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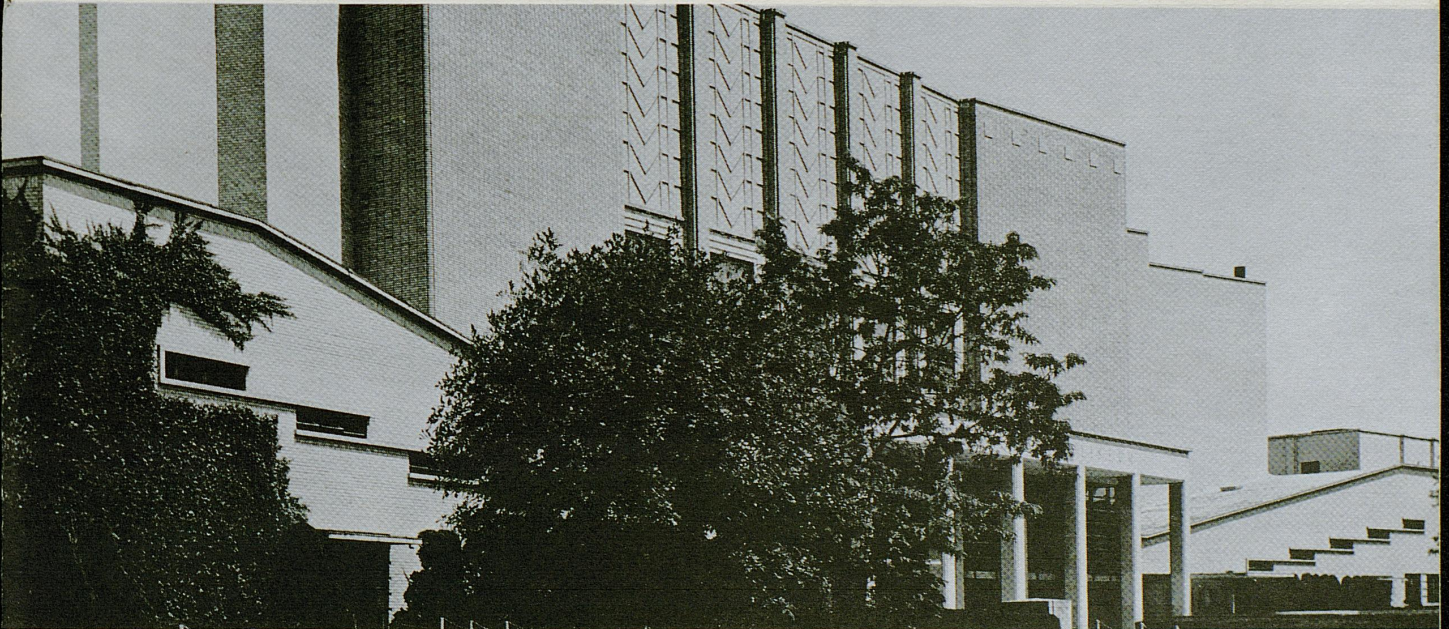
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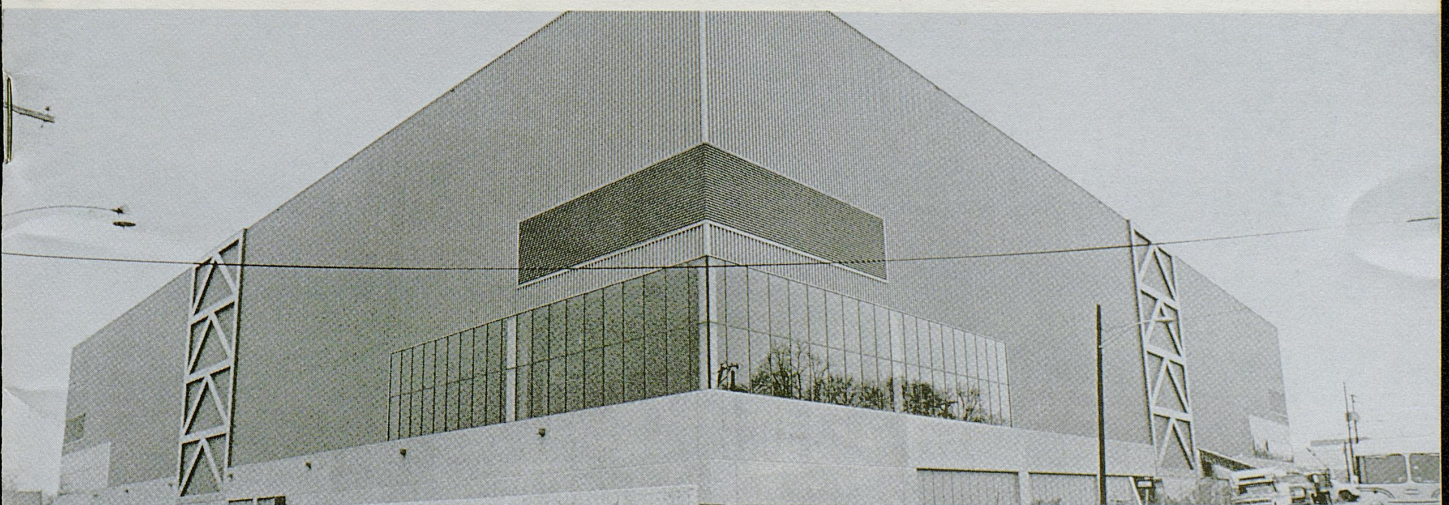
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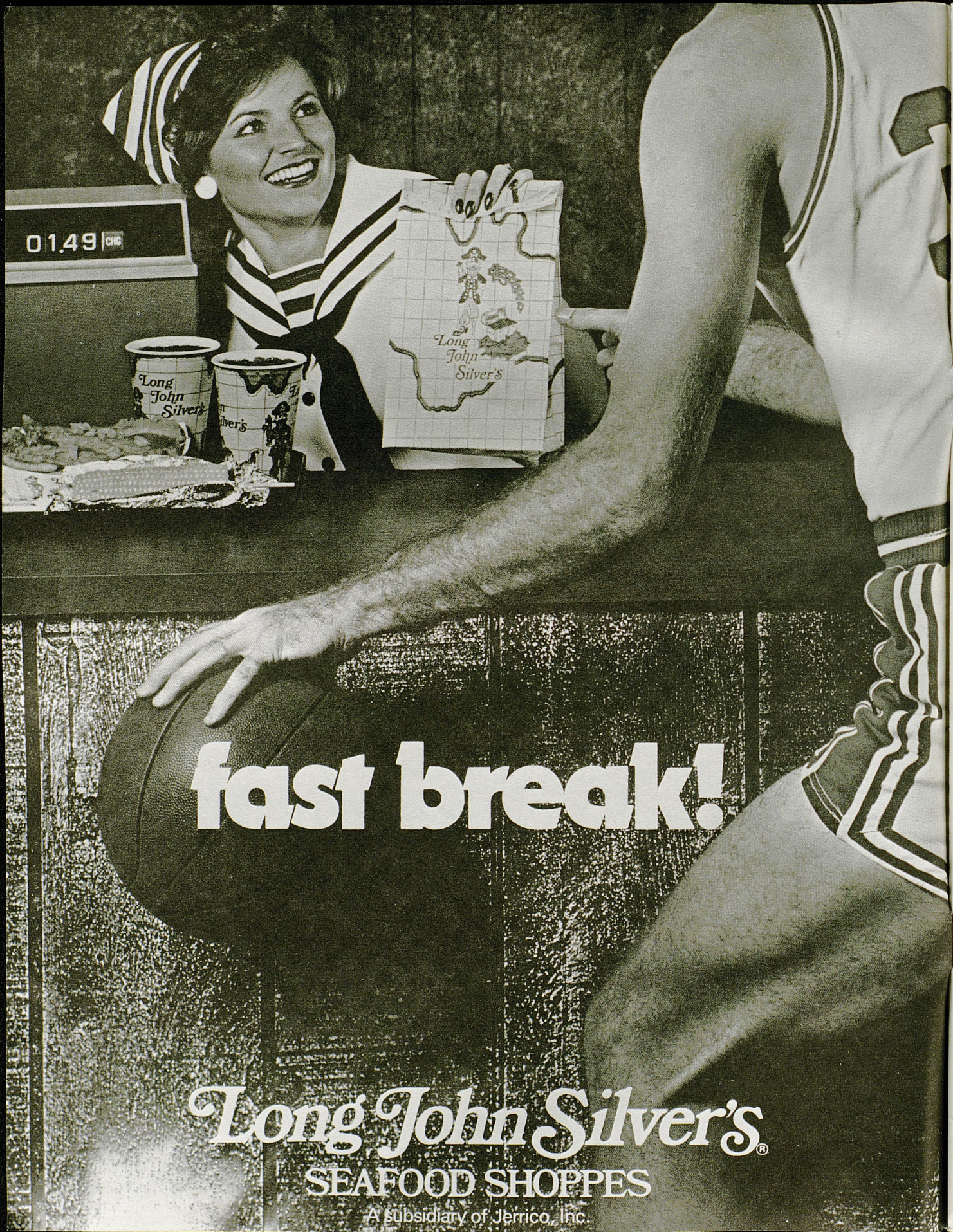
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Three teams—Alabama, Auburn and Tennessee are scheduled three times also, while Georgia and Vanderbilt will appear twice. Florida, LSU, Ole Miss and Mississippi State will appear only once.

The 10-week series over a regional network again will be produced by TVS Television of New York. All games will be played on Saturday afternoons.

Auburn opens the series at Louisiana State Jan. 3.

Kentucky has won 26 and lost only 14, for a 65 per cent win average during the eleven year series. The year-by-year breakdown: Won one of three games in '64-65, three of four in '65-66, two of four in both '66-67 and '67-68, three of five in '68-69, all four in '69-70, three of four in '70-71, two of three in both '71-72 and '72-73, one of three in '73-74, and all three in '74-75.

