

The Student Informer



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The officer team of the Beta Gamma Epsilon chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Stark State College recently voted to sponsor a community volunteer website through the local United Way office (United Way of Greater Stark County). This community volunteer website, www.1-800-Volunteer.org, is a national database that brings nonprofit organizations and volunteers together. This particular site is even mentioned on the popular TV program, Extreme Home Makeover.

The above site can be used by anyone and the search can be narrowed to a particular area. For example, if you were to enter the zip code 44720 and do a search, it would take you to the volunteer site for Stark County. Any club or organization on campus may use this site to both seek community volunteers for their projects and to seek volunteer opportunities within the community. This is an excellent opportunity to get out into the community and make a difference as well as promote the benefits of your organization. This is a win-win situation for all involved!

Parking decals & General Parking Regulations

Provided by Mary Klever



Student parking decals are issued through the Campus Security Office and change every **summer** semester. Decals are good for summer/fall/spring semesters; however, in summer, students are required to purchase a new decal. While parking on campus, all vehicles must display a current student parking decal, either adhered on the lower right corner of the front windshield (passenger's side) or on a plastic hanger from the rear view mirror (hangers are available in the College Bookstore). A vehicle without a decal is in violation and a ticket will be issued to that vehicle. All license plate numbers must be registered with the Security Office. Failure to do so could result in the loss of parking privileges. There is a sign-in sheet in the Security Office in the event that you are driving a vehicle that day that does not have a decal.

Registered students are not permitted to park in the Visitors' Lot at any time. Student parking is permitted only in designated student areas. All vehicles must be parked between the lined spaces on the lot. Student parking is permitted in the Kent State Stark overflow parking lot only when the Stark State lot is full. All Kent State parking rules apply to SSCT. The parking area in front of the Learning Resource Center marked "KSU parking only" is not to be used by Stark State.



It is now a Stark State College policy to restrict smoking areas. It has been established that any area within 20 feet of a doorway is a "No Smoking" zone. The 20-foot rule will still apply even in the absence of signs. Help us make this a smooth transition. This is a school policy and violations should be reported to Security Department at ext. 4367.

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From the Editor

We all now have an opportunity to do something that has never been done before; be involved with learning at Stark State College during the year 2007. Nobody before us has had this responsibility. It puts the start of this New Year in a different perspective for me. If not achieved in the next 12 months, it will have to wait until 2008. Something you want to do this year?

As I write this, the daylight hours are already getting longer. The Winter Solstice is behind us, and even though this winter has been mild, most of us are waiting for the emergence of the groundhog. Admittedly, we want him to see his shadow. A creature of habit, I am even now looking forward to the “dog days of summer. Normally at this time we would be digging out from under piles of snow, frustrated with the wind-chill factor, the lake effect, and Jack Frost nipping at our nose. How much better off we would be if we could only learn to take one season at a time. In fact, there is a reason for every season. Let the semester begin!

Preventive Dental Services



Our dental hygiene students perform the following services under the supervision of licensed dental professionals. Please note that our services are in no way intended to replace comprehensive dental care provided by your dentist. Our services are limited to preventive services only. We do not offer fillings, extractions, etc., nor do we treat dental emergencies.

For a list of the preventive services offered or for more information, contact the dental hygiene department.

Stark Campus Library/Learning Resource Center ~

Stark State College shares a Learning Resource Center (LRC) with Kent State University – Stark Campus to serve the needs of students at both campuses. In addition to in-house book, periodical, reference, video and CD holdings, the LRC offers students online access to the Internet, Kent State University’s main campus library and all branch libraries, as well as access to many university libraries through OhioLink.

The LRC is located on our shared campus, just south of the KSU Fine Arts Building and is available to Stark State students, faculty and staff who present their current ID cards. The library is open during the following hours: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. or as posted.

“The love of one’s country is a splendid thing. But why should love stop at the border?” --Paulo Casals

**IMPORTANT
DATES**

SPRING SEMESTER 2007 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- Martin Luther King Day Holiday January 15
- Spring Semester Classes Begin January 16
- Last Day to Add a Course January 19
- Presidents’ Day Holiday February 19
- Last Day to Withdraw from First 8-Week Session February 20
- First 8-Week Session Ends March 9
- Second 8-Week Session Begins March 12
- Spring Semester Break March 19 – 25
- Saturday/Sunday of Break Week – College Closed March 24 – 25
- Last Day to Withdraw from 16-Week Session April 9
- Open House April 15
- Last Day to Withdraw from Second 8-Week Session April 16
- Last Day of Classes May 6
- Final Exams May 7 - 13
- Grades Due via Web on Monday by 9:00 a.m. May 14 (by 9:00 a.m.)
- Graduation May 20

CAMPUS CLOSING POLICY

In the event that Stark State College should need to delay or cancel classes (especially due to inclement weather), students, faculty and staff should check the following sources for official notifications. Notifications will represent the cancellation of both day and evening classes, unless otherwise specified in the notification, i.e., night classes only are cancelled. The most official, accurate posting will be on the College Switchboard at 330-494-6170 and the College Web site at www.starkstate.edu. If you have any questions or concerns, especially during inclement weather, please check those sites frequently for updates. Cancellation notifications will be

