Money from state not sufficient for substantial expansion programs here

By Robert Bernier

COLUMBUS - If a physical education plant or a student union is to be built at Stark Branch, the cost must be paid through student fees because the state will not appropriate enough money.

This is what Student Body President David Seffens and Frederick Worrell, chairman of the faculty council, learned when they met with local state legislators here March 18.

The men represented Stark Branch in an attempt to gain more capital improvement funds from the state government.

After the meeting, Rep. Robert Levitt and Sen. Ralph Regula reportedly joined with other area state legislators in issuing a letter supporting a $2 million allocation to Stark Branch and a $4 million appropriation to a proposed Stark County technical institute.

The $2 million allocation to the Branch will not meet construction costs of a new major building.

Seffens and Worrell felt there would have been a recommendation for less than $2 million for Stark Branch had they not met with the legislators.

Seffens expressed dissatisfaction with the allocation saying, "I can't understand appropriating $4 million to a technical school with a projected enrollment while giving only $2 million to overcrowded Stark Branch which has a concrete enrollment of 2,000."

According to Seffens, future growth of the Branch will be seriously hampered by the lack of funds.

Sen. Regula said he supported a four-year college status for the Branch and expressed his opposition to the addition of vocational-technical education at the school. According to the senator, it would be advantageous for Stark Branch "in the long run" if the programs were kept separate from the school.

After the meeting with the legislators, Seffens and Worrell watched the introduction of Senate Bill 201.

The bill calls for creation of a college campus when a branch reaches 3,000 enrollment and the creation of a state college when enrollment reaches 4,000.

ALFIE??

A non-credit theology course begins Monday at 3:30 p.m. in Room 102.

The course is free and will be taught by Rev. William Casto.

The official title of the class is "Humanizing Course - 1969; Who or What is God and Other Imponderables?" and is subtitled "What's It All About, Alfie, Anyway, or Contemporary Theology?"
Get boot if violent

Students involved in violent or disruptive acts will be suspended from the university, KSU President Robert I. White announced last week.

The presxy cited forecasts of further violent student demonstrations for spring quarter as a primary reason for establishing the new procedure.

According to White, suspension would remain until a "prompt and fair" hearing of the student's situation is made.

No support, no money, no Branch

By Robert Bernier

A meeting between David Seffens, student body president; Frederick Worrell, faculty council chairman, and area state legislators in Columbus (see story page one) has stirred a considerable amount of concern at Stark Branch.

The meeting resulted in a clearer understanding of the problems this school faces in getting a sorely needed capital improvement appropriation larger than that the $2 million the state is apparently offering.

The Stark area legislators have committed themselves to providing the largest part of the county's $6 million allocation for technical education. This means that only one building can be built here with state funds and that building will not be of sufficient size to accommodate the Branch's rapidly expanding enrollment.

The purpose of the Seffens-Worrell trip was obvious; Stark Branch must receive more funds to keep pace with its student population.

When Seffens asked for more money while in Columbus, he was charged with undercutting the proposed county technical school which is to receive $4 million from the state. This resulted in some unfortunately bad publicity through a story in one Stark area commercial newspaper.

Seffens and Worrell did not go to the capitol to "undercut" anything. What they did was to attempt to convince area legislators to press for a diversion of funds from larger campuses to the Stark Branch.

Cleveland State University will receive close to 25% of the state's higher education budget this year. In addition, other large state schools such as Ohio State and main campus Kent State are slated for large allocations.

The state branch system of campuses was designed to help alleviate overcrowded conditions on the main campuses. Today, it appears that the state is more interested in expanding the already too large institutions instead of expanding the branches.

An example is Ohio State University which today has an enrollment of 41,392 students. A university of this size cannot do an effective job of educating and even now students are rebelling from such conditions.

It is clear that the large schools must limit their enrollment instead of building more buildings for more students. The emphasis both financially and enrollment-wise should be made on the state branches.

This emphasis must grow in Columbus where the large universities are lobbying for more funds.

With an enrollment of 2,000 students and a master plan for many more buildings and facilities, Stark Branch deserves the chance to fulfill its purpose of creation—that of alleviating the overcrowding of large campuses.

But as Rep. Robert Levit said at the meeting, the school has little chance for more funds without support.
Leaders act

A letter signed by the leaders of the student body advises that in the future, "no business be conducted between Meyers Lake Park, Moonlight Ballroom, Lakeshore Restaurant and Stark County Branch." The restaurant and ballroom are part of the amusement park which is located in Canton.

The letter charges the manager of the Moonlight Ballroom, George Sinclair, with interrupting the main performances of the SAB's March 21 dance held in the complex. It claims Sinclair turned-off the electricity in the ballroom during the main act and alleges that the manager slammed the lid of a piano on the hand of the lead performer, Bob Seeger.

