

Auto instructor injured in accident

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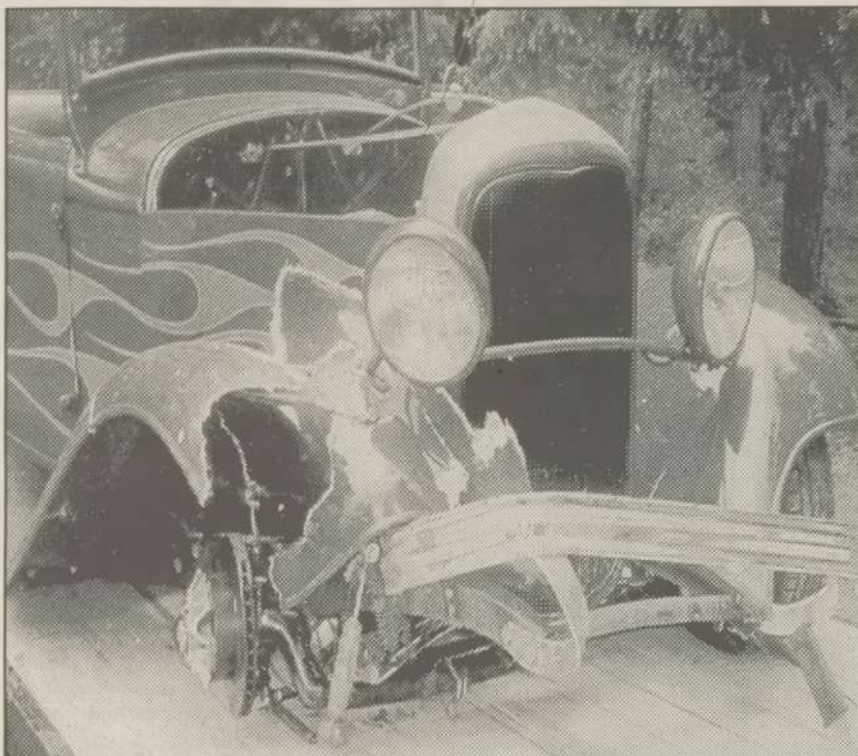
Fred Davis, Street Rod Construction instructor, was injured in a serious auto accident on his way home from a campus event May 2.

Davis, who works at Clackamas part time, was driving home from the Ford/AAA Auto Skills Competition, said Pam Brown, auto department secretary. The accident caused injuries to his face, neck and shoulder, and totaled his 1932 custom Ford Roadster pickup, which he was driving home after displaying it at the skills competition.

"I turned right onto Mapelene Road, and I was going 40 or 45...the truck seemed to be running in a lower gear than it should have, so I pushed up on the gear shift and it slipped into reverse," said Davis. "It slid off the road into a dirt embankment. Once the tires stopped spinning it just started sliding."

The accident occurred between 6 and 6:30 p.m., according to Davis. The embankment he hit is located on Mapelene Road just past Thayer Road.

Davis was taken to Emanuel Hospital, where he received over 100 stitches on his face. Davis said he was released from the emergency room "a little after 1 a.m." He also suffered a shoulder injury and bruises on his knees and chest.



Fred Davis, a Clackamas automotive instructor, was involved in a single-vehicle accident in his custom 1932 Ford Roadster on May 2. Davis suffered face, neck and shoulder injuries in the crash.

He hasn't been able to work at his full-time job rebuilding work trucks for power companies at AL-Tec since the accident.

"I'm having a hard time using my shoulder," said Davis. "My job is very physical, so I need the strength

in my shoulders and arms."

Davis doesn't expect to be able to return to work any time soon. He has a doctor's appointment today, which should give him a better idea of when he'll be able to return to work.

Davis has been able to teach his

class at the college, however. He teaches Street Rod Construction every Thursday night. His recent accident hasn't interfered with that so far, and he doesn't expect that it will.

Davis said that, according to his insurance company, the \$35,000 show truck was most likely totaled in the accident. It won first place in its class at the Portland Rod and Custom Show in February, according to CCC's March newsletter. It has been displayed at several college events, including the Feb. 17 evening with Ron Covell.

