



# THE STUDENT INFORMER

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## The Parking Frustration...and what's being done

### Student Concern



The question that seems to be plaguing everyone lately is where to park. After speaking with Mr. Witmer, Chief of Security, I found some answers. If you have class between 9:30 and 11:00AM on Mondays and Wednesdays, you're in trouble. This is the heaviest time for parking, and when you're least likely to find

a parking spot.

The good news is that in response to the massive increase in cars, Security has added three extra officers to their staff to help in trying to locate parking places for students. Each lot (south, north and visitor) has an officer, so if you need help be sure to look for an officer.

The other good news is hopefully come spring we will have a new parking lot! The College has plans drawn up and we're now in the bidding process.

Chief Witmer would also like to remind students about the 'Share-a-ride' program. This is designed to cut down on the number of cars in the lots, which would be

especially helpful come winter when snow starts to fly and due to plowing we will be losing the outside edges as parking places. Here are a few reminders as we move into winter and things get even more crowded:

1. Remember that if every spot is full, there is always Kent State's West Parking Lot bordering Frank Avenue.
2. Always ask an officer to see if something is available
3. Remember after we get a new lot, parking in non-marked areas will bring you a ticket

Students and staff are thanked for their cooperation with this major problem.

## What's Going On at Stark State?

\* Broken Wings, by Zoë Jesnick is now available to purchase in the bookstore! It is \$15.50 for the paperback. Look for a review of the book in the next issue.

\* There's a new course in the Environment, Health and Safety Department. ENV222 Environment Systems is now replaced with ENV222 Industrial Processes and Pollution Control. This course provides the knowledge and skills needed to develop and implement successful cost-effective industrial pollution control programs. Make sure to look into it!



\* Canton, OH – Buckeye SCORE Chapter 580, located at Stark State College of Technology has scheduled a free three hour seminar on "Demystifying Finance" for Saturday, November 8th, from 9:00AM to Noon at Stark State College of Technology with help from a grant from The Credit Bureau of Canton Charitable Trust in the Stark County Foundation. Class handouts, workbooks and refreshments will be provided at no cost. Registration is at 8:30am. All workshops will be taught by experienced volunteer business executives and guest speakers with specific and general business expertise. Advanced enrollment is necessary and may be made by calling SCORE at 330-966-5465, extension 4869, or send an E-mail to [score@starkstate.edu](mailto:score@starkstate.edu)

### \* ARE YOU A NIGHT OWL?

Would you like to keep your day job, attend classes four nights a week (starting at 5/pm), and work classes around your obligations? You can do this while learning skills with your hands in small classroom settings and learning from qualified Medical Assisting instructors. If you would like more information on the Medical Assisting program contact Gerry Todaro (Program Coordinator for Medical Assisting) at [gtodaro@starkstate.edu](mailto:gtodaro@starkstate.edu) or (330) 966-5458 ext. 4223

### \* FALL 2003 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

As a reminder, Fall 2003 final exam week runs December 9 – 12. A full description of the exam schedule is available on the Stark State home page under the Academic Programs menu or at [www.starkstate.edu/academics/finalexamscheds.htm](http://www.starkstate.edu/academics/finalexamscheds.htm).

## Who is our new Dean?



Effective August 13, 2003, Dr. Douglas C. Peck joined Stark State as Dean of General Studies and Public Service Technologies.

Prior to joining Stark State, Dr. Peck

was Director of Evening, Weekend and Summer Programs for Ashland University and, before that, a Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology at The University of Akron. In addition to a B.S.Ch.E. degree from Tri-State University, he holds B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in Sociology and an M.S.Ed. degree in Higher Education Administration from The University of Akron.

Dr. Peck has taught as an adjunct faculty member since 1983 and brings experience gleaned from a thirty-year career with The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, primarily in the Research and Development Division, from which he retired in 1997. As a believer in the value of life-long learning, he is furthering his development through pursuit of a B.A. degree in the History of Art and a B.F.A. degree in Drawing/Painting at The University of Akron.

## GUIDELINES FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Guidelines for submitting articles to THE STUDENT INFORMER are meant to increase efficiency for the writers. It is also necessary to decrease the amount of time required to process and prepare articles to be included in the newspaper.

There have been some problems with articles being submitted as part of the text of email messages. Please avoid this practice.

Optimally, the articles will be written in Microsoft WORD, double-spaced with 12 point, Times New Roman text. Then attach the document to your e-mail message. Thank-you. Submissions for the November issue are due October 13th.

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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Stark State College will be closed  
November 27, 28 and 29th in observance of  
the Thanksgiving holiday.

