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Stark State College of Technology

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Does Size Really Matter?

Brian Lizotte

It does if you want to be the biggest college in Stark County, which we are. It also matters if you want to be the largest technical college in the State of Ohio, which again, we are. This school just keeps growing and growing and growing! With the start of this spring's semester came the opening of yet another impressive new building to add to our ever-growing campus here at Stark State.

A partnership including the Timken Foundation, Timken family, and The Timken Company, the State of Ohio, and other private companies and individuals, has made this \$8 million structure a beautiful addition to our college. The W.R. Timken Center for Information Technologies, which offers an impressive 44,000 square feet

of classroom and laboratory space, will also house the IT and ET faculty and staff offices.

I recently had the pleasure of chatting with Dr. Peter Kropp. He is an 8-year veteran here at Stark State and the Dean of Information Technologies and Engineering Technologies. He and his staff are looking forward to moving to their "new home" sometime this semester. Dr. Kropp, a father of four, enjoys talking to students and looks forward to seeing our enrollment and our campus continue to grow. He was eager to inform me of all that the W.R. Timken center has to offer.

In addition to ET and IT classrooms and office space, this beautiful building, designed by Meyers and Associates, will be home for the new CAL Lab., a seminar room, a cyber café, and an Information Reporting

Technology Lab. (with a Captioning Lab.) for the Business Division. I was very impressed with the CAL Lab. It has more space, more computers with more software, and even the chairs are cozy! I urge all students to check it out as well as all of the other things the center has to offer.

With this recent expansion, Stark State College of Technology now has 325,000 square feet of educational facilities. Size may not be important, but this student and writer is very impressed. I am proud to be enrolled at Stark State and like many of my classmates, the faculty, and staff; I look forward to seeing our college continue to grow for many years to come.

Broken Wings to be First Installment in a Trilogy Series

Zoë Jesnik

For those of you who are returning students this semester, you probably remember the various articles about my first book, *Broken Wings: You may break my wings, but you can never break my spirit*, that appeared here in the Student Informer last semester. For those of you who are new to SSCT, let me take a moment to introduce myself.

I am a sophomore here at Stark State and am majoring

in Medical Laboratory Technology. I currently have a wonderful husband who attends this college as well. I have spent the better part of my life being abused, whether it be by my peers or the men that I allowed into my life. I spent nearly two decades being beaten down emotionally, physically, and verbally.

I have spent many years trying to heal from the damage that occurred. Even though wounds do heal over time, the scars still remain. The concept of *Broken*

Wings came when my husband encouraged me to put my story down on paper.

As I began to write my feelings down I found that my story was actually becoming pages instead of paragraphs, literal chapters versus the small document that I had set out to write.

Originally, *Broken Wings* was never intended for public consumption. There were so many facets of my life that I had never spoken of to
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Stark Raving Art VII Announced

Douglas C. Peck Ph.D.

"Stark Raving Art VII" will be beautifying our campus during the month of March. Speaking on behalf of the Aesthetics Committee, Dr. Doug Peck, Dean of General Studies and Public Service Technologies, is inviting all students, faculty members, staff personnel, and administrators to consider submitting a work for display.

"Stark Raving Art has been a tradition at the College for a number of years now. I know that nearly everyone enjoys viewing the work of invited artists who mount a show for us and that the quality of the time we spend in our facilities is enriched as a result. Stark Raving Art offers those of us who do not think of ourselves primarily as artists an opportunity to make a similar contribution. I hope that the Aesthetics Committee will be inundated by a record number of submissions for this year's event." Stark Raving Art is a juried show with cash awards going to first, second, and third place winners. In addition, a "People's Choice Award" is presented. While first, second, and third place winners may contend for the "People's Choice Award," all works are candidates. It is the viewing public that, by its votes, declares the winner here.

Keep your eyes peeled for more details. Posters with particulars will be appearing across campus before long.

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.

Optimally, the articles will be written in Microsoft WORD, double-spaced with 12 point, Times New Roman text. Then attach the document to your email message. Thank you. Submissions for the March issue will be due

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School Closing Procedure

Not sure whether or not school is in session? This is how to find out. Once the decision has been made to cancel school the information is available in three different places, posted on the website, phone recordings that are heard when the main numbers are dialed and the local radio station WHBC. The website contains the most comprehensive and easily accessed information, including which classes are cancelled, and time of day. Keep in mind that the ultimate decision regarding your safety should be made by you.



Feature Teacher

Brian Lizotte

The Student Informer's featured faculty member for the month of February is Mr. Art Moyer. Mr. Moyer, an associate professor, will celebrate his 30th year as an educator at Stark State this September. To date, I have had the distinct pleasure of enrolling in two of this enthusiastic

instructor's classes. His passion for his work, as well as life in general, illuminates this man of social consciousness. He is a rational man with an open mind. Mr. Moyer's teaching style is his own. Through small group work and exciting class participation, he empowers you to educate yourself.