Davis built the entire truck from the ground up, he said. He plans to either rebuild it or to use parts from it to build a new truck.

Despite the loss of his truck, which he just finished building at the beginning of February, in his injuries, Davis feels very lucky to have escaped in the condition that he did.

"I'm just fortunate that my health isn't in worse condition," said Davis. "Trucks you can rebuild, but once people are gone, they're gone."

Campus Incidents



All reports are taken from CCC's public safety incident logs. Summaries are edited for clarity, not content.

CORRECTION:

The excerpt in last week's Campus Incidents about the patrol car hitting the curb and flattening its front and rear passenger side tires was incorrect. The vehicle in question was a private automobile. The Print regrets the error.

This week:

5-5-03 Staff reported seeing two juveniles (approximately 13 years old) riding BMX bikes thru Barlow lot and looking inside automobiles.

5-5-03 Noticed white female laying atop white male (both clothed) in front seat of red Ford Mustang. They said that they were napping. Both were community college students.

5-6-03 Customer reported losing her campus vehicle (old patrol car) in Clairmont lot.

5-6-03 Talked with student with damaged windshield from baseball. She said her vehicle was parked next to baseball field during college game.

5-6-03 Librarian reported stolen art books.

5-7-03 Observed gray Honda exceeding speed limit in lot. Driver said she was merely warming up her car.

5-8-03 Talked with disoriented student sleeping in toilet stall. Escorted her to bus without incident.

Hispanic Interagency Networking Team to hold festival in Canby

It is finally spring and what does that mean? Less rain, warmer temperatures and lots of reasons to celebrate!

One reason to celebrate is that on May 17, the Hispanic Interagency Networking Team will present its first annual Hispanic Spring Festival, also known as El Primer Festival de la Primavera.

The festival will be an all-day event held at Trost Elementary School in Canby. A variety of activities and entertainment are planned, including keynote speakers, Latin music, a soccer tournament and a talent and art contest

for the youth.

A selected art project will be donated to the La Hacienda CDC housing project. Vendors will provide food and beverages. There will also be a raffle contest.

The Hispanic Interagency Networking Team is a non-profit organization that hopes to attract Hispanic families throughout Clackamas County, as well as others, to come and enjoy the festival.

For further information, contact Irma Bjerre, board member of the Hispanic Interagency Networking Team, at ext. 2381.

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LaDu testifies for LPN rights

The Clackamas Print would like to clarify some statements made in last week's story about nursing student Bob LaDu.

LaDu recently traveled to Long Beach, Calif. to advocate for the rights of licensed practical nurses (LPN's).

LaDu, who is an LPN, is not a medical assistant, certified nurses aide or a clinical burn specialist. He nursed during the Vietnam era, but is not a Vietnam veteran.

According to LaDu, his testimony on behalf of the Veterans' Nursing Administration was not about hiring policies.

The following are excerpts from his testimony.

"The nursing system in the state of Oregon and in the federal system needs to be examined closely to pull out the roots of 'cronyism' and the 'elitism' that some highly educated nurse administrators practice. Job perform-

ance ought to be rewarded while recognizing when further schooling is needed.

"Opportunities need to be given to the LPN for advancement. They should not be held back simply because they are LPN's, especially when they demonstrate a desire to advance.

"It is important the LPN's gain the respect of their peers and to do that there must exist a collaborative and collegial workplace. In such a place, those with experience can share their knowledge and learn from those with new ideas learned in the college classroom with the result being a better practice of nursing and a better nurse," said LaDu.

"It will be some time before we see real change," LaDu summed up, "but this is the start of closer scrutiny and the result will surely lead to improvements."

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Knapp makes like a tree and leayes



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Geoff Knapp, director of community relations and marketing for Clackamas, gets ready to take home a tree that he purchased at the college's annual plant sale last week. Knapp's last day of employment with Clackamas Community College is May 16. He will soon begin a public relations position with the Clark County Department of Community Services.

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