The Schedule:

| Date | Teams | Tip-Off |
|---------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Jan. 3 | Auburn at Louisiana State | 1:00 CST |
| Jan. 10 | Georgia at Vanderbilt | 2:00 CST |
| Jan. 17 | Vanderbilt at Kentucky (National TV) | 4:00 EST |
| Jan. 24 | Tennessee at Mississippi | 1:00 CST |
| Jan. 31 | Auburn at Florida | 2:00 EST |
| Feb. 7 | Kentucky at Tennessee | 2:00 EST |
| Feb. 14 | Georgia at Auburn | 1:00 CST |
| Feb. 21 | Alabama at Mississippi State | 1:00 CST |
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| Ralph Carlisle (F) 1936, '37 | Johnny Cox (F) 1957, '58, '59 |
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| Layton Rouse (G) 1940 | Bill Lickert (F-G) 1959, '60, '61 |
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| Jack Tingle (F) 1944, '45, '46, '47 | Louie Dampier (G) 1965, '66, '67 |
| Kenton Campbell (C) 1945 | Mike Casey (G) 1968, '69, '71 |
| Ralph Beard (G) 1946, '47, '48, '49 | Dan Issel (C) 1968, '69, '70 |
| Wallace Jones (F) .. 1946, '47, '48, '49 | Mike Pratt (F) 1969, '70 |
| Joe Holland (F) 1947 | Larry Steele (F) 1971 |
| Alex Groza (C) 1948, '49 | Tom Parker (F) 1971, '72 |
| Kenny Rollins (G) 1947, '48 | Tom Payne (C) 1971 |
| Jim Line (F) 1950 | Jim Andrews (C) 1972, '73 |
| Bill Spivey (C) 1950, '51 | Kevin Grevey (F) 1973, '74 |
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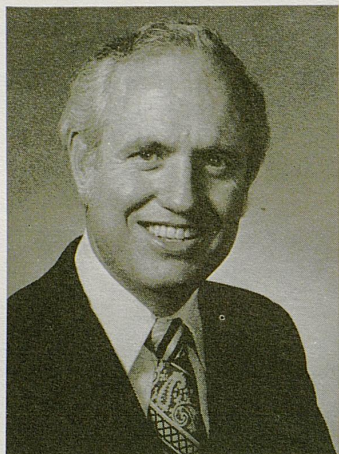
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JULIAN MORTON CARROLL became Kentucky's 58th governor on Dec. 28, 1974, succeeding Wendell H. Ford, who was elected to the U.S. Senate. Carroll then won a full four-year term in the 1975 general election. Born in McCracken County in 1931, he attended Paducah Junior College after graduating from Heath High School. He was graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1954 and received his law degree from UK in 1956. Before becoming governor, Carroll served three years as lieutenant governor and ten years as a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives. He is an active member of the Optimist Club and a former Jaycee. He attained the highest office in Kentucky for laymen of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1966-67 when he was named moderator of the Kentucky Synod. The Governor and his wife, Charlann, have three children.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

General Information

LOCATION—Lexington, Ky., a community of 180,000 in the heart of Kentucky's famed Blue Grass region. Renowned as the world capital of the thoroughbred horse industry and known also as the world's largest loose-leaf tobacco market.

FOUNDED—1865

ENROLLMENT—(On campus—21,488)

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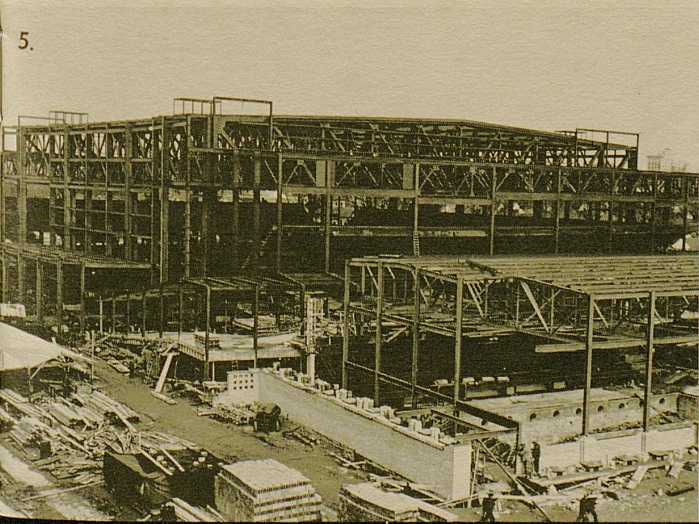
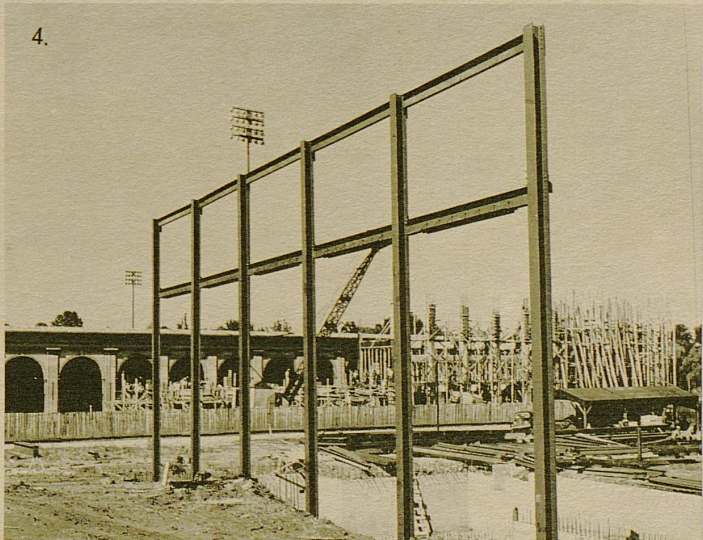
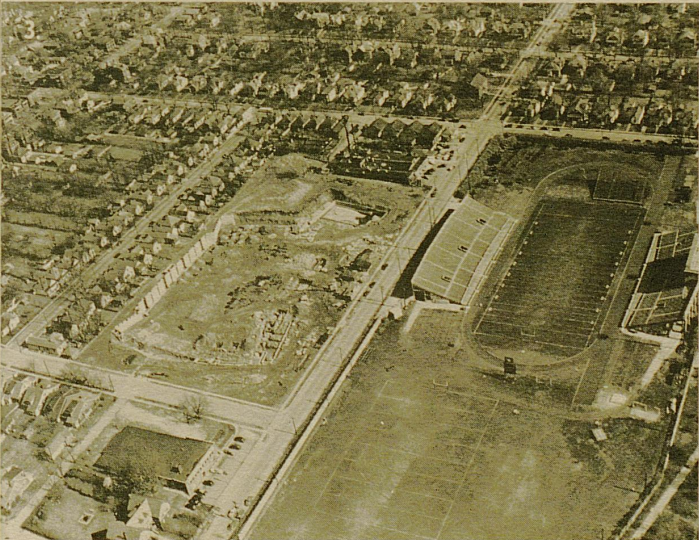
PRESIDENT OTIS A. SINGLETARY came to Lexington in August, 1969, from the University of Texas, Austin, where he was executive vice chancellor for academic affairs. Dr. Singletary, who is eighth president of the University, served a total of eight years at Texas, progressing during seven (1954-61) of those years from instructor to professor, associate dean of Arts and Sciences and assistant to the president. Then for five years (1961-66), he was chancellor of the University of North Carolina, although he was on leave from October 1964 to January 1966 to serve as director of the Job Corps, Office of Economic Opportunity.

CLIFFORD O. HAGAN became assistant director of athletics at UK June 1, 1972, and succeeded Harry C. Lancaster as AD July 1, 1975. A two-time consensus All-America, he led the Wildcats to 86 wins in 91 games and the 1951 NCAA championship and was co-captain of the undefeated 1954 team. He scored a then-record 41 points in leading Owensboro over Lafayette in the championship game of the 1949 State Tournament. He was a five-time All-Pro with the St. Louis Hawks.



Coliseum Era Begins

- 1. Old Euclid Avenue
- 2. Dr. Donovan Breaks Ground
- 3. Excavation Begins
- 4. Steelwork Goes Up
- 5. Brickwork Underway
- 6. Cornerstone Laid



(Editor's Note—The following Code of Sportsmanship appeared in the Memorial Coliseum dedicatory program of the Kentucky-Purdue basketball game, Dec. 9, 1950)

Code of Sportsmanship

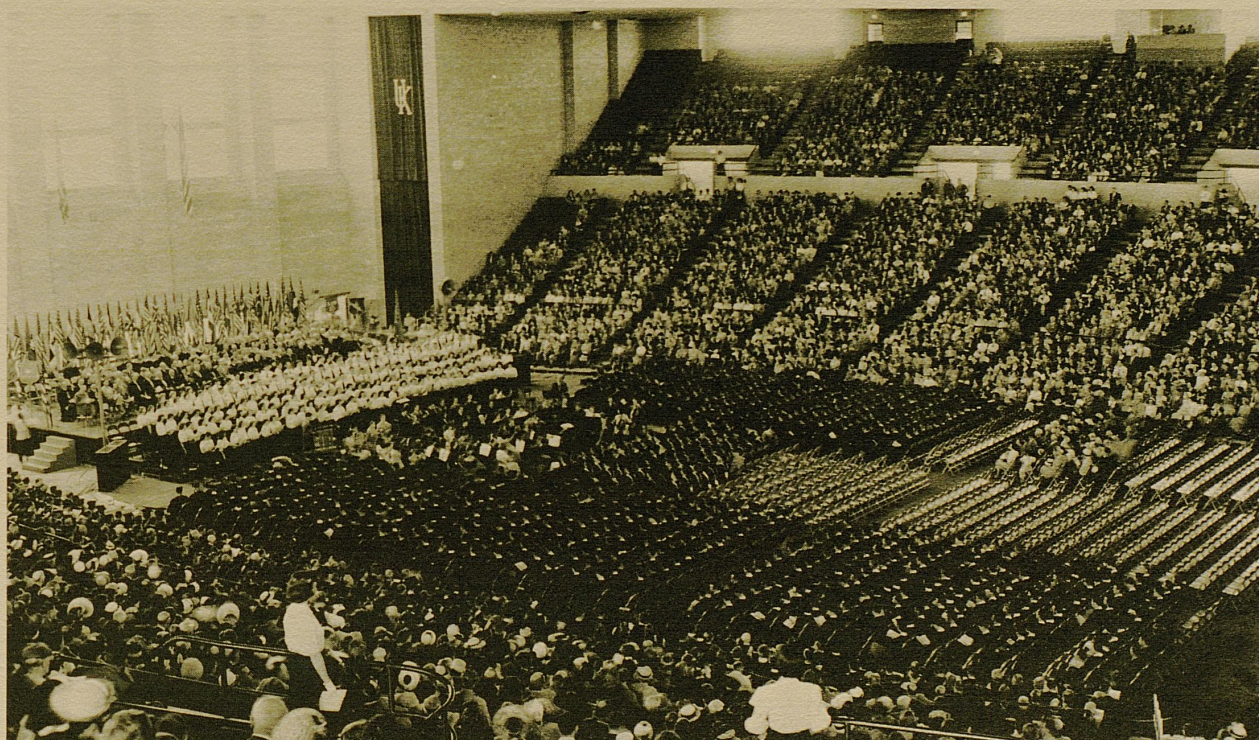
We, the students of the University of Kentucky, having an abiding faith in the value of intercollegiate athletics as an instrument in promoting friendly relations among universities, do adopt this code of sportsmanship for this Memorial Coliseum:

1. Winning or losing, an athletics team of the University of Kentucky will have our continued and wholehearted support.
2. We expect our team to measure up to the highest ideals in sportsmanship, and we pledge that our conduct shall be equally as praiseworthy.
3. The visiting team and coaches, and the officials are our guests. As such, they command our respect, courtesy, and hospitality.
4. We shall in all ways abide by the regulations of the University governing the use of the Coliseum.
5. Bearing always in mind the sacrifices of those to whose memory this building is dedicated, we pledge ourselves to a standard of conduct worthy of these honored dead.
6. We call upon all who join us in the support of University of Kentucky athletics teams to join us likewise in support of this code.

