

## Community members walk for Sergeant Coates

• 'The Walk for Damon Coates' fundraiser is the second event Clackamas has participated in to benefit Sgt. Coates

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The college helped raise over \$29,000 at the "Walk for Damon Coates," which it hosted last Saturday; more than 400 people paid the \$35 participation fee to help cover the Coates family's expenses.

Sgt. Coates, a Clackamas

County Sheriff's deputy, was shot in January in the line of duty, and is currently listed in fair condition at OHSU.

"The Walk for Coates" is the second fundraiser for the Coates family that CCC has been directly involved with. Last month the criminal justice department raised \$2,600 for the Damon Coates Family relief fund.

Sandra Bedrosian, event organizer, and Clackamas County community members Michelle Guzman and Don Hoesly organized the event.

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fundraiser with out the college," stated Bedrosian.

Wayne Logemann, director of community recreation at CCC let the organizers use the track. According to Bedrosian, Logemann is "awesome."

Portland radio station Rosey 105, The Clackamas County Sheriff's department and Tribute to Honor were responsible for the main funding for the event. The college provided the track and field area for the walk and the general festivities. Rosey 105 brought its crew, and

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**Sandra Bedrosian**  
"Walk for Coates"  
Event organizer



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Members of the community who participated in the 'Walk for Damon Coates' fundraiser admire the shirts printed for the event. The college has helped raise over \$30,000 for the Coates relief fund.

the Tualatin Fire Department entertained the gatherers with their bagpipe band as they walked the track. The Coates family, including wife, kids, and in-laws were present. They accepted the donation immediately after the walk.

"It was important that we had the fundraiser in the community, where the incident happened,"

Bedrosian said.

Between the two fundraisers Clackamas Community College has helped raised over \$30,000 for the Coates relief fund. If you missed both events, there is still time to donate. Clackamas Federal Credit Union is still accepting donations for the relief fund at locations in Milwaukie and Oregon City.

## Construction pushes on



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Construction on the new Gateway Building (above), located next to the Community Center, is scheduled to be finished in November. It will house student services, testing, student publications and the English department. The new welding building is scheduled to be finished near the end of March. See the story about the new welding building on page two.

## College faces \$1.6 million shortfall; leaders explore new ideas for savings

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"For next year (2003-04 budget year), we have a balanced budget, as of last week," said College President Joe Johnson, addressing a gathering of staff, faculty and students at an all-campus forum last Friday. "What next week brings, I really could not tell you."

For the 2003-04 budget, CCC is facing a \$1.6 million shortfall. Governor Ted Kulongoski's budget for the 2003-05 biennium is making its way through the legislative process, and the anticipated hit that community colleges face is growing harder by the day.

"At the start of the process community colleges in the state thought they would get about \$460 million in funding from the legislature. That number is down now to about \$407 million. We anticipate that it will drop further than that," said Johnson. "Clackamas is on more solid footing than some other community colleges in the state. We have taken pro-active steps in the process to help us absorb any more hits."

The state of Oregon has filled a

\$244 million shortfall in the March budget forecast by borrowing money from the tobacco settlement and cleaning out a school reserve fund set aside by the legislature last year.

The money will not only fill the latest shortfall, but will set aside some reserve money in case the May budget forecast falls short of expectations. Johnson has proposed to the Board of Education that Clackamas increase tuition by \$8 per credit hour beginning summer term, raising the rate to \$51 per hour. Portland Community College is expected to charge \$58 per hour, while Mt. Hood Community College is expected to cost about \$60-61 per hour, beginning fall term 2003.

"We are going to form a task force involving administrators, staff, faculty and students to brainstorm ideas about how we can save more money, because frankly, I am out of ideas," Johnson said. "We will look at the entire way that we do business at the college. It will help everyone in the long run, and hopefully we will be better off because of it. We have been playing catch-up in many ways, but with everyone's help and patience, we will get through this crisis."

