Goodman performs

Gerald Goodman, the only man who sings and accompanies himself on the harp, will perform here tonight at 8 in Lecture Hall 100.

In the romantic tradition of the wandering troubadour, Goodman has concertized widely throughout his native United States and Canada. He has made recent appearances with leading orchestras in Carnegie Hall.

Goodman adapts ancient legends and ballads to his own musical arrangements. He plans to play 19 selections tonight, ranging from French folk songs to American ballads and theatrical numbers.

According to his program, he "re-creates a forgotten majesty of the past for modern audiences."

Admission is free to all Branch students while other students will be charged 50 cents and adults $1.00.

Tropea is back

Registrar Dante Tropea was welcomed back to the Stark County Branch this week following a two-month bout with pneumonia.

Director Jack D. Morehart announced that Mr. Tropea will serve in a counseling capacity in the student affairs department during a recovery period and that Prof. Lee Brubaker of the English department will serve as acting registrar.

Bond cops out on appearance here

About 300 people were turned away December 13 when Julian Bond, a controversial Georgia Democrat, failed to keep a speaking engagement here.

Bond had sent a telegram to Student Affairs Director Warner D. Mendenhall, December 10, informing him that he would not appear for personal reasons. It was speculated by some that Bond was being considered for a government post by President-Elect Richard Nixon at that time, although this failed to materialize.

John Hartsock, director of the Student Activities Council which was to sponsor Bond's appearance, was notified of the cancellation by David Seffens, president of the student body.

According to Hartsock, "I proceeded into conference with Mr. Mendenhall and Seffens in a state of unbelieving shock."

A call was made to The American Program, a booking agency representing Bond. An employee of the agency expressed no knowledge of the cancellation and made a futile attempt to locate Bond.

On December 15, Mr. Citron of the agency called Mendenhall and confirmed Bond's previous cancellation. He offered 20 different substitutes, none of which was acceptable, according to Hartsock.

Hartsock stated that Bond will not be rescheduled this year because Bond did not give sufficient reason for the cancellation.

"I feel that it is the responsibility of every person to fulfill his obligations if he is physically able", said Hartsock.

The complete text of Bond's telegram reads: "Personal business at home forces to cancel the speech. Please forgive the late notice."

And now, may I have the envelope?

Trite but true, the MC will probably coin that phrase before one of the ten girls pictured here is proclaimed the 1969 Stark Branch Homecoming Queen at the January 22 pageant in Lecture Hall 100.

And then, either Elaine Cebulko, Linda Ciccinni, Charlotte Dornhecker, Nancy Finzer, Linda Hunt, Carol Keith, Pam Steinbach, Diane Young, Cheryl Shackelford or Lynne Warner will blush and receive her crown and roses.

The ten candidates were elected during winter quarter registration by 384 out of a possible 1,800 Branch student voters.

Dan Sprankle, treasurer of student government, will be master of ceremonies at the pageant which is open to all and will begin at 3 p.m.

The girls will be judged on poise, dress and talent by a panel of judges, yet to be announced.

In addition to the queen, three attendants will be chosen from the candidates at the assembly.

Wit and skits are also on tap for the event, according to Bob Sullivan, Homecoming chairman.

The queen and her court will reign during the Homecoming dance after the January 25 basketball game with East Liverpool in the Oakwood High School gym.

In addition, she will represent the Branch at the state branch basketball tournament, February 6, 7 and 8 at New Philadelphia and at the annual Campus Day festivities on main campus this spring.
Senate moves ahead

Stark County Branch's student senate has come a long way since its inception last year. To say the least, it was a rough inception. Criticism was leveled at the body from all sides.

Today, the student senate's success is a tribute to those students who withstood last year's criticism.

The greatest contribution of the first student senate was the formulation of guidelines and principles for its members to follow. By-laws and adopted forms for bills, resolutions and committee reports do not make exciting headlines, but they do lay down a foundation for a strong organization.

Important legislation has been passed effectively and impressively. The recent beer resolution showed much more thought and foresight than its main campus counterpart.

Much of the credit for this success goes to the executive branch of student government. Bill Eaglowski, vice-president of the student body, worked hard and patiently to mold an effective senate. After he took office last spring quarter, the senate found the leadership that enabled it to move ahead.

