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# Students rally for Coates

**Melinda Crouchley**  
Staff Writer

The Criminal Justice Club is sponsoring a fundraiser for severely wounded Clackamas County Sergeant Damon Coates, 42, this evening at 9 p.m. at Gladstone Lanes in Milwaukie.

Students and members of the community will bowl to the tune of three dollars per person, per game. Owner of Gladstone Lanes, Mike Winklepleck, will donate fifty percent of all proceeds to assist the Coates family. Also featured will be concession items for purchase, as well as raffle tickets for one dollar each, and prizes donated by local area businesses.

This show of community support has been rallied to benefit Coates, who was shot point-blank in the face Jan. 9 in the line of the duty. Coates was shot as he and three other deputies tried to remove Nick Teixeira, 15, from his home for a psychiatric evaluation.

According to updates from the Oregonian, Coates is making a remarkable recovery. He was moved from the intensive to the intermediate care unit of Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Health Center in Portland, where he is expected to stay for the next two weeks.

These facts at the forefront of

their minds, members of the Criminal Justice Club chose to develop a fundraiser in order to show community support for a man willing to put his life on the line.

"Since we're all going into law enforcement fields, this event relates to our majors because this is something that we're going to be experiencing when we're out doing our jobs," said Jami Bywater, Criminal Justice Club president.

"We just wanted to do what we could to help," Bywater said. Two other club members, Tim Couture and Lisa Domme, helped contribute by posting fliers, making ribbons, acquiring raffle prizes, and securing the bowling alley, which turned out to be one of the easier tasks in organizing the event.

"Tim's uncle actually owns the bowling alley and [Tim] was the one who brought it up in a meeting, that we could use it if we wanted to," Bywater mentioned.

Winklepleck concurred, "It was my nephew who started the whole thing, he approached me about it."

Winklepleck is not the only Clackamas County business owner participating in fundraising for the Coates cause; Figaro's of Oregon City recently raised six thousand dollars in donations.

"We're hoping to achieve more than that, but I couldn't give an exact amount now. We're waiting until Thursday to tally up all the totals,"

Bywater said.

Attendance is estimated at 300 plus community members, at least half the number of people who were present at a service held Jan. 26 at Lake Bible Church in Lake Oswego, dedicated to Coates. Among his family members, Bywater, Couture, and Domme were also present to distribute fliers.

At the service, Bywater talked with Lou Beres, Coates father-in-law, who may attend the fundraiser. She also spoke with some police officers. She believes there will be a few officers at the fundraiser.

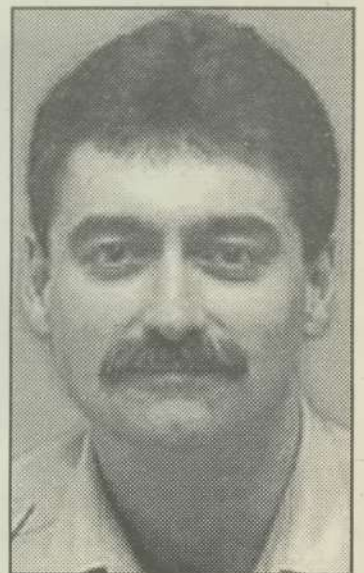
The club members mailed invitations to fifty different police stations and courthouses requesting their attendance and support. A Coates family friend has also contacted Bywater and requested she clip news articles and save mementos to be placed in a scrapbook for the wounded sergeant.

The general outlook appears to be a positive one.

"I hope they have a big turn-out. It's a really good thing they're doing," Winklepleck said.

In lieu of attendance, students and community members should be aware that a relief fund has been established at the Clackamas Federal Credit Unions in Oregon City and Milwaukie.

For updates on Coates' condition, access the websites for Legacy



INTERNET PHOTO

*Clackamas County Sgt. Damon Coates was shot in the line of duty Jan. 9. A fundraiser in his honor will take place Wednesday.*

Health System, KATU-TV, KOIN-TV, KGW-TV or NewsRadio KXL. Updates can also be found by calling (503) 655-8468. Well-wishes can be sent to the family by e-mailing [news@koin.com](mailto:news@koin.com). KOIN will make sure the family receives notes of support or send them to the Clackamas County Sheriff's department.

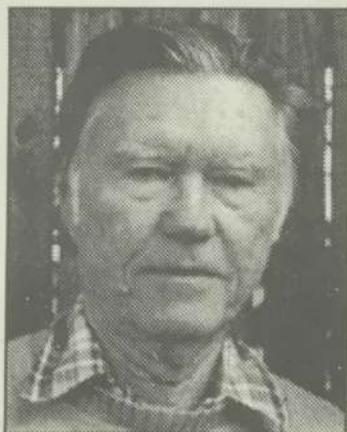
## Poets celebrate in Stafford's memory

**Elisabeth Meyer**  
Feature Editor

William Stafford aficionados met last Thursday night in the Gregory Forum to celebrate the Portland poet's work.

The celebration was put on by the Friends of William Stafford, and was one of 29 in the Northwest this year. At each birthday party featured poets read a Stafford poem and share an original poem in a similar vein.

After the featured poets read, audience members are invited to read Stafford poems. In fact, Friends of William Stafford suggest bringing one of his poems as a birthday gift.



INTERNET PHOTO

*William Stafford, former Portland resident, died in 1993. Portlanders celebrate his memory every January. A party was held on campus last Thursday.*

According to Kate Gray, lit. instructor and host of the party, there were more volunteers to read among this year's fifty-odd attendants than there were last year. Reading can be intimidating, though, especially in front of Friends of William Stafford board members and professional poets.

"I was scared," admitted Melinda Crouchley, a student who read part of former instructor Derek Sheffield's interview with the Stafford family. "I'd never read in front of big important people before."

Although Stafford is known for his conscientious objection during World War II, his pacifism wasn't the only theme apparent at the party.

"You always hear... the celebration of nature and quiet, I'd say," Gray said. "The deep appreciation for kindness and simplicity... carried over into the [original] work people shared."

Although Stafford died in 1993, the birthday parties are becoming more popular. This year the first party held outside the Northwest took place in Knoxville, Tennessee.

"Stafford is the quintessential Oregon poet," Gray said. She explained that despite his attachment to his native Kansas, his attitudes and reflect those of Oregonians. "In terms of capturing the spirit of this landscape, no one has done that in any way, shape or form before or since."

Membership to Friends of William Stafford is \$15 for students per year. To learn more visit [www.williamstafford.org](http://www.williamstafford.org).

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