Weekend sports program for all to start Saturday

By Bob George

Intramurals and the sports program took on a new look last Friday when the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Committee held its first meeting.

Bob Kistler, HPE coordinator and chairman of the committee, said, "Director Jack Morehart and I recognized the need for weekend activities at the Branch and that the decisions made by the committee would be important to the extra-curricular life here."

As a result of the first meeting, a kickoff weekend will be held tomorrow and Sunday with free cider and doughnuts served on the lower level.

The plan is to keep the lower level open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 12 noon to 8 p.m. so that students may use the facilities and enjoy the programs scheduled.

Programs which will begin tomorrow include table tennis, cards, basketball, football and the opening of a bongo board area.

Team sports will not be organized, but equipment will be available for these sports.

Other sports and activities which will be provided throughout the year are archery, ice skating, pool, tennis, soccer, camping, volleyball, sled riding and softball.

The committee made provisions for a five-girl public relations team who will aid the HPE department in dispersing information, ticket promotion and student recruitment among others. They will be called the Cobras.

Only 12% cast vote

Only 303 students, or 12 per cent of the students enrolled at Stark Branch, turned out to exercise their voting rights when Senate elections were held last Wednesday and Thursday.

Senior senator candidates received best support from the pollsters, accounting for 160 votes. Junior senator candidates were not far behind, netting 143 total votes.

Twelve senior senators were selected by voters including three write-in nominees. Leading the way was Mark Sokol with 73 votes, followed closely by James Massie who garnered 70 votes.

Others elected to senior senator posts, and their vote total, included Robert George, 63; Linda Tatka, 60; Peggy Whiting, 53; and George Stopkik, 46.

Stuart Beatty, 42; Richard Bertram, 39; John Uliveto, 38; Michael Baum, 36; Dennis Bope, 14; and John Burgoyne, 13, also were chosen.

Four write-in nominations who receive sparse votes were William Martin, 4; Timothy Kauffman, 3; and Leni Smith and David Kirk, each 2 votes.

Lee Springer, compiling 72 votes, paced the way in the junior senator race, with Joyce Canter taking second place with 67.

Other candidates selected to serve as junior senators included Terry Schreffer, 65 votes; Richard Packa, 65; Michael Kohler, 62; Douglas Murdock, 58; John Cooper, 52; Henry Mantho, 50.

Junior senator nominees that did not make the grade included Esther Auerman, 36; William Campion, Ross Valasek and Susan Lantz, each 2 votes.
Editorial reflection on elections

Last year, of a total of 2,200 students attending classes fall quarter, approximately 18 per cent voted in Student Senate elections. Nineteen candidates campaigned for 20 senate seats.

Obviously, the turnout was poor, and it reflected the apathy which would be so prevalent throughout the year. However, the complaints rolled in from every corner of the school. The Senate "showed a lackluster performance," "accomplished nothing" and "spent our money foolishly."

This year, the hope was that things would be different. Freshman orientation seemed to show a change. Everyone seemed more interested in making the Branch a better school.

Last week's senate elections destroyed all hopes. (See story page 1.) Out of 2,527 students, 303 or 12 per cent of the student body voted. Only 18 people filed petitions for 20 senate seats.

Many complained that there was no real choice. Had those that complained run for Senate, there might have been a choice.

We feel that enough publicity was given to both the method for filing senator petitions and the election itself. We must draw the conclusion that you don't care.

"Enthusiasm is contagious; so is the lack of it." Please don't let the lack of it plague this school.

The Senate represents you. Let the members know you feel about problems involving this school. Try to get involved because it makes life here much more rewarding.

If, in your opinion, the Senate fails in its duty, perhaps the fault is really yours.

To those of you who were among the 303 concerned—thank you. To those of you who were among the 2,224 unconcerned—que sera sera.

The cast from "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" discuss the play with student director Richard Packa (seated). They are (standing left to right) Dennis Fahnri, Cathy McLaughlin, Jim Morrow and Shirley Jacobs. The play will be presented November 21, 22, and 23 at the Cedar Chest Theatre.

Gregory coming

Comedian Dick Gregory will speak at the Stark County Branch Friday, November 14, at 8 p.m. in Lecture Hall 100.

A leader in the black fight for equality, Mr. Gregory will speak on civil rights.

Admission to the lecture will be free to Branch students.

Mr. Gregory attempts, in his college lectures, to confront white America with the moral sickness he feels will destroy the nation if not eliminated, according to an article in the June 25, 1968, issue of Look magazine.

The article quotes Mr. Gregory, "I guess I spend 98 percent of my time on college campuses... cause you young folks have the difficult task of solving the problem before it solves you."

The article said, "a Dick Gregory college lecture would surprise many people who see that overworked adjective "militant" applied to him... the laughter never really stops, the hardest and fiercest points are soon relieved by humor. And they contain an internal balance that induces thought rather than anger."

During the 1967-68 school year, Mr. Gregory spoke at 150 campuses in 36 states.

In addition to college lectures, Mr. Gregory makes television and nightclub appearances.

Bettisworth returns

After an absence of almost two weeks, Denny Bettisworth, speech instructor here, returned after an appendix operation.

Mr. Bettisworth was hospitalized in Timken-Mercy Hospital Oct. 23 after an attack earlier that day. He remained in the hospital until Oct. 28.

Rehearsals for "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" were directed by William Casto, coordinator of group affairs, during Mr. Bettisworth's absence.
'Come fly with me'... Gayle Blackmer knows all about it

By Mike Casey

At the age of 14, when most children are still riding bicycles, Gayle Blackmer began taking flying lessons.

Gayle is now a freshman at Kent State Stark County Branch majoring in history.

