Three seek Branch presidency

By Karl Held

Sen. John Cooper, vice president Peter Huegel and incumbent Jeffrey Sigler will be competing for student body president when student elections are held Wednesday and Thursday.

Although vice presidents will be elected separately, Mr. Cooper is supporting Sen. James Massie for the post, with Mr. Huegel backing Sen. Richard Packa and Mr. Sigler giving Student Activities Council Director John Hayes his nod of approval.

A freshman math major, Mr. Cooper aims, if elected, "to promote student interests by conveying student ideas to the administration."

"We hope to provide an interesting program to do our best to expand Branch into a four-year school and to make the public more aware of its existence," Mr. Cooper said.

A statistician for the basketball team and a scorekeeper for the baseball squad, Mr. Cooper served all year as a junior senator. He is associated with the Branch tennis team and band.

Mr. Cooper said he expected no problems in scheduling a full year of studies next year.

Mr. Huegel is intent on "breaking down what, in the past, seems to have been a much too close relationship between Student Government and the administration."

The sophomore secondary education major said he intends, if elected, to work on a parallel with the administration. "I do not intend to alienate student government from the administration, but work with the administration on a level with them," Mr. Huegel said.

Serving for vice president for one year, Mr. Huegel served as chairman of the student senate where he introduced through senators various pieces of legislation.

Mr. Huegel served as a junior senator for one year, and is a student employee in the Cedar Chest Theatre.

"Because of my course studies, I will be available if elected to serve the entire year in the office," Mr. Huegel said.

If re-elected, Mr. Sigler plans to continue to build student government "bigger and stronger."

"We are going to try to build the judicial system at the Branch to make it more effective," Mr. Sigler said.

The president said he felt the system should be organized to become a student appeals court for various matters in which the student feels he is being treated unjustly.

The major accomplishment of Mr. Sigler's present term has been the passage of the bill which allows the consumption of 3.2 beer on campus.

Mr. Sigler termed "false" rumors of his inability to secure enough classes at Stark Branch next year.

"As for next year," Mr. Sigler said, "I am shooting for a full year as president. Rumors are I am running only to pull John Hayes into the vice presidency and then resign. I have to openly say these are false."

Besides serving as student body president for one year, the junior math major served one year as a senior senator.

Mr. Sigler served as Start Our Future Today (SOFT) chairman last spring. The committee was helpful in obtaining an extra $1 million for Branch construction.

Mr. Cooper

Mr. Huegel

Mr. Sigler

3 run for veep

Two sophomores and a freshman will be out to capture the student body vice presidency when students go to the polls Wednesday and Thursday.

The director of the Student Activities Council, John Hayes, is backed by student body president candidate for re-election Jeffrey Sigler.

Mr. Hayes served in his present post for one year and served as a junior senator for two months to finish out an expired term.

The sophomore accounting major plans, if elected, to "give students a more active voice in what goes on at the Branch." He hopes to work for more student involvement and participation in programs which are offered.

As director of SAC, Mr. Hayes served on the Student Activities Budget Council and as a student representative to the Administration Affairs Council. "This has given me a knowledge of the system," Mr. Hayes said.

Sophomore James Massie is running for the post, "because I feel I have the experience necessary to carry out the duties of the post."

The social studies major is in his second term as a student senator at the Branch.

A student employee on the audio-visual crew, Mr. Massie served as a student representative to the Administrative Affairs Council.

Legislation initiated or backed by Mr. Massie during his senatorship included bills calling for traffic lights as Frank Rd. and Portage Ave., which have been erected, and at Frank Rd., Everhart Rd. and Fulton Rd., which are still being worked on by the county.

Richard Packa is the lone freshman running for the post. The speech and business administration major has the backing of student body vice president Peter Huegel, who is running for president.

If elected, Mr. Packa, who serves as student senate parliamentarian, aims to "break down the wall of apathy at the Branch."

The 1969 graduate of Oakwood High School aims to "start to develop a strong student government which can give the students what they want."

