My God, Mud!
That was the reaction of this freshman who had just been pulled apparently head first through the mud pit during Orientation Week, September 9-13. See page four for the complete story.

Elections coming
Student senate will reconvene on October 27, 1968, after the election of eight junior senators and 12 senior senators.
Any student interested in running for the office of senator must pick up an application form from Bill Bernier, chairman of the board of elections, or any board member. These applications are available in the student agency room (216).
A junior senator should have 1-48 credit hours, and hold a 2.0 accumulative average. Any new freshman is eligible who holds a 2.0 average based on his high school records.
A senior senator must have a 2.0 accumulative average, and have completed at least 49 credit hours.
On October 18, a campaign rally will be held. At this time all KSU Branch students will have an opportunity to meet and get acquainted with the candidates.
The senatorial election will take place on October 23 and 24 from 9:00-11:00, 1:00-3:00, and 7:00-9:00. Results will be announced on October 25.

New nickname needed
Student government has announced plans for a mascot naming contest to give Branch athletic teams a new nickname.
Until now, all teams were called Stark Branch Golden Flashes, a name borrowed from course of main campus.
The contest is open to all students, faculty, administration officials and staff. Entries may be placed in boxes located in the library and student government office.
A committee of students and faculty will select three entries to be placed before the senate for adoption.

Senate prohibits guns on campus
A resolution was passed unanimously by the student senate at its Sept. 15 meeting prohibiting the possession and use of firearms on this campus.
The resolution, submitted by junior Senator Bob Bernier, encouraged the administration to make all possible efforts to restrict the possession of weapons by university personnel, including university police.
It also discouraged the use of firearms and weapons by members of the university community.
The resolution had been presented last July by Senator Bernier following the assassination of Robert Kennedy.
Its passage became significant this year since university police are now on duty here. (See story page three)
Bill Eaglowski, vice president of the student government, said the resolution reflected the mood of the Senate, since they felt it was unnecessary for guns to be carried inside the building.

Father Time is no fool on a hill
Day after day, alone on the hill, While all the rest of the world is keeping perfectly still. Nobody seems to mind him, He's the Fool on the Hill.
The Beatles
by Jim Hillibish
Father Time is alone on the hill but he is certainly no fool. Instead, he is becoming Stark Branch's first full scale legend.
His real name is Ted Byers, and for the past 21 days he has kept constant day and night watch over the K fire on the hill overlooking the parking lot. Hence the name Father Time.
The K fire is an annual tradition begun during Orientation Week last year. New freshmen are challenged to keep the giant K shaped trench ablaze longer than that previous year's freshmen. Last year's record was 31 days. F.T. has accepted the challenge.
How does he do it—the vigil that is?
"It's simple; I eat at home occasionally, sleep in the tent here at night, and study by lantern light," he says.
"But don't you get cold? After all, it's fall," we asked.
"Yeh, I know. But see, I have this fire," he replies.
Byers has had some help with his vigil. Many freshmen have brought him wood and old tires to burn yet he alone has made sure that the flames have never died. His friend, David Kent, has helped him probably most of all.
October 14, at 10:00 p.m. will be the time of great rejoicing as Father Time racks up his thirty-second consecutive day on the hill. Sure, the old record will be broken, but this time it will be done almost single-handedly.

Father Time (right) needs your help to keep the K blazing. Burnable material is of course number one on the list. "We also need rubber tires to keep it going during rain," he says.
The revolution continues

Stark Branch's UNITY Club has announced plans to tutor underprivileged children at Canton's East Side Community Center. Although certainly worthy of praise, this project has much more significance. It is part of a quiet revolution of college students to break poverty's vicious cycle of hopelessness.

The hopelessness of poverty is both mental and physical. It is found in the expressionless stares of migrant worker children and the intellectual stagnation of inter-city teenagers. Passing from generation to generation, it results in the almost complete collapse of human values. We are feeling its results today, in the form of riots and exploding crime.

College students are mobilizing across the country to fight that hopelessness. Coordinated by the Office of Economic Opportunity, they have staffed five poverty projects here in Stark County alone.

This writer has witnessed their results. With this gained from these students, many of the poor have hope for a better future. Parents see hope in their children who now can read. Teenagers see hope in the fact that they have been taught a useful skill. And so, UNITY continues the revolution. —Ed.

CASTO EXPLAINS MISSION PURPOSE

By Milton Ledford

July 1 saw the installation of William Casto as director of the Interfaith Campus Ministry at Kent State Stark.

