Cobras repeat basketball title; top Portsmouth 96-75

By Bob George
Sports Editor
"We're big, b-i-g, and we're bad, b-a-d, and we're boss, b-o-s-s, b-o-s-s, BOSS."

We are also, for the second year in a row, state champions in the Ohio Regional Campus League.

The Cobras traveled to Middletown, last Friday, to play basketball and played it so well that they were 21-point victors over runnerup OU Portsmouth.

On the way to the top Stark Branch downed KSU Tuscarawas 123-88, Miami Middletown 76-64, and OU Portsmouth 96-75, for a 16-3 season record.

Danny Todd was named to the all-tourney team, and Chet Bryant received the championship game ball from his teammates for his outstanding play and leadership during the tournament.

Teamwork was the key word as Stark played the Tuscarawas Kubs Friday night.

The Cobras out-controlled the Kubs when they tried to control the ball and out-ran them when they tried to run.

Stark ran up leads of 36 points.

Mike Finn led the scoring with 27 followed by Bryant with 20, Todd 16, Ezra Pittman 12, Ed Gerzina 12, Mike Sweitzer 12, Tom Breedlove 7, Ed Hutchison 6, Nick Pribich 5, Larry McGreal 4, and Darrel Sutton 2.

Pittman grabbed 10 rebounds to lead that department.

Seemingly, the most satisfying victory came Saturday against Middletown.

Middletown had defeated Stark 94-89 in an earlier contest. This and another outside catalyst acted as the flag which the Cobras rallied around.

Stark jumped to quick lead and kept 5 to 11 points in front throughout the first half.

With 4:30 remaining in the game, Middletown tied the game at 61-61.

Stark went to their defense and out-scored Middletown 15-3 in that time period.

Two three-point situations clinched the game and the Cobras played control ball to win 76-64.

Bryant proved himself by grabbing 15 rebounds and scoring 27 points.

Pittman hit for 14, Todd had 13, Finn 10, Gerzina 7 and Hutchison 5.

Four hours after beating Middletown, the Cobras defended their championship title against last year's runnerup, OU Portsmouth.

Stark held a slim 5-point halftime lead and watched as Portsmouth's expected comeback fizzled.

The score was 47-32 and 5 minutes into the second half before Portsmouth scored their first points.

A 2-3 zone defense stifled Portsmouth attempts to work the ball inside.

Pittman found the range for 23 points, followed by Todd with 20, Finn 18, Bryant 13, Gerzina 11, McGreal 4, Hutchison 2, Sweitzer 2, Breedlove 2, and Pribich 1.

Ohio University Lancaster won the cheerleading contest, and Anita Trottter, a freshman from KSU Ashtabula, was named tournament queen.
**Editorial: please, not Akron U.**

Recent Akron newspaper articles have pointed to a movement which may become a growing concern for Stark Branch students.

That is the support by the Canton Professional Education Association of an attempt to make Stark County Branch a south campus of Akron University.

The group, composed of about 1,000 teachers, was considered noninfluential in this matter, but it now appears that they have caught the attention of the Ohio Board of Regents.

A CPEA resolution quoted in the Akron Beacon Journal of January 30 cites a growing demand for junior, senior and graduate courses.

They believe that full courses could be developed with this affiliation because Akron University is more experienced in offering night courses.

If the CPEA was as concerned for the future of the public schools in Canton as it is for the Stark Branch, Canton's schools would be in much better shape.

The administration and KSU Division of University Branches have offered to cooperate with the CPEA, after they make recommendations as to the courses needed.

However, to our knowledge, CPEA has not made any recommendations.

We would ask the CPEA not to cause trouble. The majority of the 2,300 students here feel that being a branch of Kent State University is a great advantage.

**Congratulations Stark Cobras!**

After winning a state championship, a number of commendations are obviously in order.

First and most of all, we congratulate the team and its coaches.

Head coach Tom Eibel and his assistants Jerry Lyke, Bob Austin and Arvis Averette and team members Tom Breedlove, Chet Bryant, Mike Finn, Ed Gerzina, Ed Hutchison, Larry McGreal, Ezra Pittman, Mike Prich, Darrel Sutton, Mike Sweitzer, Dan Todd and Tim Trbovich.

We would also like to commend cheerleaders Debby Zingler, Bonnie McDonald, Joannie Lightbody, Nancy Weber and Nancy Wyles and the Stark County Branch Pep Band under the direction of Albert Vinci for their fine performances throughout the season.

**Wed. at Five talks pollution**

Wednesday, February 4, the second "Wednesday at Five" discussion was held. The topic was pollution.

Joseph Paumier of the Canton Board of Health and a Republic Steel representative were guests.

During the discussion, it appeared that Republic Steel is the company in the area making the most progress in the field of pollution control.

Republic now has a device that removes 60,000 tons of matter per day from the air put out by their furnaces. The firm spends approximately thirty million dollars a year on pollution control.

**Jim slaps letter . . .
To the Editor:**

I'm sorry Ron's unhappy, referring to Ronald Sigrist's letter to Montage in last week's issue.

If Ron thinks a winning basketball team is a waste of time, snappy blazers are a waste of money and a queen to represent our school is a questionable necessity, then why don't we do away with the artist-lecture series, the Student Activities Council, extracurricular activities altogether?

To round out Ron's opinion, we must think these are a waste of time and money, too.

After all, how can the Emme Kemp Trio or a W.C. Fields film classic help a struggling chemistry major?

It seems to me that college is more than a place for acquiring a higher level of education. It is also a place for acquiring a higher level of fellowship, a place for learning to survive in a society founded on the basis of competition.

