Editorial: A time for introspection

Between the idea and the reality
College functions much more than providing us with an education. It enables us to formulate ideas and conceive ideals and the unbinding expression thereof. When such peaceful expression is infringed upon by another, the consequence can be nothing less than strife and disorder.

To stifle the views of another so as to bar opposition against one's views is the end to progress itself. Not that we should be pacifists when conditions meet extremity, but certainly not radicals in attempts to accomplish peace.

Death can be an untimely occurrence, but doubtfully averted when arising from a frustrated and apparently angry mob. The death of four KSU men and women is the epitome of civil disobedience amidst a nation torn apart by passion and pride. It is difficult to find any justification in killing. It is even more difficult to find justification in ignoring the pleas of concerned young adults who have voiced such concern by peaceful dissent.

Across many of the nation's campuses, the American flag flies half-mast in tribute to the four slain KSU students. Four promising youths fatally stricken on a promising campus.

Are the roots of a bleached populace signs of yet another war? A war arising from civil strife to such intensity as to pour bloodshed onto this sweet land of liberty. Perhaps, in addition to flying half-mast, the symbolic Stars and Stripes should wave inverted, signifying distress not only on the nation's campuses but throughout the nation.

Distress arising from our government's participation in the unpopular and apparently interminable war in Vietnam. A war which has resulted in an inflationary economy, in lesser prominence to such urgent problems as the environment, poverty and civil rights, in the countless injuries sustained by American service men and the deaths of 40,000 others, and in the deplorable and violent deaths in our own college community.

A nation founded upon justice, liberty, happiness and life has unmistakably denied such rights to Allison Krause, Sandy Scheuer, Jeffrey Miller and William Schroeder.

And who is to blame? The National Guard, the KSU students, President Nixon and his administration, are they to blame? No, the American public is to blame and it is they who must carry the burden of a distressed nation, an unchanging world of false ideals in a changing society.

It is our obligation to posterity to heal the wounds which have left us a house divided and which necessitate a meaningful adjustment to these recent events. For the whole world is watching.

Was discretion used by National Guardsmen in their riot control tactics? It is doubtful, for four KSU students lie dead to prove it.

Was discretion used by those students who tended to intensify an already critical confrontation? It is doubtful, for four KSU students lie dead to prove it.

Certainly, the taxpayers suffered in monetary terms from the destruction that was incurred. But does such a price compare to what Ohio, Kent State and humanity lost in the deaths of these young men and women?

Let us, together, come upon the realization that these lives must not be lost in vain. That much we owe them. Let the spirit of these students survive. Survive to reach out and communicate our need for modification, variation and substitution of the principles which impede a broader perspective of thought and action.

- Terry Scott

Students, faculty plan reopening

Uncertainty about the future role of the Stark County Branch following the violent deaths of four main campus students May 4 resulted in the formation of a special student-faculty-administration-non-academic personnel committee here.

Most committee members went without sleep the weekend of May 8-10 as they attempted to meet the intricacies of a safe reopening of the Branch and steer around the obstacles it presented.

The final plan adopted by Director Jack Morehart upon the recommendation of the Faculty Senate and Student Government included these provisions:

1. Convocations at 1 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12.

2. Resumption of regular classes on Wednesday, May 13.

3. A continuing series of forums open to the entire Branch community and dealing with subjects of current student concern.

4. The formation of proposals for credit-bearing new courses to be offered here by Fall Quarter 1970. These would be interdisciplinary and focus on social, political, economic and ethical issues.

Students who served on the committee were Pete Huegel, George Stroppki, Mike Ebert, Henry Mantho, Frank Cicchinelli, Mike Panasiti and Bob Burgoyne.

Representing the faculty were Gerald Figurski, committee chairman; Lucien Gatewood, Dr. Jean Mallan, Tom Spencer, Ted Bickley, Richard Trelven and John Harkness.

No final exam week

Final exam week will be abolished this quarter.

Classes will meet the week of June 8-13 in a regular pattern, and instructors will plan and administer exams entirely within the structure of the regular class meeting periods.
Convocations gave direction

By Thomas Douce

KSU President Robert I. White said in a press conference following the tragic events of May 4:

"I hear lunacy on one side and frightening repressions on the other and I don't hear from that traditional center that says, 'Let us discuss fully and without limits, and let us come to a decision and conclusion within orderly processes which are in themselves subject to orderly change.'"