If you know Art Moyer, you know he is an avid angler. "It's my therapy", he tells me as we sit in a quiet room discussing all of life. We talked a bit about fishing, school, careers, and his lovely wife of 16 years, Pat. He is a father of one, stepfather of two, and a grandfather of two. This man

likes to stay busy. In addition to his family life and work at Stark State, he is the owner of a business called Creativity Plus. Although he has many things going on, Mr. Moyer will always make time to talk to students. He possesses a rare combination of skills; not only can he give sound advice, but also is a great listener.

Be sure to say hello to Mr. Moyer. With a BA in Social Science Comprehension and a Masters in Political Science, I am sure he will always have something interesting to say, or at least give you something to really think about. So, CHEERS to Mr. Art Moyer on your 30th year and thank you.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Peter Ishimaru

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers is an organization which was founded in 1880 and promotes, educates, and assists those in the mechanical engineering field. Currently, the Society has about 125,000 members worldwide. The members are participants in over 400 sections and student sections throughout the world. The Student Section of American Society of Mechanical Engineers at Stark State College of Technology offers many advantages to the mechanical engineering technology student. The Society offers the latest technical information through numerous ASME

publications, discounts of 20% or more on different publications, personal development with more than 200 courses and other educational programs, networking opportunities through meetings, group healthcare insurance, employment services, and financial assistance. Additionally, ASME.org offers access to publications, discussions groups, mentoring, and links to laboratories and research libraries throughout the United States and Canada helpful to the MET/DET student. The ASME Student Section at Stark State College offers the mechanical engineering technology student the Mechanical Engineering Magazine with monthly articles and technical news across the mechanical

engineering field, the ASME newsletter describing benefits and member activities every month, financial assistance through scholarships and low interest loans, employment services, and the opportunity to discover more about the wonders of mechanical engineering. Furthermore, the Stark State Student Section of the ASME is an active organization participating in Stark State College Open Houses, National Engineer's Week, Mechanical Engineering Mentoring Program, partnered with the Society of Manufacturing Engineers to donate activity kits to Campus Daycare, and have been spreading the *Continued on Page 3*

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word about the benefits of the ASME to MET/DET students. The two most important benefits include financial assistance and employment services. Through financial assistance, ASME can assist with acquiring low-interest student loans and the Society offers thousands of dollars in local and national scholarships. Also, as being a member of the ASME Student Section, you have access to employment/ career/ and internship opportunities through the ASME Database.

The ASME has a resume match referral system where you can post your resume, employment links, and networking opportunities to help establish your career in mechanical engineering. So, join now for \$25.00 a year and meet other MET/DET students. If you want to be in the mechanical engineering field the ASME is for you. The magazines alone are worth that while helping yourself to learn more about your career and opportunities in mechanical engineering.

Develop your technical and leadership skills through ASME International. Contact Chandra Jain at the Engineering offices or any Engineering instructor for more details about the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Society for Manufacturing Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of Women Engineers, and Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

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anyone, including my parents and husband. As I began to share my story with others during the writing process, I finally began to truly heal and realize the impact that my story could have on others.

After publication during the Fall 2003 semester, the bookstore featured my first book signing event. As a result of the encouraging words and support from the college, it is my honor to let

you be the first to know that *Broken Wings* will become a trilogy series.

Broken Wings is only a portion of my story. I am currently working on the second installment, *Zoë's Diary*. *Zoë's Diary* is not only a continuation of my story, but will also give more detail to some of the storyline in *Broken Wings*. This second book in the trilogy is expected to be released

within the next year. Thank you to all who have made *Broken Wings* such a success.

Broken Wings is currently available at the Stark State College Bookstore, Amazon.com, 1stBooks.com, and many other online retailers. For more information about *Broken Wings* you can visit Zoë's website at www.geocities.com/zoejesnik. To contact Zoë, you can email her at zoejesnik@neo.rr.com.

Accounting and Finance Majors

Susanne Clark

The Spring Semester meetings for SSCT-IMA (Institute of Management Accountants) will be as follows:

Meetings - January 27 -- Employment and Networking from 7 - 8 p.m. in room S204-205

February 17 -- Skyland Pines in conjunction with the Canton Chapter of IMA

4:30 - 5:45 Microsoft Word
6:00 - 6:50 Dinner

6:50 - 8:05 Summary of Tax Changes for 2003 Janine Garber, Bruner-Cox LLP

Student cost is \$15 and for reservations, email Susan Mullikin at susan.mullikin@timken.com

Dinner choices are steak, scrod, or veggie.

