Eat, talk with mayor

Students wishing to participate in Canton Mayor Stanley Cmich's bi-weekly breakfast with area college students should contact Rev. William Casto, director of Interfaith Campus Ministry, in his office near the library.

The breakfasts, beginning Monday, are planned as discussion sessions of student problems relevant to the mayor.

Athletes honored

Stark Branch's Athletic Dept. was congratulated Sunday, February 16, by the student senate.

The action was in the form of a resolution which was passed unanimously.

In other action the student senate: passed a resolution asking students to take care of school property, passed bills to allocate money for the purpose of plaques for assistant coaches Arvis Averette and Robert Austin, contribute to the purchase of an award for the most valuable player Guy Mack and for cement to build a permanent orientation K.

The senate also approved the appointments of Jim Jackson and Paul Schott Jr. as senior senators.

Practice brings award

For the cheerleaders, like every other part of Stark Branch's athletic program, it has been an award filled season.

Advised by Mrs. Kathi Walz, the seven girls were voted best of the state branch squads at the Ohio tournament February 8.

The road to Number One was not easy, according to cheerleader Madalana Matter.

"It took lots of practicing -- ever since school started," she said.

Columnist focuses on campus battles

By Jim Hillibish

Nationally syndicated columnist Thomas W. Braden spoke here last Friday on the Central Intelligence Agency.

But in a conversation while enroute from Cleveland, his thoughts focused on the current campus wars being waged today in six states.

A former president of the California board of education and a trustee of California state colleges, Braden spoke from firsthand experience when he said, "There is something wrong with colleges or you wouldn't have protests."

"What we are seeing today is the result of most colleges ignoring their students," he said.

Citing California colleges, he claimed that a primary reason for their numerous student revolts is that many students were de-personalized by their schools.

"The colleges became so large that the students felt like IBM numbers which in a sense is what they were," he said.

Braden credits the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) with many of the insurrections.

However, he observed that today the SDS has lost power because the group has completed a full circle and is now protesting against what it originally fought for.

An example of this was the SDS backed protest on the main campus of Oakland Police Department recruiters. In Berkeley, the SDS won the right of anyone to speak at the California school yet in the KSU instance, the group tried to hinder the recruiters' right of free speech.

Separating the current demonstrations of some Black students from the general strikes of students in the past, Braden said, "The Negroes want self-respect and we (the whites) have denied it to them long enough.

"Studies in Black history and culture is a way of furthering understanding between races, but self-respect will not be gained for anyone overnight," he added.

In a negative respect, Braden claimed that the issuance of non-negotiable demands by Black students to college administrators will only lead to degrading the quality of everyone's education.

Although he does not condone the violence frequently accompanied by them, Braden said that campus wars have forced some college officials to make significant changes; i.e. re-orientation of students to faculty and the end of ROTC as an academic subject.

According to him, many of today's campus revolts are "over-reaching and over-reacting" and will die in the future because of a lack of causes.

Cheerleaders (left to right) Elaine Cebulkto, Linda Cicchinelli, Linda Hunt, Madalana Matter, Jan Tedrick and Lynne Warner perform their "Dizzy" routine. Absent is Debbv Zingler.
Letters

Editor:

Instead of our campus police handing out tickets for cars parked in the area reserved for teachers and staff in the main lot (which is very rarely used by them anyway), why don't the police ticket those who park in two or three spaces or park in the aisles?

I am sure many students here are getting tired of seeing these cars blocking the lot.

R. Zengler

Editor:

As we sit here in the student lounge, we are repulsed by the strains of the music which is entering our ears. Perhaps our tastes are different from others, but why can't a varied selection of music be offered which would appeal to many people? We would prefer silence to the music which is now being offered.

Music Lovers

Editor's note: If it is the piped in FM music in the lower level lounge that you object to, contact Student Body President David Seftens via the Hotline and state your complaint. The loud box music in the lower level sublounge is operated by the student senate and all complaints should be made to Vice-President Joe Skvarenina.

Softball money passed

Softball during lunch?

Students at Stark Branch who enjoy that sport will have ample opportunity to play this spring when a softball field is cleared and a backstop erected east of Cedar Chest Theatre (the renovated barn).

Plans for the field were completed last week when the student senate approved the allocation of $315 for the purchase and installation of a semi-permanent backstop.

The 12-foot structure will be purchased from the Hercules Fence Co. with money from the student senate treasury.

Terrific IS the only word!

Sure, there are other adjectives to describe Stark Branch's state champion number one history making Cobra basketball team, but the word terrific fits best.

Terrific - because of the stunning state championship they brought back from the Branch Basketball Tournament in New Philadelphia February 8.

Terrific - because of their 19-1 record, the best in this college's history.

Terrific - because of players like Guy Mack, Chester Bryant, Terry Byers, Rick Swank, Henry McGhee, Tom Calabrese, Bill Thompson, Cliff Ball, Ed Gerzina, Tim Trbovich, Carl Lea, Darrel Sutton, Jim Tedrick, Steve Bartusek, Rick Hoaja, Bob Czakel, Dave Snyder, Dave Kent, Jeff Snyder and Jerry Kent.

Terrific - because of coaches like Bob Kistler, Arvis Averette and Bob Austin.

The '68-'69 Cobras will never be forgotten. Through their outstanding effort and dedication on the basketball court, they have contributed to Stark Branch something even more important than the championship. The team has set a precedent of excellence for all students and organizations of this school to follow.