I was asked by a committee of faculty and students to moderate two convocations on May 12 here at the Stark County Branch. I have now been asked by Montage to reflect on the purpose of those convocations and what, if anything, was achieved through them.

The purposes of the convocations were to provide information, to give further direction to the educational process here at the Stark County Branch and to provide an opportunity for all viewpoints to be expressed. The convocations were not meant to be the "conclusion" to our problem, but merely a beginning.

I felt that the convocations served a constructive purpose. First, they dealt with the purposes that I have indicated above and, second, they have provided us with a transitional period, pointing us towards the forum structure that we have followed since.

The most valuable aspect of the convocations was that they permitted all individuals to express their point of view. This enabled us to hear the opinions and the positions of many members of our community expressed to the total university community for the first time.

This proved very meaningful for me, as it has helped me re-think my purposes and goals as a campus minister, and I hope it has aided others as well.

I am aware that there are members of the Stark County Branch community who were concerned last week that we get back to business as usual and felt that the convocations and the forums were keeping us from important business.

I only hope that they at least saw the convocations as an opportunity to express their point of view. I would also refer all of us to President White's comments that were stated at the beginning of this column:

"Let us discuss fully and without limits, let us study fully and without limits, and let us come to a decision and conclusion within orderly processes which are in themselves subject to orderly change."

The convocations that took place last week certainly fall within these guidelines for a rational and reasoned approach to our total educational program.

Finally, it is important within a university community that we be willing to put our views forward for debate and refinement. Hopefully, the convocations were the beginning of this process for many of us and we can join in the discussions and debate to refine the purposes of our educational goals.
Art of listening begins with convocations at Stark

By Dick Zengler

After being closed since May 4, the Stark County Branch of Kent State University re-opened to the general student body Tuesday, May 12.

Though classes were not held, two convocations were attended by approximately 600 students, faculty and administrators. Dr. Jean Mallan, assistant professor of chemistry and chairwoman of the committee that planned the convocations, described them as "an attempt to open the dialogue between faculty and students in order to solve mutual problems."

Thomas Douce, director of Interfaith Campus Ministry, presided over the meetings and told each of the two audiences, "There are no appropriate words of welcome for a gathering such as this, but I am glad to see that so many concerned students came."

Rev. John Fredenbergh of St. Mark's Episcopal Church spoke at both convocations and impressed upon his audiences, "We have all lost the skills of listening."

He added, "It takes two parties to make a conflict and both parties must realize that each has responsibilities in the conflict if there is to be a reconciliation."

"If people are to have freedom they must realize a prerequisite for freedom is responsibility," Rev. Fredenbergh said.

He emphasized that all of us try to immediately find a scapegoat for an incident and that unless we do find one, we live in a world of uneasiness.

Dr. Albert Keiselasch, professor of art on main campus, followed Rev. Fredenbergh at the afternoon gathering.

In the evening session, the main speaker following Rev. Fredenbergh was Dr. Doris Franklin, associate professor of English on main campus and president of the Kent chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Dr. Franklin told of her observations on Kent campus May 4 when the four students were shot in the confrontation with National Guardsmen.

She said that she was not aware that marshal law prevailed on the campus that morning and that even if she had known, she would not have known what it meant.

She said many of the dissenters that morning did not know that to hold a rally then was illegal and that many others were not on campus the previous weekend and did not understand the crisis or the tension that hung over the area.

Dr. Franklin closed with what she believes to be some actions that people must take if the country is to have peace and better understanding.

They are to rid themselves of the poison of hatred that they have in

Forums continue to end of quarter

Members of the forum committee met last Friday to discuss the effects of the forums and future plans.

The committee is comprised of members of the student body, faculty and administration.

The committee decided to schedule four topics over a two-week period.

Members agreed to limit the forums to two a day, the first at 11 a.m. and the second at 6 p.m.

The final week of school would be devoted toward making plans for the summer, when the committee hopes to initiate a program to reach the community.

Monday and Tuesday, the forums were centered around the Southeast Asian conflict.

Wednesday and Thursday involved discussions on human rights.

Next Monday and Tuesday's forums will be devoted to ecology.

Wednesday and Thursday's forums will discuss the "Proper Role of the University in the Urban Society."

Gerald Figurski, committee chairman, emphasized the need for student involvement. "Any student interested in helping moderate a forum should contact a committee member."

Faculty members are Mr. Figurski, secretary Rich Treieven, Tom Spencer, Dr. Jean Mallan, Ted Bickley, John Harkness and Lucian Gatewood.

