Opinion

What we expect of our schools

by Edward F. Prichard Jr., Chairman
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If we are to try to improve the quality of education in this or any other state, we must start by deciding what we expect of our schools and what we regard as the primary purposes of schooling.

The town meetings on November 15 will ask Kentuckians the question: "What do you want your schools to do?" This is a fundamental question which has been answered piecemeal in the past as local and state school policies evolved. We must examine it anew.

We have, in the past, tended to dump on the schools every problem which seemed to need a solution, whether it be safe driving, drug or alcohol abuse, health, patriotism, or any other value the country felt a need to foster. The consequence is we have demanded so many things of our schools that it was hard for them to do anything, or everything, very well.

Kentuckians need badly to decide what they want from their schools. We must decide, among the many things we have expected of the schools, which had better be dealt with elsewhere, and which have to be dealt with in the schools.

In my view, the chief aim of the schools, is to help our children become a part of the larger community and to nourish them with those intellectual disciplines which should be a vital part of our lives. These fundamentals include a sense of our heritage and our "humanity," being able to master the spoken and written word to express ideas and thus be able to think clearly, and acquiring a basic knowledge of science and mathematics.

Schools should also acquaint students with the world and society as they really are and then help students be able to use these fundamentals to formulate and choose values for themselves, rather than to swallow prepackaged notions that somebody might want to indoctrinate them with.

These all lead to what is perhaps the supreme value to be derived from education, which is a kind of intellectual independence, the ability to think for themselves and make choices for themselves — choices in their personal lives, choices in their family lives, and choices in the community and in society at large. My view is based on the faith that if people are equipped with these basic capacities they can crown their education by learning to think for themselves and speak for themselves.

If we don't sort our objectives and goals for the schools they will be, as I remember the words of Matthew Arnold, "lost in the confused alarms of struggle and flight, where ignorant armies clash by night."

Winners, losers and...

What does Notre Dame football coach Gerry Faust think of Carlisle's David McGuffey, former NCHS standout?

If you have a few minutes, read on.

"A close young man from a close home that's very supportive of him, as it should be."

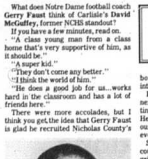
"A super kid."

"They don't come any better."

"I think the world of him."

"He does a good job for us...works hard in the classroom and has a lot of friends here."

There were more accolades, but I think you get the idea that Gerry Faust is glad he recruited Nicholas County's



DAVID McGUFFEY
...praised by Faust

first-ever athlete to wear Notre Dame's colors.

Faust explains McGuffey's lack of playing time by pointing to recurring injuries throughout most of his three years in the South Bend university.

"He's better right now and is doing a pretty good job on our special teams. In fact he's seventh in the depth chart in our defensive secondary."

The conversation followed Notre Dame's 18-17 win over Navy. Faust conceded his team didn't play well but "it was a win and we'll take it."

The Irish upped their record to 5-4, and momentarily bushed his critics. Closing victories over Penn State and Southern Cal would leave Notre Dame in contention for a major post season bowl bid, should the school be interested.

Back to McGuffey and his future with next year's Fighting Irish. "Were counting on him doing a bang up job for us. He's the kind of young man we want in our football program. He's a winner in every respect."

So is the man, Gerry Faust. If this could be translated into victories on the gridiron his job would never be in jeopardy. But it is, and that usual confident, upbeat tone in his voice was missing in last week's conversation.

I'd say he knows his days are numbered. Pity.

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The closeness in the outcome of all school board races indicates that challengers were effective in getting their message across. It is very apparent that residents of Carlisle and Nicholas County are concerned about the quality of education afforded our young people and expect a total commitment from representatives on the board, and from school authorities as well.

Tonight's Town Forum on education at the elementary school is still another opportunity for community involvement. It's a part of a statewide, grassroots approach to do something about Kentucky's rock bottom spot on the educational ladder.

