

# SCAN Staff Council Activities & News

## Escape Into Summer

Although many dedicated students are still hitting the books this summer, the atmosphere around campus has shifted from a frenzied rush to a sense of calm relaxation. It's a perfect time to enjoy your lunch break sitting near Froggie, picnicking by the duck pond, or taking a leisurely stroll around campus.

This warm lull presents staff with a wonderful opportunity to rejuvenate the soul and revitalize the work spirit before diving into another academic year. With fewer students on campus, it is an ideal time to explore the university's resources for fitness, recreation, and enlightenment. You can find ways to take mini-vacations right here on campus, even if you are unable to take a holiday.

Have you marked your calendar for the Ball State Family Picnic yet? On July 10th, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., you can meet with other staff and professionals at the Quad. Bring your family along to be part of the fun—with live music, carnival games, and face painting, there is something for everyone to enjoy.



At work, you can take advantage of something you may not experience much of during the regular academic year: TIME. Use it wisely to get organized for Fall by cleaning out unused files, taking advantage of training and devel-

opment opportunities, and by working on your evaluation goals.

Make yourself a promise right now that this summer is going to be your best one ever. You've earned it!

### Important Change to R.F.I.'s

In order to serve you in the most effective and resourceful manner possible, all R.F.I.'s will be reviewed by the Executive Committee for inclusion on that month's Staff Council meeting agenda. This will enable the Committee to exclude requests that are redundant, inappropriate, or outside of the Council's scope—thereby allowing the Council to turn their full attention to the issues that concern the staff community. In some cases, an R.F.I. may not be presented to the agenda because an answer is readily available. In these situations, a member of the Executive Committee will respond to the submitter of the R.F.I..

Of course, there is no way for the Committee to respond to R.F.I.'s submitted anonymously. If you submitted an R.F.I. anonymously and it does not appear on the agenda for the next month's meeting, please contact your representative or a member of the Executive Committee for a reply.

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# Your New 2008-2009 Staff Council Representatives

The Staff Council Elections Committee did an outstanding job distributing election ballots and tallying votes to fill vacancies for next year's Council Representatives and Alternates. While many experienced representatives will be returning next year, some of our "veterans" will be stepping down from their posts. We would like to thank everyone for their hard work this year, and we would also like to welcome the staff that you have chosen to be your voice for the 2008-2009 academic year.

## Representatives Voted In For 2008-2009

Staff Council Area	Representative	Alternate
Administration Building	Loretta Smith	Angela Zahner, Dianna Cook
Alumni Center, EB Ball Center	Carol Terry	Kate Murray
Applied Technology, Fine Arts, Research House, West Quad	Connie Tyner	Brenda Ayers
Architecture & Planning, Printing Services	Marilyn Davis	
Art & Journalism, University Food Court, Noyer Dining, Woodworth Dining	Debra Worster	Amy Hardesty
Arts & Communication, Emens, Music	Janet Johns	Ranae Burkett
Ball Communication, Letterman	Kim Hiatt	Max Hunt
Bracken Library	Sandy Duncan	Marilyn Coleman
Bracken Library	Amanda Mills	Bradley Johnston
Burkhardt, North Quad	Jennifer Lawson	Janet Ritchie
Carmicheal	Cathy Cunningham	Robert Cope
Lucina	Lynn Shipley	Monica Roberts
Lucina	Coralee Young	John Knox
Parking Services, Public Safety, Telephone Services	Joyce Lewis	Rhonda Clark
Services & Stores, Showalter, Inventory Control, North Grounds, South Grounds, South Services	Victoria Tucker	Roger Hassenzahl
Whitinger Building	Lee Anne Shore	Teresa Kennedy
Services & Stores Group Leaders	Ted Workman	Craig Upchurch

A complete list of Staff Council Representatives can be found at <http://bsu.edu/staffcouncil>  
 This list will be updated when the new terms take effect.

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# Spotlight on Education Benefits— Fee Remission for Eligible Staff

Is time, money, lack of interest, or the feeling that “I’m too old” holding you back from taking advantage of your Ball State education benefits? Or, are you just scared of making a change?

Taking college coursework can boost your self-confidence, spark your creative energy, make you more marketable for lucrative career opportunities, AND increase your earnings in the long-run. Summer is the perfect time to consider all of your options and to make a plan that suits your goals; in fact, it’s not too late to get registered for a class or two this coming Fall!

If you have been employed by Ball State for 12 consecutive months, you can take up to six credit hours per semester of undergraduate courses and have 100% of the tuition fees waived by the university. For graduate courses, the university will waive either 50% of the total fees, or the contingent portion of graduate course fees and general fees of on-campus instruction. You will still be responsible for special fees and for buying required textbooks, so setting aside a budget for education expenses will prepare you for to meet your goals. If cost is a deterrent, check with the [Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid](#) at 285-5600 for information about scholarships, grants, and financial aid.

Whether you are looking to increase your job skills or want to take advantage of employment opportunities in other departments, Ball State offers a variety of classes that will boost your productivity and enhance your resume. When considering performance potential, current and potential supervisors will notice that you are an individual who is dedicated to continued professional development that has highly desirable time-management skills. This is in addition to the practical skills and experience you will gain!

