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After two long weeks of copy deadlines, layout, headline composition, pasteups, and offset production, here is the finished product. We did it for half the cost of our former newspaper format production.

For the first time this year, MONTAGE was produced entirely by the staff, the only outside work done was composition. Presently, we do not have a composing machine. If we could acquire one in the near future, our production costs would be even further reduced.

Why did we go to a news-magazine format? Production costs were the main factor, as the newspaper production by a commercial printer was slowly eating away our budget allocations.

Actually, this money pinch was a blessing in disguise. We feel we now can give Stark Campus better coverage of news and feature and the added dimension of more interpretative reporting.

An explanation of our editorial department is in order. Viewpoint is a forum for students and faculty to air their opinions on any problems or issues at Stark Campus, in the community or the world.

Our Focus articles will continue. The topics for upcoming issues of Montage include the energy crisis and Stark Campus, the pros and cons of a regional campus as compared to main campus and the married student vs. the single student at SC.

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Finally, a special thanks to Greg Warner, our offset production man. and advisor John P. Hayes, whose long range planning of our magazine helped to make the transaction a smooth one.

Marla Fox
Editor

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**adviser counters Berry's comment**

February 26, 1975

Editor, Montage:

As advisor to student government and Student Activities Council (SAC) at Kent Stark, I would like to counter Gretchen Berry’s uninformed, harsh criticism (MONTAGE, Feb. 3), with words of praise for the students in Student Government and SAC, students who have volunteered their time to serve our campus.

Ms. Berry says that Student Government is "uncertain what the student body wants" and is "failing miserably." I feel that student government and SAC know precisely what the students on our campus want and succeed admirably in meeting their needs.

Most students on our campus are here primarily to get an education. Though they enjoy socializing occasionally, they cannot be expected to attend more than two or three events in a given quarter. Many students are married; many have outside jobs; many are part-time students.

Other students do not attend events for equally valid reasons: schedule conflicts, examinations, lack of interest. Short of blocking exits so that no one can leave the building, there is no way of forcing people to socialize.

Recognizing the disparate nature of the student body, SAC continually attempts to provide a variety of activities for those students who do indeed want to attend them. It is, therefore, senseless to attack the students in student government and SAC who are conscientiously trying to do what the campus wants.

Further, it is unrealistic to expect these students to donate any more of their time than they presently contribute. They are doing an excellent job and have every reason to be proud of their work.

Dawn Wilson
Advisor, Student Government and SAC

Editor's note: The meaning of Ms. Berry's commentary was obviously misconstrued. Her point was not to pass judgment on the sincerity of the members of student government and SAC nor was she attacking their character but to suggest a referendum.

She did not say student government as a whole was "failing miserably" but that their goal of serving the student's best interests had failed.

This is not entirely the fault of the members of student government, she said. Because SC is a commuter campus, it is difficult to receive student body input.

Referendum is not a dirty word nor is it to be feared. It does not necessarily mean abolishing student government nor does it imply incompetence.

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**viewpoint**

by Gretchen Berry

Is there a marijuana epidemic engulfing this country or is such an observation merely sensationalism? James O. Eastland, (D-Miss.) senior senator and chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, says he has reason to believe there is such an epidemic.

The committee’s report, "The Marijuana-Hassle Epidemic and its Impact on United States Security," published early in October and compiled from six days of hearings, is probably the prime document in the fight against marijuana legalization.

"If the epidemic is not rolled back," Eastland says, "our society may be largely taken over by a marijuana culture - a culture motivated by a desire to escape from reality and by a consuming lust for self-gratification and lacking any higher moral guidance."

Eastland's statement seems to be backed by the committee's report, which contains testimony from many internationally known scientists. The negative aspects of marijuana are documented in the report.

Will the senate subcommittee report deliver any clout to those in the pro-marijuana category or those who hold a neutral opinion on the weed's use?

Keith Stroup, director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) says the Eastland report tries to "create some kind of political boogieman to justify the committee's existence," Stroup also said "Eastland is some kind of a joke. The more sophisticated media don’t take him seriously anymore."

"That committee has almost kind of disappeared," a member of the "New York Times" Washington bureau staff observed.

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**marijuana... epidemic or not?**

Eastland also theorized in the report that the use of marijuana by a large segment of the U.S. population would make them passive and therefore highly susceptible to manipulation by extremists.

Brad Atwood of Ohio's chapter of NORML accuses the committee of evaluating only negative material and not allowing representatives from NORML or other pro-marijuana organizations to step forward and testify at the hearings.

"We've heard these types of reports before, and they're nothing," Atwood said.

Atwood also was quoted as saying that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare couldn't repeat the experiments cited in Eastland's report. HEW repeats experiments to test their authenticity.

Keith Stroup sums up his opinion of the report by saying, "One must assume that the Senate Internal Security Committee, anachronism from the McCarthy days, has wrapped itself in the flag and yelled 'Reefer Madness' in order to justify their appropriations... a remaining question: who is to save us from Eastland and his henchmen?"