## B.L.A.S.T. Updates

*Nate Cline ~ BLAST Member*

The Business Leaders at Stark State College (B.L.A.S.T.) are once again in the midst of an exciting semester here at the college. First on the agenda for the semester was election of officers for the organization. The election results were as follows: President-Nate Cline, Vice-President-Rebecca Oney, Secretary-Traci Fletcher, and Treasurer-Dina Harrison. We would also like to welcome back Cheri Rice and welcome John David as co-faculty advisors to our business organization.

The Business Leaders at Stark State College are dedicated to the professional development of all students through interaction with each other, faculty members, and business leaders in Northeast Ohio.

Throughout the remainder of this fall semester and extending into the Spring '04 semester, B.L.A.S.T. is planning to have informative meetings with local business leaders here in the Canton area. These meetings give students the opportunity to learn about life in the world of business and to ask questions in order to keep themselves better informed business here in the Canton area.

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## Coming Soon: Writing Center

*Lyn Sabino*

The English Department's Writing Center will open its doors on January 20, 2004. The Writing Center will provide individual tutoring in writing skills, group tutoring and consultation, and "mini-sessions" designed for group review of lessons such as overview of the writing process, research documentation and style, business and professional writing, and grammar and mechanics

Students will be able to make appointments for individual tutoring sessions, and faculty will be able to schedule group sessions for classes to view the power point "mini-sessions" facilitated by a tutor.

The Writing Center, located in room G 200 will be open 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday. More information will be available soon. Please stop in to get acquainted!

## Business @ a Distance

*Business Technology Updates*

The Business @ A Distance Consortium is a collaboration of several Ohio two-year colleges cooperating to deliver web-based business programs. Host colleges deliver online specialty courses, while participating colleges have agreed to transfer credits earned from host colleges into the local business degree program. Institutions may choose to host specialized programs and participate with other colleges through the transfer of student credits.

Students are able to fulfill business degree requirements with a concentration in topics not locally available by substituting online courses from other colleges. Students apply for admission and register for classes by contacting the host college sponsoring a program. All policies, procedures, and fees will be followed in accordance with the rules of the host college. Once courses are completed, students will request a transcript to be sent from the host college to the participating college.

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## B.L.A.S.T. (cont. from page 2)

The B.L.A.S.T. organization here at the college is open to all Business, Marketing, and Operations Management majors. We also welcome students with options relating to Sales, Retail, International Trade, E-Commerce, Small Business, Health Care, etc. If any or all of these opportunities sound intriguing to you, we invite you to pick up an application from either Cheri Rice or John David in B-215. Applications may also be found across from B-215 on the bulletin board. We once again invite you to join our organization and contribute to its' continuing growth (membership is only \$5.00).

Any questions, comments, or suggestions can be forwarded to the following people:  
 Nate Cline: Nate879633@aol.com Cheri Rice: crice@starkstate.edu  
 John David: jdavid@starkstate.edu

## Business @ A Distance (cont. from page 2)

The colleges that are members of this program are as follows:

• Belmont Technical College	• Marion Technical College
• Edison Community College	• Northwest State Community College
• James A. Rhodes State College	• Stark State College of Technology
• Lakeland Community College	• Terra Community College
• Lorain County Community College	• Washington State Community College

The programs that are available are E-Commerce, Human Resources Management, Retail Marketing, International Business, Tax Administration, Finance, and Industrial Supervision. The first of three courses developed by SSCT, Principles of Finance (FIN 122) will be delivered as a level III web course Fall 2003, according to Dean Bodnar. The option is offered through the Management and Marketing Department and involves Accounting and Finance Department courses. The respective department heads, Jerry Myers and Bruce Darling, cooperated in the development of the program.

If you need more information be sure to contact the Business Technologies office!

## Editorial ~ Money, Money Everywhere

### Financial Non-Aid



"I'm sorry you're in the wrong office, you first need to fill out those forms send them to the state, get them approved, then return to us for your signature and further instructions."

Sound familiar? The hassle of financial aid. Somehow the powers that be have decided that since we don't have any money, we have all the time in the world to jump through hoops of red tape just to ask them for two pennies. I might be exaggerating slightly, but when you're worrying about how

you're going to pay next months bills, trying to appease random bored people is the last thing on your to-do list. Why can't I fill out one form, have one office to turn it into and wait 5 to 7 business days to find out what aid I've been approved for and when I will be receiving my check. I thought our technical advances have been significant enough to eliminate the yards of paper I have to fill out to ask for two hundred dollars.

