

**FOCUS**

**A Mercury Editorial**

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association decided to allow junior high schoolers to play school sports at the high school level. This means 12 year olds can be used to compete with 18 year olds in any given sport.

Given the facts of the situation, this decision does not seem reasonable. The basic problem seems to be students who are in the seventh and eighth grades are not generally as mature as their older counterparts.

They are not as physically mature nor are they as mentally mature. Expert opinions say the chances of injury, possibly permanent, are higher when competition is unequal.

Although I am an avid sports fan and have been since early childhood, I do not see that high school sports are important enough to risk such injury to the youth of this state.

It is an accident waiting to happen. If expert opinions say the chances of injury are high, what makes it worth the risk of permanent physical damage?

Students at a younger age should not be banned from sports altogether, but should only be given the opportunity to compete with other students who are at the same maturity level.

Mental maturity is another issue in this conflict. Because the law allows younger students to play varsity sports, younger, gifted athletes will be forced into a situation where they are on the spot to succeed.

In addition, they have to deal with students who are six or seven years older than them.

Experts dealing with adolescents say this atmosphere is not conducive to self confidence.

The pressures one encounters in junior high school are difficult enough without the pressures that come from trying to perform and socialize at a level higher than normal.

These younger athletes will also, by law, be allowed to play on more than one squad in a given sport.

The most obvious problem with this is that extra practice and game time will take away time needed to study.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association requires students who play sports to pass four fifths of their classes.

Kentucky doesn't need its youth growing up learning only four fifths of their subjects. . . but knowing how to juggle a light sports schedule.

With the recent education reforms that have taken place in this state, it would follow that sports would be viewed as secondary to education.

Giving students a quality education should be the primary goal of our state school systems.

Given that the rigors on athletic competition for seventh and eighth graders have been loosened, the quality of their education may suffer because they feel pressure, from parents, coaches or even other students, to perform at a level they may have reached in talent, but not maturity. — Kara Reed

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Honor what Freedom is all about**  
Many people are unaware of the value of the addition of a new microprinter reader to the Nicholas County Library.

This machine helps researchers copy information from microfilm. The machine takes out the census, death, wills, marriages and court orders. These help locate and out of state patrons trace their family histories.

The Nicholas County Historical Society gave a generous contribution to help get our driver under way. Donations were given by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Burden, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce, Carlisle Community Women's Club, Depaati Burke, West National Bank, Carolyn Reading Hamner, Nicholas County Clerk's Office, Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Myers, Mr. Rose Scott, W.K. Black.

Also the Carlisle City Council and the Nicholas County Fiscal Court gave generous contributions. We are very grateful to all for these donations. This kind of community support benefits everyone.

**Bookmobile Librarian**  
While working with Mr. Pete Worthington on the Blue Books Project he showed much concern for our community and surrounding communities. He spent many hours of his time with me when I was at the guard he stayed by our side from daylight to dark. He also tried to answer all of our questions. If he wasn't sure of the answer he would go and find out.

When the job was completed Mr. Worthington was recognized by having "Worthington Center Named in His Honor." I believe it was well deserved.

But he never forgot about us for helping with it. He gave us one of our state school recognition also. This meant a lot to me. It also meant he was taking full and complete recognition for his help.

So, best of luck to you, Mr. Worthington, in your race for Lt. Governor. You proved to me you can do the job as good or better than anyone. I know you will put in the time no matter what it takes.

**Nicky Willoughby**  
This is a letter in reference to our young men who are in the Middle East supporting to be protecting our Freedom here.  
My son is one of those men and we know he's there and have been notified as such, but at the same time was advised that his location must be kept a secret for security reasons.

Now that all these young men are over there protecting our freedom then it's time we

**Yellow or Orange — It really matters**  
It's the thought that's doesn't matter  
Ribbons, ribbons everywhere. I think it shows where the hearts of many really are.

Although someone, somewhere has decided the ribbons should be orange and not yellow, I don't really believe it makes a lot of difference. This has also given someone a chance to call up and make sure everyone knows its orange not yellow.

I don't personally believe there is any confusion about the meaning of the ribbons. We're not recalling the 1980 incident with the Iran hostages.

This entire movement has been done to support for the American stand and the people involved here.

If more ribbons are put up, go ahead and make them orange if you want to. . . there's no problem. It's the thought that really counts, anyway.

I am glad to see someone a chance to call up. . . and the many others who helped out. And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

**Act mandating that automobile manufacturers begin the transition to use an agricultural**  
hides arise at the mercy of the world oil market and as a result of diversification in energy fields. It is this that is frighteningly obvious to us as threatening a source of oil on which we are dependent.

**The United States must begin today the transition to an agricultural**  
fuel farmer as its main producer. Congress has mandated the transition to an agricultural fuel base, Kentucky hemp is the most effective producer of such a fuel.

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**GENERAL ELECTION 1990 For the 30th Kentucky Senatorial District**

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The work force here continues to be the backbone at which Kentucky thrives and with 83 years of practicing law in Central Kentucky, Davenport recognizes the needs and complaints of the local citizenry in both farm counties. He also has a firm belief in the success of the agricultural sector.

Being a relative unknown in a field where name recognition is somewhat imperative does not concern Davenport, much as far as the chances of gaining the senate seat is concerned.

In fact as Ford is known, his record as senator would only serve to damage his chances.

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