Opinion

Big was not best

The Georgetown Hoyas proved Monday night that being biggest isn't necessarily being the best. The Wildcats of Villanova, decided underdogs whittled the big boys down to size in clawing out a thrilling 66-64 win over their Big East Conference rival.

And Lexington, Kentucky, smallest city to host the NCAA Final Four in recent memory proved that it could provide equal or better services and a far superior atmosphere than its big city cousins.

From a technical standpoint, the tournament seemingly went off without a hitch, trealling national television audiences to some excellent footage of basketball action in the home city of one of the country's finest basketball programs. Kentuckians might have preferred a longer showcasing of its countryside but were understanding of time limitations of CBS networks television programming.

Ironically, it was rival NBC's Al McGuire's hour-long Sunday special that captured the fancy of local viewers. Ever the showman, Al's on-camera personality comes through loud and clear, and his sensitivity to the situation makes for enjoyable entertainment. His affinity for Kentucky basketball and former coach Joe B. Hall was never more apparent.

Financially speaking, Nicholas County felt little or no economic impact generated by Final Four visitors. At least not right now. But who knows what the future may hold in eventual spinoff for any of Lexington's neighboring communities?

What is certain is that big city slickers found that "Southern hospitality" isn't just a phrase describing a period out of the ante-bellum past. It is alive and well in our grand old Commonwealth, thank you. We couldn't be prouder that our tournament guests were treated to a small sampling that we, the homefolks, are a part of 365 days of the year. Now that you've eaten an appetizer, please come back for the full course dinner. The welcome mat will remain out.

Anyone missing a shirt?

There's a man's short at the Carlisle Post Office that's looking for its Nicholas County owner. But the owner doesn't know it.

The owner, in fact, may be wondering why he or she hasn't received a refund, or an exchange, or whatever.

Here's the story, or at least as much as postmaster Gene Snapp can piece together. The shirt was returned here a few weeks ago from Atlanta, Georgia. How it got there is unknown, unless that was its destination in the first place. The package was minus an address of any kind, and the only reason it was returned here was the fact that it carried a Carlisle, Ky. postage meter stamp.

Gene says the shirt is a nice one and the rightful owner may claim it by giving him the correct size and description of same.

If we're successful in putting the shirt on the right back, would someone please give us a call and explain the missing details?

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You can find out a lot about what's happening and who it's happening to by just reading The Mercury's classified ads each week. I spend quite a bit of time there, myself.

This week, for example, you'll find a listing from a California attorney who is seeking information on relatives of a **Lotti Jane Stoker/Bowen/Wardiner,** born in Carlisle April 8, 1900. The woman recently died in California without leaving a will and the attorney, **Don Harmon,** is trying to locate possible heirs.

Harmon told publisher **Warren Fisher** that the birth is recorded at the courthouse. A quick check of Mercury microfilm files around that part of the century date failed to show the birth of anyone with the first name of Lotti. Of course, in those days information of that sort often took weeks, sometimes months to be recorded.

Here Abouts

...with Emily A. Wolf

Let's hope the ad gets results and that someone in our midst gets an unexpected windfall. That would rate a front page story, for sure!

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I love to get letters, especially the kind I can answer in the column. This week's mail brought welcome word of two names I hadn't heard mentioned in many a moon, **Reynolds (Buggs) Greene** and his wife, the former **Vera Gaunce,** who grew up in the Barterville and Saltwell communities.

Buggs was the handsome football hero of the Carlisle Musketeers, back in the 1930s. The Greenes now live in Dayton, Ohio and Vera had heard of my recent promotion (?) from her sister, **Tempa Endicott,** who sent her the clipping.

Vera said they hadn't taken **The Mercury** for a number of years since they know so few people still here. So she decided to give a subscription to Buggs for his birthday so he can read about the farms being sold and death notices of old acquaintances.