Without the various activities which help build a well rounded personality, a team-school spirit and a keen sense of competition outside of the classroom, we might as well sit back and enjoy a dull college experience.

This is my second year at the Stark County Branch; and I've yet to hear of a single activity here which hasn't been beneficial in one way or another for preparing a student for a more well rounded and interesting life ahead.

- Jim Morrow

. . . so does Karen

To the Editor:

In reply to the letter in last week's Montage about the casket for the Salem game, I would like to express my views.

I truly think it is too bad that whenever this school tries to raise a little spirit and erase apathy, someone can find something to criticize.

Even though some people might think that the idea was immature and "high school", at least someone put forth an effort to make the people who attend Kent Stark more aware and concerned about school affairs and not just personal affairs.

- Karen Marsfelder

 Edward Yuhas was incorrectly identified as the president of Kentview, Inc., in a story in Montage last week. The correct name is Edward Hughes. We are sorry for this oversight.
**Drugs not problem here . . . yet**

By Terry Scott

It is natural for young people to experiment with many things, to question, to examine.  

Some authorities believe many young people see drug use as an adventure, a road to new experiences. Others attribute it to the pressures in modern society, personality disorders and affluency.

Many agree that drug use will be a major problem on area campuses including Kent Stark within the next few years.

Already at KSU’s Ashtabula and East Liverpool branches student arrests have been made.

How extensive is drug use at the Stark County Branch?

The overall view among university personnel is that drug use here does not pose an immediate threat.

According to Sgt. James Mitchell of campus security, “We are not experiencing a severe problem here at the present time.”

Sgt. Mitchell added that although he does not anticipate any serious problem, any form of drug use will not be tolerated.

“The use of drugs today is commonplace and may be found anywhere,” Sgt. Mitchell said.

He considers the fact that there is no campus housing as a a major factor in the present situation.

One professor, associated with student drug use views the problem as not nearly as bad here as on the high school level.

Robert D. Kistler, HP/E coordinator, gives the students here credit for their "educated outlook" on drugs.

Mr. Kistler said that the subject is discussed quite openly and intelligently in his health classes, as it is in many classes.

He feels there are more serious problems confronting youth than drug use.

According to Mr. Kistler, “The many students who have experimented with various drugs have done so mostly out of curiosity.”

Surveys taken in his health classes show that approximately 10 out of 30 students have experimented with drugs.

"The prolonged use of drugs is about the most serious harm one could do to his body," Mr. Kistler cautioned.

The use of drugs of every type and variety is more widespread today, in every level of society, than ever before. The realization of the problem confronting us is the first step to its solution.

**Artists eyed**

Members of the Student Activities Council met February 5 to discuss plans for the 1970-71 artist-lecture series.

The meeting, presided over by Jim Bernier, heard suggestions from the eight council members who were present as to who the students would like to have appear.

The attendance to hear such guests as Dick Gregory and Frank Man- kiewicz means the SAC will try to get people of at least an equal drawing appeal, it was decided.

Topping the list of possibilities was consumer crusader Ralph Nader.

Also mentioned as prospects were Muhammed Ali, Alan Douglas, David Brinkley and Jack London.

Plans are being considered to sponsor a concert or dance featuring a nationally known group.

The Student Activities Council is investigating the chance of showing movies comparable to "Bonnie and Clyde" and "Bullet." Plans were to be further discussed in a meeting this week.

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**Egg show? Sure!**

By Karyl Burwell

Every campus has its share of "eggheads" and "slick chicks", but one hardly expects to find chicken and goose eggs in the library.

Such is the case at the Stark Branch library where, for two weeks, students may enjoy an exhibit of exquisitely decorated eggs loaned to the university by Mrs. Paul Bankovich of 934 East Grant Street, Alliance.

The display consists of jewel boxes, flower and egg baskets, animal and doll cages and nature scenes enclosed in delicate egg shell frames.

Suffering from severe arthritis in her hands, Mrs. Bankovich decorates the eggs herself. Finding therapy in her work, she says she forgets the pain.

Finding articles small enough to work with is difficult. Among the things Mrs. Bankovich collects are sequins, old jewelry, sewing trimmings, ceramic objects, fancy buttons, plastic figurines and beads.

In addition to chicken and goose eggs, Mrs. Bankovich decorates pigeon and wild duck eggs. She has recently purchased an ostrich egg for $10 which she considers a bargain. Although most of the eggs are strictly decorative, the goose eggs are dried and treated with lacquer, hinged, covered with velvet, lined with satin, trimmed and thus transformed into artistic jewel boxes.

**Poli Sci officers**

At a recent session of the Political Science Forum, Frank Cicchinelli was elected president, Mark Guyer vice president, Kathie Pickard secretary and Ron Sigrist treasurer.

During the meeting, possible visits by the Ohio Senatorial candidates to Kent State Stark, and a trip either to Washington, D.C., or Columbus were discussed.
Camera catches tournament action at Middletown

Assistant Coach Bob Austin took his trusty camera to the tournament at Middletown and snapped these photos, plus those on Page 1.

(LEFT, TOP TO BOTTOM) Cobra center Mike Finn (21) in action against Ohio U. Portsmouth in championship game.

Miami Middletown Director C. Eugene Bennett and tournament queen Anita Trotter present championship trophy to (left to right) Ezra Pittman, Chet Bryant, and Danny Todd.

Stark Branch Director Jack D. Morehart presents championship game ball to Bryant as team's choice for most valuable player.

(BELOW) Stark Branch cheerleaders lead another yell.

Albert Vinci and the Stark Branch lab band entertain during lull in action.