Students here answer 'no' to Akron U. proposal

Akron University wants to make Stark County Branch a south campus of that university.

After an editorial and a senate resolution against this, Montage went to the students and asked, "Do you favor the operation of Stark County Branch by Akron University rather than Kent State University, and, if so, why?"

Of more than 70 who were questioned, only two replied "yes." The rest answered "no" or would not make a judgement because of a lack of knowledge about Akron U.

The most frequent reason given by students favoring KSU was that Kent offered the better programs.

Sophomore George Noussias: "Hell no, my brother is a number at Akron; it's not that way here. Another reason is that Kent offers a much more decent program."

Sophomore Jay Warfield: "Being a branch of Kent State is much more beneficial to us. Kent offers a better and more diverse program."

An unidentified source said, "I happen to think that Kent is better. It is more qualified in more fields. It also receives more money from the state because it is a larger university."

Others simply do not want to attend Akron University.

Freshman Donna Paxton: "I don't favor it. I don't see any point in it. If I had wanted to go to Akron University, I would have gone there."

Sophomore Jim Hildebrand: "The simple reason is that I don't care for Akron University."

Sophomore Marty Esmont: "The reason I'm going here is because I want to attend KSU and not Akron."

A number of students cited a possible loss of credit hours as a prime reason for their opposition.

Sophomore Lee Panter: "I favor Kent because if Akron took over there would be a possible loss of hours and possibly a change in faculty."

Sophomore Stanley Smith: "The programs we are taking are in accordance with Kent, while Akron has entirely different programs which are unacceptable to me."

The two students who were in favor of Stark County Branch becoming the south campus of Akron University offered these reasons:

Purdy Westover: "Akron can help us expand much faster than Kent will. Akron is more local and offers better facilities, such as labs for science classes."

Unidentified: "Akron offers a better selection of courses than Kent does."

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Members of student senate are (seated, left to right) Mark Sokol, Joyce Canter, Frank Cicchinelli, Nancy Harold (executive secretary), Terry Schreffler, Richard Bertram, Linda Tatka, Denny Bope and Mike Baum. (Standing, left to right) Bob George, Marc Whitman, John Cooper, Pete Huegel, Richard Packa, George Stropki, Jim Massie and Mike Panasiti.
Editorial: Library, lounge misuse

Recent complaints have brought to our attention two problems which are beginning to assume dangerous proportions.

First and most important is the noise in the library and reading room. Primary among student concerns must be the respect of the library as a study and reference area and not a playground.

Control of this situation involves a respect for other students by all concerned. “We hope the saying, "If you act like a child, you will be treated like a child," does not become relevant in this situation.

The second problem concerns the card-playing in the main vending area of the lower lounge.

Many games are carried on all day, clogging areas so they cannot be cleaned and forcing students who would like to use a table to eat on to move elsewhere.

We feel that card-playing should be restricted to the secondary lounge where the juke box is located.

This would free the main vending area for people who want to eat. The problem was referred to student government for handling by the administrative council. We urge student government to analyze and solve the problem as soon as possible.

Instructor airs views on athletics

To the Editor,

Last Friday, in response to an abysmally Montage editorial criticizing athletics, a meeting was called which several of those present felt dangerously close to censorship.

How close the meeting came to threatening to violate the constitutional rights of freedom of the press will probably always be debatable. But that the risk of violating those fundamental rights was taken at all indicates the importance some at Stark attach to athletics.

If this were the only time that the muscle of the athletic department made itself felt at the Branch, the incident, though grave, might possibly be overlooked. Unfortunately, the muscle has been felt before as indicated by 1) the existence of the minimally functioning Cobrinas; 2) $600 blazers that each wears; 3) Dan Todd's inclusion in the group; 4) the fact that money from the school's operating budget was spent in partial payment for the televising of videotapes of four Cobra basketball games to audiences of questionable size over WJAN on Sunday afternoons; 5) the funding of the girl's basketball team from money designated for intramural sports; 6) the contest for queen that the school held after the student government cancelled theirs; 7) the low priority given intramural sports until this year; 8) the $600 more the school spent on its athletic banquet than it did on its academic awards dinner; 9) the little, if any, voice students and faculty had in recommending procedures to the athletic department, and consequently the little they had to say about the above items.

Clearly, faculty and students must recognize the privileged position athletics enjoy at Stark Branch. But they must do more. First, they must determine what level of priority athletics should have at the branch, and second, they must determine how that level be initially established and subsequently maintained.

These issues, if the events of this year are valid indicators, must be discussed thoroughly.

Team thanks fans

To the Editor:

This letter comes in deep appreciation to all the students and spectators who avidly supported our team at the game Saturday, February 14.

We especially want to thank the greatest cheering section, which were the guys. It is astonishing what loud voices can do for the morale of the team.

We are positive that the vocal support of the fans made us fight harder than ever for a game. It is really wonderful to hear you fellow students yelling so loudly for you when you are participating in any sport.

We wish to thank the athletic department also for all they have done for us. Without them, many things would not have been possible.

