



The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Has the Sports World Gone Crazy?

As I write this, Texas Tech University is considering hiring Bob Knight to coach their men's basketball team. This is the same Bob Knight who was recently fired by Indiana University for manhandling a student who did not address him correctly. The same Knight who once threw a chair across a basketball court when he disagreed with a referee, and the same Knight who choked one of his players. Texas Tech is considering hiring a man who has been physically and verbally abusive to his players and others!

What is wrong with this picture? Why would a reputable university consider hiring a man with a track record like Knight's? I have struggled for an answer to this question and have come up with three possibilities.

1. Texans are crazy. I know there are some who contend that this is true, but I cannot agree. I once spent a summer in Texas and met some wonderful people, so I know that all Texans are not crazy.

2. People at Texas Tech University are crazy. I was about ready to believe this until I heard that fifty-eight faculty members had signed a letter urging the university not to hire Knight. This proves that not everyone at Texas Tech is crazy.

3. The sports world is crazy. This is the only option left and the one I accept. If you do not believe the sports world has lost its collective mind, consider the following:

A high school in Texas (again?) has hired Claude Bassett as its football coach. Bassett is the man who recently was asked to leave the University of Kentucky coaching staff after it was revealed that he participated in several recruiting violations, including paying money to a coach to bring his high school players to

football camp and cashing a check made out to the university. Does this sound like the man you would want teaching your son to play football? The University of Louisville is considering hiring Rick Pitino as its mens' basketball coach. Pitino, who had a winning record at the University of Kentucky and then went to Boston for money, unless such profane tirades at his players that mothers sitting close to the UK bench had to cover their children's ears.

Unfortunately, the craziness is not confined to professional and college sports. The father of a young hockey player in Massachusetts killed another father after a team practice! Little League coaches physically attack each other during and after games. Ray Knight, former Cincinnati Reds manager, attacked a coach at his daughter's softball game. What is wrong with this picture?

It is all about winning. Coaches of questionable character who can produce winners can always find a job, while a fine man like Jerry Claiborne, who worked to instill character in his players and tried to ensure that they graduated, is asked to leave the Kentucky football program because he does not win enough games.

"Winning is not the most important thing. It's the only thing that counts." Who ever said this gave voice to the attitude that typifies sports at most levels.

This is nothing new. Leo Durocher, former baseball player and manager, asserted that he would run over his own mother in order to score a run.

I have always believed that "sports builds character." These days I am beginning to question that belief. We need good people in sports who are more concerned with building character than with winning games. Any volunteers?

The love we have received far outweighs the bad things that have happened to us losing our house to fire, Mary Ella breaking her ankle, and the theft of items stored in our barn. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and may God bless you all richly for your kindness shown to us during our time of trial.

Alfred and Mary Ella McNew

To the friends of Wayne Stewart: The family of Wayne Stewart would like to take this opportunity to thank our many friends who reached out to us when he passed away.

So many people stopped by our home, brought food or other items, visited us at the funeral home, or attended the funeral. Wayne would have been so pleased to know that so many people counted him as their friend.

As we stood in line at visitation, we were comforted time and again by friendly faces of current and long ago friends and by the stories shared about Wayne. We heard stories that told of his days as a farm boy or a teacher or just as a friend.

We loved this man with all our hearts and we were blessed to have him with us during his lifetime. We are also blessed to live in a place where people come together in times of sadness just to say I care and he was my friend.

To all those who came, called, or sent a warm message of sympathy, we thank you. Your actions will not ever be forgotten, just as we hope Wayne's memory will live on in our hearts forever.

Ronald McKinney

To the many friends, former neighbors, school chums, co-workers, hunting and fishing buddies, even relatives of Ronald McKinney whom we inadvertently failed to notify of his death, February 26, and who have since contacted us to express such heart-warming condolences, we penned these special words of acknowledgement.

Though hearts are still heavy, you've made our load lighter. Because of your caring today's a bit brighter.

Just knowing you're there we can face each tomorrow. With more faith in God and a little less sorrow.

More tearsdrops will fall but we won't despair. For Heaven's much dearer since Ronnie is there. Sadly missed by his loving parents, sister, brothers, nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Thank You

We want to say thanks to all our friends and family who showed so much love and concern during my illness and hospital stay. Thanks for all the beautiful cards, the phone calls and visits. Thanks for all the good food that was brought to our home.

Most of all thanks for all the prayers from all of you.

Our love and thanks,
Irene and Frank Brown

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In Loving Memory

In Memory of My Papaw's Birthday

When the Roll is Called up Yonder He'll be There

Albert C. Owens,

born March 23, 1919

On November 15, 2000, the world lost a wonderful man. He was my papaw and his name is Albert Cass Owens. Although my life is riddled with the loss of a grandfather in the world, I remember when I was little that he would always drive me all over town in his black Chevy. We would go everywhere, but the place that stands out the most is Superior Market. He went there to get a few groceries, but most importantly to talk and hug the owners and everyone that came in.