To make a night of it, why not attend the Historical Society-sponsored chili supper at Blue Grass Industries cafeteria and then stop by the elementary school for the 7:30 p.m. forum? Serving begins at 5:30 p.m., so there's ample time to take in both events.

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It didn't seem fair that the outcome of the school board race was decided by a coin flip. I couldn't believe it when told that would be the method (that or drawing straws or pulling a name out of a hat). Watching the two candidates subjected to the ordeal didn't change my mind. Neither did the outcome. As someone pointed out, there was no real winner. "Some voters feel cheated."

That same person, very close to the scene, suggested a fairer way would be to let John Cleaver Jr. and Rose Marie Farah split the term, each serving for two years.

That might have been preferable to a coin toss, but then, how would you determine who'd serve first? Toss a coin? Forget it.

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A Snide(r) remark — For those who missed reading last Thursday's Courier Journal, U.S. Representative Gene Snyder was his usual lovable, class-act self in a victory speech to 500 Republican loyalists. "You showed 'em today that it takes more than a spoiled little rich kid (Democrat Pat Mulloy) with cheap lies and daddy's money to break up a good team."

He also referred to his 4th District challenger as offensively odoriferous. Said good ol' Gene: "I'm a country boy who learned a long time ago that you ought not get into a spewing match with a skunk." Hmmmm.

Somehow, I have a feeling that should have been Mulloy's line.

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On a more pleasant subject is the following copy of a letter sent to Robert Hester, hospital administrator, which Judge/Executive Reese Smoot passes on for your edification:

"Dear Mr. Hester: I take this opportunity to apprise you of the professional manner in which your staff performed on October 30, 1984, while handling an emergency situation with the late Roger Allen Terrell.

"Our local institutions and services often receive unwarranted criticism. Through the years I have had the occasion to see many emergency room personnel in action, but have never witnessed a more dedicated effort than was displayed on October 30, 1984, with my friend, Roger Terrell. With what later proved to be a hopeless situation, your staff exhibited unreleiless enthusiasm in an attempt to prolong Roger's life.

"This incident revives my belief that Nicholas County has a hospital and staff to be truly proud of. Please convey this commendation to the appropriate hospital staff. Sincerely, Trooper John E. Hall."

Here Abouts

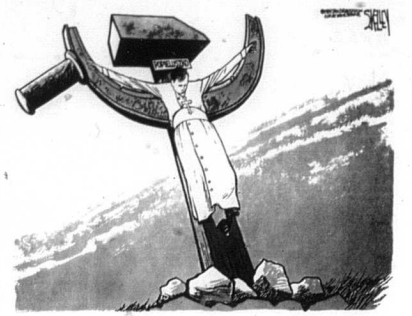
...with Emily A. Wolf

A biggie!

This huge mushroom type wood stool was discovered by Mrs. Kash Stone Nov. 5 in a hayfield on the Stone farm on Myers Road. Mr. Stone holds the mushroom which measured 32½ inches in circumference. — Photo by Kash

Home grown buck

This eight-point buck was shot last week in Nicholas County by Wayne Mann, left, and Mike Boone. It field dressed at 200 pounds. — Photo submitted



Agree or not

Did liberals get the message?

by S.C. Van Curen

Frankfort — The message seemed very clear that the electorate sent the nation.

The question is, did the liberals in our government get it?

The room for argument is whether it was President Reagan's strong personal attraction or the electorate's return to conservatism that was responsible for the landslide he received for his second term.

It certainly wasn't the party line that drew the voters since the Republican are outnumbered in the nation and by 2.5 to one in Kentucky. The old party-line glue didn't work because Democrats were returned to Congress in states that Reagan carried handsomely and here in Kentucky the same was true other than Democrat U.S. Senator Walter Dee Huddleston was ousted by a very narrow margin.

Huddleston probably assessed the situation well in his concession speech when he said, "The Democrat Party and leadership must return to its basics" if it is to survive.

