"On to Columbus" cry heard after Friday SOFT demonstration by 300

By Bob Bernier

After launching their program to win support for more buildings at Stark Branch, the SOFT (Start Our Future Today) Committee is planning a trip to Columbus.

The group of Branch students hopes to testify before legislative committees in the state capital which are studying the capital improvements bill for higher education which was introduced last week.

Phase I of the SOFT program was a demonstration by about 300 students last Friday morning to dramatize the need of additional buildings here.

The demonstrators walked to three different sites on the campus where they symbolically broke ground for a fine and professional arts building, a student union and a physical education complex.

Representative members of the school administration, faculty and student body dedicated each site.

SOFT Committee Chairman David Seffens announced in a statement that Stark Branch is 21.66 sq. ft. under the 75 sq. ft. per student recommended as the minimum by the Board of Regents.

Branch Director Jack Morehart issued a statement for the administration in which he said the demonstration was properly registered with the University and was organized to promote education.

Mr. Morehart said that the administration supports the students' concern over the needs for additional facilities which are immediately necessary to provide the taxpayers of Stark County with opportunities in higher education.

Seffens announced a letter-writing campaign has been initiated to the area commercial newspapers as an intermediate phase of the SOFT program. Increased support of the Branch by area citizens was stressed by Seffens as a major goal of SOFT.

In addition to Chairman Seffens, other SOFT committee officers include James Jackson, Annette Bickis, Tim Kaufman, Edward Schaberl and Jeff Sigler.

Theatre threatened by grass blaze

A grass fire set by Building Superintendent John Sokol to clear an area behind the Cedar Chest Theatre went out of control April 9.

No damage to University property was reported after multi-alarm blaze was extinguished by area volunteer fire departments.

Sokol, who obtained a fire permit April 7 to clear the site for new sports facilities, called the Jackson Volunteer Fire Department after ten-foot flames caused by a wind shift threatened the theatre.

LeRoy Fowler, Jackson VFD chief, said 50 men, five trucks and a rescue vehicle were present at the height of the fire.

"We issued calls for help from the North Canton and Plain Township departments after we arrived," he said.

Work is expected to begin soon on a softball field at the location. Robert Kistler, co-ordinator of Health and Physical Education here, will design the field.

Plans for a complex of four tennis courts near the parking area are currently being formulated by the University.
Greek news

The following is a list of all Greek actives as of April 14, 1969:

ALPHA DELTA OMEGA sorority
Flo Smilaycuff, Ann Bollinger, Diane Hill, Mary Kay Ritschard, Linda Ciccinelli, Mary Cossentino, Yolanda Carbone, Cheryl Zeiger, Sue Hefflefinger, Kathy Seibert, Carol Keith, Helen Laggers, and Lynn DePuy.

KAPPA SIGMA Upsilon sorority

SIGMA CHI ETA sorority

SIGMA CHI EPSILON fraternity

PHI DELTA PSI fraternity
Eric Smith, Joe Palandri, Nick Shaheen, Louie Shaheen, Pete Hugel, Ralph Lacki, Chuck Thompson, Phil Yee, Bob Bickis, Ed Tissed, Chuck Schumacher, Dan Murray, Terry Ridenbaugh, Dick Frakes, Bob Walent, Brent Risnyder, Mark Sokol, Gary Hoces, Jeff Sigler, Lynn Strazi, Steve Sabo, Vince Reis, Bruce Schoonover, Jerry Jatzak, and Jerry Shirk.

Survey given

The Kuder Occupational Interest Survey Test will be given free to interested students tomorrow at 9 a.m. in Room 301.

Noon today is the deadline for signing-up for the test in the Office of Student Affairs, Room 107.

The OIS Test tells a student how his interests compare with those of people in more than 100 occupational groups. Students interested also are compared to those of college seniors majoring in different areas.

Flag action taken

The flag problem has been resolved.

Branch Director Jack Morehart announced Tuesday afternoon the following procedure for lowering the state and national colors to half-mast during periods of mourning:

1. Anyone with information regarding a death is to notify the director's office. 2. The director will make a decision regarding the lowering of the flag. 3. The actual lowering of the flags is to be done by the Branch's security division by order of the director.

