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Carolina's Dean Smith wouldn't mind wholesale changes

People and things.

The North Carolina Tar Heels are preseason ranked No. 1 in college basketball for the upcoming season. So, when Coach Dean Smith spoke with a group of reporters, including this one, last week in Chapel Hill, his reaction came as no surprise.

"I'll tell you how I feel about being rated No. 1. After the 1977 season when we won the NCAA championship we came out rated No. 1 the next year in the preseason poll. In our first game we beat Oregon State by something like 27 points and Kentucky beat SMU (110-86) and the next week Kentucky was rated No. 1."

Smith smiled and shrugged in credulously.

Footnote UK went on to win the national championship that season.

But poll watching was only a bit piece in last week's three hour meeting with the North Carolina coach. Smith discussed a broad range of subjects.

■ Given the corrupt state of affairs in college basketball and football today, how about throwing out the NCAA rule book and starting over?

"There's nothing wrong with wholesale changes, but I don't think society in America will let it happen because everyone's so interested in winning. People see the (New York) Mets jumping up and down celebrating and they love that and want to be part of it."

Footnote To illustrate his point about priorities, Smith recalled a time when Ralph Sampson was being recruited out of high school. "The valedictorian of Sampson's senior class said he was going to school at Harvard and the Governor was asking Ralph to stay in the state."

■ What about coaches accepting six figure contracts from shoe companies to decide what kind of sneakers members of a college team will wear? Is it right for the coach to get the money?

"I don't know if it's six figures or not. Anyway, I agree that it doesn't look right. But I think if everyone knows what's going on it's okay. My athletics director and chancellor are aware of what's going on.

"I was one of the last ones to join us that and I accept money from one company (Nike). In many places the money goes back to the university, part of it goes to pay assistant coaches."

■ Smith's reaction to Charles 'Lefty' Driesell resignation at Maryland?

"Without the Lenny Bias thing none of this would have happened. To me, Lefty is an excellent recruiter and he's gone into parents' homes and talked education. I just think it was all blown out of proportion."

Smith added however, "you people in the media really have been the influence for changes. I think what the newspaper did in Lexington, Kentucky was very courageous."

Smith congratulated Lexington Herald-Leader executive sports editor Mike Johnson and added, "Mike, I'm glad to see you're alive and well and that somebody hasn't taken a shot at you."

■ Smith was asked about other aspects of the Bias investigation at Maryland — spotty classroom attendance by players, poor academic records and graduation rates of basketball players past and present.

"Well, we (coaches at North Carolina) make it our business to know if our players go to class. I must admit that I have our assistant coaches go around and peep in (classroom) windows to be sure our kids are attending."

■ In view of Driesell's departure, Dana Kirk's firing at Memphis State and pressure on coaches at other colleges to win, does Smith believe tenure for coaches would be a progressive step to cleaning up college sports?

"Yes. I think any coach would trade any contract for tenure at his university. But it will never happen.

"University presidents are in a tough situation ... when the football team isn't winning and the school's biggest benefactor puts pressure on (to get a winning coach) it puts him in a hard spot."

■ Who are the college coaches Smith holds in high esteem?

"I admire John Thompson at Georgetown; Bobby Knight at Indiana; and C.M. Newton at Vanderbilt."

■ What criteria?

"They don't cheat in my opinion," he said. "They work hard to see their players graduate. And they do a good job coaching."

■ About the NCAA investigations and punishment of some schools and not others. Does the NCAA have "sacred cows" as LSU's Dale Brown has suggested?

"I think Dale is wrong on this one. But I think Dale is wrong on a number of things."

Noting that Brown tried to recruit Arvidis Sabonis to LSU from the USSR, Smith added, "Many of you thought Sabonis would be in Baton Rouge, didn't you?" C'mon. I can't believe anybody (Brown) would want to get away from his wife so much he'd go to Russia."

■ On high school basketball stars who arrive at college barely able to read and write:

"A high school coach will tell another teacher 'unless you give this kid a 'C' you will be ruining his chance in life.' They say 'I see it, if he gives the kid an 'F' it might just wake him up.'"

■ Under current NCAA rules a college may be punished for recruiting violations, giving money or other gifts to high school recruits. There is no system for punishing the recruit who has accepted illegal gifts. Should there be a system to punish young offenders?

"Yes. A kid who takes money knows it's wrong. I think the (college) coach should be fired and the player should not be eligible to play at a Division I level."

■ How does North Carolina's coach deal with team boosters?