Again, thank you for waiting to have your intramurals and for supporting our team. We hope to see and hear you at all of our games.

The Women's Basketball Team
Group discusses militarism

By Terry Scott

"We have a definite right to demonstrate, and we should as long as violence does not enter into it," according to Captain Terry Klinger, assistant professor of military science at Kent State.

Speaking on "Militarism" at the last "Wednesday At Five" faculty-student dialogue, Capt. Klinger explained he was "convinced the military is run by the people."

Accompanying Capt. Klinger was Cadet Shuey Wolfe, a senior member in the ROTC program at the main campus, and Coed-cadet Lynn Franklin, a member in the KSU service organization.

Cadet Wolfe said he enrolled in ROTC because of his patriotism to his country. He added, "One does not have to be connected with the military to be patriotic."

Miss Franklin said the Coed-cadets are composed of 50 girls selected by a panel to act as a service organization for the university.

According to Miss Franklin, the Coed-cadets are not obligated for military service upon graduation.

Capt. Klinger, a captain in the infantry, had recently returned from 18 months' duty in Vietnam.

"The military is not a democratic function," Capt. Klinger added. "It should not be and it can not be in order to accomplish its mission."

He said the draft is necessary for our national security.

Speaking on war, Capt. Klinger said, "There is no question about it; war is bad."

He added that it creates the worst in men as well as the best.

Capt. Klinger said, "Most professional military personnel do not like war and if there was never another war it would be a God-sake."

Chairwoman for the program was Miss Maryann Schaub, an English instructor here.

The next session of Wednesday At Five will take place on March 4, and will explore the issue of censorship on the campus.

Play opens 3-performance run

"Lysistrata" a classic anti-war comedy, will be presented here by the University Theatre tonight, Saturday night and Sunday night at 8 in the Cedar Chest Theatre. Among the cast members in rehearsal are (left to right) Dona Blessing, Mary Bluman, Julie Corcadel, Kathy Seibert and Pete Huegel.
Kovach speaks on sex morality

Francis Kovach, Skogsb erg Professor of Medieval Philosophy and Contemporary Catholic Thought at the University of Oklahoma, will speak at the Stark Branch on "The Morality of Pre-Marital Sex."

Sponsored by the Newman Apostolate, Dr. Kovach will appear next Friday at 8 p.m. in Lecture Hall 100.

Admission is free to Stark County Branch students. The public is invited.

Dr. Kovach studied in Budapest, Hungary, and received his doctorate in philosophy, summa cum laude, from the University of Cologne, Germany.

He is the author of numerous articles and has given original papers at international philosophical meetings.

Dr. Kovach specializes in the history of philosophy, aesthetics, ethics and current problems in the Catholic Church.

Greek news

Kappa Sigma Upsilon sorority and Phi Delta Psi fraternity will hold a hobo party on Saturday, March 7.

Kappa Sigma Upsilon President Kathy Kirkpatrick has announced the following pledge class officers:

Kathy McGregor, president; Gina Kirkpatrick, vice president; Kathy Bryson, corresponding secretary; Linda Lindsay, treasurer, and Joyce Canter, recording secretary.

In other Greek news, Phi Delta Psi fraternity and Sigma Chi Beta sorority were the winners in a Feb. 13 bowling tournament sponsored by the Greek Council at Imperial Lanes.

KENTGRAM

Recently, Dr. Barbara Muse, a biology instructor, left some vegetables in the biology refrigerator. She was surprised when she opened the crisper on Monday, only to find it full of live frogs.

Needless to say, one of them got loose and jumped around the third floor until captured and presented as a gift to Mrs. Katherine Pelanda in her Speech 100 class. The class problem for the day was "How could a frog get on the third floor?"

POWER OF THE PRESIDENT

Did you ever phone in to find what the time was and stay on the line to see if the recording repeats itself? Generally the connection is broken after the time is given.

This wasn't so in the case of student body president Jeffrey Sigler. Jeff had the recording on his line for over a half hour and it was still going.

Girl's team to play Malone

Barb Beattie, carrying a 44-point season total and an 8.8 game average, leads the girl's basketball team in their 1-4 season record.

Stark will host Malone College tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

In recent games, Stark was beaten by Lorain Community College 50-24, Case-Western Reserve 43-35, Kent State 44-27 and Ashland College 56-13.

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Ballenger gives Branch library

Frank Ballenger, former chairman of the HPE department and emeritus professor of HPE at Kent State University, has donated a portion of his personal library to Stark County Branch.

The subjects of the 45 volumes include health, intramurals, most men and women sports and books on administrative concerns for physical educators.

Provisions are being made with the library to put most of the books on the shelves.

In citing the reason for the donation, Bob Kistler, HPE coordinator here, said that he had been a student and friend of Prof. Ballenger for many years.

After retiring on campus, Prof. Ballenger taught tennis, bowling and golf on a part-time basis at Stark County Branch.

"I have nothing but praise for his teaching here. He is a great individual and an inspiration to us all," said Mr. Kistler.