Senate fights fire with squirtgun

By Mike Ebert

A bored student sits in Lecture Hall 100. Having nothing better to do and being fascinated by his own strength, he rips the writing arm from his chair.

Conceivable, perhaps, but the lecture hall has not one but 20 arms ripped from the chairs.

Besides these arms, what bored student broke off the piano lid? Not once but twice!

And what frustrated music major, or perhaps destructive pervert, would tear-off five keys from the same piano and steal three of them?

Maybe the 18 broken light fixtures (costing $5.37 each) in the student lounge were all accidents. But how does one "accidently" cut two door stops off with a knife? And how does one accidentally put pencil holes in a ceiling?

Some students have a strange concept of revenge. They could be angry at something, anything, and take out their frustrations on school furnishings.

Perhaps they don't realize that in the long run, they themselves along with all the other students pay for the damage.

But that is okey; then they can scream when tuition costs go up.

Finally, the situation has come to the attention of the Stark Branch student senate, at least, and they have done something about the situation.

Something like "urge" the student body to "give more respect to the property of Kent State University Stark County Branch," as their proposed senate resolution is worded.

Is it possible that this resolution will not be completely effective?

15,000 books expected in library

By Bob Bernier

By September there should be 15,000 volumes on the shelves of the Stark Branch Library, according to Librarian Jane Keckler.

Mrs. Keckler reported an expected shipment of 1,100 books within the next two weeks as the first step toward that goal.

In addition to these books the library recently received the Great Books of the Western World series and the Education and Social Studies and Humanities index to periodicals.

Great Books of the Western World is a 54-volume set published by the Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc. It is of special interest to the English department, according to Mrs. Keckler.

The set, which contains most of the great writers, is particularly useful in quoting the masters on a topic for a paper or assignment.
THE NEW BAND
The basketball season is gone and with it the pep band which played during halftime for the majorettes.
Members of the band along with their director Albert Vinci have formed a dance band with hopes of playing at area dances.
They practice at 4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Anyone interested in joining the group should see Mr. Vinci during the practice sessions.

TROPHY TRAUMA
The biggest problem that arose out of Stark Branch's clean sweep of the State Branch Basketball Tournament two weeks ago was what to do with the trophies (30 in all).
The problem was solved by Student Body President David Seffens and through his efforts, Branch students can gloat over their victories in front of a new and nearly full trophy case.

COMING - THE RAT RACE
Spring quarter schedules will be available soon and that means that another registration rat race is about to begin.
We have received many complaints that the school's policy of holding registration during the quarter breaks instead of while classes are in session disrupts vacation plans.

Team reflects back on championship
By Bob George
Looking back at the past Stark Branch basketball season, team members may tend to be more objective than looking at the future.
"Our main strength was in our man to man defense," said Terry Byers. "But we also rebounded well and waited for the open shot which resulted in our good shooting percentages."
Terry and Cliff Ball both believed that free throws were a weakness and Cliff added team attitude and spirit to the plus side.
Ed Gerzina noted that "the pick worked well for us in isolating a man for that outside shot." Ed and Chester Bryant liked the box and one defense and thought it was most effective.
All of the team members agreed that the second Tuscarawas game and the second Salem game were the best of the season.

Happening on the Greek scene...
By Bill Wallace
Flo Smilaycoff has assumed the presidency of ALPHA DELTA O-MEGA sorority after President Sweetie Jackson moved to main campus.
Assuming the vice-presidency of the group is Ann Bollinger who is also the sorority's pledge mistress. SIGMA CHI BETA sorority members are holding a bake sale in the lower level lounge today from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Valentine's Day eve was celebrated by SIGMA CHI EPSILON fraternity with John Schick being dressed as "Joan" and given a sign to carry in the Lujan's Restaurant parking lot.
The fraternity's active members held a calisthenic session at 6 a.m. Val-
"The Importance of Being Earnest" will be presented tonight and tomorrow night by the Stark Branch University Theatre. Curtain time is 8 p.m. in the Cedar Chest Theatre (south of the building) for both presentations.

The play is a three-act intellectual farce by Oscar Wilde concerning the love affairs of two Victorian dandies.

The sarcasm of Wilde is seen throughout the drama as he inverts the Victorian values of death, love, baptism, marriage, birth and burial.

Cast members include Pam Steinbach, M. Cathy Smith, Barbara Ross, Kathy Selbert, John Canary, Tom Whipple, Jim Morrow, Bob Freeman and J. Roger Murphy.

Director of the play is University Theatre Advisor Denny Bettisworth, a speech and drama instructor here.

Freshman Glenn Richmond is student director for the production.

Branch students will be admitted free to the play while non-students and adults may purchase tickets at the door or in the lower level lounge for $1.

Pam Steinbach as Gwendolen and Kathy Selbert as Cecily console each other over their romantic problems centered around Algny and Jack.

Kathy, a junior in psychology, plays the part of an excessively pretty girl who has an imaginary romance with her Jack's brother who actually does not exist.

Gwendolen, Lady Bracknell's daughter, is the perfect socialist of mid-Victorian society and is madly in love with Jack.

Pam, a freshman, shows the character Gwendolen as always proper and without toleration for any actions that might spoil her amorous plans.

The part of Algernon Moncrieff is played by John Canary, a freshman majoring in theatre.

Freshman Barbara Ross, a theatre major, portrays the role of Lady Bracknell as a vain, domineering lady high-up on the ladder of social snobbery.

She flaunts her superiority in the faces of those she considers "beneath her" while planning the perfect life for her coquettish daughter, Gwendolen.