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Memorial To These Honored Dead Is Raised In Stone And Steel

By **RUSSELL RICE**
Sports Information Director



Some 12,000 persons participated in a solemn ceremony at the University of Kentucky's new Memorial Coliseum May 30, 1950. The building was dedicated, with impressive rites, to more than 9,000 Kentuckians who died in World War II, on the day that the University also held its 1950 baccalaureate services.

As part of Commencement Week activities, the University of Kentucky's great new Memorial Coliseum was dedicated on May 30, 1950, with baccalaureate exercises for the approximately 1,600 members of the graduating class. Two other dedicatory services were scheduled later that year, one designating the Coliseum as a cultural center, the other recognizing it as a sports arena. Cultural programs already scheduled included James Melton, The London Philharmonic, Arthur Rubenstein, Jascha Heifetz, the Don Cossack Chorus and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and lectures by Elmer Davis, Charles Laughton and Eleanor Roosevelt.

The first basketball game in the new structure

was to be played between Kentucky and West Texas State December 1 but the official dedication of the Coliseum as a sports arena was scheduled December 9 when the Wildcats were to meet Purdue.

The multi-purpose Coliseum at that time probably was the finest building of its kind in the world. In addition to an auditorium where concerts, lectures, public meetings and the like could be held and a basketball arena where almost 12,000 fans could watch their teams in action, the structure contained a complete plant for the teaching of physical education. Including equipment and furnishings, it cost approximately four million dollars. One feature of the building was a large swimming pool, with seats

for one hundred spectators.

Funds for erecting the Coliseum were appropriated under the administrations of three governors, Keen Johnson, Simeon Willis, and Earle C. Clements. In addition, a bond issue of \$825,000 was sold to complete the construction. A stone at the entrance to the building bears the names of the three governors and the twenty-five University trustees who served during the time the contracts were let.

Professor John S. Horine of the College of Engineering lettered on parchment the names of 9,333 Kentuckians who died in World War II and the lists were placed in the Coliseum. The work of compiling the names was done by the Bureau of Source Materials in Higher Education, under the direction of Professor Ezra L. Gillis. In the portico of the building was placed the inscription:

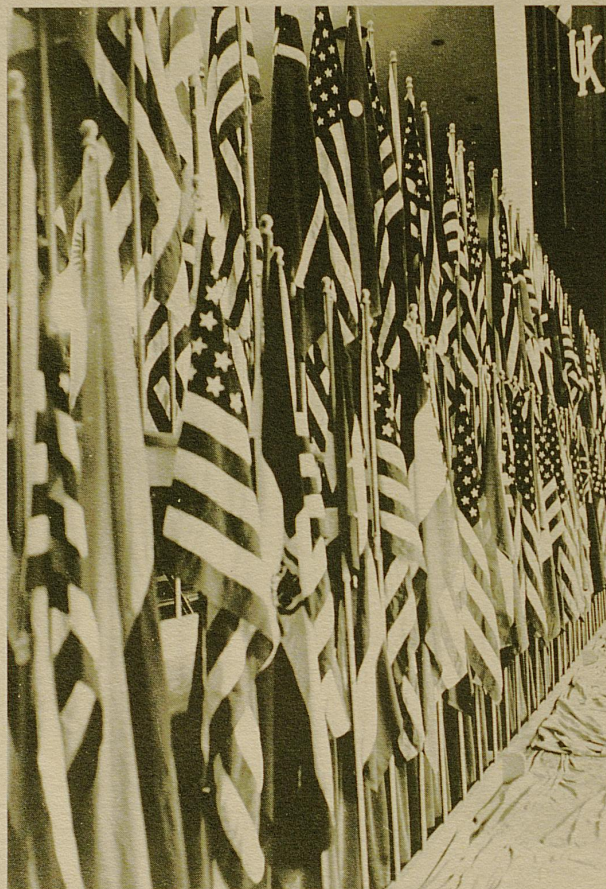
"Here in stone and steel is raised a memorial to more than nine thousand sons and daughters of the State of Kentucky who gave their lives in battle that we might live in peace erect and strong and free."

Five days before the first dedication, approximately one hundred members of the press, radio and television corps were invited to a pre-dedication party. After being taken on a tour of the new building by UK President Dr. H. L. Donovan and Athletic Director Bernie A. Shively, they were entertained by a basketball scrimmage in Alumni Gym between two teams made up of members of the 1950-51 Wildcat squad. At the time, Coach Adolph Rupp was holding his first spring practice in ten years, presumably to "polish up our free-throw technique."

Throughout the combined baccalaureate and dedicatory exercises that Memorial Day, a religious theme was followed. Featured speaker was Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president and editor of the Christian Herald and chaplain of the interfaith Chapel of the Four Chaplains which was erected in Philadelphia in memory of Dr. Poling's son, Clark Poling, and three other chaplains who were aboard the ill-fated S.S. *Dorchester* when she was sunk during World War II.

Approximately one-half of the twelve thousand persons at the dedication were relatives of men to whom the Coliseum was dedicated. The auditorium was a mass of color, ranging from the dark gowns of the speakers and graduating seniors to the olive drab of uniformed ROTC cadets. The stage was backed by a rainbow-like array of the flags of various nations flanked alternately by the Stars and Stripes.

One writer described the spirit of the occasion as a composite of the more than nine thousand Kentuckians who died in World War II: "It was instilled with deep sincerity in the huge arena and wide concourses and left to dwell." He said the Coliseum, "a massive structural achievement of mankind, dedicated to a memory, was humbled by that memory."



A glittering array of flags serves as backdrop during Coliseum dedication services.

Betty Pugh, in the *Leader*, wrote, "So it was that a large sports arena which will reverberate with cheers, shouts and thunderous crowd noises, made a quiet debut."

Rupp had mixed emotions about leaving Alumni Gym, in which his teams had won eighty-four straight games since January 14, 1943. "You hate to leave a place like that in a way," he said. "Moving from an old building like that to the finest in the country is great, but whether we'll be able to compile such a record on our new floor only time alone can answer. We had some great games there in the old gym. We knew our way around as well as any team ever did on a home floor."

A home floor advantage in basketball, Rupp estimated, was worth eight to ten points.

"It's not the familiarity with the floor, but the feel and almost uncanny premonition as to how the ball will bounce that counts the most in my estimation," he said. "The advantage lies more in the fact that the players are living a more normal life, a regular schedule of sleeping, eating, attending classes and practicing instead of an irregular road schedule and

the strange surroundings of hotel rooms and other places."

The Coliseum, brainchild of Dr. Donovan, was never officially proclaimed "The House that Rupp Built," but there would be many such references in future years, when Rupp would often recall how the final plans were spread out on the desk of Donovan during a meeting with the architect, members of the athletic board, Shively and Rupp.

"I was the last to have my say," Rupp said. "Everyone else was more concerned about it than I was, of course, since I was only the basketball coach."

Inspecting the plans closely, Rupp frowned, shook his head, and declared, "Too little. It won't seat but about seven or eight thousand. Go ahead and laugh if you want to, but just get me the length of the coliseum and the number of rows you have, reduce that to inches, divide by eighteen inches for a seat, and I will tell you exactly what it will seat."

The architect, after some hurried scribbling, said, "Well, if you figure it that way, it will seat 7,800."

Rupp told him to make plans for a building to seat 15,000, but the architect said there wasn't enough room.

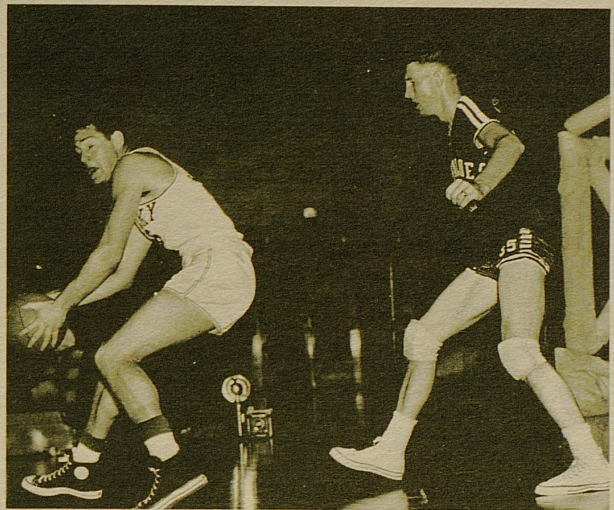
"Then condemn the street in back of the coliseum," Rupp said.

"You can't condemn a street."

"You can condemn this one," Rupp said, reaching for a telephone.

"Yes," the mayor of Lexington answered. "We'll condemn that street if you have to have it."

Approximately eighty sub-standard dwelling units were razed to clear ground for the mammoth structure. The yellow-brick Coliseum, classically simple in design, contains as much space as a seven-story office building covering an entire city block. Near perfect

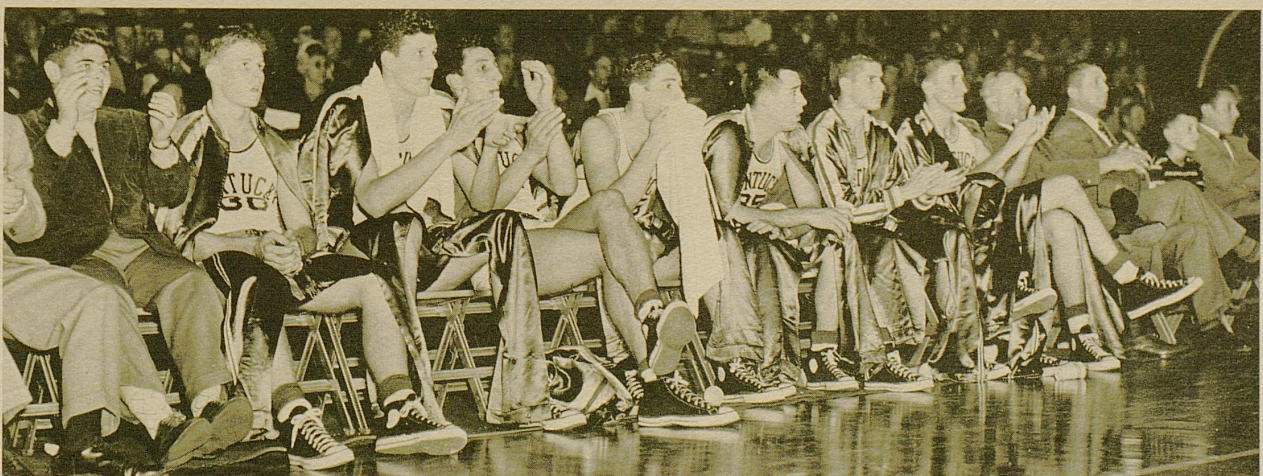


Read Morgan grabs a loose ball in the Wildcat's 73-43 win over West Texas State, the first game played in the Coliseum.

from an acoustical point view, it is as truly a concert or lecture hall as it is a basketball arena. Sir Thomas Beecham, at the conclusion of the London Philharmonic Orchestra's tour of fifty-two cities in the U.S. that year, listed Lexington as the "high point" of his cross-country swing, giving as his reason "the magnificent audience and the beautifully equipped building."

