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Disheartening.

The odor of corruption and rotten-ness in' college sports has drifted from the campuses at Tulane University and Southern Methodist today.

It is the University of Kentucky's turn.

If the reportings in Sunday's Lexington Herald-Leader about University of Kentucky basketball are true, even partly so, then Kentucky basketball as fans in this state have known (imagined?) it for decades, then the image is badly damaged today.

Herald-Leader writers Jeffrey Marx and Michael York have chronicled a sad account of greed gone wild and accountability gone amuck at UK.

The reporters refused to be put off by familiar stonewalling tactics most of us know so well at UK. Instead they went straight to the sources most affected by the apparent rotten edges around UK basketball during the Joe B. Hall years (1972-85). At least one hopes it is only the edges, evenif we suspect it might be nearer the heart.

Former UK players sang an astonishing chorus for the reporters.

Among them was Kyle Macy who said he would not want to do anything to hurt the UK program that had been so good to him, but "On the other hand, you're going to be honest about stuff, and maybe that will help get things cleaned up."

Among those who admitted knowingly breaking NCAA rules while at Kentucky—and more than 30 were interviewed—were Chuck Verderber, Fred Cowan, Jay Shidler, Scott Courts, Rick Robey, and Kevin Grevey.

Suffice to say the celebrity list goes on. Your heroes And the golly gee whiz young men who fellows in my profession have gushed reams of pretty words over for the past 13 years.

■ Kyle Macy told of receiving $150 each for eight to a dozen speeches he made. "The title put on it was expenses, but really it was just a payment."

It reminded me of seven years ago when Macy agreed to come to Elizabethtown to appear at a benefit for youngsters at T.K. Stone Auditorium. When Macy failed to appear I asked for an explanation. A teammate said that Joe Hall had called an unexpected Sunday practice. Later, it was explained that the reason for Macy's no-show might have been because money was not discussed.

■ Chuck Verderber: "As I progressed the four years...it became a game of who (among the players) could get what. ... It became real greedy, I felt. It got to be ridiculous. I was glad to get out."

■ Jay Shidler told the Herald-Leader he had sold his four complimentary to Cecil Dunn, a Lexington attorney and Joe Hall intimate.

■ Kevin Grevey: "If someone offered him a car, he ought to be able to take the car or the money. Rules are rules, and they have to be followed, but I personally say, the more the merrier. If a kid can get this or get that, take it."

■ Scott Courts, who said he kept his 'payment' monies in a bottle in his dormitory room, implicated UK assistant coach Leonard Hamilton, who told Courts: "Hey buddy, if you ever have any money problems or anything, well, Don Webb might be able to take care of you." Courts said he received about $1,250 before leaving UK during his sophomore year.

■ Tom Heitz: "I don't think we (had) anybody getting a salary every week or anything like that, not to my knowledge at least. But everybody would get money once in a while, and what are you going to say, 'Oh, I'm not going to take that.'"

■ Chuck Aleksinas suggested that Rick Robey hustled players' (4) complimentary tickets: "I remember him trying to get tickets off us. I remember him as the business type, trying to make a dollar here, dollar there."

Courts recalled that selling the tickets "was as common as brushing your teeth." Robey said his (Courts) tickets and delivered $2,250 for them.

The player revelations go on. Most said they believed Coach Hall did not know what was going on, but Macy suggested that the coach had 'turned his head' to their wrongdoings.

In a signed statement to the Herald-Leder Hall denied knowing anything.

'Sugar daddies'

Familiar in NCAA violations instances that have cropped up in recent years at UCLA, SMU, Southern California and other big schools, are well to do boosters, commonly called sugar daddies or 'sponsors.'

Likewise at UK where well-to-do Big Blue basketball boosters emerge as the primary villans. They are willing objects for young celebrity athletes to curry favors and money from.

What follows is a typical stance taken by such people.

A Lexington developer, Dick Sutherland told the Herald-Leader that his relationships with players "had nothing to do with the university. UK didn't aim them (players) at me or aim me at them."

What next?

Kentucky will almost certainly undergo a thorough NCAA investigation and probation seems likely for one important reason, despite the fact that players who talked are gone the scene as in Joe B. Hall.

The reason: If NCAA investigators gather enough evidence administration that it is committed on the front line in cleaning up college athletics as President Dr. Otis Singletary has prescribed to his brethren on NCAA and CFA policy making committees, then the serious misdoings uncovered here merit serious action.

And the notion that "ah well, everybody, everywhere is doing these same things," should not matter one whit.