Student senate legislation includes an anti-gun resolution, a bill to establish a softball field, the establishment of a motorcycle parking lot, permission of 3.2 beer on campus here, a resolution to encourage the fast approval of fund allocations for a new building, a bill to allocate $100 to the Ronnie Harris scholarship fund, the choice of a school mascot and a resolution to open the library the weekend before exams.

As a senator, I am proud to be a part of a group of students who have formed a senate that really produces worthwhile results.

But just as important is how we produce those results. When a legislative body passes bills which are irregular in form and adoption, the bills have little significance. Just as important is how a bill is placed on the senate floor and the manner in which it is handled.

The set rules of Stark Branch's senate are the signs of a responsible, deliberative body. And as a result, it is hard for individuals or small groups to push adoption of unpopular (or irresponsible) legislation. The bills coming from a highly organized legislature such as ours are more official and in addition, responsible senators have the opportunity to carefully consider and question the legislation set before them.

I think I can speak for all of my colleagues when I say we feel that our senate is a responsible and democratic organization.

1800 swell ranks

Winter registration climbed to a new high this year with about 1,800 students. This tops last year's mark by 125 students.

The number includes 195 new students, according to the admissions office. There are 39 admission requests pending.

Approximately 1,900 people registered during regular and late registration. There were about 100 expected dismissals.

The largest single registration day was December 20, when 700 people registered. The number of students registering on other days included 600 on December 21, 450 on December 23 and 150 on December 30.

There were 1,686 students taking courses here winter quarter last year. The exact number this year will be known in about a week.

Document file ready

A notebook containing all documents of the student government is now available in the library, according to Robert Bernier, chairman of the student senate communications committee which prepared the book.

The notebook contains all of the bills and resolutions passed by the senate, student senate minutes, committee reports, proclamations by the president of the student body and the student government constitution. It also contains the student senate by-laws, the constitutions of all clubs and organizations and the student senate attendance record.

The book is on reserve and may be obtained at the desk.
Greek news

Have you always wanted to pledge to a fraternity or sorority? Well, if you are at least a second quarter freshman you can attend the rush parties being held this coming week to see if the organizations are for you or not.

Here, according to Flo Smilaycuff, Greek Council chairman, is the schedule for the rush parties beginning Sunday:

For PHI DELTA PSI fraternity, the open party will be held January 14, 4:30-6 p.m. The closed parties, open by invitation only, will be January 15, 4:30-6 p.m., and January 18, 8-12 midnight. Dates are to accompany prospective pledges this night.

The times for ALPHA DELTA OMEGA sorority’s rushes are January 12, 3-5 p.m. and January 15, 7:30-10:30 p.m. with the closed parties being January 17, 8 p.m. and January 19, at 11 a.m.

SIGMA CHI BETA sorority has scheduled its rushes for January 12, 5-7 p.m., and January 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. while the closed parties will be January 17 at 8 p.m. and January 19, 7-9 p.m.

For KAPPA SIGMA UPSILON sorority, the open parties are January 12, 7-9 p.m. and January 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the closed parties being held January 17, at 8 p.m. and January 19, 2-4 p.m.

Bids will be handed out Wednesday, January 22, at 5 p.m. in the Greek Room, 219.

Tickets, fines coming

Beginning Monday, parking tickets will replace the warning cards currently being used to warn parking lot violators here.

The new tickets carry fines which start at $2.00, depending on prompt payment, according to Sgt. James Mitchell of the Stark Branch Campus Police.

Fines may be paid either by mail or in person in the Office of Business Affairs.

Cobras rebound after first defeat

After sustaining their first loss of the season at Ashtabula, the Cobras rebounded to dump Ohio State Mansfield 111-77, Kent Wadsworth 103-80 and Bowling Green Sandusky 120-50.

The Stark Branch basketball team traveled to Ashtabula in an easy going mood, but found they could not remain so during the game. The Cobras led 35-31 after a tight first half and by eight points at one time in the second half. However, after the injured Terry Byers left the game and Rick Swank, Chester Bryant and Henry McGhee fouled out, the lead was lost.

Stark found itself down by two with seven seconds left and a game saving one-and-one foul shot situation. The shot failed to connect and a last second bucket by Ashtabula made the score 82-78.