The letter has been filed in the Student Affairs Office and is signed by student government officials David Seffens, Bob Bernier, Bill Bernier, John Hartsock and Joe Skvarenina. John Hartsock has been appointed to the cabinet position of secretary of executive administration by Student Body President David Seffens.

Seffens appointed Ed Schaberl and Mike Ebert to serve as undersecretaries with Hartsock.

William Bernier was appointed by the president to succeed Hartsock as chief of the Student Activities Council.

Hartsock said he will be a coordinator of presidential cabinet affairs in his new post. His department will serve as a "catch all" for executive functions which do not fall under any other student government department.

Club meets with state officialdom

A lively House session, a discussion with Rep. Ross Heintzelman (R-Canton) and a visit to the State Board of Regents highlighted the Political Science Forum's trip to the state capitol March 18-19.

After attending a session of the State Senate, the 12 club members making the trip were greeted by Senator Ralph Regula (R-Navarre) who introduced them to Senators William Nye (D-Akron) and Robert Stockdale (R-Kent).

The group met with Lt. Governor John Brown for 15 minutes. Brown described his office as a delicate one "especially when the governor and legislature do not agree on an issue."

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CENTRAL RESEARCH – Kaufman and Sigrist.
JUDICIARY – Massie (Chm.) and Schott.
CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS – Keith (Chm.), Blatchley, Bickus and Crissinger.
ALLOCATIONS – Sokol (Chm.), Schott and Smilaycoff.
SCREENING – Blatchley and Whitling (Chms.), Kuznik and Dando.
LIBRARY – Dando (Chm.) Smilaycoff and Kuznik.
WORLD COMMUNICATION CENTER – Sigler (Chm.), R. Bernier and Massie.
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Frat roundball

According to Coach Terry Byers, the Kent Stark PHI DELTA PSI fraternity basketball team lost to Kent Salem's KAPPA DELTA SIGMA fraternity 69-36 because "we just couldn't hit even though we got the shots."

The Stark team shot only 21% from the field, connecting on 14 of 69 shots. Salem's Greeks got 31 of 69 shots through the hoop for 44% average in last Sunday's contest.

Ralph Lackl led the PHI DELTA PSI's with 14 points. Other scorers were Bob Bickis, 7 points; Steve Sabo, 6 points; Eric Smith, 5 points; Jeff Sigler, 3 points; and Mark Sokol, 1 point.

In other Greek News, ALPHA DELTA OMEGA sorority girls are going to sponsor a car wash in North Canton tomorrow. Signs are up on bulletin boards as to price, hours, and location.

Show try-outs held

Combined try-outs for University Theatre's spring production "The Grass Harp" and Children's Theatre production "Rumplestillskin" were held Wednesday.

"The Grass Harp," a play by Truman Capote, is directed by Denny Bettisworth, a speech and drama instructor here, and will be presented May 16-17.

"Rumplestillskin," directed by Rev. William Casto of the Branch Interfaith Campus Ministry, will go on tour April 27 with shows held in area elementary schools.

Spring coaches hired

New coaches for Stark Branch's spring sports program include: Richard McFarland, tennis; Clarence "Buzz" Miller, golf; Arvis Averette, track, and Branch Director Jack Morehart, bowling.

The Cobras are state branch champs in golf and men's and women's bowling.

Peanuts gospelteer highlights week

Next Friday, April 11, in Lecture Hall 100 Robert L. Short, author of the best sellers The Gospel According to Peanuts and The Parables of Peanuts, will present his color slide lecture, "The Theology of Peanuts."

Short's presentation is based on his two books which draw parallels between Christian theology and the nationally syndicated cartoon strip "Peanuts" which is created by Charles Schulz.

Tickets for the 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. programs are free to Branch students and may be picked up in the Interfaith Campus Ministry office near the library or in the booth on the lower level.

After April 8, tickets will go on sale to the general public at $1 each.

Mr. Short's appearance comes as part of Interfaith Campus Ministry week, April 7-11.

During that week, special lunches at $.50 a student will be held in Conference Room 114 at 12 noon.

The lunches will include discussions lead by Rev. William Casto, director of Interfaith Campus Ministry, on Mr. Short's book, The Parables Of Peanuts.

Branch administrators reorganize

The Kent State University Board of Trustees approved a reorganization of the Stark Branch administration March 27.

The following appointments were announced by Director Jack D. Morehart:

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS - Warner D. Mendenhall.
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR BUSINESS AFFAIRS - Dale A. Wearstler.
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Lee A. Brubaker.
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STUDENT RELATIONS - Robert C. Pfendler.
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS - Frederick M. Worrell.
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SMART SIGNS
The 154 signs which decorate the landscape of Stark Branch while ordering the student body to do this or that have frustrated a few people.