As the purpose of the ministry here, he said, "Our task is to see that theological, ethical and moral questions are raised at this university. We intend to do this by means of personal conversations with faculty, students and administrators, planned discussions and special speakers."

Rev. Casto will be free for counseling each day in his office which is next to the library.

Rev. Casto described the ministry as a unique situation. It is sponsored by Roman Catholic, Jewish, Eastern Orthodox and most of the major Protestant denominations. It is like no other campus ministry in the country, to his knowledge, since the others are basically denominationally oriented.

Interfaith Campus Ministry is financed by contributions of churches in the Stark County area and is in no way connected with Kent State University.

The chaplain stated that each fall student government elects students to the board of IFCM trustees. Petitions may be obtained in the main lobby, from Rev. Casto, or from the student government office. They should be returned to the vice-president of student government in room 218.

As a part of the Stark Branch Lecture Series, IFCM plans to invite a nationally known speaker in the area of theology.

In conclusion, Rev. Casto said, "We understand what our task is. We're not sure how to accomplish it."

"I would welcome any comments as to needs that students feel in the area of theology, ethics and morals."

Music scheduled

Interested in being part of Stark Branch's music activities? If so, James Lotze, a music professor here invites students to join one of the branch's three music groups: band, choir or madrigal singers.

"Even if the student is not registered for these classes he can still participate in the activities by appearing at the proper rehearsal time," Mr. Lotze stated.

Choir rehearsal is scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 4:50 p.m.; while madrigal rehearsal takes place at 5:30 p.m. also on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Band rehearsal is held on Monday and Wednesdays from 5 to 5:50 p.m.
Kistler appointed new cage coach

By Bob George

Newly appointed head basketball coach Bob Kistler looks for an improved season over last year's 14-6 record. Reasons for his bright outlook are a number of returning assets from last year's team. These include leading scorers Henry McGhee and Terry Byers along with Tom Calabrese, Carl Lea, Bill Howick, Dave Snyder and Jack Bussinger.

Augmenting the veterans will be promising newcomers Guy Mack, Cliff Ball, Rick Swank, Dan Ross, Ed Gerzina and Chester Barnett.

Mr. Kistler also noted that the addition of 17 freshmen who have signed to play will make this year's team much larger than last year's.

Kistler's coaching experience comes from one year of basketball at Miami University and coaching jobs at Lehman, McKinley, and N. Canton Hoover.

Practice is slated to begin sometime in mid-October with the first game at Wadsworth on November 15.

Guns and cops cause controversy

By Tonniann D'Antonio

The addition of armed campus policemen at Stark Branch this fall plus the passage by the student senate of an anti-gun resolution created controversy here last week.

To mediate the problem, a special meeting between student government members and the administration was held Wednesday, September 25. The following points were agreed upon:
1. Police may carry their guns on the lower level, since they are responsible for providing protection for the bookstore.
2. They may carry their guns in the parking area and anywhere outside the building.
3. They may carry their guns in various offices providing they are on official business.
4. They are to remain out of the classroom area when carrying guns.

A meeting had been planned for this week to offer the opportunity to create dialog between the students and the police.

Branch Director, Jack Morehart said he hoped the students would realize that police are here to help them.

"Police are here for the students' own protection," he said, in the prevention of thefts, accidents, or in administering first aid when necessary.

Warner Mendenhall, director of student affairs, in explaining the duties of the police, said "they were very understanding of student feelings and they will abide by the agreements and policies reached at Wednesday's meeting."

UNITY club meets

At the first UNITY meeting Sept. 29, the general membership ratified the constitution that was approved last May by the student senate.

A constitution committee to study and make recommendations for possible amendments to the document was also set up.

Bob Bernier is chairman of the constitution committee. Committee members are: Dorrie Blend, Kathy Eckstein, Clare Glaser, Bonnie Kurtz, George Noussias, and Elaine Tilton. They will present their recommendations at the next meeting.

Rev. William Casto, director of Interfaith Campus Ministry, Inc. was the main speaker at the event.

Nominations and elections of the UNITY board will take place at the next meeting which is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 13, at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting is open to any interested students.
VOLLEYBALL IN THE SUN

Orientation acquaints new frosh

Orientation Week, September 9-13, acquainted new Stark Branch freshmen with college life through a series of lectures, seminars and fun.

Annette Bickis, Dennis Matson, Gary Sigler, Tim Sigler and Flo Smilayoff served as chairmen for the event.

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