What does matter is that it is *Wrong*. And student/athletes are being taught that it is all right so long as a whistle does not blow.

I believe a house cleaning is necessary. Assistant coach Leonard Hamilton should be fired outright and Cliff Hagan dismissed as director of athletics And Dr. Singletary ought to consider stepping down as well.

Because ignorance of what has gone on around UK basketball for more than a decade is no excuse.

That ignorance, not knowing, has brought one more black day to college sports only closer to home.

Pieces fi' now

Last spring a little scene was reported from UK's basketball banquet. Ex-coach Joe B. Hall is said to have leaned over to Eddie Sutton and whispered that of all the candidates mentioned to replace him as UK coach, Hall was glad that Eddie Sutton had gotten the job.

One wonders how that sits men feel about it today.

■ A few weeks later Sutton had dinner with New Jersey Nets vice-president Lewis Schaffel afterwhich the Nets veep told reporters that Sutton had expressed interest in the Nets coaching position recently turned down by Villanova's Rollie Massimino.

Maybe, just maybe, when Sutton got inside UK and saw what was going on, or learned that an investigation was underway by the Lexington newspaper, he wanted back out again.

■ Finally, I am reminded once again of an IRS audit I was part of on Mar. 4, 1981. In a hotel in Birmingham, Ala. I was sitting across the dinner table from a former University of Kentucky employee who looked me straight in the eye and said, "Listen, the athletic department at the University of Kentucky is answerable to no one. It's completely separate from the university."

One more grim reminder on another black day in sports ■

If you have a point of view you would like to share, write to Bob Watkins, *Sports In Kentucky*, P.O. Box 1, Glendale, Ky. 42740 ■

Frankfort foe here Friday night

Jackets seek to repeat '84 heroics

The Bluejackets under first year coach Robbie Barr will be out to avert a winless season when Frankfort visits Nicholas County Friday under the lights. Game time is 8 p.m.

The Jackets enter the game with the same 0-10 worksheet as last year's NCHS team, which scored two fourth quarter touchdowns in a 14-8 come-from-behind win over Frankfort.

Pat Pope scored the first six points on a 69-yard run.

With just over a minute remaining in the game, quarterback Kevin Wells took the snap at the nine yard line and found receiver Gary Dotson open in the end zone.

The game marked the end of Ben Pumphrey's 25-year career as head coach.

LAST WEEK the Wildcats from Bath County recorded their fourth shutout win of the season, blanking the Jackets 48-0 on the loser's field.

In upping their record to 9-1, including nine straight wins, Jim Jones scored five touchdowns and gained 201 yards on 18 rushes to lead the Wildcats.

The freshman tailback scored four times from inside the seven and once on a 70 yard scamper. His sophomore cousin Frank Jones added fourth quarter tally on a handoff from quarterback Chris Swartz that covered 28 yards.

Bath County was successful on all six two-point conversion attempts.

Nicholas County's game stats were not available.

Friday's game will be the last for seven NCHS seniors, Phillip Coldiron, Pat Pope, Scott Ramey, Jody Duncan, Gary Dotson, Keith Howard and Greg Fryman.

Special Olympics bowlers

These Nicholas County Elementary students were in Lexington on Saturday, Oct. 19 to participate in the Area 8 Special Olympics bowling competition held at Joyland Bowling Alley. Front, l-r: Chad Fryman, Lynn Graham, Jenny Newby, Liz Fryman. 2nd row, Katrina Jones, Stevie Zornes, Vickie Ross, David Caswell. 3rd row, Chris Jolly, Beverly Gammon, Darrin Morris. 4th row, J.B. Ring, Robbie Gloss, Scott Zornes and Jerrard McVey.

Little League basketball scoreboard

Week 2 results

BOYS A TEAM

Hawks (3) Brad Allison 17, Brian Livingood 3, David Schanding 2, Chris Allison 2
Rebels (-4) Brian Simpson 4
Jets (0) Jamie Simone 2, Travis Sine 4, Shawn McGriff 4, Kevin Watkins 2
Bears (3) Chris Jones 2, Bradley Trussell 2, Kevin Murrell 1
Demons (3) Brad Beverly 1, Raymond Brown 4, Larry King 4, Kevin Murray 4, John Bryant 2
Patriots (2) Israel Barry 2
Hornets (4) Daniel Brown 12, Jason George 2, Shawn Fugate 2, Shevie Gray 4, Mike Cain 4, Dennis Cox 4, Bradley Bryant 4, Mike Hughes 2, Brad Bane 2
Colts (-9) Corey Jennings 8, Jerry Watkins 4, John Lowe 1