"I like to take him there and he just carried on the same tradition," Smith said. "But the coach can't keep up with everything."

However, Smith did say, "We do not allow fans to attend practices and the only people allowed in our locker room after games are the parents of players and sometimes former players. We don't allow the governor in there either, and I've been asked too."

■ Some college administrators as well as a number of coaching rivals have said North Carolina's basketball program is the model others should try and imitate.

"Model program? No, no. I'm not going to say that. I find that would sound pious or something. I won't do that."

■ Dean Smith has long been a proponent of student-athletes getting their college degrees. Why then did he encourage James Worthy and Michael Jordan to leave North Carolina a year early for the NBA?

"Well, I used you guys as an analogy," he said, "If one of you leaves school early to take a job with, say, Sports Illustrated and you're going to make $500,000, then come back in the off season and work on your degree, nobody's going to say anything? Why should it be any different for them?"

More on Coach Dean Smith's views next week.

Readers (right) write

Wesley Blackburn of Shelbyville, Ky writes to say, "I am a diehard (Louisville) Cardinal fan and I think they will repeat as national champs, not only because of Pervis Ellison.

"Herbert Crook was the most underrated player among the starters." Blackburn says, adding that he believes Keith Williams might be a surprise starter at guard this season.

Blackburn's preseason top 20. 1. Louisville, 2. North Carolina, 3. Duke, 4. Georgia Tech, 5. Kentucky (before Winston Bennett was injured and Todd Ziegler's suspension), 6. Indiana, 7. Oklahoma, 8. Syracuse, 9. Kansas, 10. Georgetown, 11. Illinois, 12. Auburn, 13. Bradley, 14. Western Kentucky, 15. UNLV, 16. Virginia, 17. Notre Dame, 18. North Carolina St., 19. Purdue, 20. Cleveland St.

David Oliver of Princeton, Ky. writes "Go Wildcats!" and offers his college Top 20. 1. Louisville, 2. North Carolina, 3. Georgia Tech, 4. Kansas, 5. North Carolina St., 6. Purdue, 7. Notre Dame, 8. Syracuse, 9. Kentucky, 10. Indiana, 11. Georgetown, 12. Auburn, 13. Navy, 14. Alabama, 15. Oklahoma, 16. Western Kentucky, 17. Iowa, 18. Iowa St., 19. UNLV, 20. Michigan.

Jay Roberts of Henderson, Ky. writes "The running and gunning machine of the Big Blue is back in the person of 'Pistol' Rex Chapman." And offers his preseason Top 20. 1. Louisville, 2. Georgia Tech, 3. Oklahoma, 4. Tulsa, 5. Kentucky, 6. Auburn, 7. Syracuse, 8. Alabama, 9. North Carolina, 10. North Carolina St., 11. Iowa St., 12. Villanova, 13. Navy, 14. Florida, 15. Michigan St., 16. UNLV, 17. Iowa, 18. Notre Dame, 19. Cleveland St., 20. Western Kentucky. Sleeper: Pittsburgh.

Comment: Thank you for writing and I invite everyone to drop me a card or letter if you have a point of view you would like to share.

Parting shot

Which is the most rabid, a Kentucky basketball fan or a North Carolina basketball fan?

Bulletin: Author of North Carolina and currently directin' of development at the American Press Institute in Reston, Va. "Well, I would say Carolina fans are fervent. But Kentucky fans are insane."

And so it goes ■

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

Fleming foe as Jackets close season here Friday

The Nicholas County Bluejackets will close out the 1986 season here Friday night against Fleming County. The visitors bring an 8-2 record into the game which is a must-win if Coach Teddy Purcell's Panthers hope to advance to the playoffs.

West Carter and Fleming County share the district lead. The district winner would face the winner of a game between Harrison County and Newport Catholic.

Last week the Jackets saw their record drop to 0-10 in a 16-0 loss to Frankfort on the winner's turf.

Fleming County won its eighth straight defeating winless MMI 53-14. Troy Chenault, one of the area's top rushers carried the ball 12 times for 177 yards and four touchdowns.

Game time for the Jackets-Panthers clash is 8 p.m.

It will mark the final appearance for nine Nicholas County seniors: Steve Ledford, Ken Blakeman, David Willoughby, Alan Hardin, Mike Smith, Dwaine Curran, Rob McGuffey, Terry Hill and Wendell McNabb, all lettermen.

NICHOLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
1986-87 Basketball Schedule

Dec. 2	Harrison Co.	Away
Dec. 5	Paris	Home
Dec. 9	Mason	Away
Dec. 12	M.M.I.	Home
Dec. 13	Deming	Home
Dec. 16	Lockhart	Home
Dec. 19	Madison	Away
Dec. 29-Jan. 3	Burley Tourney at Mason	
Jan. 6-Jan. 9	Bath Co. Tourney at Owingsville	
Jan. 13	Bath Co.	Away
Jan. 16	Model	Home
Jan. 20	Harrison Co.	Home
Jan. 23	Jessamine Co.	Away
Jan. 27	Menifee Co.	Away
Jan. 30	Boyle	Away
Feb. 3	Fleming Co.	Home
Feb. 7	Bourbon Co.	Home
Feb. 10	Bracken Co.	Home
Feb. 13	Estill Co.	Home
Feb. 17	Maysville	Away
Feb. 20	Bath Co.	Home
Feb. 21	Sayre	Away
Feb. 24	Henry Clay	Away
Feb. 27	Deming	Away

All varsity games start at 7:30, junior varsity at 6:00

Outstanding play

James Bryan, gradson of Mrs. Hazel Moore, was written up in the Ashwell Citizen-Times Sunday edition of Oct. 19 for his outstanding play during the West Carolina University-Furman University football game on Oct. 18.

Bryan is a walk-on player for WCU, and is a sophomore

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Senior class project

Nicholas County High School seniors Nena Donovan (left) and Leann Garrett proudly display their senior t shirts which contain the signatures of each member of the class. The t shirts were sold by the class as a money-making project. (photo)

Transy wins hockey meet

The Transylvania University Women's Field Hockey team won the Kentucky Women's Intercollegiate Conference Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 25, by defeating Bellarmine College, 2-0.

Michelle (Missy) Rawlings, a senior from Carlisle and a graduate of Nicholas County High School, is a member of the Transylvania squad.

The team finished the 1986-87 season with a 8-7-1 record.

EKU recognizing boy, girl scouts this Saturday

Girls and boys who are members of the Wilderness Road Girl Scout Council sponsored troops or are affiliated with the Bluegrass Boy Scout Council are invited to attend Eastern Kentucky University's football game this Saturday, Nov. 8, at 1:30 p.m. when Scout Recognition Day will be observed.

All scouts and their leaders who attend the game in uniform or show an official scout membership card at the stadium ticket windows will be admitted to the game for $1.00.

In addition to the discount ticket incentive, troops who attend can have the name of the troop and city location announced over the public address system during the game.

To have the troop included in the announcements, scout leaders simply need to send a postcard with the troop name, number, and location to EKU Division of Sports Information, Begley 290, EKU, Richmond, KY 40475

Voc-ed training program set at horse park

The Kentucky Equine Institute, located at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington is accepting applications for the January 1987 session.

KEI is a non-profit vocational program which provides an educational foundation for those wishing to enter various equine professions. The four-month program is under the sponsorship of the Kentucky Thoroughbred, Standardbred Farm Managers Club.

Students will work with such famous horses as John Henry, Forego, Ramblin Willie and others ranging in size from miniatures to Clydesdales. Three hours of intensive classroom lecture covering all aspects of care, anatomy and physiology are held daily, in addition to four hours of "hands on" activity.

KET also provides essential training in employment skills and attitudes, which assists the students in obtaining employment.

The cost of the four month program is $900 and scholarships are available to qualified applicants through the "Seattle Slew" fund. Applicants must be high school graduates and in good health. Students attend class five days a week for seven hours each day.

To apply for admission please contact Kentucky Equine Institute, 4089 Iron Works Pike, Lexington, KY 40511, or call 233-4301, extension 263.

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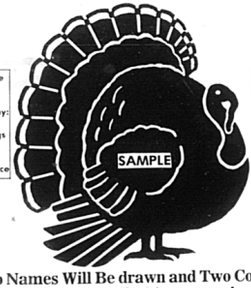

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At Louisville seminar

Attending Project Graduation this week in Louisville are students Neal Metcalfe, (left), and Terry Hill, shown with advisor Sue Kirby. (photo)

'Project Graduation' conference underway

Terry Hill and Neal Metcalfe have been selected to represent Nicholas County High School at a statewide conference on "Project Graduation," sponsored by the Kentucky State Police Division of Highway Safety and the Kentucky Department of Education.