Let's pretend for just one moment the paper work requesting the money is easy to read and user-friendly and now you have your notice that you're receiving money, but no check. However, it's tuition time, and the school is demanding its money. The state won't give you your money until they've verified that you're enrolled, and they school won't verify that you're enrolled until they received your tuition costs. Is this fair? Or logical? Or anything resembling a system? There's billions of dollars just waiting for me, why can't someone help me translate the paper work to get it?!

## Views on the Outside World A Price Too High ~ Roger Werstler

Do the leaders in Washington, DC understand where our true loyalties belong? While the lights recently blacked out communities across the eastern US, and the wetlands conservation has been squeezed into hardships, we are being asked to spend nearly \$5.7 billion on the Iraqi electricity system and up to \$100 million next year to restore the Iraq marshlands. That is only a fraction of the total package of \$87 billion being requested to rebuild the Iraq we recently destroyed.

Even frivolous spender Senator Robert Byrd, D-WVA had to term this Congressional spending spree as "fiscal shock and awe". Senator George Voinovich, R-OH, admits this will be tough to sell to Ohioans. How do you tell Americans that there isn't money for sewers and water, then turn around and send billions to Iraq?

I have no doubt that Saddam Hussein was evil and that he victimized his own homeland's citizens in ways that not even the worst enemy should have been tortured. However, our style of handling this war has been questionable since day one. Without verification of the dreaded WMD's we declared war on a nation in a way unprecedented in American history. Now we declare we need to rebuild everything that was destroyed to show our good faith. The Iraqis do not know who they hate more, Saddam's regime for taking away their freedom, or our occupation of their country.

This war has cost the USA the respect of important allies, turned us into an aggressor nation, and has left us to wonder why are we even there. The cost of the war continues to escalate in both the numbers of lost American lives and the dollars spent to reconcile with the victims there.

We should have worked to assemble a UN coalition to bring down Hussein. Going in alone leads them now to say, "You wanted to go in on your own, now it's yours to clean up." We should guide the Iraqis into a new governing body and then within the next six months leave them to run their own country. Any longer than that will build more anger and impatience in their people turning Iraq into a hotbed for civil unrest.

Too much money is going into the military and war, and too little into domestic needs.

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## Top Ten Reasons That College is Like Preschool

10. You cry for your mother
9. You cross the street without looking for cars.
8. Snack time is a necessity.
7. You bundle up for the outdoors without caring what you look like (because everyone else looks as stupid as you do)
6. You stay at home and play games with your friends
5. You wear your backpack on both shoulders.
4. You wear big mittens
3. Playing in the snow is a legitimate activity
2. You take naps
1. You look forward to grilled cheese sandwiches!

### Great Trail Council – STUDIO 2B Volunteers needed.

STUDIO 2B, developed in part with girls' input, is an innovative way for girls ages 11-17 to connect with each other, get advice from adults and try new activities. In STUDIO 2B, girls control what they do, pursue their own interests, and make the time commitment that they choose to make. Hip, teensavvy volunteers are needed to be key mentors in STUDIO 2B. Mentors, 18-29, can speak from recent experience about their teen years and girls 11-17 nationwide told us they need this.

We need adults to help out for as little as 1 hour to as long as 1 day a week for a year, in order to make STUDIO 2B a success. It offers a variety of commitment free & flexible volunteer opportunities for adults. Become a part of the growing STUDIO 2B phenomenon that's touching the lives of adolescent girls everywhere. Call 330/439-485 for more information.

### One-credit Courses Offered

The AIT Dept. in the Business Technologies Division offers one-credit, eightweek courses. We have found that students outside our Business Division have been taking some of these one-credit courses to fill out their full schedules.

Our onecredit courses for Spring 2004 are:

- OAD 100– Computer Applications Windows & Concepts
- OAD 101– Keyboarding/Data Input Methods
- OAD 102– Computer Applications- Word
- OAD 104– Computer Applications- PowerPoint (web sections)

Some of these sections start at the beginning of a semester and others may begin the ninth week. These are regular credit courses that are required for some students. Students receive grades, and there are assignments. In the Fall 2004 semester, one credit courses in Excel and Access are being planned.

Some program advisors accept the one-credit Microsoft application courses in place of CAP 120– Business Computer Applications. If CAP 120 is a required course in your program, check to see if your advisor will accept four of the one-credit courses in place of it. The AIT Dept. also offers proficiency tests in these courses.

DON'T FORGET! – SSCT Student Authored Broken Wings is now on sale in the Bookstore, and December's issue will contain a review!

If you have the proper computer equipment at home, web courses may be an option for you. Web sections do not conflict with your regular class schedules. For more information about web courses, go to web learning link on the SSC homepage. For more information regarding these courses, contact Jan Pattison at 330/439-4359.