Lefty Driesell is a little late in showing concern for Len Bias

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No hero today.

This is no grand eulogy for Len Bias. It is past time to stop weeping for him.

While his death is regrettable, this young man—exploited by the University of Maryland, Lefty Driesell, and heaven knows who else—does not deserve to be lionized, cast in bronze, made to be a martyr simply because he was "a fine young man who was popular and well thought of on the Maryland campus."

When the tears have been wiped away and reality replaces the sorrow, numbness that such tragedies bring, it must be noted that Bias, for whatever reasons, broke the laws most of us live by.

Maryland law officials discovered last week that for Bias the natural high of being chosen to become part of the best basketball team in the history of the game was not enough on that fateful day after the NBA college draft made him instantly rich. He went out and bought $800 worth of cocaine, snorted it, killed himself. A hard endorsement for recreational drugs.

What would happen to you if you were apprehended with $800 of cocaine in your pocket?

It follows this stark truth that young athletes who believed Bias to be special, no, above special, ought to realize this Bias was a young man who fell victim to the folly that plagues all young people — "I am immortal, indestructible. I will live happily ever after."

Then as quickly as one can sniff his nose, he threw it all away ... for nothing.

Len Bias is no hero. But he was a victim in a vicious system that grinds on and will grind up the nice kids you know too unless something is done.

A critical element each of us ought to consider in this episode of sports misfortune lingers with us long after Bias is cold. Hypocrisy. The undeniable, almost laughable (if it were not so tragic) duplicity in sports.

The focus is first upon University of Maryland basketball coach Charles "Lefty" Driesell and second upon the news media that breaths life into it.

Driesell, who cried at a press conference after Bias' death and said he hoped to see—Leonard in Heaven, should have been concerned about the young man months ago when his academic counselor told the coach that Bias had stopped going to class after the fall semester and was on the way to three F's, two withdrawals.

Listed as a senior, Bias was 21 hours short of graduation when he left for Boston and a press conference two weeks ago. And, according to records published by the Washington Post, Bias was one of five members of Maryland's 12-man basketball team to flunk out of school last semester. Records show that one in 10 Maryland athletes flunk out every semester.

Driesell's fearful claim that he cares more about his athletes as human beings than he cares about their jump shots is sadly muted by this demonstration of hypocrisy.

And without the slightest disclaimer, members of the media swallowed Driesell's show and beamed it far and wide.

Len Bias was no hero and Driesell is no leader of men to be admired.

And yet the tragedy of one, the presence of the other stand as grim reminders that it is time we learned from these tragedies in sports.

LESSONS LEARNED. It is time persons of influence and genuine concern for their fellows got serious about hypocrisy in sports generally and about countering the drug culture and what is doing to athletes specifically.

Consider the view of a man who would have been one of Bias' teammates. Kevin McHale. He believes the NBA Players Association should back a touch drug testing policy.

"Lenny Bias' tragedy was a rude awakening," McHale told reporters last week. "Death sneaks up on you. We have to do something to decrease the chances of something like this occurring again.

"I would tell Red (Auerbach) today that I'd submit to drug testing any time he wants. I'm going to make my feeling known to the other players.

"The hell with the Players Association on this particular issue. They should be trying to help players rather than being concerned about protecting them from being caught.

"Lenny's death should make them see that the best thing the association can do for its players is go along with the league and take the toughest stand possible on drug use."

Auerbach's reaction?

"That's the kind of thinking we need," he said. "I think it's beautiful."

New York Congressman Charles Rangel is chairman of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control. "It is imperative that we begin a massive campaign to teach our children the dangers of drug abuse and to rid our communities, once and for all, of drugs," he said. "Let's not let Len Bias' death go without swift reaction so we will no longer stand for this senseless destruction."

And there is Rev. Jesse Jackson who advocates mandatory drug testing for all professional and collegiate athletes and believes, "leaders in athletics must play a leading role."

Yes. And if new get tough on drugs policies work just one time, save one young person, persuade one youngster the overriding value of going to school for the right reasons, then Len Bias, at least his legacy, will be worth something.

Then his epitaph might well read: Here lies a hero.

Parting shot

Former Pittsburgh Steeler linebacker Jack Lambert's advice to an athlete who is offered drugs: "Punch 'em in the mouth."

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

MSU closed for holiday

Morehead State University will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Offices will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, July 7 and registration for the second summer session will be conducted in the Crager Room, Adron Doran University Center, until 4 p.m.

Summer II classes begin Tuesday, July 8, and continue through Friday, Aug. 1. Students will be admitted to the registration area by an alphabetical system based on their last name. All fees should be paid at the time of registration.

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Ewing-Fleming Fair, horse show next week

The 10th annual Ewing-Fleming County Fair and Horse Show is set to begin its six-day run next week, July 7-12 at the fairgrounds near Ewing.

Over $15,000 in prize money and awards have been slated for the different contests and shows for the fair, according to Carl Haight, president of the fair board.

Major attractions include a demolition derby, mud sling, and garden tractor pull. The three night horse show begins on Thursday night, July 10 and ends on Saturday night with the championship classes.

Over $5,000 in prize money will be awarded.