Stroup also alleges the report is a witchhunt and is "the most amazing piece of fiction to come out of Congress in some time."

The report, which clearly states that the committee's hearings were one-sided and deliberately planned that way, claims marijuana, used even in moderate amounts, causes massive cellular damage, reducing DNA and RNA synthesis in cells and results in chromosome damage. The report also claims marijuana use inflicts irreversible damage on the brain, including actual brain atrophy.

Professor Robert Heath, chairman of the department of Psychiatry and Neurology at Tulane University Medical School testified that experiments conducted with rhesus monkeys exposed to marijuana showed highly abnormal brain wave patterns which persisted even after the marijuana was withdrawn. Eastland writes.

However, he fails to report that the monkeys were exposed to about two marijuana joints a day, which is equivalent in terms of body weight, brain, and circulatory system size to a human being smoking 120 joints a day.
Students who find the need for financial aid in the form of a grant can obtain full information in the Student Affairs Office. Two basic grant applications are available: The Basic Educational Opportunity Grant and the Ohio Instructonal Grant (OIG).

The Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program is a federal aid program designed to provide financial assistance to those who need it to attend post-high school educational institutions, and it is intended to be the "floor" of a financial aid package. It may be combined with other forms of aid in order to meet the full costs of education. The amount of a Basic Grant is determined on the basis of a student's financial resources and his/her family's resources.

Unlike a loan, a grant does not have to be repaid. For the 1975-76 academic year, it is estimated that the Basic Opportunity Grant Awards will range between $50 and $800.

The OIG works with participating institutions in its awarding of funds to eligible students. In the application, consideration for and awarding of grants shall be provided by the Student Assistance Office of the Ohio Board of Regents and such grant shall be applied to the instructions and general fees of the college or university in which the student is enrolled.

The grant will be applied proportionately to the three quarters or terms, or two semesters of the academic year; if the student is not continuously enrolled during the academic year, the college or university shall refund the unused balance of the grant made on behalf of the student to the State of Ohio.
students qualify for tourney

Merle Chandler and Tim Snyder, KSUSC speech students, have qualified for the National Individual Events speech tournament to be held at Niagara University, Niagara, N.Y. in April.

Chandler finished second and Snyder fourth in a tournament at Marietta College, Feb. 1-2. To qualify for national competition, they had to be two of six top finalists.

Several state universities were involved in the Marietta tournament. Snyder read an excerpt from "I'm Out To Change My World," by Ann Kiemel. Chandler's reading was taken from "Little People" by Dave Wilkerson...

Student government is planning a trip to Washington, D.C. for spring quarter. They are also examining the possibility of providing a dollar changing machine in FPAC.

pre-registration required for journalism courses

Pre-registration for two journalism courses, Basic Black and White Photography and Introduction to Graphic Communications, is being conducted now through Wed., March 5.

The photography course, which is offered every Fall and Spring, will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:25 p.m. The graphics course will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:25 p.m.

black history program planned

By Len King

Feb. 24 through March 1 has been designated "Black History Week" by members of Stark Campus' Black Student Union (BSU).

Throughout the week, black students will use clothing and hairstyles to relate natural African cultural appearances.

Chlimaxing the week on Saturday, March 1, will be an African art exhibit, black gospel music, poems and writings by black authors and an African party with cultural dances. Starting time for this event is 4 p.m. in the SSHC cafeteria.

BSU members Dave Cook, Dave Bradley and Quanda McDaniel extended an open invitation to everyone at Stark Campus to attend this event.

POLITICAL NIGHT

Where: Pirchner's at Mellett Mall.

When: Third Tuesday of every month beginning Feb. 18 at 9:30 p.m."

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airport security officer reveals collection of weapons

By Bob Little

Are you planning to fly anywhere in the near future? During a recent interview, Nelson Wallace, head of security at the Akron-Canton Airport, revealed procedures for searching airline passengers and an amazing collection of confiscated weapons.

Although the problem of hijacking has been with us since the 1930's, it was not brought to the public's attention until 1967. Between 1930 and 1967, there were 12 attempted hijackings but only seven were successful.

In 1968, however, there were 18 successful hijackings of 22 attempts and in 1969 there were 33 successful hijackings of 40 attempts. 1970 statistics were 18 of 27 attempts successful.

Even though the federal government began checking passengers on a random basis in 1971, 11 of 27 hijacking attempts were a success.

By May 20, 1973, all 531 commercial airports in the United States had to submit to a federal government operating procedure aimed to curb hijacking and other acts of violence, in order to receive an operating license.

A few of the precautionary measures undertaken by Akron-Canton security officials were screening the passengers, badging of airport employes, and upgrading of the security force.

Wallace said most of the money used to take these steps and to upgrade the airport came from federal aid. A small percentage of this money also came from the passengers' tickets, approximately 34 cents of the price of each ticket.