Vera sent along an ad from a Dayton paper that pictured **Bruce Asbury** as the weatherman on Channel 2, WHIO-TV. "Everyone really loves him here," she said. "He's such a comical young man. Uncle Emory would have been so proud of him. He comes to see us once in awhile..."

Bruce is the grandson of the late mentioned **Emory and Flossie Asbury** of the Saltwell community. Now 38, he a rifthemebered bere as an announcer, and a good one, on the Parta radio station, where he got his commercial baptism.

The Greenes, incidentally, live at 8343 Harshmanville Road in Dayton, 45424. They'd probably enjoy hearing from old friends just as much as I appreciate Vera's time in communicating, not to mention the subscription. Enjoy.

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For what it's worth, don't shuck those long johns just yet. The Kentucky Crop and Livestock Reporting Service says that the probability of 32-degree or lower temperatures in our part of the state (Maysville station) are still in the 90 percent category at this time. Tets drop up to 75 percent on April 17 and to 10 percent as late as May 14.

With the extreme weather of Winter 1985, we're due a normal Spring, wouldn't you say?

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In the news of late, **Doug Darbro** was quoted extensively in the March 21 issue of the **Cynthiana Democrat** concerning satellite dishes. Doug, who has sold quite a few dishes in neighboring Harrison County, was interviewed by Democrat reporter **Becky Barnes** in a special home entertainment series.

Doug doesn't expect the proposed scrambling of transmission by some channels to affect his business.

"When you're talking about 130 channels, even if 10 scramble you still have 120 to watch," Doug theorized in the interview.

The cable television isn't available to those of us who live at Lake Carnico (and other parts of the county), installing a dish would seem the only way to go if you want to escape the mundane programming on commercial stations. And just think, the reruns are right upon us. Thank goodness for KET.

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The outcome of the Final Four played second fiddle to speculation as to the new head basketball coach at UK during the past week.

Frankly, it came as a surprise to me that people around here were that interested. **Dick Parsons** and **Lee Rose,** both of whom very much the topic of conversation in recent days, wherever people gathered.

My choice? Any man who would retain **Leonard Hamilton** as the staff's number one assistant. It would be nice to think the head honcho would turn out to be another **Adolph Rupp,** but short of that someone who can rally the troops on hand and continue the winning tradition...if this is possible.

Joe Hall can hardly be faulted for deciding to call it quits. Faced with the prospect of losing at least two of the state's best schoolboy stars next year and having already failed to sign this year's big man, it is increasingly apparent that Kentucky can no longer rest on its laurels when it comes to recruiting, even at home.

UK may have been the greatest basketball program in the country but with the emergence of the Big East Conference and its nonstop visibility on cable television, the young men of the nation's metropolitan areas of the north and east would rather stay put where they can be seen doing their thing on the tube. That's understandable. It's also tough on the other conferences whose coaches depend on the big cities to fill their rosters.

Another blow that poses repercussions down the road is the announcement that UK athletics will not be carried on radio station WHAS in the future, leaving the door wide open for University of Louisville games to get the coverage and national exposure over the station's 50,000 clear channel watts.

And, since bad news comes in threes, the severe knee injury to football star

Letters... from our readers

All areas of school system need improving

To The Carlisle Mercury:

Being a concerned parent and taxpayer of Nicholas County I would like to answer the letter of Brian Watkins, Mark Conley and Marty Settlemyre (Mercury, March 21).

I attended the Nicholas County Board meeting on March 11 and there was nothing mentioned that indicated that athletics should be put before academics. Athletics should never come before academics, but athletics also have a place in the Nicholas County School System. Athletics are a benefit to the school system and community.

The issues that were brought before the Nicholas County School Board were not to put down academics; it was to help improve the existing athletic program. It is my right and obligation as a parent and taxpayer to work for improvements in all areas of the Nicholas County School System. Questions were raised concerning the basketball coach's abilities to coach. Several parents gave reasons and example of happenings why they feel that he is not qualified to coach.

It is not only the Nicholas County School Board's responsibility to listen to the concerned parents, but to evaluate the information and inform the parents of their findings.