Special nights planned for the fair include Merchants night, July 8. Wednesday's schedule also includes an appearance by FM 94's, Mobile Music Machine from Lexington for dancing from 8-12 on Saturday also.

One of the most popular attractions at the fair is Floral Hall, when 4-H, FFA, FHA, Homemaker and local gardeners compete for the blue ribbon.

Floral Hall exhibits are entered on Monday, July 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Judging will follow.

Friday night is July 10, when each family member can ride all rides on the midway for one price.

The Demolition Derby is set for Friday night, at 7:30 p.m. while the championship mud sling is on Tuesday night, at 7:30.

The Ewing-Fleming County Fair is planned and conducted according to the rules and regulations of the Ky. Department of Agriculture. For a copy of the 1986 fair catalog, call 387-2171 or 845-6871 or visit the Extension Office in the Fleming County Courthouse.

Saltwell ..... by Mrs. Fred Hollar

Miss Ragena Mattox spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mattox and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Mattox and Amanda were also supper guests of the Mattox's honoring Mrs. Chester Mattox's birthday.

Mrs. Ray Springer of Rochester, Mi., Mrs. Velma Green, Mrs. Catherine Scott of Carlisle spent an enjoyable day on Friday with their sister, Mrs. Opal Gaunce. Mrs. Springer had spent the past week here visiting with Mrs. Green, Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Jackson and other kindred here.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney spent a couple of days recently with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kenney and son, Covington, and left to spend the past two weeks with Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Kenney and other relatives in Decatur, IL. While there on Sunday June 22, they all enjoyed the Kenney reunion at Danville, IN.

Mrs. Hazel Snapp spent County Fair and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Keith McCord and son Jodie of Chatam.

Melissa Ritchie of Carlisle spent Friday night and Saturday with Tracy Hollar.

Mrs. Sterling Hollar left Thursday morning to be with her mother, Mrs. Lillie Patterson, who had fallen at her home in Clarksville, TN., and received a fracture of her upper limb and a cracked shoulder. She is a patient at Clarksville Memorial Hospital at this writing. Sterling Hollar also spent Saturday and Sunday there.

Mrs. Roberta Prather and Mrs. Margaret Ryce of Flemingsburg were in charge of U.M.W. service at Headquarters on Wednesday night. James Gaunce was also speaker for the Methodist Men.

Mr. and Mrs. Haymond Kennedy, Lexington, accompanied Miss Frances Barlow to their home on Monday till Thursday for a visit on

Tuesday they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Ray Gaffin, at a Richmond restaurant. Mrs. Patay Blakeman and daughters, Penni and Dana, also visited with the Kennedys during Frances's stay.

Jon Michael Mattox spent Thursday night and Friday with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jobie Howard and family.

Our community was shocked and saddened to hear the passing of Rev. W. J. Kenney at Decatur Hospital early Sunday morning, where he had been a patient since early Wednesday morning. Mr. Kenney was born and raised in this community and has many relatives and friends here who rearet his passing.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gastly, Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fryman enjoyed a camping trip to the river on the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Tim Fryman, Bourbon County, also joined them on Saturday night for a fish fry.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and E. V. Delaney enjoyed supper with Mrs. Hazel Snapp on Sunday night.

Mrs. Verena Earlywine remains ill at home in Millersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Earlywine of Horn Lake, MS., arrived Saturday for several days visit with Mrs. Verena Earlywine and others of their family.

Slight corrections to make, it was Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaunce, Talbatha and Timothy Gum that were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gum recently instead of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar. Also, the Methodist Church entertained with a pot luck lunch at the church to welcome Rev. Roy C. Hunt instead of Moorefield Christian Church (Sorry for these errors).

Mrs. Margie Fryman, Mrs. Phyllis Brady and Mrs. and Mrs. R. J. Doyle enjoyed a gospel sing Sunday night at Elmarch Methodist Church, Cynthiana, featuring Martha Fuller Williams and also the Gloryland Quartet.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady attended the Wilmore Horseshow at Nicholasville on Saturday night.

J. E. Adams Jr., Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady and others visited Orsville Doyle the past week.

Gayle Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady were June 21 supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bevins and daughter near Elizaville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady dined at a Cynthiana restaurant on Monday night honoring the birthday of Bobby.

Mrs. Dorothy Gaunce and son Greg of Lexington, Mrs. Naomi Gaunce and Mrs. Trelia Schlaffer, Mrs. Hensel Gray dined at a Carlisle restaurant Sunday. Dorothy and Greg spent the rest of the day with Mrs. Gray.

CHANDRA DENISE EVANS

Beauty pageant contestant

Miss Chandra Denise Evans, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Evans of Carlisle, is a contestant in the Little Miss Beauty Pageant at the Ewing-Fleming County Fair, Monday, July 7, 7:30 p.m. The theme of the contest is "Miami Vice".

Chandra will enter the second grade at Nicholas County Elementary School in the fall and attends the Carlisle Christian Church. She is being sponsored by the Georgia Girl Beauty Salon.

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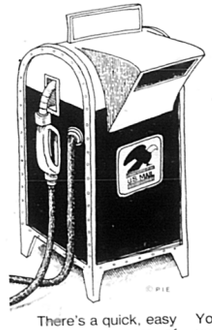

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