The searching procedures used at the gates are fairly simple. Passengers are requested to remove all metal objects from their pockets before they proceed through the metal detector.

If the machine is set off, passengers are again checked for metal objects. If the detector still reacts, a hand scanner is passed over the passenger.

Any articles confiscated during the screening procedures have to be claimed within 30 days. Passengers with confiscated materials are given a claim check.

Occasionally a few problems arise, according to Wallace, "a heart pacemaker will generally set the machine off," he said. All carry-on luggage and topcoats are also checked before they can be taken on board.

Most items taken from passengers are legal. "some of the legal things you can take to travel in your car, are illegal to take aboard an airplane," Wallace said. Items such as fireworks (illegal in Ohio), certain lengths of knives, and chemical sprays are illegal on airplanes.

Some of the various weapons that have been used in hijackings are .22 pistols, BB guns, different types of bombs and knives, and even a ballpoint pen, a hatchet, and a broken bottle.

During 1974, approximately 75,000 guns and explosives were confiscated at screening points throughout the United States.

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Wallace recalled some of the “weird things” that occurred during screenings. A woman came through the check point with two expensive looking suitcases. “We opened them up and there was not a bit of clothing in them, they were filled with corn cobs,” he said.

“When you open baggage, you never know what you are going to find. It’s like a box of Crackerjacks. Another woman opened her suitcase the wrong way. It was full of tomatoes which splattered over the floor,” he recalled.

Wallace also said serious things happen. One of the women checking baggage required stitches because a passenger had an open straight razor in with their clothes.

By Jeff Holliday

Muhammad Ali, everybody knows him, heavyweight champion of the world, “the nigger who wouldn’t fight for his country.” Many people still want to remember him as Cassius Clay.

Beginning with his bout with Chuck Wepner on March 24 at the Richfield Coliseum, Ali will donate his earnings. After taxes and expenses, all the money will be given to various organizations to help the poor. Because the first of these “fight for free” bouts will be staged at the Coliseum, the ghetto areas of Cleveland will be the first to receive money. Ali also expresses a desire to open up a restaurant in one of Cleveland’s ghetto areas. He says it will be a nice place where the whole family can go. It will have fancy dining rooms, chandeliers, and carpeting.

In my opinion, this is one of the most fantastic ideas to come out of anybody in the boxing world in a long time. It might help put his life back in the sport. Ali is the only person who has kept professional boxing from going down the tube.

Rednecks may think of him as an ingrate and a chicken for not fighting for a cause that he didn’t believe in, but at least he’s doing something to help clear up the problems that needed clearing up.

The Kent Stark Cobras closed out the regular season with victories over KSU-Trumbull County 98-89, Wayne General Tech 104-58, and avenged an earlier loss to KSU-East Liverpool 91-88.

The victories brought their record to 12-4 and a co-championship of the Kent State Regional Campus League along with East Liverpool. Both teams finished with a league record of 8-2.

Due to the new format of MONTAGE, this issue was delayed a few weeks. Results of the state branch campus tournament will appear in the next issue. KSU-East Liverpool was seeded second and Stark was seeded fourth.

Campus Council Meeting

Upcoming publication of “Intercom,” a weekly news bulletin about Stark Campus was announced to members of the Campus Council during their Feb. 12 meeting.

Installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Dressler Rd. and Everhard Rd. during the spring was also revealed.

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Wednesday, Feb. 26
7:30 p.m. NOW meeting. "Questions I Should Have Answered Better," at the Woodside Terrace Pool Club House.

Thursday, Feb. 27.
8 p.m. "Godspell" in the Performing Arts Center. Performances through March 1.

Friday, Feb. 28.
10 a.m. Friday Morning Chamber Music Series featuring Terzetto for two violins and viola by Dvorak and Quartet in G Minor for violin, viola, cello and piano by Brahms. Presented in the Cable Recital Hall of the Canton Cultural Center. Tickets available at door for $2.50.

Loudon Wainwright III at the Smiling Dog Saloon.

Saturday, March 1.
Talent Show sponsored by SAC in Rm. 100.
Ramsey Lewis and Les Cann at the Allen Theatre.
Roxy Music and Babe Ruth at the Akron Civic Theatre.
4 p.m. Black History Week Program sponsored by BSU in the cafeteria.

Monday, March 3.
Eucre and Chess Tournaments sponsored by SAC in the Boiler Rm. or Cafeteria

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Students are welcome to submit any classifieds at no charge now through the end of winter quarter. MONTAGE is a weekly newspaper appearing on Wednesdays. Ads must be sent or delivered to MONTAGE, Room 15, FPAC by one week before publication.

Thursday, March 6.
John Entwistle and Ox, the Strawbs, and Pretty Things at the Akron Civic Theatre.

Sunday, March 9.
3 p.m. Lab Band Jazz Recital with guest artist Mr. Neal Williams in Rm. 100 SHVC.

Wednesday, March 12.
Marx Brothers Festival in Boiler Rm., sponsored by SAC. Admission: 50 cents.

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