Representing the administration are Jack Morehart, Robert Hendler, Lee Brubaker and Warner Mendenhall.

Student members are Robert Burgoyne, Frank Cicchinelli, Mike Ebert, Pete Huegel, Henry Mantho, George Stropki and Mike Panasiti.

John Sokol represents non-academic personnel.

Several students were invited to attend the meeting to add suggestions on running the forums.
Students site values in continuing forums here

By John Starr

The question "What is your evaluation of the forums that have been held and do you feel they should be continued?" was asked of random members of the student body last Friday by Montage staffs.

Shirley Jacobs said, "The forums have served to establish an island of discussion where tempers have been allowed to flare and to cool. Many students who have been content to be bystanders have been awakened to the issues before them and have hopefully become aware of their responsibility to speak out as individuals."

Sophomore Steve Young thinks continuing the forums is important. He said, "I feel the forums have been generally successful. They have provided a big percentage of the student body with a much needed sense of involvement in campus affairs."

Sophomore Pete Huegel, student body vice president, said, "I feel they should be continued if, and only if, the right ears are there to hear what is being said. I define 'right' ears as being the total university family."

Freshman Katie Schulz said, "At this time I feel they are vitally needed. It gives the students at this Branch a chance to express their feelings with everyone else and to more or less unite themselves."

In speaking of the forums as a major factor in keeping the Branch open, freshman Sandra Stephens said, "I feel that the forums have opened people's minds of the facts and values of keeping our school open. If more forums were held, I feel more people could be helped to understand. They helped me."

Sophomore Purdy Westover said, "I personally feel the forums have been very informative. They have allowed the minority groups to air their personal opinions and have made the majority more aware of their problems and I believe we are better for that."

The forums, according to sophomore Steve Miller, are a good thing and are just a beginning. He said, "With better organizing it could be a milestone in education. Also, I feel we need to get outside speakers interested in this idea and have them voice their opinions. It would be good to try to attract people such as the mayor, city council, state senators and possibly Congressional representatives from both the house and the senate."

Freshman education major Linda Bowman said, "I think the forums are helping all of the students to really get involved in something to help keep the college open. More forums on black involvement should be held to let the whites find out how we feel about the whole situation."

Concerning the frequency of the forums, sophomore Daniel Schiltz said, "I do not think they should be continued on an every day basis. Maybe once a week would be better. They are changing some people's minds about the war."

An unidentified student said the forums are frustrating "but I think they should be continued."

Freshman education major Melesine Pressley said, "I think the forums were helpful in acquainting the students with the problems at hand. Most of the students already knew about the problems, but the forums gave them more details. I think the forums should be continued if the students want to do something concerning the problem."

"Meaningful if put into action," were the words of freshman Barbara Currence. She continued, "The forums are educationally enlightening and much can be learned from them if they are attended with open minds."

Vice President speaks here

Dr. Robert Matson, KSU vice president for student affairs, met with a group of 60 alumni and parents of KSU students here last Saturday to brief them on events at Kent since the May 4 tragedy in which four main campus students died in a confrontation with National Guardsmen. The meeting was sponsored by the Greater Canton Alumni Association.
Guest columnist asks:

Will student apathy return?

By Mike Ebert

The specific question before us is "What is happening at the Stark Branch?"

It would be presumptuous of me to say I know, to give an exact meaning to recent events and to conjecture as to a final outcome. I would only attempt to give two possible courses, either of which could be followed at this point.

Since any real change here could be marked only over a period of time going into maybe next fall or winter quarter, all of what has happened recently: the forums, the faculty-student interest in and involvement with one another, the general resolution toward some action to make life better, all of this could be short lived and result in a general slipping back to the apathy apparent up until the Kent State tragedy.

This apathy, a return to the "Frank Road High School" philosophy of earlier days, would seem to indicate a consensus of opinion here that all was right with the world, or at least not bad enough to elicit any constructive response from the people.

The other major alternative would be an extension of what has been happening here the last two weeks. That extension would specifically include a continual concern of the administration for the student opinion on procedure at the Stark Branch, Student Government initiative in voicing representative views for the student body, faculty interest in the student on a basis involving realization that education includes more than just textbooks and lectures and a general student body desire to do things to attempt to help mend some of society's pressing ills, extending ourselves into the community where the ultimate education lies.

The implications of these two roads looming in the school's future go beyond who gets elected to Student Government next year or what new course selections are offered here next spring. They include the question of the sort of educational atmosphere faculty and students will exist in.