Although the Cobras led from the field with 30 of 64 for 47% over Ashtabula’s 31 of 84 for 37%, the game was lost at the foul line where

Faculty fails

The faculty failed? In what? In basketball. In a preview of the Stark-Wadsworth game a faculty team met the Stark reserves and were downed 79-36.

In what could be called the basketball farce of the year, the reserves sported a team consisting of anywhere from one to six players. Midnight shots were spiked by the sideline theatrics of temporary reserve coach Dave Seffens.

Mr. Austin and Mr. Bettisworth led the faculty team, while Cliff Ball and Darrel Sutton were the reserve leaders. The faculty scored four points in the last two minutes against the reserve’s lone man on the court, Jerry "Camel" Iams.

Forty-three points will have to be made up somewhere. Good luck on your grades reserves!

Ashtabula hit 20 of 28 for 71% over the Cobras’ 18 of 33 for 54%.

The following night, Stark put everything together in a strong comeback against Mansfield. Coach Bob Kistler noted that “the team wanted this one badly because of last night’s loss.” Guy Mack paced the Cobras to a single game scoring record of 111 points with 40 points of his own.

Swank and Mack led Stark who were without the services of Byers, Bryant and McGhee, to a second victory over Wadsworth with 34 points each. Ed Gerzina capably filled the forward position while Bob Czakel and Tim Trbovich alternated at the vacant guard spot.

Stark broke the scoring record in dominating Sandusky 120-50. Sandusky’s playground-type basketball could not cope with Stark’s power.

The Cobras stressed defense in the second half and held their opponents to twenty points in as many minutes in that period. Nearly every member of the team had a hand in breaking the record.
REAL ART
Art 101 is always closed before the end of registration. Maybe it’s the course’s subject matter. Last quarter, day classes spent much of their time drawing from muscle men models. Night students sketched a nude woman.

RONNIE ON COMMITTEE
Ronnie Harris, Stark Branch’s Olympic gold medal winner, will join Rafer Johnson, Stan Mikita, Paul Hornung, Joey Giardello, Bob Mathias and Diane Holom as a member of a special Olympic committee being organized by the Kennedy Foundation.

The group’s purpose will be to create opportunities for sports training and athletic competition for retarded children.

FLICK TIME AGAIN
The Student Activities Council will present the film "The War Wagon" January 17 at 8 p.m. in Lecture Hall 100.

The western stars John Wayne and Kirk Douglas and concerns the exploits of five bandits who capture a half million dollars in gold bullion.

On a scale of one to ten, we would rate the flick six, although the last time we saw it, Captain Penny made a personal appearance during its intermission which influenced the rating somewhat.

You can get in for a quarter.

ALMOST IS NOT ENOUGH
Stark Branch has almost everything: three lounges, piped-in music, a juke box, special classrooms for student government executives and Greeks, a police force and a large non-academic staff.

But there are a few things we would like to see added like a desperately needed language lab, more science equipment, more magazines in the library, world globes, classroom American flags, a portable TV in the student lounge (to be used during space shots, assassinations and world crises), an annual literary magazine, more courses, and, of course, more teachers.

Dreamy Joanie
Freshman Joanie Rafeld is Sigma Chi Epsilon’s Dream Girl ’69.

As a result, she was raffled off to Ted (remember Father Time?) Byers for a "dream date" on the fraternity.

The couple traveled in a Ford LTD to the Village Theatre and later the Tangiers Restaurant, both in Akron.

Chairmen for the event were John Schick and Roger Justice. Tom Burkhardt served as chauffeur while Clive Bailey handled the doorman’s chores.

Tradition begins
Sounds of the German Christmas carol "O Tannenbaum" filled the air on the Stark Branch campus December 6.

The number, sung in German by warmly bundled Stark Branch Men’s Glee Club members, marked a part of a unique ceremony that may become tradition on the campus.

Members of Sigma Chi Epsilon planted a 4-1/2 foot blue spruce "Christmas tree" near the main entrance.

They intend to return each year on the last day of Fall Quarter and decorate the tree which was donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Schick of 947 Pineview Ave. S.E. N. Canton.

Branch Director, Jack D. Morehart, president of Sigma Chi Epsilon, Larry Wilgus, and president of the student body, David Seffens, turned the first spade.

Homecoming
Stark County Branch
January 22
Queen Pageant
3-5 p.m. Lecture Hall 100

January 25
Basketball game at Oakwood High School

Semi-formal dance after basketball game