The community concert-lecture series was designed to bring to Lexington each year fifteen top-flight programs for which residents of the area would pay only ten dollars while University students paid only a nominal fee for admission.

Throughout the years, the Coliseum has remained a showcase for cultural as well as athletic aspects of the total university.



Relaxing on the bench during the Coliseum's first game in which the Cats beat West Texas are, from left, Mike Dolan, Mgr., Frank Ramsey, Bill Spivey, Lou Tsiropoulos, Read Morgan, C. M. Newton, Bobby Watson, Shelby Linville, coach Rupp and asst. coach Harry C. Lancaster.

BILLY THOMPSON'S

How They Linger

Precious Coliseum Memories Travel Backroads Of The Mind

(Editor's Note—A veteran newsman, Billy Thompson joined The Lexington Herald Staff in 1939, became a full time member of the sports staff in 1947, and was known throughout the state for his diversified coverage of all levels of athletics. He was sports editor for five years before joining WLEX-TV as news director in 1966.)

Memorial Coliseum . . . the "House that Rupp Built" . . . the "Classic Arena in the South" when it was opened in 1950. Call it what you wish, it has been home to the Kentucky Wildcats for 26 years and has been the site of some of the greatest thrills of my sports-writing and telecasting career.

The Number One thrill in basketball with me as a working-spectator occurred on the 16th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. That was on December 7, 1957 . . . when the Wildcats and Temple Owls battled for three overtime periods before Kentucky won. Right in front of me was a guard named Vernon Hatton who took an inbounds pass with one second left, fired half the length of the court and sank the never to be forgotten shot as Kentucky outlasted Temple, 85 to 83. And even as remarkable was clock operator Cecil Bell's ability to stop the clock with one second left . . . setting the stage for Hatton's heroics.

But there have been many thrills. The fifth game played in Memorial Coliseum . . . December 16, 1950 . . . saw a sophomore named Bill Spivey given the undesirable task of guarding Kansas All-America Clyde Lovellette. And guard Lovellette he did . . . he was on him like a wet blanket—and made this Clyde look more like the partner of Bonnie instead of the All-America Jayhawker.

I'll never forget Cotton Nash pumping through 40 points in his Kentucky debut as a freshman. I wrote

in the column the next morning: "What can the Cottontop do for an encore?" Nash answered that question by becoming the greatest scorer in UK history until he was ousted by Dan Issel six years later.

Other games which stand out in my 37 years of covering Kentucky Wildcat games: The night back in 1953 that Cliff Hagan wore a path to the free-throw line—he marched there 24 times.

Who will ever forget Bob Burrow snatching 34 rebounds . . . also against Temple . . . the next year. Or the night Kentucky rammed home 54 field goals in rolling up 121 points against Ole Miss?

I'll never forget the night that Bobby Slusher, right in front of me, was guarding a dribbling player who ran into Big Bob's arm and fell immediately to the floor as if he had hung his neck on a clothes line. He fell like a drug store Indian.

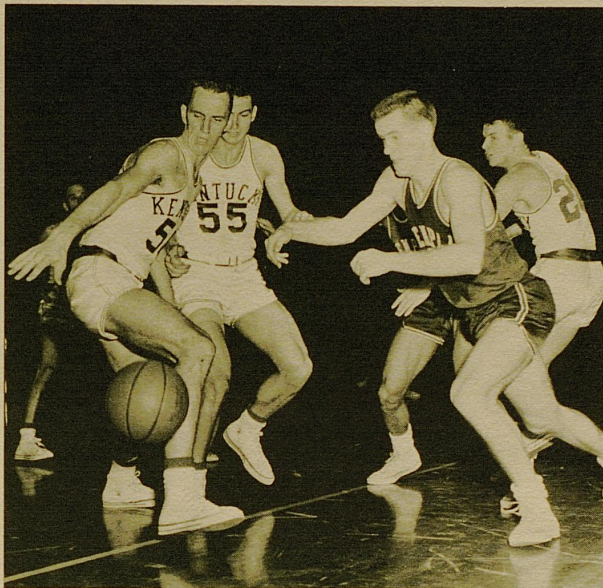
And, of course, I'll never forget the State Tournament in 1956 when King Kelly Coleman and the Wayland Wasps rolled into town. Closely guarded by Shelbyville's Bobby Swindler and Herbie Kays, Kelly opened the tournament by scoring 50 points. But the fans didn't particularly like him. And the farther Wayland went, the louder the boos. They turned to cheers when Freddie Maggard hit a jumper for Carr Creek in the semifinals to beat Wayland . . . and King Kelly. That night, though, Coleman rammed through 68 points against Bell County . . . and when lifted with two and a half minutes remaining, he received one of the greatest ovations in Coliseum history. King Kelly averaged 49 points for four state tourney games.

And I'll never forget Rupp's Runts. Just watching those guys practice was a great thrill: Pat Riley . . . Louie Dampier . . . Thad Jaracz . . . Tommy Kron . . . Larry Conley and Company. It was the greatest passing team I have ever seen in collegiate basketball.

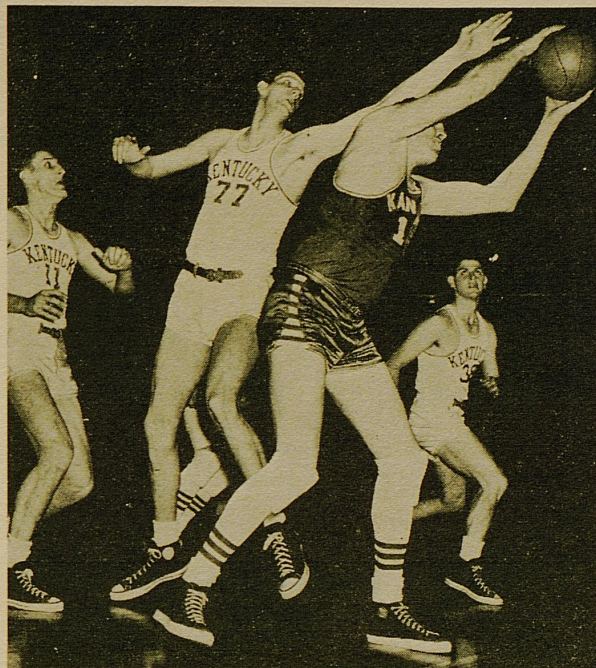
And I'll never forget February 13, 1960. It began snowing . . . and I mean snowing . . . about four o'clock that afternoon. Two hours later, we had six inches of snow in Lexington. Not a car was moving . . . but there was a basketball game at Memorial Coliseum: Kentucky versus Notre Dame. So, I left the Herald office and began hoofing it. No traffic . . . so everyone walked in the middle of the street, in six to eight inches of snow.

Would you believe: 6,800 people showed up that night at Memorial Coliseum to cheer the Wildcats to a 68 to 65 victory. And all 6,800 did the same as I . . . they walked.

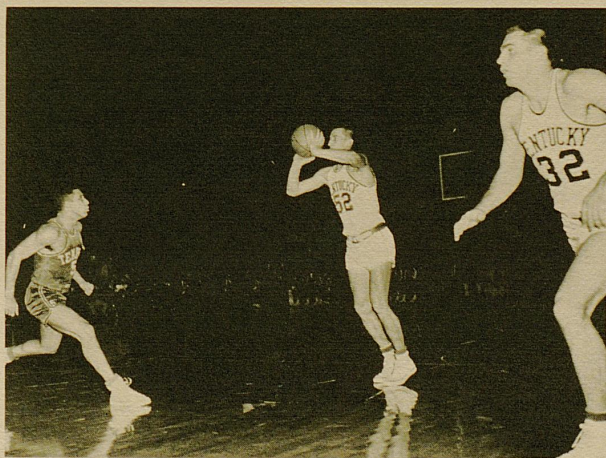
That's a great tribute to Kentucky basketball . . . it's a great tribute to Memorial Coliseum, which because of that spacious structure, you now see great coliseums in every southern state. Memorial Coliseum was the front-runner. It always will have a warm spot in this reporter's heart.



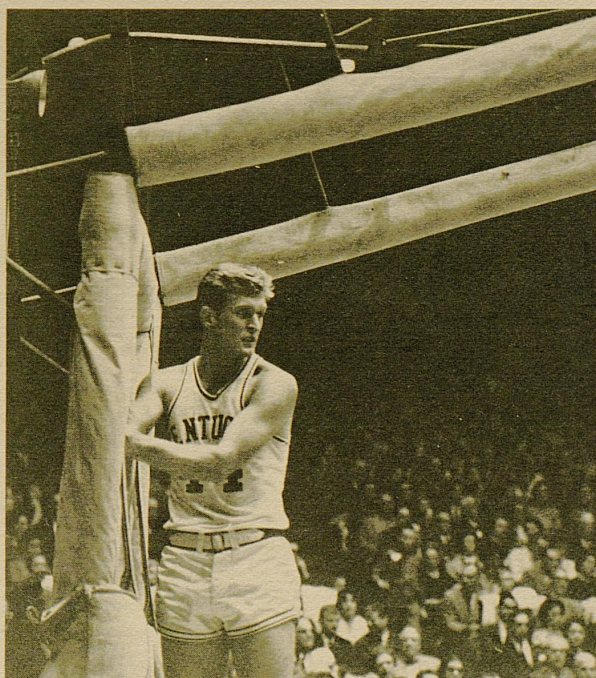
Bob Burrow sets to grab one of a UK record 34 rebounds in the Cat's 79-61 win over Temple in 1954. The performance today stands as a SEC non-conference game record. UK's Billy Evans, Ray Mills and Gayle Rose, and Temple's Al Didriksen also are in the action.



UK's Bill Spivey defends against Clyde Lovellette as the Cats rout Kansas, 68-39. UK's Shelby Linville and Bobby Watson look on.



Vernon Hatton sets to fire the shot which gained him instant immortality in Wildcat lore. The shot, with one-second left, gave the Cats a 71-71 tie with Temple at the end of regulation play. Temple's Guy Rodgers defends while UK's John Crigler breaks for the basket. UK won 85-83 in triple overtime.



A familiar scene in the Coliseum from 1961-64 was Cotton Nash's hand-drying job on the basket braces. And a lot of drying he did, as he became UK's all-time leading scorer with 1,770 career points.

“Sweet Sixteen” . . .

LONG LIVE THE KING!

By **STUART WARNER**, Staff Writer
The Lexington Herald-Leader Co.

They called him the King. Memorial Coliseum was his court.