Mr. Packa served as student director of the play "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" and serves on the Interfaith Campus Ministry Board.

Mr. Huegel

Mr. Sigler
Elections have a seamy side

Certain discrepancies have been found in the coming presidential election which Montage feels are important to the students. The discrepancies begin in the three-member election board. Since its functions are to approve petitions, run the polls, count the ballots, etc., it should, logically, remain as unbiased as possible.

Yet, one member of the board has openly campaigned for the Sigler-Hayes ticket while another has attended campaign strategy meetings for the other two presidential candidates. We are not discounting the honesty of the election board, but they are not maintaining an objective viewpoint.

Other questions lie in the candidates themselves. Incumbent Jeff Sigler has decided to run for re-election which is perfectly legal. But Mr. Sigler is a junior math major, and, therefore, it may be that he can not obtain required courses solely at Stark County Branch, and unless he takes unnecessary courses or the High Court rules that he may take a substantial number of hours on main campus while holding office, he will have to transfer.

We ask that he reconsider if he cannot remain the entire year.

The other two presidential candidates, Pete Huegel and John Cooper, are also deserving of close scrutiny. Stark County Branch will have difficulty remembering when so much secretive political maneuvering and back-stabbing has taken place.

During the past two quarters, SAC director and vice-presidential candidate John Hayes worked full time; this made his visits to the SAC office infrequent. Should this continue, we feel that Mr. Hayes is not a suitable candidate.

One more question should be posed to the candidates: "Are you running to serve the student body or for personal glory?"

Please evaluate.

Auto check needed publicity

On Wednesday, April 22, Jerry Lyke’s health class held a car safety check in the Branch parking lot.

Montage feels that this project was a very worthwhile effort and hopefully it will lead to the improvement of some of the cars of students.

However, the lack of prior publicity leading up to the check has left a bitter taste in some mouths.

Many students arrived at the parking lot to be greeted by a school security man directing them into a line of cars already being checked.

The lack of even a sign saying that there was a car check going on and that it was voluntary was inexpusable.

The school furnishes many outlets that could have been used for publicizing this event beforehand.

These outlets include Montage, It’s of Interest, Take Five (for the faculty) and numerous bulletin boards.

Mr. Lyke did say he informed the president of the Faculty Senate and the president of the student body.

While these sources are very prestigious, they did not relay this information further. And is it really their task to relay such information when other means are available?

Jobs available

Stark Branch students interested in work-study jobs this summer with Canton’s Operation Positive program may apply to Ronald Morris, counselor in the Student Relations Office, Room 103.

Twelve full-time positions will be available from June 15 to August 21.

Applicants must be full-time KSU students next fall and must demonstrate financial need of $800 through the Parents Confidential Statement.

One job will be that of a city auditor’s assistant; another will be as an air pollution training supervisor in the City Health Department’s Air Pollution Control Division.

The other 10 positions will be job coach-counselors. These persons will work with youth employed in the city’s Summer Beautification Program.
Students welcome

Stark Branch students are eligible to attend the annual meeting of Interfaith Campus Ministry Wednesday at the Imperial House.

The banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. At 7:15, Warner Mendenhall, assistant director for academic affairs at Kent Stark, will speak on "A Vulnerable University in a Changing Society."

A business meeting will begin at 7:45. Corporation board members and trustees will be elected, and Director Thomas Douce will give an annual report.

Reservations should be mailed or called into Rev. Douce by Monday. Banquet cost for students is $2.00.

25 discuss drugs

Drugs were the topic April 22 when approximately 25 students and faculty gathered in the lower level lounge for Wednesday at Five.

The assistant prosecuting attorney for Summit County, Michael Christoff, spoke on the topic.

Mr. Christoff spent much of his time debating the legality of drugs.

The correlation between the time that society accepts something and the time when the law accepts the same thing also came in for discussion.

Poet Ciardi airs views on college

By Karyl Burwell

"No college really knows what it's doing, especially the liberal arts college," said poet John Ciardi speaking at Stark Branch last Friday.