There was not anyone in Mt. Vernon who didn't know my papaw. My papaw liked to talk so much that he called our house four times a day. Sometimes he would call with a purpose in mind, but mostly he just called to see what we were doing and if supper was ready. He was so interested in what me and my brother were doing that he would drive from Mt. Vernon to London just to watch us play ball or see our report card.

Although all these traits are priceless, his best trait that will influence me the rest of my life is him being a wonderful Christian.

Papaw, the one who had touched mine and so many other people's life, began to go down hill dramatically in his last year on earth. Yet, my papaw having a strong will to survive, he could not overcome all of his problems. Papaw's kidneys were bad and his lungs were almost gone. There wasn't a day that went by in his last year that he didn't have trouble breathing. Carrying his oxygen tank and his inhaler he would always make it to church, no matter how sick he was.

Papaw, my brother and I would always sit together on the front pew where he loved to hear old songs in front of the congregation. My papaw was a great Christian and he showed this with no doubt on his last day on earth.

On November 14, 2000 my mfm called in the family to the Mt. Vernon Hospital. Dr. Griffith told us that his kidneys had shut down and he wouldn't make it through the night.

Later that evening all of our family gathered around his bed and told stories about his life. Through all this Papaw didn't even have enough air to speak and he laid there motionless in the bed. No one could make him smile until our preacher, Osa Baker

walked in. When he had Papaw raised up in the bed and let out a big smile. Osa prayed over him for God to help Papaw regain his strength, and then as sick as he was asked me to sing him a gospel song. I started to sing "When

the Roll is Called up Yonder I'll Be There," and though everyone in the room was helping me sing I could not say the words. At 4:00 the next morning my papaw left this world and I and everyone else knew that he went straight to heaven.

The rest of my life I will remember this night and how Papaw loved the Lord and how he was ready to meet him in the sky. My papaw was a Christian his whole life and this will influence me the rest of mine!

BHS Class of 1971 reunion

The BHS Class of 1971 will be celebrating their 30 year class reunion. This will be held at Broadhead Elementary School on Saturday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m. Please make reservations by calling Broadhead Elementary at 606-758-5512.

We are, currently updating addresses of classmates. If anyone has information on the following people please contact Vicki Scott at 606-758-8277 or Mike Robbins at 606-758-9229. Donna DeBorde, Patsy DeBorde, Linda Kaye Foynter.

Extension Office News

Supermarket Tour
March 23, 9-11 a.m., Supermarket Tour of Savy-A-Lot Store, free, sponsored by Rockcastle Co. Health Dept. and County Extension Service, led by Lynette Fortney, RD. Call 256-2403 to register.

Club Meeting
March 23, 10:00 a.m., Mt. Vernon Extension Homemakers Club meeting at the Extension Office. Call 256-2403 for details.

Herbal Supplements
March 27, 10:00 a.m., class: Herbal Supplements - Learn information.

from the University of Kentucky about which supplements may be harmful and which may be helpful. Call 256-2403 for details on this free class.

Quilted Tote Purse
April 20, 9:00-2:30, make your own Quilted Tote Purse. Class size is limited to 10. Call the Extension Office at 256-2403 for more information.

Pesticide Training
Restricted Use Pesticide Training will be given at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 22 at the Rockcastle Co. Extension Office. Call 256-2403 for details.

Preachers vs. Teachers

National Honor Society is hosting the second annual Teachers vs. Preachers Basketball game Monday, March 26th • 6 p.m.

RCHS Gym

Admission \$2

All proceeds go to St. Jude's Research Hospital

Cards of Thanks

Luther Smith

The family of Luther Smith would like to extend our deepest appreciation and thanks to all of you during the time of our loss. We would like to thank Marvin and Judy Owens for a wonderful job they did, for all of their help and comfort that was given. Thanks to Bro. Pete Lamon and Bro. Shelby Reynolds for their kind comforting words. Thanks to Mary Laswell for the beautiful songs and Doris Wright for the wonderful music.

Thanks to Ottawa and Northside Baptist Church for the wonderful food, thanks to Bro. Chad Burdette and Bro. Cecil Roundtree for their visits and prayers during Luther's sickness. Thanks to all the other churches for all your prayers. Thanks for all the neighbors, friends and fam-

ily for your phone calls, cards, flowers, food, money, visits and your kindness and comfort and prayers. We would also like to thank Hospice Care Plus for all they did to help. A special thanks to Kitty, who spent hours with us during the night of his passing on. We cannot thank each and everyone enough for all you did. May God bless and keep each of you.

The family of Luther Smith

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people in Rockcastle County who have helped us in our time of need. The Brindle Ridge Fire Department, Mt. Vernon Fire Department and Broadhead Fire Department for trying to save our house. During this time of trial if it had not been for friends in this community we could not have gone on.

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