Kelly Olin Coleman. **King Kelly.** Never has a Kentucky high school basketball player dominated a State Tournament the way Wayland's No. 66 did in 1956. Probably no one ever will.

Legend preceded this softspoken, 6-foot-3, 212-pound mountain lad en route to Lexington. He came here with 4,078 career points, an average of 33.2 over some 123 games. Naturally some folks were skeptical of his royal credentials. They doubted that the King would have his Midas touch against the finest competition the Commonwealth had to offer.

Even after he smashed the State Tournament single-game scoring record with 50 points in an 87-76 win over Shelbyville in the “Sweet 16” opener, there were plenty of disbelievers.

“If he played against a good defensive team like Mayfield [another school in the '56 tournament] he'd have a hard time breaking 20,” one observer told a local sportswriter.

“I just wonder why his arm hasn't fallen off,” added another, noting that King Kelly fired up 46 shots against Shelbyville.

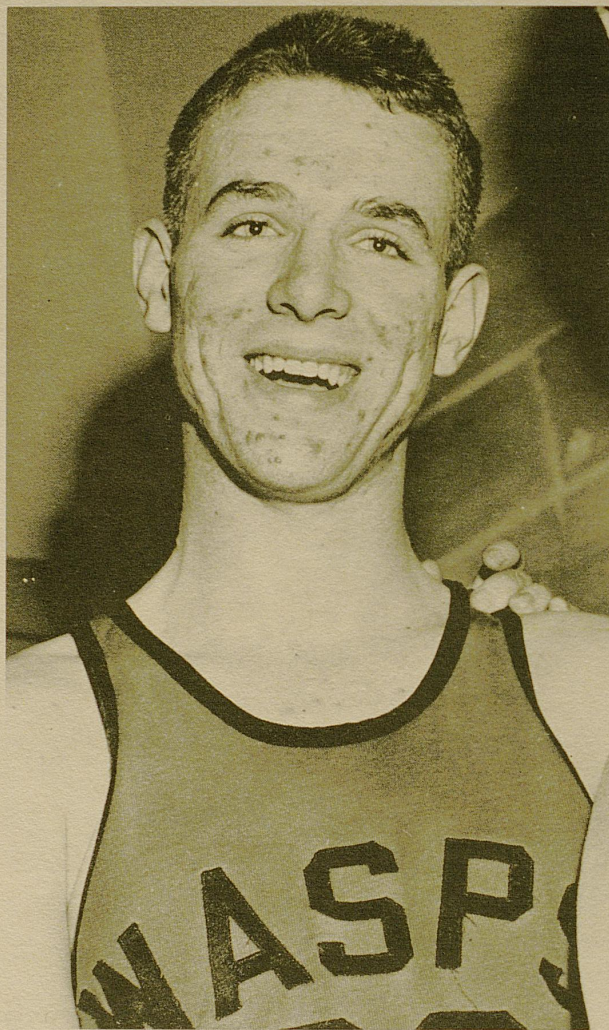
In the quarterfinals, he scored 38 more points in a 65-58 triumph over Earlington, but was “held” to only 28—his second lowest output of the season—in a 68-67 loss to eventual champion Carr Creek in the Saturday morning semifinals.

And still, a lot of watchers were not convinced.

But then came that evening's consolation game (which has since been abandoned) and before it was through, the Coliseum crowd of over 13,000 was hailing the King with a tumultuous ovation.

Coleman scored a record 68 points in the game, leading the Wasps to a 122-89 victory over Bell County for third place. That gave him 185 points for the tournament, and nobody before or since has ever approached that mark.

And in addition to the single-game and tournament scoring standards, he set records for most field goals one game (27), most field goals one half (14), most field goals tournament (69) and most free throws tournament (47) that still stand unchallenged today.



“King” Kelly Coleman

But when Kelly was called to receive his trophy for making the All-Tournament team, he didn't show. Instead, his sister, Linda Carol, accepted in his behalf.

“He's kinda shy,” she quietly explained about her brother's absence.

The King had “said” enough anyway.

And the State Tournament, in the years it was here, brought many other outstanding high school basketball players to Memorial Coliseum.

In the 1964 tournament alone there were six prep stars who were on their way to professional basketball—Louisville Seneca's Westley Unseld, Breckinridge County's Butch Beard, Covington Grant's George Stone, Caldwell County's Greg Smith and Lexington Dunbar's Bobby Washington and Joe Hamilton.

Several UK greats, including Lafayette's Vern Hatton and Billy Ray Lickert, Berea's Don Mills, Ashland's Larry Conley and Hazard's Johnny Cox got a taste of the Coliseum limelight before donning the Wildcat

Blue and White.

They are all a part of State Tournament folklore. So too is a fella named Austin Dumas.

Dumas was a junior on the 1961 Dunbar team, and though he had a fine tournament that year, his measure of immortality was a mere moment.

The Bearcats had fallen behind Breathitt County by seven points with but 2:14 to play in the '61 semi-finals. Furiously, Coach S. T. Roach's cagers rallied to catch up, but with only six seconds left, they trailed by a point, 54-53, and had to bring the ball the length of the court.

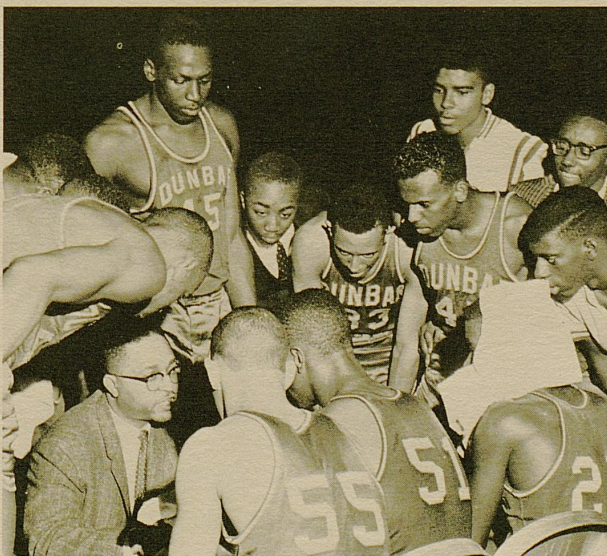
The in-bounds pass came to the 6-2 Dumas, who took five dribbles, stopped just behind the midcourt line and hoisted the ball on an improbable course toward the basket.

Swoosh.

The shot made nothing but string music, and Dunbar became the first all-black school ever to reach the State Tournament finals where it was beaten by powerful Ashland 69-50.

"I used to practice that shot a lot and I made 'em all the time," says Dumas, who is now employed in the Milwaukee, Wisc. school system. "But I had no idea I was going to make that one. I really didn't believe it was going in until I saw it go through the nets."

That Ashland team, led by Conley and guard Harold Sargent, was among the strongest to appear in the State Tournament while the classic was at the Coliseum. And other big schools such as Clark County (1951), Lafayette (1953), Louisville St. Xavier (1958) and Louisville Seneca (1964), had their way, winning State Tournament championships at the Coliseum.



Dunbar High School coach S. T. Roach, currently a member of the UK Athletics Board, gives last-second instructions to his Bearcats in their semi-final game with Breathitt County.

But it was champions like Cuba (1952), Inez (1954), Carr Creek (1956) and North Marshall (1959)—underdog teams that came out of the hills or off the farms to show the big city kids what the game was all about—that really got to the heart and soul of the Coliseum crowds.

Especially Cuba, the only one of those four schools that has not since been lost in the consolidation shuffle.

Before 1951, almost nobody had heard of the small western Kentucky school. ("We thought they were bringing in a team from overseas," laughed one wag.) Since 1952, almost no one has heard from it again.

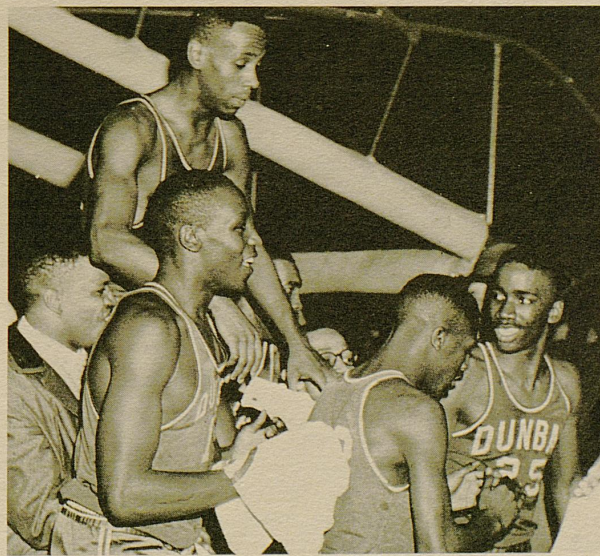
But for those two glorious seasons, the Cuba Cubs were the darlings of the State Tournament. They finished second to Clark County in '51, and then came back to win the whole show the next year.

And not only were the Cubs, led by their All-Staters Howie Crittenden and Charles [Doodles] Floyd, good basketball players, but they were showmen as well.

"They put on a Globetrotter type show before every game," recalls Henry Clay basketball coach Al Prewitt, who was on the Blue Devil squad that lost to Cuba in the '52 quarterfinals. "They really captivated the crowds. They just had a magic appeal."

The State Tournament was first held in the Coliseum in 1951. It moved to Louisville in 1957, came back here in 1958-59, again in '61 and for the last time in '64.

But for King Kelly Coleman, Austin Dumas, the Cuba Cubs and many, many others, their State Tournament memories will always linger in the hallowed halls of Memorial Coliseum.



Dunbar's Austin Dumas gets hero's ride after his last-second midcourt shot beat Breathitt County.

Coliseum Stars

★ TWINKLE AND SHINE ★

By **RUSSELL RICE**
Sports Information Director

Throughout its 25-year history, Memorial Coliseum has been a showcase for some of basketball's finest players. In fact, there have been so many shining stars that it would be impossible to list them and their accomplishments in the space allotted here. Therefore we will touch only on some of the highlights in this trek through the All-American pages of time.

First, there was the classic 1950 confrontation between UK's Bill Spivey and Kansas University's Clyde Lovellette, who were battling for the title "Best Big Man in the Nation" when Rupp's old coach "Phog" Allen brought his Jayhawks to Lexington for a battle to also settle who was No. 1 at the time.

Spivey, a 7-footer, would recall later how he walked into the UK dressing room in the Coliseum several days before that game and found a newspaper clipping pasted on his locker door. The clipping told of the fine 6-foot-9 Kansan, who was averaging 23 points a game.

Each day Spivey would find a similar type clipping on his locker door. "I was so psyched up by gametime that all they had to do was open that door and let me out," he said.

Spivey's plan was to keep Lovellette from getting the ball; he did that so well that he slapped 11 passes away from the Kansan, once stealing the ball and dribbling the length of the floor for a "dunk."

When Lovellette fouled out with 13:13 to play, he had hit only four of 17 shots. He left with tears in his eyes, later terming the game a "disaster." Spivey, taken out by Rupp at the same time, had outscored the Kansan, 22-10. The Wildcats won a stunning 68-39 victory.

