84 Stark County Branch students; they could bring back a child's life

By Joann Schulte

Joan, the daughter of a former Stark Branch student, was a bright, alert 9-year-old when she left for camp last summer. She loved riding horses and being outside.

Today, she is in need of 84 Branch students or other volunteers to restore that alertness, that brightness to her physically helpless body.

A horse threw her at the summer camp last year. Joan lay unconscious in a hospital for months after the accident. She experienced brain damage while in the coma – brain damage which deformed her speech, memory and muscular coordination.

She is totally dependent on others and her mother has quit school to be at her side.

Specialists at a famous child-care hospital have told Joan's mother that her daughter's condition might be remedied if a program of special exercises – called patterning – is immediately initiated.

Patterning therapy restimulates the brain's control over useless muscles.

To benefit from the program, Joan must be exercised four times daily in her home by three persons per time.

This equals 84 desperately needed Stark Branch students per week.

The exercises are easily performed and, according to doctors, the large number of unfamiliar persons meeting Joan will help to activate her mind.

Times for the daily sessions are 7-7:30 a.m., 10:30-11:15 a.m., 2-2:45 p.m. and 7-7:30 p.m.

Branch students interested in restoring Joan's life should leave their name and phone number at the Information Center in the main hall or with Rev. William Casto in the Interfaith Campus Ministry office near the library.

Mrs. Kathi Walz, an HPE instructor here, will contact the volunteers and set up a therapy schedule.

"Students need not assist in patterning daily," she said, "but any time they can donate will help."

Help is an understatement.

Branch float readied

The Branch Campus Day float was completed last Saturday in preparation for tomorrow's CD parade on main campus.

The float was built in a barn in Kent by Branch students and will illustrate the country Newfoundland.

Campus Day features entertainment by nationally famous performers along with the parade, a songfest and other events.

DOCTORS John Harley (right) and Tom Dent examine the remains of a spider which bit a Canton girl.

Instructors help in identification

Dr. Tom Dent and Dr. John Harley of the Stark Branch Biology Department helped to identify the crushed remains of a possible brown recluse spider last week.

Both instructors agreed that the spider which bit Diane Karcher, 18, of Canton April 26 was "probably not a Loxosceles recluse (brown recluse) although absolute identification was impossible because of the crushed condition of the specimen."

Miss Karcher was admitted to Doctors Hospital April 28 in a coma. Latest hospital bulletins report she is suffering from bacterial meningitis, possibly contracted from the spider bite.

Identification by the Stark Branch instructors was requested by the hospital in light of a brown recluse spider bite which contributed to the death of 5-year-old Todd Quester in Cleveland.

According to Dent and Harley, the spider they examined could have belonged to the Sicariidae family which includes the brown recluse variety.

According to Dr. Dent, the brown recluse range has been extended into Ohio.

Dr. Harley described the brown recluse as having a "fiddle shape" marking on the back, yellowish to medium dark brown in color and 0.9 to 1.5 cm. in length.

WORKING on the Branch Campus Day float are Karen Beading (left) and Carol Keith. (UNS photo)
Lack of cooperation hinders Greeks

By Larry Wilgus
President, Sigma Chi Epsilon

What has happened to the fraternity and sorority system at the Stark County Branch? Why has it failed to become the vanguard of campus activity that its counterpart on main campus is?

Perhaps the most serious problem encountered by the Greek system is the lack of cooperation between the member fraternities and sororities. Instead of working together to firmly establish a whole Greek system, they pull at each other in constant rivalry for pledges, publicity, political power and administrative support. To continue in this manner jeopardizes the very existence of Greeks at the Branch.

A lack of communication within the fraternities and sororities themselves is creating problems for the Greeks. Being a commuter school, most students have jobs and must rely on other "Greeks" for news of their organization. Responsible relay of this news seldom occurs, thus leaving many Greeks in the dark as to their organization's activities. When this basic communication fails, the system fails.