I give no teacher, coach or individual the right to say or do anything to my child that they could not say or do in my presence. When we have to resort to having practice sessions behind closed doors, this reflects a lack of confidence in the coach's ability to do his job.

The main objective of high school athletics are to have fun and learn the benefits of teamwork.

TEAMWORK

It's that spirit of working together in pursuit of a common goal that brings out the best in our young people as they participate at high school athletics.

And it's that same spirit we must all have if we are to achieve the educational excellence that will mean a better life for all Kentuckians.

Get involved now as your community. Our schools are our future. — Quoted

I feel this has not been accomplished over the years within the existing basketball program. It is time to take a look at the basketball program, set goals and work toward them as a team.

Lets all, as parents, taxpayers and students take a step in the right direction to improve both the academic and athletic programs. Get involved with your child's activities, ask questions, give suggestions and speak out on issues that you feel need to be improved. Being a parent and taxpayer gives you this right.

Concerned parent and taxpayer,
Linda Woosley

Ex-player defends Kenney, athletics

To The Carlisle Mercury:

There have been many letters written to the local paper in response to the

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Agree or not

Employee pay revision sought

by S.C. Van Curen

Frankfort — State employee groups are beginning early to prepare their legislative program to undo the wrongs they claim were done them during the administration of Gov. John Y. Brown Jr.

Their initial efforts concern working out a package that is agreeable to the Department of Personnel and the Personnel Board before submitting it to the 1986 legislature.

Two omnibus bills were introduced last session, one by State Representative Hank Hancock, D-Frankfort, and one by Senator Eck Rose, D-Winchester. Both failed. The consensus of criticism of both was that too much was trying to be accomplished in a single bill and that some of it wasn't acceptable.

CHIEF AMONG complaints of the changes made by the Brown administration was a reduction in the number of pay grades in the state's Merit System, limiting chances of advancement; constriction of the minimum-maximum pay grade range which penalize career employees by limiting advancement opportunities and the "Red Circling" which they claim is unequal and unfair treatment of career employees.

Gov. Martha Layne Collins, as promised in her campaign, did retract the Pay for Performance system that Brown tried to institute right at the end of his term. Under this plan the immediate superior of the employee would rate him every six months and recommend whether or not he got a pay increase.

Employees claim this would be a return to political bureaucracy wherein favoritism would be rife and would scuttle the intent of the Merit System.

The employees want to readjust the salary schedule to provide for a larger range (increasing the number of steps in a grade).

PRESENTLY, there are three pay ranges — beginning, middle and top. The number of steps in the old schedule was a maximum of 20 in some employment areas; this was reduced to 16 and is now a maximum of 17.

John Carr, chairman of the Personnel Board Advisory Committee; and Dudley Conner, head of the Coalition of State Government Employees, were to have met with Personnel Commissioner Thomas Greenwell and Dutch Hatterick, Personnel Board director in a sort of a rap session Monday to discuss the problems of the employees.

Carr included most of the above items as likely topics for discussion, but Conner insisted that no proposal would be made in Monday's meeting by his group, but agreed that Carr had covered a lot of his problems in his separate interview.

Greenwell and Hatterick both agreed there is a mutual interest in the meeting and agree that some legislation needs to be and will be introduced in the 1986 legislature.

Greenwell pointed out that Gov. Collins had rescinded the WPPR plan and was sympathetic to state employees in some of their complaints.

THE PROBLEM now seems to be what legislation will be agreeable and what can they expect the legislature to pass.

Several observers agree that the omnibus bills submitted in 1984 by Hancock and Rose covered too many topics with some features objectionable to the administration and legislature. These observers recommend introducing several separate bills to make up all of their recommendations and hope to get at least some of them passed in 1986 and add to them in succeeding sessions.