Will it be in one in which questioning from all sides is expected? Where learning means more than getting ten true-false questions correct? Where education in it's largest sense becomes the main function of life?

Or will it be in an atmosphere of low grade pre-training for white collar job placement where any difficult problem is tackled on an emotional level alone or ignored totally?

These questions are, of course, loaded, but I think that their intent is valid. The direction of the Stark Branch is up to all students, faculty and administrators involved.

Hopefully, the problems and actions in evidence here are at least partially institutional growing pains set off by the drastic events in Kent, pains which would have called for some stretching soon anyway.

Perhaps the atmosphere here has reached a level of sophistication such that many people are quickly learning how to learn.

All yet remains to be seen.

To aid wounded

Student Government is taking up a collection on the lower level to financially aid those students who were wounded May 4 in Kent.

Students in charge of the project are Pete Huegel, Henry Mantho and John Cooper.

Play, singers out

"Tartuffe," to have been presented last Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, and the Pozo-Seco Singers concert scheduled May 29 have been cancelled, according to William Casto, coordinator of group affairs here.
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Student columnist sees danger in New Left tactics

By Bill Weimer

When I look back on the tragedy which occurred at main campus, I cannot blame the National Guard or Governor Rhodes, but the cancer which threatens to destroy all our institutions of higher education, the New Left.

With their rhetoric of violence and revolution, the New Left has demonstrated itself as an identifiable threat not only against the colleges and universities of this country but against our American society as a whole.

They are responsible for the bastardization of legitimate protest into a type of totalitarian mob rule. We can see this type of totalitarianism in the events which led to the death of four young people on main campus.

If we may look at the type of weapons used by the students against the police and National Guard we will be able to plainly see the influence of the New Left at Kent State.

The students who were involved in the violence and contributed to it used putty with razor blades implanted which were to be thrown at the faces of the police, broken glass and nails cemented together in paper cups, coat hangers which were cut down to a size which would fit around the hand with a sharpened end extending and would have the same effect on a person's throat as a razor would. These above mentioned weapons are favorites of the Weathermen who are a militant faction of SDS.

Other weapons were used, such as concrete blocks with steel reinforcement running through them, lead and steel pipes, and spikes that are used to secure railroad ties.

It is needless to say, if a person is hit in the head with any of these objects, that person would be as dead as if he was to be shot with a gun. Investigators also uncovered a virtual stockpile of Molotov cocktails in some dorms.

We can also see a type of excellent organization in the way the students isolated a group of about 30 guardsmen away from the rest of the command, then moved in on this group of guardsmen with the intention to at least cause bodily harm, if not cause the termination of the lives of these men. To look at the way the students surrounded these guardsmen, one has to logically conclude that there had to be a directing influence to guide these students.

The death of four young people is indeed a tragic thing, but I would like for you to imagine you are a guardsman who has been surrounded.

Senate meets

Explanation of how the Student Senate is responding to various student requests was presented at a Student Senate forum Monday.

The high degree of Stark Branch apathy was again visible at the session, as less than a dozen students found enough interest to attend the event.

Student Body Vice President Peter Huegel chaired the forum at which students could ask eight senators questions pertaining to current issues.

In response to what is currently being done to meet various student requests, it was explained the senate passed a resolution to condemn the use of force and to emphasize responsibility in freedom.

Provisions of the measure include:

"While affirming the right of all to peaceful dissent, we unanimously condemn the use of force or violence by any individual or group in an attempt to impose its will on the members of any other group (specifically incidents at Kent State University, Jackson State and in Augusta, Ga.).

"We acknowledge freedom carries with it responsibility for mature action and to this end we encourage an expression of cooperation and constructive effort on the part of all to improve the total university."

The resolution was passed during an emergency meeting of the senate Sunday.

During Monday's forum, a discussion was held on the possibility of flying various flags in honor of the six people killed during protests at Kent State and Jackson State.

It was announced that a student committee had been formed to collect money for the Kent students wounded May 4.

by a group of students brandishing lead pipes and concrete blocks, and who are advancing toward you. You have two alternatives: either shoot or wait for your head to be bashed in. In my opinion, the alternative the guard took was just.

The radical element is in a minority on our college campuses, but Hitler's fascist movement was only a minority and Lenin's Bolsheviks were a minority, too. What bothers me is that the New Left is using the same tactics as Hitler and Lenin to achieve their goals and we can see how successful these totalitarian dictators were.