Being a commuter school leads to a related problem for the Greeks. For financial and other reasons they are unable to operate like a national fraternity or sorority that has housing quarters off campus which allows for more freedom in satisfying each individual Greek organization. Our branch "Greeks" do not have the funds to finance this ideal setup and must assume the responsibility to adjust to our unique situation.

The solutions to these problems are easily understood in theory. Restore communication within the fraternities and sororities. This means holding meetings, discussions and generally finding out what the individual Greeks think. Then cooperate as a whole with the other sororities and fraternities to build a solid Greek system. We "Greeks" MUST accept the fact that our functions are limited and have to be carried out on a much smaller scale than that of a national fraternity. Beyond this, what has to be understood is that until we are concerned with more than ourselves there will be no better tomorrow . . . It will be just like today.

Seffens cabinet resigns at term end

The cabinet of student body President David Seffens resigned this week as the term of the president ends next Thursday at 8 p.m.

Resignations were accepted from Ed Schabel, undersecretary of emergency planning; Mike Ebert, undersecretary of inter-college relations; William Bernier, director of the Student Activities Council; D. Earl Sprankel, secretary of the treasury; James Rowles, press secretary; Al Schweitzer, attorney general; Joe Thompson, secretary of minority affairs, and John Hartsock, secretary of executive administration.

Hartsock, senior member of the cabinet, resigned first due to "pressing commitments." In leaving, he said, "I have developed many friendships in working with student government and President Seffens. I feel this administration has made great strides forward which will not be matched for some time."

After accepting Hartsock's resignation, Seffens said, "I would like to thank John for the tremendous job he has done this year. He has been my closest and most faithful advisor."

In regards to the cabinet in general, Seffens said, "The example of service set by this administration's cabinet is a tangible precedent for future cabinets to follow. I thank these officers for their devoted work, and I am sure the student body does likewise."

Returns posted

Returns from yesterday's student government elections are posted on bulletin boards throughout the building.

Students voted on two candidates for the student body presidency, three candidates for the vice-presidency and two proposed constitutional amendments.

Complete election returns and stories will be in next week's Montage.

Building plans made

Plans are being made for the construction of the first building at the Kentview site near the Branch.

Kentview, Inc., owns 80 acres of land which in the future will contain shops, a restaurant and housing for faculty and students.

The first building will be John Knox United Presbyterian Church. Work is slated to begin in July with completion by the end of the year.

2,500 see productions

Because of the success of the Children's Theatre production, Rumpelstiltskin, plans are being made to present at least one play for children during each academic year in the future.

Rumpelstiltskin, which toured local elementary schools last week, was viewed by some 2,500 students, according to Rev. William Casto of Interfaith Campus Ministry.

"It was extremely successful, and we had a good response from the children," Rev. Casto said.

Denny Bettisworth, director of University Theatre, said, "Rumpelstiltskin has set a precedent for University Theatre with the new dimension of touring."

Both men stressed the public relations value of the production and the educative worth of having children exposed to the theatre arts.
Greeks news

The O'Tannenbaum memorial, donated to the University by the Sigma Chi Epsilon fraternity and reported stolen a month ago, was found in the school driveway last Friday.

The recovery of the stone, valued at over $100, was reported to SCE President Larry Wilgus by Eric Smith, president of Phi Delta Psi fraternity.

The vandalism of a bench donated to the University by Phi Delta Psi recently prompted the fraternity to offer a "substantial reward to persons furnishing evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of the vagrant causing the damage."

The bench, located near the flagpole circle, was used by students waiting for rides.

An official complaint has been filed with campus police concerning the incident which is the eighth in the past few months involving destruction or theft of Greek-related property.

Wilgus reports his group has refused to support tonight's scheduled Greek spring formal dance.

He cites lack of enthusiasm on the part of other Greeks for the SCE stand. "We are a commuting school that cannot operate like main campus," he said, adding, "Sigma Chi will not appropriate money to back a flop."