Radio Stations

- WHBC 1480 AM / 94.1 FM
- WJER 1450 AM / 101.7 FM
- WAKR 1590 AM
- WONE 97.5 AM
- WHLO 640 AM
- WTAM 1100 AM
- WQMX 94.5 FM
- WMVX 106.5 FM
- WMJI 105.7 FM
- WGAR 99.5 FM
- WAKS 96.5 FM
- WMMS 100.7 FM
- WKDD 98.1 FM
- WCRF 103.3 FM
- WCPN 90.3 FM

Akron and Cleveland Television Stations: iAlert Stations below:

- WKYC-TV CHANNEL 3
- WOIO-TV CHANNEL 19/CHANNEL 9
- WUAB-TV CHANNEL 43
- WVIZ-TV CHANNEL 25

Additional Cleveland Stations:

- WEWS-TV CHANNEL 5
- WJMW-TV CHANNEL 8

WeatherPLUS:

- Time Warner Digital 522

Stark State climbs to seventh among fastest growing Two-year colleges in the United States

Stark State College is the seventh fastest growing two-year college in the nation among two-year colleges with enrollment of 5,000 – 9,999, according to a December report issued by the U.S. Department of Education. In just three years, Stark State jumped from ranking 30th in 2004, to 11th in 2005, and now, to seventh.

Ohio's largest technical college, Stark State's enrollment grew by 9.6% fall semester to an official headcount of 7660 credit students, an addition of 660 students. Summer enrollment grew by 17% over the previous summer enrollment, adding nearly 400 students to the campus.



“The College’s sustained dramatic growth reflects the community’s recognition of the value of a Stark State associate degree. The economy in Stark County has changed. The skills mastered in a Stark State associate degree – technical, computational, communications, data and systems analysis, problem-solving – are the pre-requisite for a career in today’s economy. Our students fully appreciate our high academic quality, experienced faculty, market-driven programs and affordability,” said Dr. John O’Donnell, president of Stark State College.

“The highest result of education is tolerance.” -Helen Keller (1880 - 1968), 'Optimism,' 1903

“The aging process has you firmly in its grasp if you never get the urge to throw a snowball.” -Doug Larson

Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself. -Chinese Proverb

One Good Dog

Submitted by Melissa Schuller

Of all God's creations, the dog was his best idea. I had a dog who embodied a spirit so pure he could only have been divinely inspired.



I wanted a dog; specifically, I wanted a German Shepherd. Growing up, as I did, in the era of Rin Tin Tin and Roy Roger's Bullet, I drove to the breeder's kennel expecting to select a dog of heroic proportion and alight with intelligence. What I saw was Blackjack. He grinned at me from his cardboard box; one ear stood upright while the other lay flat against his head. His impossible large feet supported a pot-bellied, little body, and his skinny whip of a tail hammered the side of his box. Joy and good-will radiated from him, and I had no option but to take him home. I was in love.

Eventually, Jack outgrew his puppy awkwardness and became a very large and extremely handsome representative of his breed. His golden eyes gazed calmly out of his beautiful face, and his long feathered tail gracefully fanned the air, but his sweet nature was his most beguiling feature. Jack wanted to be friends with every creature he encountered and exhibited gentlemanly hospitality, often bringing pals home to meet the folks. Once, a Boston Terrier trotted in on Jack's heels and made himself at home while I contacted his owner. Another time I opened the door to find Jack had invited two Doberman Pinschers to visit. He played daily with the tiny poodle next door, routinely engulfing his little friend in his huge jaws to the horror of the poodle's elderly mistress.

Jack loved people and thought everyone who pulled into the driveway had come to see him. Friends, relatives, and tradesmen were accustomed to Jack launching himself through the screen door and accepted the slobbery onslaught in the spirit with which it was offered. To the uninitiated, however, the sight of the big dog propelling his front end into their car window and grinning with a full compliment of gleaming, white teeth was a bit disconcerting. Jack's favorite visitor was a Jehovah's Witness who came on the pretext of spreading the Word but really came to see Jack, and the young man never failed to bring a pocketful of treats.

Unfortunately, time caught up with Jack, and he began to show signs of benign old age. He developed arthritis, and his appetite fell off. He lost his hearing but never his enthusiasm. Finally, he suffered a stroke, and I knew we had reached the end of the road. He laid on the examination table while the vet filled the syringe. I stroked his lovely head and told him what a dear friend he had been, I loved him, and I would miss him terribly. Jack's tail thumped the table, and grinned at me one more time. I knew he was saying, "I always tried to be a real good dog." The vet slipped the needle into a vein in Jack's foreleg, and he was gone.

I buried Jack under a big maple tree where he and Beau, the poodle, had lain to escape the summer sun. Blackjack set such an impossibly high standard that I have not been able to have another dog. The possibility remains open, however, that I might happen upon a litter of puppies, and one pup will grin at me.

MOCK INTERVIEWS **WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 7, 2007 &** **FRIDAY – MARCH 23, 2007**

Are you looking for a job? Do you feel uncomfortable talking with prospective employers?
Would you like to have an employer in the Human Resources area critique your interviewing skills?

If you answered "YES" to any of the above.... register today in the Career Services for a **MOCK INTERVIEW!**

Stop by the Career Services Office Room S-100 to schedule a time or call (330) 966-5459

Being prepared for the job interview makes you the WINNER!!

February Employer: Kevin Prorok – Staffing Coordinator from Seifert Associates, Inc.
March Employer: Cheryl Phillips – Human Resource Generalist from Harry London Candies, Inc.

