Elections probably off until Fall

By Karl Held

Elections for student body president and vice president will be postponed until Fall Quarter 1970, if the recommendations of the election board are approved by the Student Senate.

The election board, which recommended such action at a student senate meeting Thursday night, came to the decision after lengthy consultation with Stark Branch administrative personnel.

(Results of the senate meeting were not available at press time).

In their recommendation to the senate, the election board said they feel there is not sufficient time left this quarter to conduct a proper election.

It was the opinion of the board the elections should be reopened to allow other students now desiring to run for office to secure petitions.

The election board was asked by the Branch administration to abide by a resolution passed by the board of trustees on main campus cancelling all public events, programs, extra curricular activities, and student activities for the remainder of the quarter.

The election board said the resolution applies to Stark Branch in some respects because many activities here have been cancelled.

Seven points were made by the Branch administration to the election board supporting the cancellation of elections.

They included:
1) The Branch has been asked by main campus to abide by the decision of the board of trustees regarding the cancellation of events.
2) The administration feels people emerging as leaders must have time to become leaders.
3) Permission would have to be secured from a higher authority to hold the elections, and that authority already has many priorities to deal with.
4) The administration feels the proper climate to hold an election does not exist at the Branch.
5) The first priority of the administration is the educational survival of the Branch.
6) The main objective of the administration at the present time is to keep the school open.
7) The administration believes politics is geared to create friction which is not needed at this time. Academic work at the Branch is more important at the present time.

Members of the board, who are Michael Panasiti, Esther Aukerman and Robert Burgoyne, said the elections possibly might not be held even if the senate did not approve the recommendation.

Despite the tragic events and trying times of recent weeks, Montage photographer Jim Cook found many Stark Branch students like Trish Conley enjoying a springtime change of pace on the grounds here.

Memorials held for two Blacks

Reflection on the deaths of two Black students slain May 15 at Jackson (Miss.) State College was conducted in the form of two memorial services Wednesday in Lecture Hall 100.

Approximately 250 people attended the 10 a.m. service which featured five speakers, prayer and three soloists.

Speakers included Wayne Taylor, director of the Northeast YMCA; William Currence, assistant director of the Office of Economic Opportunity; Rev. J.T. Robinson of the 13th St. Church of God; Arvis Averette, community planner of the Portage County Community Action Council, and D.L. Bettisworth, Faculty Senate president.

Mr. Taylor told of the two students killed at Jackson State — Phillip Gibb, a university student, and James Earl Green, a high school student.

"Death has become a way of life," Mr. Currence said. "I wonder if we can call ourselves civilized."

Mr. Currence said, "People have been preaching law and order in this country, but not justice for minorities."

"The question is not 'what can you do' but 'what will you do',' he said. Nobody can help the two students killed, Mr. Currence concluded, but they can help their brothers and sisters.

Rev. Robinson said he was concerned about the deflation of the person, and the price of a life "not being very high."

"Life is cheap," the minister said, "when men and boys can be sent into Cambodia to buy a little time."

Mr. Averette, assistant Branch basketball coach, spoke not only on Jackson State, but also on a 1968 incident at Orangeburg involving students from South Carolina State University which resulted in three students being shot.

Mr. Bettisworth read excerpts from poems by three Black poets.

Solos were sung by Willie Paul Milan, coordinator of the Northeast Center of the Office of Economic Opportunity; Glennadine Johnson, a Branch student, and Steven Pressley, job development specialist for the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Student John Bridges was master of ceremonies.
Values, hope seen in forums by their chairman

By Gerald Figurski

Having grown up in a small coal-mining town of 1,312, Kent was a metropolis to me when I arrived there as a student in 1962.

At that time, not only did I have a false conception of what a large urban area was, but I also held some half true and narrow-minded beliefs and values. Those "truths" that I carried with me were bequeathed to me by my parents, friends and teachers in my first 17 years of life. They and I had placed over my eyes a pair of sunglasses, the shade of the lens colored by the provincial truths of our part of God's country.

Within a few short years, my conception of the metropolis changed and so did the shade of the lens through which I saw the world around me. Those changes in values and beliefs not only came from my college courses, but also from being confronted with other value systems held by friends and opponents alike.

Being involved to a great degree in student activities allowed me to touch base with individuals holding different values from all parts of the political spectrum. Out of this confrontation between my original belief system and those I faced at Kent, I hope has come a much clearer and a more objective view of this world.

