountain City," which he later abandoned after a grueling five years of work when inspiration struck and he began work on "Wonder Boys."

Following the discussion there was a lengthy Q&A session, after which Chabon spoke with his fans and signed autographs.



MICHAEL CHABON

## 'Hop' to raise funds for Crossroads

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News Editor

In an effort to raise money for Crossroads Alternative School, the education 122 leadership class will host a sock hop on May 9 in the Randall Gym. Organizers hope to raise \$500 to help buy the school a new dishwasher and oven.

Tickets for the event can be purchased through ASG or at the door for \$2. Each ticket will be entered in a raffle to win prizes donated by companies such as 24 Hour Fitness and Chevy's. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1 each. The event will last from 7 to 11 p.m., and will feature events such as the limbo contest.

One six-month membership and three one-month memberships to 24 Hour Fitness will be given away during the event, as well as one-night stays at the Hilton Garden Inn and the Courtyard Marriott. Winners must be present at the time of the drawing to win prizes.

Smaller prizes such as gift certificates to Applebee's, Bar 71 and Gladstone Lanes will be given to raffle and contest winners; winners don't need to be present to win these prizes.

Clackamas student Jason Bloker will DJ the event with his company, Mountain Music Karaoke.

The sock hop is the second of two community involvement projects participated in by the leader-

ship class, according to student Brandi Bean.

"As part of the class last term, we had to think up a project that we would implement this term," said Bean. "After much debate, we ended up deciding on two different ideas. One was volunteering for the MS (multiple sclerosis) Walk, which we did on April 12, and then this is our second project."

Crossroads Alternative School is the only accredited alternative school in Clackamas County. Located in Oregon City, the school targets seventh grade through high school students who had a difficult time in conventional school and required some extra help, said Bean.

International Celebration TODAY in the cafeteria!  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.