According to national analysts through surveys, the young people were for Reagan as well as a majority of both men and women and the South, a traditional stronghold of party-line Democrats, went solid for the incumbent while retaining most of the Democrat Senators and Representatives.

The New Deal coalition put together by Franklin D. Roosevelt during the depression has fallen apart and the economic revolution in the South since World War II must be given a lot of credit for this.

Young people are looking at the pay checks and seeing the large chunks of money going for income taxes, Social Security and other deductions and the almost weekly promise of more being taken to be distributed by Washington.

The 25 and 30-year-olds looked at a future of paying more and more for 45 and 40 more years and must have decided there is a better way to run this nation.

The hard-hit industrial sectors of the north, although courted with glowing promises from Mondale, went for Reagan signaling that 50 years of promising and spending isn't the way to fight a nation out of debt and prepare a brighter future for generations to come.

The south is no longer the supplicant servant of northern industrial and financial power, thanks to World War II, and has become independently strong since attaining equality in transportation and industry. In fact, the south has enticed industry away from the north and the trend seems to be growing gradually.

The south, made Democrats by the Civil War, has always been conservative, but was lured away by the New Deal, now is returning to its heritage while some segments of the Republican Party up north have joined the promising liberals.

What really would set the political picture straight would be to divide our political leanings along the lines of conservative and liberals. It doesn't make much difference what you call them, other than many like to stick to the old names. Retain the old names and let the conservatives be in one party and the liberals in the other. Then, there would really be a two-party system in this country.

Kentucky is the greatest example I know for cheating. Kentuckians register as Democrats to vote in local elections but must always vote conservative in national elections. It's the Democrat conservative who wins local office in this state. Occasionally, a liberal slips in, but he doesn't last in politics here.

Down Memory Lane

Carlisle militia congratulated; Nicholas businessmen re-group

Thursday, November 13, 1964

Miss Melinda Kelly of Carlisle has been named to the Magna Cum Laude honor roll for the first nine weeks grading period, announced Travis Rawlings, academic principal of Midway Junior College and Powerton High School. To attain this honor a student must have a 3.5 average. Miss Kelly is an 11th grade student and the daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Kelly.

R.S. Wild Jr. was given an award for the best crop and Edgar Allen Darrell, the best standard crop Friday night at the eighth annual Nicholas County Tobacco Festival at the Carlisle Armory.

Superintendent of Schools Raymond J. Wesley attended a conference which was devoted to legal aspects of schools, parents, children and school officials held at the University of Louisville, Monday, November 16.

Due to the unusually good weather during the past several weeks, work on the Johnson-Mathers Home is expected to be completed before schedule. At the present, window frames are in, the plastering is almost completed and will be ready for painting when the floor tile is installed.

Three students from Carlisle registered at Berea College this fall are Curtis Jones Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Jones, who returned as a junior; John N. Fryman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Fryman, a sophomore; and Henry L. Feeback, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Feeback, freshman.

The NCHS Dramatics Arts Class is working on two plays to be given for the public. The cast of "Hansel and Gretel" is Judy Whitaker, Eddie Gilkinson, Donna Berry, Eddie Price, Bobbie Reid and Johnny Smith. In the cast of "Teapot on the Rocks" is Carol Marshall, Paula Sherry, Marshall Stone, Vaughn Frey and Bobbie Reid.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leudenberg, a son, William Anthony, Nov. 9 at Nicholas County Hospital.

DIED — Oscar M. Brunagen, 67, Lexington, Nov. 16 at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. — Oscar Arthur Tapp, 86, Nov. 12 at home on the Moorefield Road. — Mrs. Ellen Botts Wycoff, 80, Nov. 10 at home in Louisville. — Mrs. Mary Campbell Tune, 81, widow of W.F. Tune, Friday at home.