"Project Graduation" is a concept for planning, publicizing and producing chemical free graduation or spring parties that attract large numbers of students. It is a movement to reduce the number of teenagers who might drink and drive at this special time in their lives.

Teen fatalities were down 33 percent last May and June in comparison to this time period a year ago before Project Graduation was initiated in Kentucky.

Hill and Metcalfe along with sponsor Sue Kirby are attending a two and a half day training conference in Louisville Nov. 5, 6, and 7. Training sessions will include budgeting, fund-raising, publicity, prizes, food, entertainment, securing volunteers and promoting community involvement.

They round out their conference experience with a leadership training workshop identifying the steps they will take to convert their knowledge and enthusiasm into effective programs once they return home.

Saltwell ..... by Mrs. Fred Hollar

Rev. Randy Coleman was Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Fryman at a Paris restaurant.

Dunita and Wes Livingood spent Saturday night and Sunday with their grandmother, Mrs. Alberta Soupp.

Mrs. Naomi Gaunce was supper guest of Mrs. Andrew Grey the past Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gaunce and Mrs. Elsie Mae Walker visited Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ritchie on Johnson Rd. this past Sunday.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney spent a few days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Myers near Lexington. On Tuesday, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Kenney visited Mrs. Mae Lovely and Mrs. Alene Platt of North Middletown, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fryman of Paris, and on returning home Wednesday Mrs. Kenney visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gaunce, Hampton and Etta Gaunce near Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady dined at a restaurant in Aberdeen, Ohio on Monday night honoring Mrs. Brady's birthday.

Garnet Gaunce of Bracken County spent several days the past week with his sister, Mrs. Louise Thompson, Carlisle. On Wednesday they along with Mrs. Hazel Soupp visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Mrs. Gladys Kenney. They were supper guests of Mrs. Hazel Soupp Mr. E. V. Delaney was also supper guest of Mrs. Soupp.

There were around 30 youth and few adults from the Headquarters Church who enjoyed a Halloween party at Charley's Roller Rink on Tuesday night.

Bob Kenney, Covington, spent Saturday with Mrs. Gladys Kenney, day with Mrs. Glady Kenney.

Mrs. Phyllis Brady visited Mr. and Mrs. Andy Fryman and family, Cynthiana, on Friday night. Mrs. Brady became ill and she and Bobby spent Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitson, also of Cynthiana. Mrs. Brady remained ill at her home at this writing.

Mrs. Ramona George, Mike Sowell, Stephanie Ockerman, Chris and Tracy Hollar were Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar were also Sunday supper guests.

Mrs. Louise Thompson and Garnet Gaunce and Mrs. Hazel Soupp visited Mrs. Ollie Booth at her home in Falmouth on Thursday. Mrs. Booth has been ill with shingles for several weeks. Garnet returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Mae Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Barlow and Wendy of Sewell, visited Miss Frances Barlow at George's Nursing Home Saturday afternoon.

Public Meeting on water issues

On Saturday, Nov. 1, the Kentucky Division of Water will hold six concurrent public meetings across the state. Citizens will be asked to help develop a Kentucky Water Management Plan that will insure adequate, safe water for everyone's personal use and for recreation, tourism and industry.

Persons from this area will meet at the Capitol Plaza Tower auditorium in Frankfort at 10 a.m.

On exhibit at UK

The University of Kentucky Art Museum will show its recent acquisitions of old master prints Oct. 26-Dec. 21. Engravings and etchings by Rembrandt, Durer, Canaletto, Pirranis and others will be exhibited for the first time.

'Flag day' ceremony Nov. 12 in Lexington

"Flags of Excellence," a program of the Kentucky Educational Foundation and the Kentucky Department of Education to recognize excellence in the Kentucky public school system, will be held at 1 p.m. on Nov. 12 in the Concert Hall of the University of Kentucky Center for the Arts.

Flags of excellence or flags of progress will be accepted by 500 public school children. Principals, superintendents and chairmen of the school boards also are expected to attend the event.

"The program recognizes a limited number of elementary and secondary schools promoting educational practices which provide optimum teaching and learning conditions.

The Flag of Excellence/Flag of Progress program selects exemplary schools on the basis of strong student achievement scores, outstanding student attendance, and low dropout rate. The standards of excellence achieved by your schools will certainly serve as a model to advance educational improvement efforts in other schools."

Take care of your teeth

Carlisle dentist Leon Riggs addressed the sixth grade classes at Nicholas County Elementary School last week about the importance of good dental hygiene. (photo)

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