Twenty-nine express opinions at Vote-18 hearing

BY MIKE CASEY
AND JAN STANTON

Two opponent witnesses linked the proposed Vote 18 amendment to the international Communist conspiracy at the public hearing attended by 100 here February 25 by the Joint Legislative Committee on Elections.

The purpose of the hearing was to hear student, faculty, administration and community views on lowering the voting age for state and local elections.

Twenty-nine persons testified before the seven-man panel, 24 for the proposal and 5 against.

Richard Wingerter, a teacher in the Marlington School District, charged in his testimony that young adults were easily persuaded by Communist propaganda. He produced a copy of the Daily World, a Communist publication, which supported the 18-year-old vote.

Sen. David S. Holcomb (R.-Cinn.) asked Mr. Wingerter if he favored high school athletics.

To Mr. Wingerter's reply of yes, the senator pointed out that on page 12 of the Daily World, it supported high school athletics.

Senator Harry Meshel (D.-Youngstown) noted that the Stark County Republican and Democratic parties and the League of Women Voters supported the amendment.

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6 administrators named to Council

Six administrators were chosen last Friday to serve on the new Regional Campus Council here.

They are John Forman, Lee Bubaker and Robert Pfendler, all assistant directors; William Mohler, admissions director; Letitia Schellschmidt, an assistant librarian, and Lillian Barnes, coordinator of Human Resources Development.

The appointments bring to 21 the total -- seven students, seven faculty and six administrative. Non-academic employees also named Mary Eick as their representative. Campus Director Jack D. Morehart said he would call the first meeting of the council.

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Is mainlining the route for you?

BY TONY PARENTE

Many people believe that Stark County handles its vast "drug-abuse" problems solely by employing the state's top "drug-abuse" prosecutor. Yet, in Canton there exist a drug-help clinic and two drug-help drop-in centers, which are available to anyone wishing to "lose his or her habit".

Anyone who desires assistance in overcoming any drug problem from "grass" to "smack" is encouraged to visit the clinic or centers.

Located in the outpatient clinic on the east side of Aultman Hospital is the drug-help clinic.

The program began Sept. 1, 1970, with funds donated by the United Fund of Central Stark County.

By January 1, 1971, the funds were exhausted, whereupon Republic Steel agreed to finance the clinic until December 31, 1972. These monies, at present, are sufficient to keep the drug clinic operational from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday thru Friday. A future goal, however, is to obtain enough capital to operate the clinic 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Complete, FREE, confidential professional services are rendered to drug-users by psychiatrists, psycho-

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21-gun salute for Campus Council

With its 21 members selected, the long-awaited Campus Council is soon to become a reality.

Composed of representatives from students, faculty, administration, and non-academic personnel, the Council will function as a communicating, coordinating and policy recommending body to the Stark Campus Director.

With the formation of Campus Council, it is our hope that all components of the university structure will be equally represented in deciding the needs and desires of our campus community.

Since the concept of Campus Council is oriented toward serving all of us, it is our obligation to furnish some purposeful and meaningful suggestions which will aid all facets of the campus.

In attempting to serve the needs of Kent Stark, we hope Council will set aside all loyalties to their respective groups and avoid petty differences between groups represented and members themselves. The welfare of the school should be their primary concern.

Aultman Hospital offers free drug-help clinic

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logists, social workers, nurses and receptionists.

In addition, the county prosecutor and police have promised a "hands-off" policy to drug-users who frequent the clinic. None need worry about being tailed, discovered or busted while attending the clinic.

Some are recommended by their school, doctor, a hospital or a friend, but most first visit out of curiosity.

A phone call or preferably a visit to the Aultman Hospital drug clinic can mean the difference between getting straight and getting busted without even considering the risk of physical dependence and psychological damage.

Typically, a drug-user who first visits the drug clinic is greeted by a receptionist who inquires as to the problem. A second receptionist then refers him (her) to the psychiatrist or psychologist on duty.

After counseling and diagnosis, a tentative plan of therapy is suggested.

This treatment may take the form of personal and/or group counseling, and/or medical treatment (including the dispensing of methadone, which has proved to be effective for someone strung-out on heroin).

(NOTE: you must be at least 16 or have parental consent for treatment.)

For immediate assistance in an emergency, "bad trip," etc., call the Suicide and Crisis Prevention Center at 452-9811; they will contact the drug clinic and make arrangements for treatment.

In addition to the drug clinic at Aultman, there are two drug-help drop-in centers: one at the Community League on 607 Cleveland Ave. N.W. and the other at Canton South High School.

The Aultman drug-help clinic and the drop-in centers are truly a godsend in that even Stark County is realizing that "drug-abuse" is a social problem and not an indicator of an antisocial personality.

To those interested, I reiterate: there is FREE, CONFIDENTIAL HELP available at the Clinic and drop-in centers.

Stark Campus students can obtain further information on the drug-help clinic or drop-in centers from Dr. Donald Kinsley in Room 103.