March 30 - College Night -- learn about 4-yr degrees from various universities from 7 - 8 p.m. in room S204/205

April 13 - Panel Discussion from SSCT grads who received accounting/finance degrees from the past.

Refreshments are provided for meetings held in room S204/205

Membership - Remember membership is only \$5 to join the student chapter and \$17.50 to join the Canton Chapter.

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Revelations

Debbie D. Fisher

Ribbons frayed, flowers parched, napkins creased,

Yellow-tinged pages, school photos pasted,

Remembering youth, where are all the dreams?

Do they tell the time? The future?

Yearbooks, scribbled lines of hope and desire,

Are the words recorded destined?

If all the dreams come true,

Do they tell the time? The future?

Once young, full of drama, full of life,

Wanting more, wanting dreams,

If all is answered,

Do they tell the time? The future?

Now older, full of the past, full of life,

Content with time and all the dreams,

And all the dreams were the past,

They tell the time. The future.

Happy Valentines Day!



Saturday February 14th

Accounting and Finance *(continued from page 3)*

Actually the dues to join the Canton Chapter is \$35 but the Canton Chapter pays 1/2 for the first year. This is a great way of networking and making friends.

Board Positions - Would you be interested in a board position in SSCT-IMA? A wonderful way to network

and show your great leadership skills. I have had the opportunity to work on the SSCT-IMA board for a couple of years, the Canton board this past year and the National board for the last two years; and it has been great. I have met many people and it has opened

many opportunities for me. All positions are open and if you are interested feel free to talk to our advisor, Mr. Jonathan Mitchell in room B215N.

Feel free to come join us at any of our meetings.

Thank You from SHASSTA

Brian Lizotte

Many thanks go to the Students, Faculty, and Staff of Stark State for making our Thanksgiving food drive a success. Eleven families with a total of 42 individuals received a holiday basket filled with food to help in creating a wonderful Thanksgiving Day meal. Our hat and mitten drive turned out to be equally successful. Your donations will help countless local children stay warm this winter. On the subject of children, be sure to keep an eye out for the change bandits this February. SHASSTA

members will be collecting small donations to benefit Akron Children's Hospital. As with all of our community projects, we know that you will assist in making this one a success as well. If you are interested in assisting the community in the future, or would like more information on SHASSTA, feel free to e-mail our Vice-president, Jen Mencer, at jmencer76@aol.com or contact one of our faculty advisors, Brian Moore or Shari Strange. We wish all of you a happy and safe new year.

International Club

All Stark State students are invited to become members of the Stark State International Club.

Club Objectives:

1. To promote better international understanding and cooperation at Stark State College.
2. To help foreign students at SSC become acquainted with each other and the American way of life.

3. To help American students become acquainted with customs and traditions of other lands.

Club Activities:

Potluck luncheons, travelogues, fundraisers, scholarships, other activities pertaining to an international theme.

Advisor: Larry Fernandez, room G204-L., 330-966-5457 ext. 4859

Student from Alliance Receives Merit Scholarship

Stark State College student Kathleen Lindeman, has received a merit scholarship from The American Health Information Management Association's Foundation of Research and Education (FORE), headquartered in Chicago. Only 50 FORE

scholarships were awarded nationally to outstanding students pursuing degrees in the health information management profession. Lindeman is a sophomore pursuing an associate degree in health information technology at

Stark State. Lindeman competed in a highly competitive selection process among 150 qualified student applicants. Scholarship recipients were selected based upon their academic achievements and commitment to the health information management field.

Do You Encourage Theft?

Stark State Security

By leaving purses, wallets, book bags, money, and other valuable items in visible locations unattended, you are encouraging theft to occur. You should always keep these items in a secure or locked location. Purses or wallets should remain with you at all times or in a locked desk, locker or file cabinet. By taking a few simple precautions, you will reduce the risk of becoming a victim of theft.

Spring Semester Academic Schedule

Classes Begin ~ January 12th

Classes End ~ May 1st

Exam Week ~ May 3-6

Holidays ~ Martin Luther King Day, January 19th & President's Day, February 16th

Spring Break ~ March 22nd-27th

Graduation ~ May 16th

A Few Study Tips

- 1) Stick to a routine, efficient study schedule
- 2) Avoid daydreaming by asking yourself questions about the material as you study it
- 3) Find yourself a good place to study: library, classroom, kitchen table. Anyway quiet and with supplies (table, pens, pencils)
- 4) Start studying at least 5 days before a test
- 5) Compare lecture notes to book, write a new copy of your notes that is neat, orderly and has additional book information. This way when you study, you have everything on one sheet, instead of flipping through scribbled notes, and your book.

February 5, from 10-2 in the student lounge a Franklin University representative will be on campus.