Thursday, November 22, 1944

Captain Harvey M. Gaunce of Company B, Second Regiment, State Militia, Carlisle, has received a letter of congratulations from Brigadier General G.H. May of the Kentucky Guards upon completion of the annual ordinance inspection report as of Nov. 4, 1944. Captain Gaunce's report of Company B was the only company in the Second Regiment with a perfect inspection report.

At a meeting of about 25 Carlisle and Nicholas County businessmen Monday night at the courthouse it was decided to re-establish the Carlisle Businessmen's Club with a broader aspect which will include businessmen and farmers throughout the county, the name of the club to be "The Nicholas County Businessmen's Club."

The Waiting Wives Club, newly organized club for wives of servicemen, held their first meeting Nov. 16 at the home of Mrs. H.W. Smith. Bylaws were adopted by the charter members and plans were made for future meetings. The next meeting will be Nov. 28 at the home of Mrs. Palmer Smart on Broadway.

The Carlisle B 4-H Club elected the following officers for the year 1944-45: Billy Blake, president; Joann Ingles, vice-president; Ann Asbury, secretary; Billy Joe Morrison, treasurer; Betty Selby, cheerleader; Jimmy Shepherd, song leader; Emily Van Bever, pianist; June Cummings, reporter.

BORN — To Cpl. and Mrs. Robert Hildreth, a son, Saturday at Jackson Memorial Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. William Gilley, a daughter, Nov. 22 at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Anna B. Vaughn and Raymond Poe, Monday at the Christian Church parsonage.

DIED — Mrs. Lillie Purcell Endicott, 63, widow of Hubbard Endicott, Nov. 15 at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — William Blair Sherwood, 90, Saturday at home in Ewing. — Wallace Tilton Crump, 70, Sunday at the Clark County Hospital. — Mrs. Bessie Lee Knox Mann, wife of John F. Mann, Saturday in a hospital at Wilmington, Ohio. — Dorsey Francis Caswell, 74, Sunday at home on the Maysville Road.

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Op-Ed page

Now that's prestige

...being on a party line with president's red phone

There's a story making the rounds in Washington about television network news, and how Dan Rather, Ted Koppel and Mike Wallace were caught up in a discussion of how they rate with the administration, their prestige factor.

"Real prestige in this business is when you're at a cocktail party and the White House calls you for advice," Rather said.

Koppel said he didn't agree with that at all.

"Prestige, as I know it, is when you're in the Oval Office at the White House and the president wants your thinking on an important piece of legislation," Koppel said.

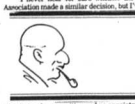
Wallace chuckled.

"You're both wrong about prestige," he said. "The real definition is when you're in the Oval Office at the White House talking to the president about your golf game, the hot line phone on his desk rings, he answers and says it's for you."

— RM —

It all started when the American Bar Association decided, after much hemming and hawing, that lawyers could be allowed to advertise, Janet Cool said the other day. Soon afterward, television ads began appearing promising "One-Day Divorces" and help with all kinds of litigation, from auto accidents to worker compensation lawsuits.

"I never hear for sure whether the American Medical Association made a similar decision, but I've been noticing ads



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for clinics, for no-waiting and no-appointment medical centers and for hospitals that offer tests (at special rates) for everything from diabetes to breast cancer. So far, these ads are tasteful and discreet.

"Give them time, give them time. Soon, I'm sure, the medical profession will be bitten by the advertising bug in earnest. After all, the promotional possibilities are endless.

"I envision a newly certified M.D., struggling to establish his first practice, coming up with the following: 'Dr. John Jones announces the opening of his office at 8 Elm Street. First five patients to sign up will receive a free chest x-ray! Free balloons for the kiddies! Special drawings for door prizes at 2, 4 and 6 p.m. on the opening day. Come in for your chance to win one of five third prizes (a free vasectomy); three second prizes (free knee cartilage repair); or our grand prize, a free prefrontal lobotomy for the person of your choice! Gift certificates available! Come one, come all!'