Confusion over this issue following the death of President Eisenhower prompted a Montage editorial April 11. The article was based on apparently inaccurate information given the reporter.

Senate has long Sunday afternoon

By Mike Ebert

The student senate held one of its most active meetings last Sunday, passing two amendments to the Branch constitution, one bill and a resolution.

The group tabled a proposed change in its own by-laws until the next session and referred two proposed constitutional amendments to committee.

Branch legislators also approved the appointment of Peter Heugel to a vacant junior senator seat.

Both of the passed amendments were designed to more clearly define and somewhat limit the powers of student body presidents.

One amendment provides for the advice and consent of two-thirds of the senate for all presidential appointments to student government. It will permit the senate to specify the order of succession through the executive cabinet in case of a vacancy in both the presidency and vice-presidency.

The second passed amendment gives the student body president power to spend not in excess of 20 percent of the total student government budget at any time without the approval of the senate.

The measure cuts the president's power to spend below the estimated $900 spent by the president last year. This amendment was passed because of the president's alleged need to pay for expenses short notice.

A bill was passed creating an official seal for student government.

The seal design approved by the body is a circle containing a triangle, the words "student government" and a Kent State University seal with a scroll reading "Stark County Branch."

The resolution passed by the senate is to "maintain an atmosphere in the library conducive to study. It does nothing concrete other than showing that the senate "supports all efforts" to maintain quiet in the department.

The two proposed amendments sent to committee were planned to limit the student body president.

One would require the chief executive to make a written report of his objections to any bill he vetoes, stipulating that "failure to veto" will cause the bill to become a law.

The other amendment requires that executive appointments remain vacant not longer than 30 days.

A proposed senate by-law amendment is intended to give more time to review bills and was tabled until the next session.
Writer comments on student plight

By Mike Chanak

"There is a hell of a lot of passion in today's student; he is just torn apart," said Robert Short, author of The Gospel According to Peanuts and The Parables of Peanuts, who spoke here last Friday.

Mr. Short felt that there are too many demands placed on the student. "He just doesn't have time to sit down and say 'Stop' and ask what life is all about. He isn't given time to reflect or meditate," Mr. Short said.

"The mind of the student is competed for and fought over by college professors," Mr. Short added.

He also felt that the United States' international conflicts have contributed to the problems of the student. "Hippies," said Mr. Short, "can be seen as people who say, 'Stop. My life is not going to be directed by other people. I'm going to let flowers grow from my hair.'"

Mr. Short's advice to all students is to take things more slowly, take time to think.

"Superficial intensity" is the phrase that Mr. Short used to describe the college student.

Mr. Short felt that the student is full of energy but needs direction. "Everything the student does, his protests, conflicts and campus crimes are more than they appear to be. They show the student reaching out and searching for a meaning to life," Mr. Short explained.

He added, "To students that have taken drugs I make no moral value judgements, I tell them that what they are doing is only a temporary stop gap in the search for meaning in life."

"The student has found that life is not given enough meaning by the objectivity of education, it has to be based on emotion," Mr. Short said.

"Christianity" is the answer to the young people's crisis, according to Mr. Short.

"No, it may never be a cure-all for all problems, but it should be able to solve the important ones in life," he added.

Mr. Short continued, "But the problem with the church has been that it has tried to be too many things to too many people and afraid of saying what it really thinks and therefore has suffered."

Elections coming

An election for the presidency of the Stark Branch student body will be held May 7 and 8 here.

Present student body President David Seffens' term of office will end officially at 8 p.m., May 15.

Students running for president must have at least 30 hours of credit, 10 of which taken at Stark Branch, must be full-time students and must carry a minimum accumulative average of 2.25.

Persons interested in running must file a petition with a specified number of names on it. The exact number will be determined by the election board.

The election board will be set up at a special senate meeting this week.

Seffens is the second president to be elected by popular vote of the Branch student body. The first elected chief executive was James Foraker, elected last year.

Dennis Matson and Gary Sigler have served as presidents although neither was elected.

Matson was President Foraker's vice-president and took over after the latter's resignation.

President Pro Tempore of the senate Sigler replaced Matson as chief executive.