Down Memory Lane

Rupp guest of Rotary Club; Lt. Bell missing in Germany

Thursday, April 6, 1945

Four Nicholas County speech students will represent Nicholas County High School at the State Speech Festival at the University of Kentucky April 22-24. They are Deborah Brannock, Analysis of Public Address and Carol Curtis, Original Oratory. To compete a student must have a superior in their division at region contests.

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Teachers Appreciation Week was observed April 6 when a breakfast was served teachers before school by the Carlisle Elementary PTA. Each teacher received a silver key chain engraved with the PTA oak tree emblem. Miss Nancy Talbert was presented with a piece of luggage for the faithful guidance she has given the children of the community for 47 years.

The Moorefield Christian Church won first place and the trophy of the church league basketball tournament sponsored by the recreation council by downing the second place team, the Carlisle Methodists.

DIED — Mrs. Effie Smith Earlywine, 81, wife of W.H. Earlywine, Thursday, April 1 at Bourbon County Hospital. — Thomas C. Maxey, 75, Chicago, Illinois, Friday at a Chicago hospital. — Miss Lettie Whitton, 60, Sharpsburg, April 4 at Mary Chiles Hospital, Mt. Sterling.

Thursday, April 12, 1945

Emily Van Bever, Betty Ellen Caywood and Brooks Pitman will represent the Schumann Club of Carlisle High School at the Junior Music Festival to be held in Lexington April 14 at Transylvania College. Emily will play a piano solo and Betty Ellen and Brooks will play a duet.

The Rev. and Mrs. LaVerne Taylor complete their work here with the Carlisle Christian Church next Sunday to re-enter the general evangelistic field. They begin their program in Tennessee and have meetings scheduled for the rest of the year.

Coach Adolph Rupp of the University of Kentucky will be guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Carlisle Rotary Club at the Masonic Hall this Thursday.

Public Address: Robert Talbert, Prize and Discussion; David Moore, Analysis of Public Address and Carol Curtis, Original Oratory. To compete a student must have a superior in their division at region contests.

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scatback **Mark Higgs** could very well derail coach Jerry Claiborne's Sugar Bowl bound express next fall.

Hopes have been high that this might be the year of the Cats for an appearance in New Orleans next New Year's Day. Higgs, while not the team's engineer, was certainly counted on to provide instant offense.

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It's official, Spring has arrived.

Despite near-freezing temperatures earlier this week County Agent Mike **Phillips** shaved off his beard over the weekend, as promised. No doubt he feels his actions were a might premature.

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Op-Ed page

In cars I have THUNK appetite

...but only a DING pocketbook

RUSS METZ

Another American tradition is dying. It may already be dead.

Tire kicking.

Nobody kicks the tires on a car they are thinking about buying anymore. It was supposed to "test them." If you kicked a tire and it blew, you wouldn't want to buy that iron monster.

Recently I had occasion to roam over a large automobile dealer's lot of new and used cars and I did not spot a single tire kicker. If someone had kicked the wheel-well tires of one of his new models, I have the feeling the dealer would have taken umbrage.

I think the old tradition of tire kicking has given way to door slamming. Everybody figures the tires are usually decent on new cars, but slamming doors tells you if the body is put together properly, without drag or binding on the doors.

Go ahead and slam the door on a really well-built car and you get an authoritative THUNK. It shows the machine is fine tuned. A step or two down the scale, it's a CLUMP. After that comes CLANK, and finally at the bottom of the heap, a tinny DING. You don't want to buy a DING.

I kicked the tires of an expensive foreign car and a cheap American model, and neither felt or heard any real difference between the two. Then I slammed the doors of both cars. The foreign job was somewhere between a THUNK and a CLINK. The American cheapie was more in the CLANG neighborhood, but the prices were so different one might expect an even greater variance of sound.

Despite the solid sound of its slamming doors, we decided not to buck the farm and buy the expensive heap. After all, there is more to automobiles than kicking tires and slamming doors.

Like raising the hood to look at the engine, trying out the cigarette lighter, twanging the aerial to see if it straightens up again, being sure the dealer has his decal on the back so you can advertise for him, and the way you look behind the steering wheel.