Ball State offers a variety of classes to meet your scheduling needs, including online classes that will allow you to work in the time and space that you prefer. If you are worried about getting back into the homework groove, the University Libraries has dedicated professionals available for research assistance via scheduled appointments, live chat, email communications, and drop-in visits.

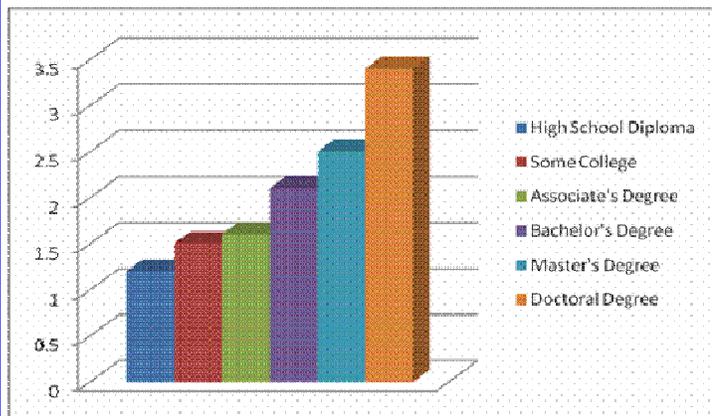
You also have access to over 400 public computer stations, laptops that you can check out, and a plethora of books, articles, and electronic resources to help ensure your academic success. Are you unsure which class is right for you? The [Office of Academic Advising](#) can help you. Going back to school doesn’t have to be overwhelming—not when there are so many resources and people here to help guide you.

For more information about how to take advantage of your education benefits, check out the University Human Resources [FAQ page](#), or call their office at 285-1032. The only regret you may have is that you waited this long to invest in yourself.

## Top Picks to Get You Started Offered Fall 2008

- Introduction to Business (BUSAD 101)
- Fundamentals of Public Communication (COMM 210)
- Introduction to Microcomputers (CS 104)
- Personal Finance (FIN 110)
- Project Management (ISOM 300)
- Management Principles (MGT 200)
- Fundamentals of Marketing (MKG 200)
- Principles of Risk Management and Insurance (RMI 270)
- Beginning Spanish (SP 101)
- American Sign Language 1 (SNLNG 251)

Average Lifetime Earnings—Different Education Levels  
(In MILLIONS \$)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Current Population Surveys, March 1998, 1999,

## Next Meeting

July 17th  
1:15 p.m.  
Location TBA



## Drive Away Fuel Frustrations

<http://www.bsu.edu/staffcouncil>

### Quick HealthTip: SUN SAFETY

Have you ever put on sunblock, only to find yourself surprised with a sunburn? The active ingredients in sunscreen become less-effective after three years, so it is important to replace old leftover lotions with new products. Look for the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Seal of Recognition when purchasing.

One million Americans will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year, so protect yourself and your loved ones by: applying sunscreen 30 minutes BEFORE going outdoors, reapplying at least every two hours, and by reapplying after swimming or sweating heavily.

EVERYBODY is talking about the high cost of gasoline and giving you tips on how to spend your summer without spending your savings. Therefore, we are going to take a different “spin around the block” —below are some fabulous ways to get behind the wheel and remember why it is we love our pesky automobiles so much.

**SPEED IT UP!** Just 25 miles south of Muncie, you can get behind the wheel of a rental go-kart and compete on a 1 mile race track at speeds up to 55 mph. These are not the little go-karts you’ll find next to your favorite putt-putt holes. No, these bad boys are guaranteed to get your adrenaline pumping as you pretend you’re in the Indy 500. Check out the [New Castle Motorsports Park Website](#) for more information, or call (765) 987-8090.

**STAY IN YOUR CAR!** Get nostalgic and enjoy your favorite new movie releases under the night sky by hitting a nearby drive-in theater. At just \$7.00 per adult and children 5-12 years old just \$3.00, you get to see not one, but TWO feature films. Bringing your own food and drinks is allowed, so you can save money there, too, or you can be naughty and enjoy decadent delights like chilli cheese fries, nachos, and burgers from the concession stand. Check out [Skyvue Drive-In’s Website](#) to see what’s showing this weekend, or call (765) 987-8630. Hint: it’s close to the go-kart track, so you can make a day of it!



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**BURN SOME RUBBER!** A ten dollar admission fee offers you a free pit pass to being close to the action, and children under 11 years old are FREE! Get in on the excitement, smell the fuel burning, hear the engines rev, and watch in suspense while these crazy men and women get to crazy fast speeds within a tiny stretch of pavement. You won’t want to be next to them at a spotlight, but you can see them at the [Muncie Dragway](#). Check out their Website for special events, or call (765) 789-8470.

**CHECK OUT THE CLASSICS!** The whole family will enjoy the power and beauty of American Classic Automobiles! Step into the past and imagine being behind the wheel of a work of art—just visit any of the many Classic Car Shows scheduled this summer in Indiana. To find an event that will work into your plans, check out the [Hubcap Café](#) calendar.

## SCAN Goes on Summer Vacation!

That’s right! SCAN is on vacation for summer! We’ll be back in the Fall to give you more of the news you can use and to keep you updated on Staff Council activities. Until then, you can keep track of meeting minutes and browse through our SCAN Archives from the Staff Council Web pages, at [www.bsu.edu/staffcouncil](http://www.bsu.edu/staffcouncil). Have a great summer!