She became interested in aviation through her father, Arthur Blackmer, who worked part time for four years at Shawnee Airways. Shawnee Airways also employed Gayle as an office worker.

In two years, Gayle has compiled more than 200 flying hours, which are needed for a commercial license. However, to meet the final requirement for the license, she must pass a written examination. She already has a private pilot license. Her longest flight was to Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, for a few days, then to North Carolina with just one stop on the way. Gayle made the trip with a girl friend, Carol Lemanczyk.

Besides aviation, Gayle's other interests are dancing and horseback riding.

Gayle began lessons in dancing at the age of 6 and now teaches tap dancing, ballet, and jazz at the Portage Lake Dancing School.

She plans to attend the Stark County Branch until the winter quarter of 1971. Then she will continue her education towards a teaching degree elsewhere. She plans to continue as a teacher at the dancing school.

Gayle graduated from Green High School in 1969. She resides with her parents at 3160 Beaumont Ave. N.W., Massillon.

If you like to talk

By Terry Scott

Polemics comes from the Greek word "polemics" which means "of the nature of, pertaining to, or involving controversy." This is what it's all about.

The purpose of the Polemician Society is to discuss the controversial and relevant issues of our time.

According to Myrtle Rothwell, president, the society has grown from the smallest to the largest of all clubs and organizations at the Stark County Branch.

Miss Rothwell said that discussion and debate make the Polemician Society uniquely collegiate in its design and nature.

She said that although the Polemician Society provides a specialized program for the formal debater, the largest part of the membership is composed of students who have no debate experience.

An astrology program is planned for the November meeting. Exact time and date will be announced.

Election of officers for the coming year will take place at that meeting.

The Polemician Society needs new and dynamic leadership. How about yours? Interested students should contact Miss Rothwell, Edel Arkel, secretary, or Edward E. Swingle, advisor.

 COURTS 'LIGHT UP'

Hopefully, the sports program at Kent Stark will be getting another feather in its hat sometime next spring.

At that time, work is expected to start on lighting newly constructed tennis courts near the Branch building.

These will be no ordinary lights.

Plans are now being studied by Ohio Power Co. for the installation of a set of lights that will be the type recommended by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

There are believed to be no other courts in the northeastern Ohio area that are lighted to those standards.

So, tennis bums, keep hoping with Robert Kistler, athletic coordinator here, that everything will be approved by the necessary officials.

Greeks entertain

Last Friday night, Sigma Chi Epsilon fraternity and Sigma Chi Beta sorority held a three-hour Halloween party for the residents of Fairmount Children's Home in Alliance.

The fraternity furnished pumpkins so the children could make jack-o-lanterns and the sorority provided 10 gallons of cider and 10 dozen doughnuts.

They entertained with games for the young children and a dance for the older ones.
**Cobras top Walsh in scrimmage**

By Bob George

Bruins, Celtics, Cobras. What do they have in common? All three were basketball champions in the '68-69 season.

Perhaps the strength of the Cobras was not as well publicized but, in their own way, they left an impression that was hard to forget.

This impression was probably best characterized when at the Spring Sports Tournament last May an Ohio State Newark girl asked, "You're the ow n way, they left an impression that characterized when at the Spring was not as well publicized but, in the ir

...the dust, they really bit the dust. Ask Sports Tournament last May an Ohio Sandusky who fell 127-49. And how main campus varsity second team people that win everything, aren't you?"

When victims of the Cobra bite bit the dust, they really bit the dust. Ask Kent State East Liverpool who were downed 120-50 or Bowling Green Sandusky who fell 127-49. And how many branch teams could play the main campus varsity second team and beat them by 10 points?

This year's team has the unenviable task of defending its number one title with what appears to be less talent.

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**Food at FPAC**

At the first meeting of the food services committee, October 24, one of the topics discussed was the vending machines at the Fine and Professional Arts Center.

In addition to the three machines already provided, a sandwich machine has been requested there. Interstate Vending is checking into the possibility of furnishing the machine.

The idea of having a ping pong table in the lounge was discussed, but it was decided that there was not enough room to accommodate one.

It was unanimously agreed to invite a representative from Interstate to a meeting of the food services committee. Before this, however, the committee plans to meet and prepare a list of questions and complaints to discuss with the representative.

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**Faculty grows**

Appointment of several additions to the Stark County Branch's faculty was formally approved by the Kent State University Board of Trustees in a recent meeting.

Named to faculty posts were Emily M. Bukovec, art; John F. Carson, English, and Gerald A. Figurski, political science.

Also named by the board were John D. Harkness, sociology; Bernard L. Richards, physics; Nancy M. Somerick, journalism, and Richard E. Utte, geology.

Appointed as a temporary instructor in sociology was Kenneth W. MacDonald.

Established at the board of trustees meeting was a long range planning council comprised of three trustees, eight faculty members, five students, three alumni, the vice presidents, dean of the graduate school and research, the senior dean of the four colleges, dean of the Division of University Branches, one faculty member representing the off-campus faculty and one administrative officer appointed by the president.

Headed by KSU President Robert L. White, the council will function as an advisory body.

Because of a problem of over-enrollment, Dr. White warned that it may become necessary to set admission limits on the main campus beginning next fall.

This would be necessary to comply with a 20,000-student limitation imposed by the Ohio Legislature, Dr. White explained.

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**DICK GREGORY**

8:00 p.m. Nov. 14
Lecture Hall 100

... an evening that you will long remember

Free Admission

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**'Sweethearts'**

Phi Delta Psi fraternity is sponsoring a Sweetheart Contest and the winner will be announced tonight at its dance.

Those competing for the honor are Nancy Moll, Rene Hardin, Mary Kay Ley, Cindy Yost, Lori Zigler and Joannie Lightbody.