You have to know what is important and what isn't.

— RM —

The story involves a grandmother, who lived in the mountains of Kentucky, or maybe it was West Virginia.

She was 103 years old when a university sent a young journalist to interview her. It was to be a feature story on her. And he had questions:

"Grandma, to what do you attribute your longevity?" the student asked.

"Oh, plenty of rest, good home food and a nip of moonshine now and then," she said.

"Have you ever had a long hospital stay?"

"What's that? I said you'll have to talk louder."

"Have you ever been bedridden?"

"Oh, hundreds of times, young man," Grandma said, and three times in a buggy."

— RM —

This man believed in numerology. It always brought him luck. One morning he got out of bed and looked at the thermometer. It registered 33 degrees. Then he glanced at the clock. It had stopped at 3:30 a.m.

He heard his wife call from the kitchen. She wanted to know if he wanted his usual three scrambled eggs. And as he walked out the door for work, she told him, "Don't forget you have a dental appointment at 3 p.m."

And that's when it struck home. Everything was in threes. He rushed to the bank, took out all his money, found a gambler and learned there was a horse running in the third race at Arlington that was named Triple. He put down every dime he had on the horse to win. It came in third.

A guy named Bob Smith was up before the court on an assault charge and the prosecutor had been badgering him unmercifully.

"You say you didn't hit the plaintiff, you just shoved him a little?"

"That's right," replied Bob.

"Oh is it!" snarled the prosecutor. "I want you to come down off the witness chair right now, and show the jury just how hard you shoved the plaintiff by using me as the plaintiff."

Bob stepped down, doubled the prosecutor over with a haymaker to the stomach, bloodied his nose with a hard left, and finally kicked him half-conscious to the floor.

Then Bob turned to the jury and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, about one-tenth that hard!"

— RM —

From the book "Country Talk," these put-downs:

"Anytime you pass my house, I'd sure appreciate it."

"You smell like you want to be left alone."

"Let's play horse. I'll play the front end and you just be yourself."

"She'd have to study hard to be a half-wit."

"His bread ain't baked."

Country wisdom:

"The only mark some people make in this world is on somebody's fender."

"A squeaking wheel gets the grease, but a quacking duck gets shot."

— RM —

There was this farmer who had a sick horse. It seems the horse developed an ailment that demanded the attention of a veterinarian but the farmer was too busy to take it to him. That's when the farmer remembered a neighbor who had a sick horse. He decided to call him and find out what treatment was used.

"What did you give your horse when he was sick?" the farmer asked.

I mixed a quart of turpentine with his feed," the neighbor said.

The farmer said thanks and went out to the barn with a quart of turpentine, figuring he had saved the veterinarian's fee. He put the turpentine in the horse's feed. The next day the horse was dead.

The farmer was heartsick. The horse had been a good and faithful friend. He decided to go into town and drown his sorrows. When he entered the saloon, he saw his neighbor.

"Say, didn't you tell me you gave your sick horse turpentine?" the farmer said.

"I sure did."

"Well, I gave my faithful horse turpentine and he died," the farmer said.

"So did mine," the neighbor said.

— RM —

I was a little annoyed the other day when I couldn't fasten the top button of my jeans. Now I am delighted. I find that this makes me very chic. Right in style with the latest trends. When I sometimes forget to zip up my fly, I say it is the latest mode and not the first stages of senility.

What began as a sort of secret message in the tutti fruitti communities of San Francisco and Europe, the unbuttoned button is the latest thing in fashion for everybody. Calvin Klein endorses it, and other designers do also. Whether you afford onlookers a peek at your bare skin, or your polka dot underwear doesn't matter. It is fashionable for both to show.

I have never been in fashion, but I have been around fashion for a long time in the best gals' halls, country gentlemen stores and service stations and I can tell you that when you have a fashion that raises the eyebrows, it is one that is going to be in.