It is my hope that the forums being conducted this quarter and hopefully in the future will provide the same type of opportunity for individuals within our university community. The values of these forums where ideas clash are many.

First, the forums should provide information so that we might achieve a greater understanding of the problems facing our world. We should, therefore, be able to participate more responsibly in this nation's decision-making processes.

Mr. Figurski

Second, the forums may make us aware of some problems we had never faced before. One facet of this community which I was never aware of prior to the forums is the problems faced by Blacks at the Stark County Branch.

Third, the forums should give us the opportunity to understand the other guy's point of view. We do not necessarily need to agree with him, but if we can understand him the poison that is currently eating away at the life blood of our society may be diluted.

Fourth, the forums should bring us out of our insular environments. This is especially important at a Branch where many students are on the campus only for classes.

One student stated that the forums were useless because everyone just expressed his own point of view. Maybe some of these views are invalid. Maybe some need refinement. It's sad that too many times the only man willing to admit he needs to learn more is the ignorant man. The half-ignorant man tends not to exhibit such humility. Personally, the more I learn, the more I realize my great lack of understanding and knowledge.

Fifth, the forums will hopefully encourage students to get involved in the political system, e.g., knocking on doors for political candidates, task forces speaking to local community organizations on environmental problems, etc.

In the last issue of Montage, Bill Weimer expressed concern over "the cancer which threatens to destroy all our institutions of high education, the New Left." Although I am obviously concerned about the violent from any part of the political spectrum, I am more concerned about the student in the middle who shows no more than a superficial concern over this nation's problems. If this nation is to survive and if it is to reach its full potential, the citizen in the middle must become aware and involved.

Sixth, the forums will hopefully deflate the balloon of polarization prevalent in our society today--a situation I fear because of the opportunities for demagoguery and repression of civil liberties.

The structure to achieve these goals, although requiring refinement, has been established. To be truly successful, however, it is imperative that we all participate.

You know it would be easy to return to that small coal-mining town where most citizens do not exhibit a concern over this nation's problems and where most do not care to attempt to understand the problems when faced with them. Attempting to understand is not an easy road. However, for the salvation of our nation, we must take the more difficult path.
Opinion:

Working with the deaf is fascinating work, says coed

By Terry Scott

Reach out for someone. To communicate is the beginning of understanding.

An advertisement for A T & T; a philosophy for Linda Mancini.

Mrs. Mancini, a junior studying deaf education here, is an active member in RID, Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

Her duties include interpreting at court trials, driving exams, conventions and civil service examinations which involve deaf people.

Mrs. Mancini, whose parents are both deaf, presently teaches sign language to staff members at the Applecreek Institute.

Besides sign language, she teaches them to communicate through facial expression, gestures and finger spelling.

According to Mrs. Mancini, it is possible to learn sign language rather thoroughly in the course of a year.

Presently, she is helping 10 deaf persons in Canton train for the civil service exam.

Mrs. Mancini feels that the deaf are marked as second class citizens and stresses the need for the American public to be educated on what the deaf are really like.

For this reason, she thinks that deafness can be a greater handicap than anything else.

Mrs. Mancini is involved in the field of deaf education because of her feeling of obligation arising from the great need for work to be done in the area.

Opinion:

News one-sided

By Deanna Campbell

One of the functions of a newspaper is to inform readers. This includes presenting all angles of a story, and most important, all the facts.

During the past several weeks, local newspapers have devoted large amounts of space to the Kent crisis. Headlines scream of the tragic shootings and the drugs and weapons found on the campus.

These are the stories that are holding readers' attention — or perhaps I should say the one side of the stories that are holding readers' attention.

Newspapers, and for the most part all other news media, are reporting only those facts or supposed facts that promote public disfavor toward Kent State students.

To impress the public newspapers are using shock headlines, revealing photographs and gimmicks under the pretense of being "informed".

Certainly the public has a right to be informed of what is happening, but above all, it wants facts — and all of them.

Taking this into consideration, I feel that the local newspapers and news media in general have done a rather poor job of handling the Kent crisis.

Opinion:

Was 'product' worth the price?

By Dick Zengler

In today's world, a major item is the price of something. What value does it hold?

May 4, four Kent students gave the ultimate price there is to pay... they gave their lives.

What are the "products" that could be purchased at such a price?

First, attentive ears when college students have something to say or suggest about the world of which they are a part.

Many people label this as communication. I believe it is called the right to free speech.

Second, four deaths could buy a right for students to have a say in the workings of their university — workings such as a right to help decide where monies are allotted, a chance to evaluate faculty and even a right to evaluate administration.