In view of what happened at Kent State and other universities, the average "mid-American" is very apprehensive about his life and property. On CBS's 60 Minutes a few weeks ago the editors of that program polled a group of Americans with a question concerning the restriction of the Bill of Rights. A sizeable percentage of those Americans were in favor of restricting five of those amendments.

This is a reaction against the New Left's terrorism. By restricting the freedoms offered to all Americans, we just might see an ushering in of a strong fascist element in our society, which might obtain control of the government.

The New Left welcomes this, according to Jerry Rubin. Rubin said if a direct revolution could not be successful then the New Left would help establish a totalitarian fascist regime which would cause all Americans to want to revolt, thus accomplishing their goals through indirect methods.

In conclusion I would like to make an urgent appeal to the American people to recognize and fight the menace to our freedom which is the New Left. We really do not appreciate freedom until we lose it.

Judge appointed

John Fierstos was appointed an associate justice of the High Court by the Student Senate on May 3.

The senate also approved a resolution to "bring to the attention of state and local officials the student body's alarm at the threat to health posed by the hazardous pollution of our environment."
Geologists travel

Future geologists in Richard Uthe's Geology 207 class will be heading for the hills Saturday to study rock deposits not available for investigation in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The nine students and two sponsors will travel to the Adirondack Mountains in upper New York State.

The group will consist of students Darrah Artzner, Clive Bailey, Dick Dunlap, Sam Crawford, Becky Garmus, Marilyn Garverick, Dave Little, Larry Porter and Larry Wright.

Geology instructors Mr. Uthe and Jean Meltzer are sponsoring the group.

Students will use guidebooks to help study certain rock exposures which will be examined along the course.

High court rules Bernier out

By Karl Held

Hearing its first major case, the Stark Branch High Court has ruled that qualifications for student body president and vice president are based on "accumulative grade point averages."

Freshman James Bernier appealed to the high court for a ruling, contending the Student Government Constitution specifies a candidate must have a "grade point average" of 2.25.

Mr. Bernier held his Winter Quarter average of 2.43 qualified him as a candidate for vice president. His petition was rejected by the election board on grounds his accumulative average was too low.

Following a hearing on the case April 28 and 29, Associate Justice Robert Eakins ruled against Mr. Bernier.

In his written opinion, Mr. Eakins said, "Following the phrase 'have a grade point average of no less than 2.25', the constitution states, 'have attained 30 quarter hours including those taken concurrently at the time of election.'"

"The key phrase," the opinion continued, "is 'have attained 30 quarter hours.' It is impossible for a student to take a course load of 30 hours per quarter, therefore, the number 30 indicates an 'accumulative' average since it is impossible to obtain that many hours in one quarter."

During the hearing, it was questioned if the court had the power to hear the case. The high court is to be composed of three justices, and at that time Mr. Eakins was the lone judge on the bench.

Mr. Bernier has the right to appeal the decision, but has indicated he does not plan to do so.

Robert George represented Mr. Bernier.

Student Government was represented by Atty. Gen. Ronald Sigrist.

99 make Dean's Honor List

Ninety-nine students at KSU Stark earned recognition on the Dean's Honor List for winter quarter, announced Director Jack D. Morehart.

The College of Education led the list with 55 students; College of Arts and Sciences, 29; College of Business Administration, 8; and College of Fine and Professional Arts, 7.

To be eligible, one must have carried 15 or more hours of course work and received a 3.40 average or higher for the quarter.

Nineteen of the honor students earned a 4.0 average. They are: Mark Artzner, Ernest Autry, Christine Besozzi, Joanne Marie Gunna and Jeanette Haswell, College of Arts and Sciences.

Richard Pherson and David Zugsberger, College of Business Administration.

Michelle Adams, John Cooper, Linda Crissey, Sandra Dougherty, Shirley Jacobs, Lucinda Lash, Michael Patton, Sandra Sutton, Judy Thompson, Donna Wells and Pamela Woodward, College of Education.

Also, David Kendig, College of Fine and Professional Arts.

Other honor students are:


COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - Charles Bertsch, Bruce Blyer, Rick Ginther, Lawrence Kessler, Thomas Maier and Paul Peterson, Jr.


COLLEGE OF FINE AND PROFESSIONAL ARTS - Michael Casey, Nancy Jo Connor, Julie Gallagher, Michael Hudak, Robert Skelley and James Voyk.