Former President Sigler was the only president to have served in the student senate before taking office.

Both Foraker and Matson took senate positions after leaving the presidency.

Seffens, elected spring quarter 1968, had not served in the senate but came to the presidency from the high court.

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Spring sports season opens Monday with golf team debut

By Bob George

Golf, tennis and track make the spring sports scene this week and next as all team candidates vie for positions.

The defending champion golf team opens its season Monday with a triangular against Malone and Walsh at Edgewood Golf Club. Coach Clarence Miller will guide team members Tom Downes, Doug Hershberger, Tom Ivan, Bob Jones, Carl Lea, Frank MacFadyen, Brad Rotar and Ange Spitale.

Tennis candidates Jerry Ackerman, Dave Cain, Mark Guyer, Ron Halde-

Wee Five take first intramural

Intramural basketball began last Friday night with the Wee Five and a Half defeating the Bombers in a best of three series.

Captained by Anthony Willis, the Wee Five lost the first game 32-30, but came back to win the next two 32-26 and 32-12. Other members of the team are Benny Greco, Dick Heakin, David Seffens and Mike Simms.

top honors in their divisions in the intramural bowling tournament last Saturday at Imperial Lanes. A total of 60 boys and 13 girls competed with the top five in both the men and the women's divisions receiving trophies.

The first year track team, coached by Arvis Averette, will have Joe Dodd, Butch Gesaman, Bob George, Randy Litman, Roger McClure, Scott Murphy, Don Pitts, Jeff Sigler, Lyn Strazi and Tim Trisich competing against Walsh next Wednesday. The girls' track team consists of Linda Hunt, Cathy Kennedy, Holly Mercer, Kay Wright, Debby Zingler and Becky Zingler.

John Gilbert and Jeanie Johns took

Other games were played this week with the championship game scheduled for sometime next week.

The games are played in a tournament-like fashion at North Canton Junior High School. A special set of rules which exclude the fast break and press have been set up. The games are unofficiated, although Henry McGhee and Tom Calabrese are there to see that everything runs smoothly.

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UNITY Participation planned by club
By Pam Guertal

UNITY (United Numbers in Today’s Youth) will celebrate its first anniversary this quarter. During the past year, the Stark Branch organization has participated in projects designed to help alleviate poverty in the Stark County area.

These include a tutorial program for underprivileged children, collection of clothing and food for the needy and participation in inter-city projects at the Community Action Center in Canton.

In announcing its plans for 1969-70, UNITY has promised active support of the local Chandel and Candlelight programs.

Candlelight is an organization of high school and college students who spend one week (June 8-13) of their summer vacations aiding area disabled, elderly and underprivileged persons. The emphasis is on work as the group paints houses, washes walls, makes repairs, etc., at the residences of those in need.

The week’s activity includes dances and lectures during the non-working hours.

Housing for the Candlelight volunteers is provided for the week by Canton churches.

UNITY President Toniann D’Antonio (left) talks over plans for the club’s new participation projects with members Linda Hunt and Ellen Whiting. The club is seeking additional interested students.

The Chandel program is basically the same as Candlelight, although the group meets four times during the year instead of offering a week-long project. Meeting dates for 1969 are May 17, July 12, September 6 and November 1.

Stark Branch students interested in participating in these projects should contact UNITY President Toniann D’Antonio.

A bi-weekly newsletter will be published by UNITY containing articles on riots, war and other topics of interest to college students, according to Miss D’Antonio. Polls will be conducted by the club about issues contained or related to those discussed in the newsletter with the results being published and analysed.

In addition to the newsletter, the organization plans to construct a bulletin board in the building to keep interested Branch students aware of upcoming UNITY activities.

The board will be unique in that students may present ideas or suggestions about any subject by writing them on a sheet of paper and tacking it to the board.

Plans for a new tutorial program are being formulated by the club. Persons interested in serving as tutors or those knowing of a need for such services should contact either Miss D’Antonio or Interfaith Campus Ministry Director Rev. William Casto. Rev. Casto’s office is on the first floor near the library entrance.
is what 300 students did at last Friday's SOFT demonstration. (Photos--J. Hillibish, story on page one)