"After a while, doctors could start appearing in those coupon books that are mailed out to residents by a service subscribed to by local businesses. I can see it now: 'This coupon good for a free tetanus shot with each set of stitches (limit six or more).' Or 'Planning a bilateral tubal ligation? This coupon entitles the bearer to one tube tied free, when you pay for the other one. Why be half safe.'

"No matter how far they could go with this sort of thing, there is one thing to be everlastingly grateful for. That is that doctors don't do business the way mechanics do. Imagine how it would be if they did. You would go to the doctor with a bellyache, and he would say something like this: 'Well, could be your appendix. We'll take it out and see if that helps. If not, we'll yank the gall bladder. That usually works on models like you. Of course, I have to do a kidney transplant, if I can get the parts.

"Thank heavens for small favors; they know what they are doing. And they're willing to wait a while for their bill to be settled."

They know they can't take a lien out on a patient and lock him up until the bill is paid — or can they?

— RM —

Ever wonder how much your body is actually worth?

"About a million dollars — not 98 cents we often read and hear about," notes research specialist Jack Shockley.

To quote Shockley: "Using a chemical-supply catalogue, University of Washington animal researcher Daniel A. Sadoff recently circulated the value of every marketable substance in a normal 150-pound body.

For instance, at today's prices," continues Shockley, "the body's 10,200 units of clotting agent prothrombin would sell for $30,600 and the 40 grams of myoglobin, another blood component, are worth $100,000. These two and other valuable body chemicals, etc. based on their market value, would, Sadoff estimates, make each of us worth a cool million."

— RM —

A divorce trial versed out of Indianapolis to Boone County, Ind., had participants chuckling recently. The trial involved settlement of quite a bit of community property. The wife involved early in the trial told Judge Ron Drury she had jotted down 10 things as to why she deserved adequate compensation for her 10 years of marriage. The second was "I haven't had a single headache in our 10 years of marriage."

— RM —

Way back in 1885, Thomas Smith said this to advertisers who asked him how many times they should run an ad in his newspaper.

The first time a man looks at an advertisement he does not see it.

The second time he does not notice it.

The third time he is conscious of its existence.

The fourth time he faintly remembers having seen it before.

The fifth time he reads it.

The sixth time he turns his nose up at it.

The seventh time he reads it through and says, "Oh, brother!"

The eighth time he says, "Here's that confounded thing again."

The ninth time he wonders if it amounts to anything.

The 10th time he thinks he will ask his neighbor if he has tried it.

The 11th time he wonders how the advertisers make it pay.

The 12th time he thinks it must be a good thing.

The 13th time he thinks perhaps it might be worth something.

The 14th time he remembers that he has wanted such a thing for a long time.

The 15th time he is tantalized because he cannot afford to buy it.

The 16th time he thinks he will buy it some day.

The 17th time he makes a memorandum of it.

The 18th time he swears ⅋ his poverty.

The 19th time he counts his money carefully.

The 20th time he sees it, he buys the article, or instructs his wife to do so.

— RM —

The emperors are naked — or something like that — but former Chicago Seven conspirators Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin didn't like Chicago Tribune columnist Bob Greene pointing it out.

Greene was in the audience at a "Donahue" show to pick up some flavor for a story he's writing on the two, both guests on the show. While he two certainly disagreed on almost every subject, Phil Donahue stuck the microphone in Greene's face and asked what he had to say.

Plenty. He said it was no coincidence that the two men were arguing. He identified a man in the back row ⅋ Don Epstein, their agent, and pointed out that Hoffman and Rubin are actually business partners — about to start a nationwide speaking tour.

"If there's anything I've admired about them," Greene said, "it's that they are brilliant marketing men." After the show was off the air, Hoffman tore into Greene, blistering the ladies in the audience with a string of those four-letter words, and Mr. Epstein was plenty upset, too.

Greene hadn't mentioned the name of their firm.

Onward, upward.

TAKE A DAY OFF. . .
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