If fashion weren't strange, how can you explain hobble skirts women could hardly walk in, or zoot suits, the trousers of which a guy could hardly get his foot through? Or jeans with perfectly good top snaps and buttons that you absolutely mustn't use if you want to keep your au courant status?

The reason I sometimes wear unmatching socks, green silk shirts and greasy baseball caps is because I will be ready when they become the style.

Onward, upward.

Letters...

Continued from page 2

present concern over athletic affairs at Nicholas County High School. Some feel the decline in performance is due to poor coaching.

Because of the loyalty I feel toward Nicholas County High and the many athletes, past and present, who performed there, I stand in defense of Mr. Kenney. It is ridiculous to place blame for losing on one person.

Academics is the primary concern of any school, but sports are necessary to help build character. Sports help maintain morale and sports make school life. At the level of competition progresses, the means of producing superior athletes becomes more complex. Sports has become a science. With new advances every day. Innovations in training methods occur everyday. It must be realized that there is a race to produce that superior athlete. But it becomes very easy to lose track of the primary purpose of sport. We all love to win. Why play if you're going to lose? Sports are played because they're fun! Losing is an much part of playing the game as winning. The way to win is to give. An athlete must train hard. He must concentrate on the rule he plays and throw himself headfirst into that role. An athlete must have a deep passion for his game and visualize his successes without minimizing his failures.

I played basketball under Mr. Kenney for four years. I grew to understand his philosophy of basketball and to accept it as my own. He taught me when he could have and disciplined me when he should have. I am extremely grateful for every bit of his coaching. His love, for basketball spilled over into me. The team I played for never won a district championship, but Mr. Kenney helped me to be the best basketball player I was capable of being. And we had fun! That is the purpose behind it all.

In response to one player's complaint of a lack of motivation, I must say this. Motivation is paramount to an athlete. It is a quality all successful athletes possess. Athletes are driven by an intense desire to win. That desire comes from within. It's not something a coach can turn on or off. We, as athletes, have to be willing to pay a certain high price to win. God gave us all the talents we possess. It is up to us as to what we do with them.

I respect Mr. Kenney's abilities as a coach. We must support him and the entire program. Victories will certainly come if we see sports in its true light.

Kirk Mattox
402 Second St.
Carlisle, Ky.

Science Fair supporters lauded

To The Carlisle Mercury:

The Nicholas County Elementary School recently held a Science Fair in which many students from Grades K-6 participated. I feel that our Fair was an enriching and beneficial educational experience for our students.

We had a group of interested citizens in our community who devoted their time and effort to serve as judges in our Fair and I would like to say thank you to Allen Campbell, Willmer Halcomb, Philip Hastings, Jean Hutchison, Mike Phillips, Michael Rawlings, Timothy Scott, Jeanette Wallace, and Louise Zachary for contributing to the success of our Fair.

Thanks also to Dr. Lloyd Story Jr. for sending Dr. Berry and a group of students from Maysville Community College to serve as judges. His cooperation and interest were appreciated.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Marjorie R. Wilson for devoting her time and effort the entire week of the Fair to help the judging committee in whatever capacity she was needed.

I feel these people are to be commended for helping to make the Nicholas County Elementary School Science Fair such a successful learning experience for our students.

Sincerely,
Charity Griffith, Chairperson
Judging Committee
NCES Science Fair

Wants CCC reactivated

To The Carlisle Mercury:

Two years ago, the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni (NACCCA) celebrated the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

The NACCCA is trying to locate about two million former members and persons who were connected or affiliated with CCC during the 1930s and 1940s. It is a known fact that many of these served in Kentucky and areas serviced by The Mercury.

The NACCCA is a young and growing organization with 45 chapters throughout the nation, and more are in the planning and development stages. One of its major objectives is to have the CCC reactivated.

Anyone interested in the organization can write to NACCCA, Loehmann's Plaza, 7340 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 218, Falls Church, Virginia 22042 for more information and literature.

Vera Krevogruskie
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