As a Kansas senior, Lovellette would lead the nation in field goals (315), points (795) and average (28.4 ppg). He would twice be named unanimous All-America, play on the 1952 Olympic Team and average 17.0 points in 704 NBA games with Minneapolis, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Boston.

In 1952, a lanky sophomore named Bob Pettit scored 22 points in the Coliseum, but his LSU team lost to the Wildcats, 57-47. Pettit would make All-American in 1953, '54 and later team with UK's Cliff Hagan to lead the St. Louis Hawks to NBA championships.

Another All-American who tested the Coliseum the following year was Tom Gola, who scored 16 points as LaSalle fell, 73-60, to the Wildcats in the UKIT. Gola scored 20 points and hauled in 15 rebounds in the '54 UKIT, but UK won again, 63-54.

Gola, 6-6, was a consensus All-America three times, playing on the winning team in 101 of 118 games at LaSalle. He averaged 20.9 ppg per game and handled 2,201 rebounds, most ever taken by a collegian up to that time. He averaged 11.3 ppg in 698 games with Philadelphia-San Francisco and New York in the NBA and then coached his alma mater to a 37-13 record in 1968, 69, with the '69 team finishing 23-1.

Among the other fine players appearing in the Coliseum in 1953-54 were Dick Hemric, who scored 28 points as Wake Forest lost, 101-69, to the Wildcats; Dick Garmaker, who tallied 23 as UK beat Minnesota, 74-59, and Ron Sobieszczyk, who scored 28 in an 81-63 DePaul loss to UK.

Hal Lear and Guy Rodgers scored 19 and 24 points respectively to help Temple beat the Cats, 73-61, early in the 1955-56 season. Dayton's 7-foot All-American Bill Uhl scored 20 points and controlled the boards to beat UK, 89-74, for the UKIT championship. Wildcat center Bob Burrow had sprained an ankle in the final three minutes against Minnesota the previous night and missed the Dayton game. Jerry Bird mover over from forward and scored 34 points, causing Rupp to later go to a two-pivot offense for the first time.

Against LSU, Burrow had 46 points when he left the game with 2:35 to go. As the crowd yelled, "We want Burrow," someone pointed out to Rupp that the big center needed only six points to beat the Coliseum record set by Cliff Hagan. Rupp sent Burrow back into the game. Burrow scored four more points.

An incomparable sophomore named Jerry West sparked West Virginia to a 77-70 victory over UK and a 75-64 victory over No. 1 ranked North Carolina in the 1957 UKIT. West scored 36 points against UK the following year, but the Mountaineers lost, 97-91. One year later West scored 33 points, despite a broken nose, to lead the Mountaineers over the Wildcats, 79-70, for the UKIT championship.

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JOE B. HALL

Kentucky Head Coach



- Coach of the 1975 national runner-up Wildcats.
- Coach of the Southeastern Conference co-champions after winning the conference championship two years earlier.
- SEC Coach of the Year for the second time in three years.
- Coach and Athlete Magazine's Southeast Region Coach of the Year for the second time in three years.
- Nominee For Kodak 1975 National Coach of the Year.
- Coach of his third consecutive UKIT championship team.
- Member 1976 Olympic Basketball Committee.

Such personal and team honors in 1975 were gratifying to Joe B. Hall, but the Wildcat coach has his eye on things more current as he enters his fourth year as head of the nationally famous Wildcats.

The challenge facing him now is entirely different from last year, when he blended a crop of big, talented freshmen with six fine seniors, a junior and two sophomores to produce a finely honed, exciting squad that set the nation on its ear and vaulted the Wildcats back into national prominence.

The scene has changed dramatically, leaving Hall with one of the most youthful squads in the history of Wildcat basketball. He feels they must overcome that youthfulness with intelligent play, 100 per cent hustle and defensive toughness.

Although he is recognized as one of the nation's finest offensive coaches, it was the defensive play of Hall's 1975 squad that caught the nation's imagination. The Wildcats at times were accused of being excessively rough and of using "karate" defense, but in the long run

they proved that they were merely preparing themselves for the rugged road to the NCAA championship game.

The championship crown eluded Hall and the Wildcats, but they gave such a good account of themselves that Kentucky basketball again was a national byword.

At the end of the season, Hall's three-year record stood at 133-82, excluding a 17-2 record on a 1974 tour of Australia. He had the distinction in 1973 of becoming the first rookie coach in the SEC to be designated Coach of the Year by his fellow coaches and by *Coach and Athlete Magazine*.

Gathering such honors has been one of Hall's trademarks during a coaching career that began at Shepherdsville (Ky.) High School in 1956 and continued through Regis College and Central Missouri State College before he returned to UK in July 1, 1965, as an assistant to his former coach, Adolph Rupp.

During Hall's two years at Shepherdsville, the Cougars won a Mid-Kentucky Conference title and he was named "Coach of the Year" in 1958. He then served one year as freshman coach and five years as head basketball coach at Regis College in Denver, Colo., where he was also athletic director and earned special recognition as coach of the champion independent team in the area.

While in Denver, he also coached the Capital Federal host team in the 1964 AAU tournament and was selected as head coach of the AAU Stripes in the Olympic trials at Jamaica, N. Y.

His next move was to Central Missouri, where he coached the Mules (19-6) to their first MIAA Conference championship since 1951 and their first Christmas Tournament title in history. He was named MIAA "Coach of the Year" (1964-65).

A three-letter winner and team captain in both sports in high school at Cynthiana, Ky., he played freshman basketball and one year of varsity basketball in the "Fabulous Five" era at the University before transferring to the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., where he set a school single game scoring record and was team captain. Coach Lon Varnell, upon retirement, rated Hall as No. 1 of the three best players he ever coached.

After touring Europe with the Globetrotters in 1951, Hall returned to U.K. in 1955 to complete requirements for his B.A. and later (1964) received his M.A. at Colorado State University.

Returning to U.K. again in 1965 as assistant coach and head recruiter, he was instrumental in adopting a running-conditioning program which obviously paid huge dividends as the Wildcats capitalized on speed and endurance to offset a lack of size and advance to the championship game of the NCAA Finals. Hall then successfully recruited six prep All-Americans, including all-time U.K. scoring leader Dan Issel, to form the nucleus of a varsity team that won three straight conference championships and was followed by a team that won three more consecutive SEC titles.

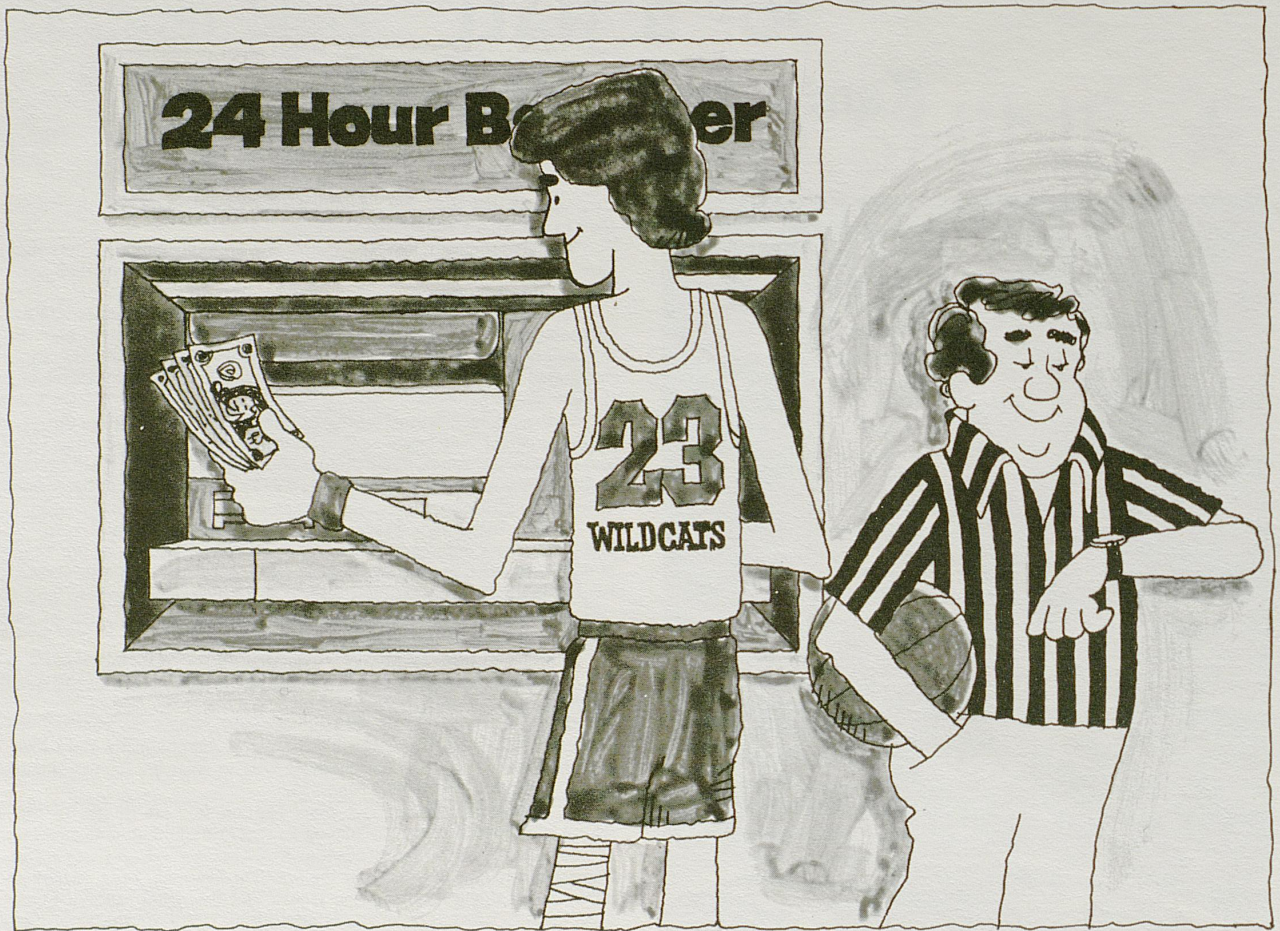
Hall became No. 1 varsity assistant and head freshman Coach to Rupp after Harry C. Lancaster was named permanent athletic director Feb. 1, 1969. His record with the freshmen was 60-15, including an undefeated (22-0) season (1971-72) which resulted in the Kittens being crowned National Freshman Champions by the *Basketball News*.

During his first season as head coach, the Wildcats won their last nine conference games to sew up the SEC title.

His nine-year coaching record is 135-82. Broken down, it shows a 57-50 five-year mark at Regis, a 19-6 record at Central Missouri, and a 59-26 three-year record at Kentucky.