Appearing in the artist-lecture series sponsored by Student Activities Council, Mr. Ciardi, poetry editor of The Saturday Review, spoke on "What Good is a College?" to an audience of 150 in the library.

Mr. Ciardi protested against the educationally produced "categorical mind" which classifies knowledge and learning processes in concise, strictly defined packages such as "the 12 aims of education" and "5 steps to creative thinking."

"Memorization and feedback are training methods, not education," he said, "... education begins when you get to unanswerable questions."

Mr. Ciardi feels that the liberal arts college should expand its language scope to prompt the development of important questions in the students' minds.

"I believe tremendously in the power of language," he said, "... we are deeply influenced by language."

Turning to a defense of poetry, Mr. Ciardi suggested strong college emphasis on "vertical knowledge", including the timeless literature of Shakespeare, Dante and Homer, and less emphasis on "horizontal knowledge", the mass media and "breakfast table poets" of today.

One significant aspect of learning said Mr. Ciardi, is empathy, identification with another person or literary character. This provides unlimited experiences for the student and aids free intellectual development, he said.

"To be able to identify with anything inside a human being is a great human resource," he said, "... there are many other worlds outside your own ... it's a mistake to go through life without looking for them."
Darkness ends game in tie, 6-6

A tie in baseball? Kent Stark's game with Kenyon College April 22 ended after nine innings in a 6-6 tie.

The game was called because of darkness at 6 p.m.

Bob Rupert turned in a fine pitching performance as he pitched five innings and retired the last 10 batters in order.

The Cobras boosted their record by taking two victories from KSU Ashland last Saturday, 10-1 and 6-5.

Dana Feudeman was credited with the first game while Rupert had second game honors.

Dan Todd led the team with three doubles and Dan Gates hit the team's first home run.

The Stark County Branch tennis team captured an 8-1 win over KSU Tuscarawas Saturday.

Winners for Stark were Dave Kent, Bruce Ingold, John Cooper, Barb Beatty and Linda Kerschner.

Walsh College golfers beat Stark for the second time in three matches 12-1/2-11-1/2 on April 21.

Track will finally begin tomorrow with a meet against Cuyahoga Community College and Thiel College.

On May 6, the team will oppose Malone and Wilmington College at Malone.

Ex-addict urges strong drug laws

By Dick Zengler

Kicks just keep gettin' harder to find
And all those kicks can't give you peace of mind
So, before you find out it's too late
You'd better get straight

"I'm disgusted with Nixon and his administration for their stupid drug laws," said Florete Fisher, nationally known former drug addict.

In a recent interview with MONTAGE, Mrs. Fisher said, "The laws that they have passed are too lenient. A judge giving a first offender a warning and then letting him go is letting him go back out to do it again and not get caught.

"Ohio's laws are terrible. If you're old enough to talk, you can buy a hypodermic needle," she added.

Though Mrs. Fisher lives in Miami, she will never wear a swimsuit or pair of shorts. Her arms and legs are covered with the marks of her past.

What does a woman who has lived the life she has regret about it most?

"That I did not have somebody to tell me about drugs the way I am doing now. My parents were ignorant about drugs and what they did know they wanted to hide.

"I would like to say that the best way to quit drugs is to never start on them," Mrs. Fisher concluded.

55 roll in bowling tournament

Stark County Branch took the first step toward selecting a bowling team last Saturday with an intramural bowling tournament at Imperial Lanes.

The top six finishers who will compete for women's team positions are Bev Emanuelson with a series of 529, Jennie Johns, 476; Bonnie Kurtz, 439; Marti Esmont, 402; Becky Richie, 401 and Celeste Berger, 356.

Top men included Dave Kent, 559; Al Scovelli, 550; Dan Dasco, 545; Melvin Gravely, 539; Dean Powell, 539; Bob Brindack, 536; Tom Kracker, 515, and Jim Kennedy, 487.

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