One student who likes a shorter trip to class modified a "Keep off the Grass" placard to "Get on the Heroine."

HIMIE THE COBRA
Stark now has an actual Cobra (if brass can be called actual) due to the luck of Glenn Himiebaum, a journalism instructor here. Last week, he spotted a $30 gold Cobra statue with red glass eyes at a local gift shop.

The shop owner obliged and donated the fake snake to the already full trophy case where the State Branch Basketball winnings are housed.

They call him Himie...the snake that is.

BORED BULLETINS
Students can find out what's happening by checking The Bored, in the hall by the library.

The bulletin board was erected by Robert Austin, an art instructor here, and will contain news of coming events and activities.

"DO ON TO OTHERS. . ."
Walsh is a small Catholic college in eastern Stark County.

The school's news sheet claims three basketball scrimmage "victories" over our state champ Cobras.

We do not desire a word war with the W. C. although we must offer our refutation:
1. no scores are kept in scrimmages, hence no "victories."
2. Stark had practiced only a few days before the first two sessions while the "Cavaliers" has been on the courts for weeks.
3. Stark completely dominated the W. C. squad in the third tilt which is as close to "victory" as can be realized in a scrimmage.

We like best the American College Dictionary's definition of cavalier (entries six, seven and nine).

Library grows in books, popularity
By Nancy Weber
With professors demanding more research papers and outside readings, the Branch library has grown in popularity, according to librarian Mrs. Jane Keckler.

A number of surveys taken during the year show a significant rise in the number of students using the library. Busiest hours are from 10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.

To meet the needs of the student body, 1,208 books were added to the stacks between quarters and over 4,000 additional volumes are expected to be delivered in the next two months.

Forty-two periodical indexes have been added, along with new reference books such as the 54-volume Great Books of the Western World collection.

The library's catalog of books in the fields of art, elementary education, literature and history has been substantially increased, according to Mrs. Keckler.

She hopes that by September, the library will contain more than 15,000 volumes.

About $7 a month is collected in fines for overdue books, although Mrs. Keckler believes in giving the late returners "a day's grace" so students have an extra free day to return the books. Only four books have been lost since the beginning of the year.

BURGER CHEF
Home of the Big Chef
3670 CLEVELAND AVE. N.W.
2801 TUSCARAWAS ST. N.W.
With the formation of the Student Affairs Council March 7, the final step of organizing student relations with the Branch administration has been completed.

SAC was created by the "Guideline for Governing Student Affairs at University Branches", a pamphlet written by the KSU Division of University Branches, passed by the Stark Branch Student Senate and signed by University President Robert White.

The council makes recommendations to Director Morehart concerning important questions of student affairs. It precedes the Branch Senate but cannot interfere with student government powers as established by the school constitution.

Consisting of seven students, two administrators and four faculty members, SAC was officially constituted in the body's first meeting, March 7. Council members are appointed by Director Morehart.

The complete affairs structure is yet to be formulated with the faculty and administration expected to set-up representative councils. It is expected that students will sit on both of the other councils.

A representative from every Kent State branch student affairs council will sit on the SAC Coordinating Council on main campus. This group will coordinate the work of the individual SAC's and suggest revisions when necessary.

In its first official action, the Stark Branch council recommended to Director Morehart that 3.2 beer be served in the building.

The recommendation came in the form of a two-page report which suggested strict control and limitations on the distribution of the beverage.

The report stated that 3.2 beer should be served only at private events sponsored by a Stark Branch club or organization. It recommended that no beer be sold to the general public in the building.

If approved, the distribution of the beer would be controlled by the Attorney General's office of student government.

The vote on the issue was eight in favor, one against and two abstaining. Two members were absent at the meeting.

Student members of the SAC include David Seffens, student body president; Robert Bernier, president pro tem of the senate; Dick Zengler, Montage advertising manager; John Hartsock, director of the student activities council; Florance Smilaycoff, chairman of the greek council; Guy Mack, basketball team captain, and Al Schweitzer, attorney general.

Faculty members include Jack Morehart, Branch director; Warner Mendenhall, student affairs director; Bob Kistler, coordinator of athletics; Frederick Worrall, student senate advisor; Glenn Himebaugh, coordinator of publications, and Denny Bettisworth, University Theatre advisor.

Director Morehart, who is acting chairman of the SAC, appointed Mendenhall as chairman of the group. Seffens was elected vice-chairman while Bettisworth was appointed parliamentarian.

Robert C. Pfendler, recently appointed assistant director for student relations here, will replace Mr. Mendenhall as SAC Chairman at future meetings, Mr. Morehart said.