A popular personality on the clinic and convention circuits, Hall also has had much international exposure. In addition to the Globetrotters tour in 1951, and the "Down Under" tour in 1974, he has helped conduct basketball clinics for the U.S. Army in Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska (1968) and at Ramstein Air Base in Frankfurt, Germany and the RAF Base at Mildenhall, England, last Sept. He also was Olympic Trials coach under Hank Iba at the Air Force Academy in July 1972 and is a member of the 1976 Olympic Basketball Committee.

He is married to the former Katharine Dennis of Harrison County, Ky. They have three children—Judy, 20; Kathy, 19, and Steve, 15.



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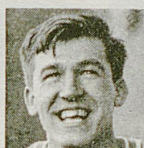
KENTUCKY ALL-AMERICANS

(26 Players Chosen 39 Times)

* Consensus; † Second Team Consensus



BURGESS CAREY
Guard—1925



CAREY SPICER
F—1929-31



PAUL McBRAYER
Guard—1930



FOREST SALE
C-F—1932-33



ELLIS JOHNSON
Guard—1933



JOHN DeMOISEY
Center—1934



LeROY EDWARDS
Center—1935



BERNARD OPPER
Guard—1939



LEE HUBER
Guard—1940-41



BOB BRANNUM
Center—1944



JACK PARKINSON
Guard—1946



RALPH BEARD
G—47-48*-49*



ALEX GROZA
C—47-48†-49*



WALLACE JONES
Forward—1949†



BILL SPIVEY
Center—1951*



CLIFF HAGAN
C—1952*, 54*



FRANK RAMSEY
G—1952, 54†



BOB BURROW
Center—1956†



VERNON HUTTON
Guard—1958



JOHNNY COX
Forward—1959*



COTTON NASH
C-F—62†-63†-64*



PAT RILEY
Forward—1966



LOUIE DAMPIER
Guard—1966†



DAN ISSEL
C—1969-70*



KEVIN GREVEY
Forward—74-75



BASIL HAYDEN
Forward—1921

SEC CAGE CHAMPIONS BY YEARS

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| 1933 | | Kentucky |
| 1934 | | Alabama |
| 1935 | | Ky., LSU (Tie) |
| 1936 | | Tennessee |
| 1937 | | Kentucky |
| 1938 | | Ga. Tech |
| 1939 | | Kentucky |
| 1940 | | Kentucky |
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| 1950 | | Kentucky |
| 1951 | | Kentucky |
| 1952 | | Kentucky |
| 1953 | | LSU |
| 1954 | | Ky., LSU (Tie) |
| 1955 | | Kentucky |
| 1956 | ..... | Alabama |
| 1957 | ..... | Kentucky |
| 1958 | ..... | Kentucky |
| 1959 | ..... | Miss. State |
| 1960 | ..... | Auburn |
| 1961 | ..... | Miss. State |
| 1962 | ..... | Ky., Miss. St. (Tie) |
| 1963 | ..... | Miss. State |
| 1964 | ..... | Kentucky |
| 1965 | ..... | Vanderbilt |
| 1966 | ..... | Kentucky |
| 1967 | ..... | Tennessee |
| 1968 | ..... | Kentucky |
| 1969 | ..... | Kentucky |
| 1970 | ..... | Kentucky |
| 1971 | ..... | Kentucky |
| 1972 | ..... | Ky., Tenn. (Tie) |
| 1973 | ..... | Kentucky |
| 1974 | ..... | Vandy., Ala. (Tie) |
| 1975 | ..... | Ky., Ala. (Tie) |

WHO WERE THE 'FABULOUS FIVE'?

The most frequently asked question tossed at basketball historians and sports authorities is "Who were the 'Fabulous Five' of Kentucky?" The answer is Alex Groza (center), Ralph Beard and Kenny Rollins (guards), Wah Wah Jones and Cliff Barker (forwards). This famous 1948 team, captained by Rollins, won 36 and lost 3 while sweeping to Kentucky's first NCAA title and went on to participate as a unit in the Olympic Games—helping the USA team capture the world championship. Rollins graduated after the '48 season, but the remaining foursome continued to play havoc with collegiate basketball and copped another NCAA title for Kentucky in 1949 on a record of 36-2.

(Tournament decided champion until 1951. Title determined by regular season play starting in 1951. Kentucky did not play a schedule in 1953 due to NCAA suspension.)



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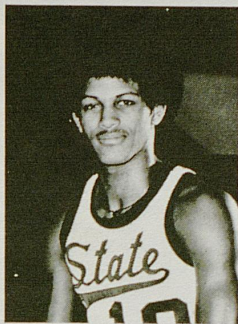
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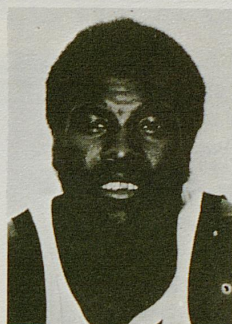
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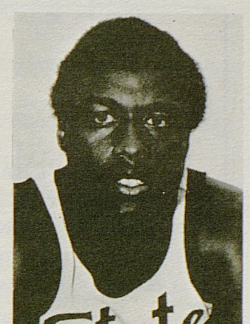
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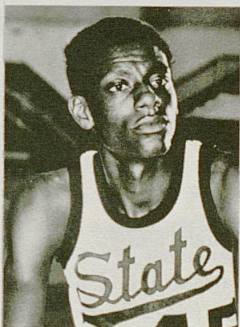
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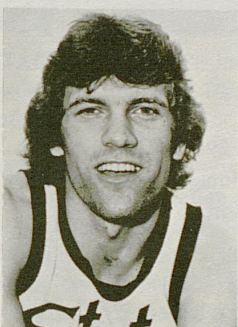
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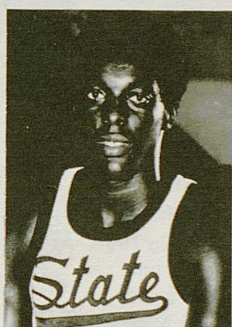
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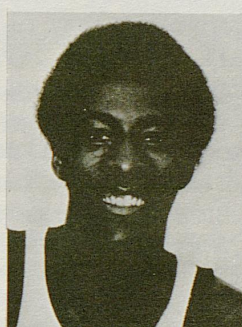
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MISSISSIPPI STATE ROSTER

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| 10 | Ray White | G-F | Fr. | 6-5 | 180 | 18 | HS | Gulfport |
| 11 | Al Perry | G | So. | 6-0 | 170 | 19 | 1L | Manhattan, N.Y. |
| 15 | Gary Hooker | F | Fr. | 6-5 | 175 | 18 | HS | Manhattan, N.Y. |
| 22 | Martin Cupit | G | Jr. | 6-4 | 185 | 20 | 1L | Meadville |
| 32 | Joe Dean | G | Sr. | 5-11 | 175 | 21 | 2L | Baton Rouge, La. |
| 33 | Walter Wright | F | So. | 6-6 | 230 | 20 | 1L | Indianola |
| 34 | Jeff Stroman | G | Sr. | 6-1 | 185 | 22 | 3L | Garrett, Ind. |
| 35 | Rich Knarr | G | Sr. | 6-1 | 170 | 21 | 3L | Starkville |
| 40 | Rick Moss | F-C | So. | 6-7 | 200 | 19 | 1L | Nashville, Tenn. |
| 41 | Taylor Williams | F | Sr. | 6-7 | 225 | 22 | 1L | Cleveland |
| 43 | Don Coleman | F | Jr. | 6-4 | 200 | 20 | 2L | Indianola |
| 44 | Lorenza Hall | G | Fr. | 6-1 | 175 | 18 | HS | Baxley, Ga. |
| 51 | Dave Hudek | C | Jr. | 6-10 | 215 | 20 | 1L | Russellton, Pa. |
| 54 | Wiley Peck | C | Fr. | 6-7 | 200 | 18 | HS | Montgomery, Ala. |
| 55 | Barry Weston | C | Fr. | 6-10 | 210 | 18 | HS | Brea, Calif. |

HEAD COACH — KERMIT DAVIS

QUICK FACTS ON KENTUCKY BASKETBALL

NCAA CHAMPIONS—Four Times (1948, '49, '51, '58) in 22 Appearances.
35 Victories.

NCAA RUNNER-UP—Two Times (1966, '75)

NIT CHAMPIONS—1946.

SUGAR BOWL CHAMPIONS—Five Times.

UK INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS—Sixteen Times in 22 Tournaments.

SEC CHAMPIONS—Record 29 Times Since 1933. (Last in 1975.)

WORLD CHAMPIONS—1948 Olympic Games.

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS—1966.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS BY POLLS—Six Times Since 1949.

ALL-TIME RECORD—Won 1,142, Lost 362, Tied 1 in 72 Seasons.

KENTUCKY ALL-AMERICANS—26 Players Honored 39 Times.

ALL-SOUTHEASTERN—53 Players Honored 95 Times.

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RECORD HIGH LINE UP—143 vs. Georgia (Neutral Site) '56—At Home 121 vs. Mississippi '71.

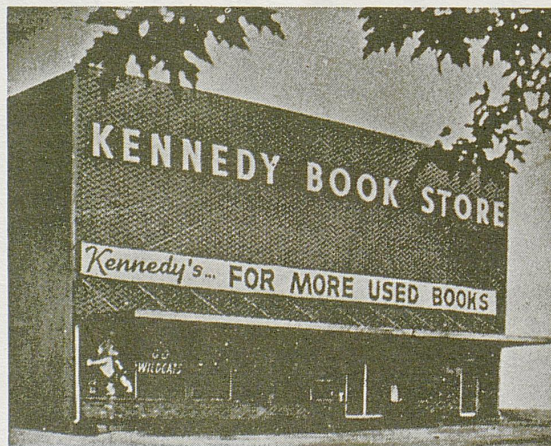
INDIVIDUAL HIGH—53 By Dan Issel in 1970 vs. Mississippi at Oxford.

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1975-76 BASKETBALL STAFF—Head Coach Joe B. Hall, kneeling, is shown with his staff. From left, Dick Parsons, Lynn Nance and Leonard Hamilton.

DICK PARSONS, Assistant Coach

To label Dick Parsons a easy-going, carefree individual, would be a gross miscalculation. The former star U.K. athlete, who holds the distinction of captaining two varsity sports—basketball and baseball—thrives on competition and as the saying goes, “will flat get after you,” whether he is involved in his daily running program, playing golf or going after a lunger in his favorite fishing hole on the Licking River. And it is this spirit which reaps dividends with the Wildcats on the basketball court.

The well respected Parsons, who begins his fourth year as Joe B. Hall's No. 1 assistant, returned to the University as baseball coach in 1969. Before giving up his position to join basketball on a full time basis, he molded a team (1971) which established or tied 15 school records.

A mountaineer in his own right, Parsons came to the University in 1958 after an outstanding career as a four-sports star at Harlan High School, where he had a three-year basketball scoring total of 1,276 points.

A consistent player who made few mistakes at UK, Parsons was known as a fine outside shooter and for his aggressive defense during three years as a starting guard. His career high 21 points came against Mississippi as a sophomore.