GIRLS A TEAM

Phillies (4) Christy Hatton 8, Jennifer Vest 2
Kats (1) Nikki Smoot 3, Tracy Fryman 2, Andrea Galbreath 2

B TEAM BOYS

Rebels (1) Brian Simpson 1
Hawks (0)
Jets (1) Shawn McGriff 2, Nicky Pope 1
Bears (0)
Demons (-1) John Bryant 4, Judy Barth 2, Mark Adams 1
Patriots (0)
Colts (0) Jim Compton 2, Brian Smoot 2, Robert Lang 1
Hornets (4) Bradley Bryant 4, Dennis Cox 2

B TEAM GIRLS

Phillies (0) Jennifer Vest 4, Dalia McCord 2
Kats (1) Tina Fryman 4, Terri Earlywine 2
Nov. 2 schedule — 3 p.m., Hawks vs. Rockets, Bears vs. Colts, 7, Patriots vs. Rebels, 8, Demons vs. Hawkins 9, Hornets vs. Jets

A Team Standings

Girls: Phillies 1-1, Kats 1-1
Boys: Demons 2-0, Hornets 1-0, Hawks 2-0, Bears 1-1, Jets 1-1, Patriots 1-1, Rockets 0-1, Rockets 0-1, Colts 0-2, Rebels 0-2

A quiet election forecast

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District 2 — **Rafferty**: Martha Sibert, D, Clerk; David Tipton, R, Judge; Clay Mann, D, Judge; Ronald F. McLean, R, Sheriff.

Myers: Sophia Margaret Bowles, R, Clerk; Eugene Letcher, D, Judge; William McClanahan, R, Judge; Lida Ruth Hensley, D, Sheriff.

District 3 — **Moorefield**: Mary Lou Henson, R, Clerk; Grimes Bussell, D, Judge; Pansy Haag, R, Judge; Karen Bussell, D, Sheriff.

East Union: Carolyn Vice, D, Clerk; Marian Hatton, D, Judge; Alpha Brierly, D, Judge; E.G. Stephenson, R, Sheriff.

District 4 — **Mayors Office**: Permelia Dedins, D, Clerk; Charles Wilson, R, Judge; Lola Bowen, D, Judge; Everett Smith, R, Sheriff.

Engine House: Mary Trapp, R, Clerk; Luther Anderson, D, Judge; George Gaffin, R, Judge; Innes Ockerman, D, Sheriff.

District 5 — **Mathias**: Joyce Clark, R, Clerk; Ethel Caswell Smith, R, Judge; John S. Tapp, D, Judge; Alma Atkinson, D, Sheriff.

City Building: Maxine Smoot, D, Clerk; James Neal Wood, D, Judge; Harry L. Trapp, R, Judge; Paul Donovan, R, Sheriff.

The Board of Elections is composed of H.L. McClanahan, W.J. Clark, Jack Randolph and Mildred Clark.

Teacher escapes serious injury

A Nicholas County High School teacher escaped serious injury last Thursday afternoon in a two-vehicle accident on the Paris Bypass.

Mrs. Kay Wills was enroute to Lexington for a doctor's appointment around 4 p.m. when a large transport truck pulled onto the Bypass in the path of Mrs. Wills' westbound car.

She was treated for cuts about her face and hand, it was reported. The car was badly damaged.

School menus

November 4 through November 8

HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, meat loaf, green beans, whole potatoes, sliced tomatoes, cookie Tuesday, bologna and cheese sandwich, potato chips, stewed tomatoes, cake. Wednesday, chuckwagon on bun, tomato slice, french fries, ice cream. Thursday, chili, pimento cheese, lettuce wedge with dressing, apple. Friday, barbecue on bun, soup beans, onion rings, fruit.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BREAKFAST — Monday, Danish rolls, juice, milk. Tuesday, cereal, banana, milk. Wednesday, toast and jelly, juice, milk. Thursday, waffle, juice, milk. Friday, sausage and biscuit, applesauce, milk.

LUNCH — Monday, hot dog, mashed potatoes, kraut, cookie. Tuesday, tuna casserole, peas, tomato slice, fruit, bread. Wednesday, hamburger hash, celery and carrot sticks, cornbread, fruit salad. Thursday, submarine sandwich, green beans, cheese, ice cream. Friday, fish sandwich, pinto beans, slaw, fruit.

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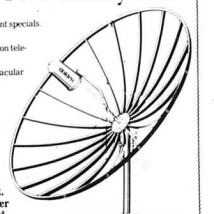

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