In other Greek news, new representatives to the Branch Greek Council are Madalana Matter, Sally Kendig and Nancy Wood.

Final keglers chosen

A 225 game by Tim Reynolds led the bowling team roll-offs last Saturday at Imperial Lanes. The roll-offs were held to determine who would represent Kent Stark at the Ohio Regional Campus Tournament, May 17 in Newark.

The five best men and the five best women from the intramural bowling winners will participate at the tournament with one alternate for each team traveling also.

The six men and their series scores are: Tim Reynolds, 565; Jim Mitchell, 545; Dave Richardson, 537; Jim Rowlis, 527; Bill Wallace, 507, and Tim Eberhardt, 455.

The six women and their series scores are: Jean Folley, 524; Bev Emanuelson, 495; Celeste Berger, 460; Jennie Johns, 451; Marty Esmont, 422, and Janice Moecia, 414.

Two weeks ago, Montage announced the names of the seven Stark Branch coeds who were selected candidates for the National Professional Football Hall of Fame Queen competition. The local fans of all sports insisted we run the faces behind the names, so here they are. (Top l. to r.) Diane Young, Pam Guertal, Mary Kay Ley. (Bottom) Mara Jansons, Carol Keith, Deidre Howard, Becky Wagner. "When Spring cometh, a young man's fancy turneth to . . . football?" Catherine Kennedy has been added to the list of hopefuls.

Trackers blast Cavalier thinclads

Three weeks of running like they had never run before ended the track team's first dual meet victory over Walsh College last Saturday.

Coach Arvis Averette juggled his 12-man team in the nine-event meet to come up with a 43-34 win.

Stark's only double winner, Terry Byers, led the Cobras with ten points followed by Dan Armentano with nine, Bob George, six; Gary Christy and Roger McClure, five each; and Greg Blue and Butch Gesaman, four apiece.

The Cobras took first in each of the field events. Dan Armentano captured the long jump with an '8' 6-1/2" leap while Gary Christy took the shot put with a '39'10" toss. Roger McClure's '109'6-1/2" was best in the discus. Greg Blue placed third in the shot put and second in the discus.

After only a week's practice, Byers took top honors in the mile with a 4:58.1 while Butch Gesaman placed third. Byers and Gesaman combined for a 1-2 win in the half mile with times of 2:22.7 and 2:23 respectively.

Walsh regained revenge for an earlier defeat by beating the Cobras 17-1/2-6-1/2. Stark trounced Ohio Dominican 16-4, however, in the triangular. Tom Ivan was medalist for Kent with 77.
By Pam Guertal

If you watched classical guitarist Alirio Diaz closely during his concert here last Friday, you might have witnessed a man blowing his mind in every sense of the word.

This is exactly what happens to the Venezuelan musician when, according to him, "The right combination of audience, acoustics, lighting and music cause me to be completely unaware of everything except the sounds coming from my guitar."

Diaz chooses compositions from his favorite Baroque and Classical composers by the "beauty of the works."

"Beauty is expressive melodies, harmonies, counterpoint - an expressive unity," he said, adding, "All these factors create a general idea in my mind about the composition I am playing."

Through this "general idea", the guitarist shapes his technique which is expressed in the sounds from his instrument.

Although Diaz is primarily interested in classical guitar music from the point of view of his public concerts, he enjoys guitarists from "jazz to folk" and lists among his favorite performers Wes Montgomery, Chet Atkins and Charles Burt.

He believes many of the current electric guitars should not be termed guitars at all. "They have a different holding technique and sound," he said, "and I hope they can be improved."

Diaz feels that students, especially college students, respond to the "emotional language" of the guitar because they are more aware of musical structure. "U.S. audiences are some of the best," he said, "but there is little difference between audiences throughout the world."

The performer's concert was the last in the cultural artist-lecture series sponsored by the Student Activities Council this year.