She remarked, "There are one million Americans affected by deafness and little is being done to help them."

She added that most programs for the deaf are geared for children and that there is only one college for the deaf. It is located in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Mancini's mother, Mrs. Robert Dixon, is quite active in programs for the deaf also.

For the past 11 years she has been teaching sign language to various groups on a voluntary basis. This year, she is doing so on behalf of the government.

Presently, she conducts a class every Monday and Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Canton Jewish Community Center.

Besides teaching, Mrs. Dixon conducts numerous meetings and lectures. Her program includes songs, jokes, skits and a question and answer period, all done in sign language.

On Sundays, Mrs. Mancini serves as an interpreter for her mother who conducts a hearing service at their church.

Mr. Dixon is employed as a Linotype operator for the Canton Repository and is able to communicate with 30 co-workers by sign language.

Many of the students of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

Should they not get training for this leadership in the colleges today?

Now, in reflection, what have the four lives purchased so far...

A NUMBER OF UNIVERSITIES have closed — some out of sympathy to the slayings, others in an attempt to avoid a fiasco such as happened in Kent.

A QUESTIONABLE LOOK at the training that the National Guard receives — something that probably should have been investigated before a tragedy like Kent took place.

BEFTER "COMMUNICATION" between faculty and students. Why would something as relevant as the process of communication be looked over until now?

The ultimate price has purchased some needed products. But why have they been so costly?
Opinion:

Frustration is cause of dissent

By John Starr

All of America has reviewed the case of campus dissent versus law and order, and the "jurors" are returning their verdicts.

Most of the people want either to indict the Guard or the students. Many returned their decisions without adequately reviewing the case.

Whether or not you agree with dissent, the right to do so is guaranteed to all Americans in the United States Constitution, as long as it is carried on in an orderly manner.

It is beyond me why people who condemn the violent and non-violent student demonstrations can condone the actions of construction workers in New York and recognize them as super patriots.

Four people were killed on a college campus and yet some people worry about footing the bill for the destruction more than the loss of human life.

What causes dissent today? Frustration. Students know that the ears of the government have been deafened to their pleas for peace.

The Nixon Administration claimed in the Nov 15 War Moratorium that no matter how many people attended, it would do nothing to change their minds on their goals in Southeast Asia.

So what created the situation at Kent? Frustration teamed with the careful planning of a few radicals.

The radicals at Kent, though probably few in number, are masters at controlling crowds. They were able to raise the students into an uncontrollable emotional state.

I feel the Guard can't be blamed for their actions because they too were in an emotionally uncontrollable state.

I feel the government is to blame for its unreceptiveness toward student pleas and its furthering a war which is not in the best interests of the people.

In addition to the obvious loss of human life in Vietnam, it has helped nurture a state of hate in our country which is turning father against son and mother against daughter and vice versa.

2 meetings held

Stark County Branch was the scene last week of several meetings between KSU faculty and main campus students living in this area.

The meetings were designed to provide contact between faculty and students while the main campus is closed.

On Tuesday night, area College of Education students met here with Dr. Clayton M. Schindler.

Friday night, main campus students from this area met with these faculty: Thomas Korllos, sociology; Joyce Alexander, secondary education; Dr. Charles Cleaver, math; Dr. Sidney Krause, English; Janene Reagan, psychology, and David Waller, biology.

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LASTING LINEUPS

Police line-ups occur weekly at the Stark County Branch now. That's what security officers call their work schedule made out by Sgt. Jim Mitchell.

FANCY FOLKS

Many people claim it's impossible to tell the difference between boys and girls today.

In Mrs. Audrey Featheringham's class of folk-dancing on Saturday mornings, there's no problem. Girls in the class must wear ribbons in their hair, aprons and skirts.

The girls dress that way "because girls dance better when they wear skirts."

No mention is made of the fact girls often dance the male part as there are only a few guys in the class.

SHELVING SHOES

Collecting things can be contagious. An example is Mrs. Jane Keckler, library director here. She has expanded from books and maintains a personal collection of about 40 pairs of shoes, including a pair of green and white striped ones that match a suit.

Interfaith elects its new officers

On May 21, the board of trustees of Interfaith Campus Ministry met and elected new officers for the 1970-71 year.

New officers are: Robert Friedman, president; William Brown, vice president for administration and finances; Judge John Milligan, vice president for program and personnel; and William Casto, secretary, and Blair Woodside, treasurer.