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When asked by the panel if he favored the lowered vote extension if young adults should be allowed to run for office. Carl F. Wise, chairman of the Stark County Republican party, said, "All the way. If they're given the privilege to vote, they should be granted the rights that go with it, including the right to stand for office and be elected."

Michael Panasiti, a student, summed up most of the opinions expressed at the hearing. "I believe that the voting age should be lowered because today's educational system and our mass media, such as TV, radio, newspapers and magazines have made many problems and injustices more aware to the younger generation," he said.

"I also feel that we should have the right to vote because many of the major issues of today are affecting us now or will affect us in the near future. In this way we will be able to work together, not only as students and adults, but as a community," he added.

"We want to get involved not because we feel that you haven't done the job, but because we want to help you to make this a better place not only for us, but for future generations. My generation is asking your generation to let us help share the burden of making this country a better place for all people," he stated.

If the amendment clears the legislature, it will be placed on the November ballot for voter approval or rejection. If approved, it will take affect January 1, 1972.

Mike cheers 'America Hurrah'!

'At any rate, it sure beat 'Tartuffe''

BY MIKE HUDAK

Most of the audience, including me, was delighted with "America Hurrah", presented here last weekend. Van Itallie's play ran at a frenzied pace. The structure and content reminded me greatly of the Firesign Theater's "How Can You Be In Two Places At Once When You're Not Anywhere At All."

One can only marvel at the actors and actresses involved. The timing, movement, and memorization still leaves me awed, but the cast made absolutely no noticeable mistakes. At times, it seemed the players overacted, but that may have been necessary or intended for effect.

Of the three segments, "Interview," the first, was probably the weakest. If a person was not already familiar with the play, I think it would almost be impossible to correlate or understand everything that was happening here.

Margie Mohr, who invariably drew the biggest laughs throughout the evening, was excellent here as the scrubwoman.

The segment about the puppet-like politician was very amusing.

My personal favorite for the evening was "TV". I thought the television parodies presented were hilarious. Sometimes the pictures flashed on the wall showing Nixon or Agnew drew bigger laughs than the actors.

The "TV" vignette about Billy Graham, incidentally, fits in coincidentally with this week's "Bird Droppings," which I wrote the morning of the play.

"Motel" was the evening's finale, and a fitting end. The short skit was an allegory of the destruction of America, and with the aid of a realistic set proved to be very poignant.

At any rate, it sure beat "Tartuffe".

GRADUATING?

Students expecting to graduate at the end of Spring Quarter should pick up Early Grade Transfer Forms in Room 110, the records office, immediately.

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It isn't easy being a heathen in 1971. Although there’s very little I do like, organized religion has risen to the top of American institutions I would like to see overrun by thundering Mongol hordes.

As always, my battle is with people. Even if there were no God, and there never was a Moses or Buddha, the basic precepts of most religions are fine. Who could argue with the Golden Rule? But in typical fashion the human race has allowed itself to be strangled by dogma. It reaches a point where the guiding light of religion is hypocrisy.

A favorite childhood recollection of mine is a church youth group meeting I attended two summers ago with a close friend. The first order of business was to bow our heads and listen to a prayer. Next, the meeting turned to a discussion of foreign policy. One upstanding youth, who undoubtedly was an Eagle Scout, suggested America end the war by napalm-bombing the civilian centers of North Vietnam into submission. Strangely, in a group of fourteen Christians and one innocent bystander, this remark advocating mass murder drew applause.

I inquired cautiously if this statement held to so-called Christian principles. I was told that you couldn’t talk Christianity when you were dealing with the Commies. More applause. I felt like I was watching the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Dr. Strangelove. The irony of it is that two of those gentlemen are now applying for CO’s. Political expediency changes many a mind.

This past summer I had a grand talk with a preacher in a Salvation Tent at the Stark County Fair. At least they knew where they belonged. The good preacher first became miffed when I refused to “throw myself on the Altar of the Lord and beg mercy for my many sins.” I had never seen this man before and already I was a decadent sinner! My next mistake was admitting I doubt in the existence of God. For the next hour I was referred to as the ‘Godless Atheist.’

Although I went in for a joke, it soon turned into the biggest religious battle since Clarence Darrow met William Jennings Bryan at Dayton, Tennessee.

The merciful preacher’s mind worked on four contentions:
1. My mother was going to burn in Hell because she was Jewish.
2. Everybody born before Christ is now burning in Hell.
3. Everybody alive now and not of his faith will burn in Hell, even if he’s a pygmy in Africa who has never heard of Jesus.
4. I was going to burn in the deepest region of Hell because I have been exposed to Christ and “still rejected the presence of his flesh and blood.”

Well, what can I say? After this experience I formulated my idea for a movie called HEAVENS ABOVE, a musical comedy about life in Paradise. The ideal cast would have Lenny Bruce (unfortunately dead) as Moses, David Steinberg as Jesus and Stephen Fetchit, in an off-beat role, as God. I cannot bring myself to tell you the plot.

In closing, I’ll ask you one question. Has Billy Graham ever REALLY done anything for you?