He was a two-time (1960, '61) recipient of the coveted A. B. Chandler award, given annually for the player best exemplifying the qualities of leadership, scholarship, character and ability. Only three other Wildcats have twice been so honored since the award was originated in 1951.

Holding more Wildcat baseball records than any other player, he was an All-Conference shortstop in 1959 and 1961, All-NCAA District 1960, '61, and All-American '61. He hit .400 his senior year.

He was an assistant football coach at Glasgow High two years and baseball and basketball coach at Boyle County High from 1963 to 1968.

While working on his Master's Degree at the University in 1968-69, he scouted, recruited and helped with the Wildcat

freshmen team, later accepting a part-time assistantship in basketball in addition to his baseball job.

He is married to the former Celia Cawood of Harlan. They have a daughter, Kathy, 9, and a son, Ed, 11.

LEONARD HAMILTON, Assistant Coach

Much of Kentucky's defensive prowess last year can be credited to the talent of Leonard Hamilton, a second year assistant, who came to UK after three years as an assistant at Austin Peay State University.

In high school at Gastonia, N. C., he lettered three-years in football and twice in basketball. He was basketball team captain two years at Gaston Community College in Dallas, N. C., where he scored 54 points in one game, set a record for most field goals in a season, and was All-Region and All-Tournament.

At University of Tennessee—Martin, he was team captain and led in assists and steals, was most valuable defensive player, All-Conference and All-Tournament. He was elected “Mr. Volunteer” by the student body and played in the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star game.

At Austin Peay, he coached the freshman team, scouted and recruited. During his three years there, the Governors went from last place to first in the OVC, appeared in two NCAA tournaments and were nationally ranked in scoring.

He is married to the former Claudette Hale. They have a son, Lenny, 5.

LYNN NANCE, Assistant Coach

A stickler for detail and a motivator of young men are just two qualities which brand Lynn Nance as one of the bright young coaches on the collegiate basketball scene.

A former All-Coast and All-Pac 8 Conference forward at the University of Washington, Nance had coaching experience at his alma mater and was with the FBI and NCAA before joining UK in August 1974 as head recruiter and assistant coach.

He began his collegiate basketball career at Southwest Baptist Junior College in Bolivar, Mo., after earning prep All-State and All-District honors as a four-sports athlete in his native Granby, Mo.

He starred for Washington in 1963-64 and 1964-65, and after graduation, spent most of one exhibition season with the St. Louis Hawks before an injury ended his pro aspirations.

He was coach and athletic director one year at Versailles, Mo., High School, where he compiled a 28-2 record, won the conference championship and advanced to the regional playoffs.

Nance was freshman coach under Mac Duckworth at Washington one year and freshman coach and recruiter two years under Tex Winter, with varsity coaching assignments on defense and with the big man.

He spent three years with the FBI before joining the NCAA headquarters staff of Walter Byers. He is married to the former Sally Ann Scholes of Granby. They have a son, Kevin, 12.

BULLDOGS' SCORECARD

| | | FG | | | | | | | | FT | | | | | | | | PF | TP | |
|---------------|------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|----|----|--|
| 10 | RAY WHITE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-5 Freshman Guard-Forward | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 11 | AL PERRY | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-0 Sophomore Guard | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 15 | GARY HOOKER | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-5 Freshman Forward | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 22 | MARTIN CUPIT | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-4 Junior Guard | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 32 | JOE DEAN | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 5-11 Senior Guard | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 33 | WALTER WRIGHT | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-6 Sophomore Forward | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 34 | JEFF STROMAN | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-1 Senior Guard | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 35 | RICH KNARR | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-1 Senior Guard | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 40 | RICK MOSS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-7 Sophomore Forward-Center | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 41 | TAYLOR WILLIAMS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-7 Senior Forward | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 43 | DON COLEMAN | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-4 Junior Forward | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 44 | LORENZA HALL | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-1 Freshman Guard | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 51 | DAVE HUDEK | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-10 Junior Center | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 54 | WILEY PECK | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-7 Freshman Center | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 55 | BARRY WESTON | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | 6-10 Freshman Center | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
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| 10 | JOEY HOLLAND 6-2 Junior Guard | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 12 | LARRY JOHNSON 6-2 Junior Guard | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 15 | REGGIE WARFORD 6-1 Senior Guard | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 20 | DWANE CASEY 6-2 Freshman Guard | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 21 | JACK GIVENS 6-4 Sophomore Forward | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 22 | TRUMAN CLAYTOR 6-1 Freshman Guard | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 30 | MERION HASKINS 6-4 Junior Forward | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 32 | JAMES LEE 6-5 Sophomore Forward | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 44 | BOB FOWLER 6-4 Freshman Forward | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 53 | RICK ROBEY 6-10 Sophomore Center-Forward | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 55 | MIKE PHILLIPS 6-10 Sophomore Center | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
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1975-76 WILDCATS—Front Row, Left to Right: Head Coach Joe B. Hall, Reggie Warford, Dwane Casey, Pat Foschi (withdrawn from school), Larry Johnson, Joey Holland, Truman Claytor, Asst. Coach Dick Parsons. Back Row: Tripp Ramsey, Mgr., Asst. Coach Lynn Nance, Jack Givens, James Lee, Rick Robey, Dan Hall, Mike Phillips, Merion Haskins, Bob Fowler, Asst. Coach Leonard Hamilton, Associate Trainer Bobby Barton.

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| No. | Name | Pos. | Class | Ht. | Wt. | Age | Exp. | Hometown |
|-----|----------------|------|-------|------|-----|-----|------|----------------------|
| 10 | Joey Holland | G | Jr. | 6-2 | 170 | 20 | SQ | Charleston, W.Va. |
| 12 | Larry Johnson | G | Jr. | 6-2 | 205 | 21 | 2L | Morganfield |
| 15 | Reggie Warford | G | Sr. | 6-1 | 175 | 21 | SQ | Drakesboro |
| 20 | Dwane Casey | G | Fr. | 6-2 | 195 | 18 | — | Morganfield |
| 21 | Jack Givens | F-G | So. | 6-4 | 205 | 19 | 1L | Lexington |
| 22 | Truman Claytor | G | Fr. | 6-1 | 176 | 18 | — | Toledo, Ohio |
| 30 | Merion Haskins | F | Jr. | 6-4 | 205 | 20 | 1L | Campbellsville |
| 32 | James Lee | F | So. | 6-5 | 220 | 19 | 1L | Lexington |
| 44 | Bow Fowler | C-F | Fr. | 6-4 | 200 | 18 | — | Dearborn Hts., Mich. |
| 53 | Rick Robey | F-C | So. | 6-10 | 232 | 19 | 1L | New Orleans, La. |
| 54 | Dan Hall | C | So. | 6-10 | 225 | 19 | 1L | Betsy Layne |
| 55 | Mike Phillips | F-C | So. | 6-10 | 235 | 19 | 1L | Akron, Ohio |

HEAD COACH — Joe B. Hall (Fourth Year at Kentucky)

ASSISTANT COACHES — Dick Parsons, Leonard Hamilton and Lynn Nance

STUDENT MANAGER — "Tripp" Ramsey

RETURN OF THE 'CATS

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an excerpt from "The Blue Machine", Russell Rice's new book about Kentucky basketball to be released this summer by the Strode Publishers.

Twelve thousand basketball-starved fans sat in hushed anticipation as the wall clock in Memorial Coliseum ticked off the final seconds before 7:30 on the night of December 5, 1953. The scoreboard signs spelled KENTUCKY and TEMPLE. There was only room for two digits beneath the Kentucky sign, contrary to the published reports that Rupp, to make sure there was no shaving of points and to wreak his revenge, was going to run up the score in every game his team played. For that he would need at least three digits, they said.

At the player entrance to the arena, uniformed policemen shielded the runway from a pushing, surging group of youngsters while cheerleaders peered anxiously into the dim hallway. Promptly on schedule a group of tall, angry young men in scanty blue and white uniforms ran from the opening and onto the playing floor. The band struck up "On, On, U of K," the cheerleaders jumped up and down, with pompons waving, and the fans clapped in unison.

It had been almost a year since that scene last was witnessed in the Coliseum. The cheers echoed throughout the arena and into the Kentucky training room, where Rupp, dressed in his best brown suit, finished his silent pregame meditation and prepared for a date with destiny.

As the players ran onto the floor, the team manager quickly tossed basketballs to co-captains Cliff Hagan and Frank Ramsey, who took the first warm-up shots. The others automatically lined up in equal rows on each side of the basket for a series of pregame drills that never varied.

Seconds later Rupp walked down the left side of the hallway as others in his entourage followed in a specific order—assistant coach, trainer, team doctor, etc. He paused until the band quit playing. Then he entered the arena. He turned and waved to a lady seated over the entrance, as he had done in all those better years gone by. She returned the salute and would remain standing until the game began.

A tremendous roar, followed by a "Hello, Adolph" from the student body, greeted him. He smiled, acknowledged the ovation, and sat in his chair. Manager Bobby Moore handed him two sticks of chewing gum and placed a damp towel, blue stripe up, on the floor, so the players could wipe their shoe soles and gain better traction. Before the second half, the white side would be up. Only he was allowed to pick up the towel.

He sat, chin in hand, silently watching the players go through their warm-up paces. Five minutes before game time, players and the entire entourage automatically headed back to the dressing room, via the same route and in the same pecking order as when they entered. After they returned ("all steamed up," as Hagan put it), the band struck up the national anthem, and everyone faced the American flag. Player introductions, with the individuals spotlighted, were followed by the traditional pregame huddle and crossing of hands.

That night Cliff turned in one of the finest performances ever witnessed in the Coliseum. He equaled Temple's output of 20 points in the first half and added 13 more points in the third quarter. Midway of the final period, the crowd realized a record was in sight and began pulling for him to reach the SEC half-century mark held by Bob Pettit. He had made 17 consecutive free throws, but the crowd groaned as he missed two with 43 seconds remaining. Eight seconds later Puckett stole the ball and threw a floor-length pass; Cliff caught it on the run and scored a layup for his 51st point.

"I remember being carried off the floor," Cliff said. "Jess Curry had hold of one leg and Linville Puckett the other."

Described by the UK Facts Book as a 6-foot-4 consensus All-American with the "physique of a fabled Greek god and deceiving poetry in motion on the court," Hagan may have been the best player ever to perform for UK, one who had the greatest natural touch in his hands of any player Rupp ever coached.

"He was one of the best 'hookers' I have ever seen," Rupp said. "I was going to break him of that shot, but every time I was about ready to make him stop using that thing, he would make four or five in a row and I'd say to myself, 'I'll break him next week!' After he got most of his 51 points on hookers against Temple, I decided to let him keep it."

Ramsey was an extremely aggressive guard who specialized in driving layups. Especially adept at intercepting passes, he was the floor leader, "a big, powerful kid who would get the ball off the board and bring it down and ram the basket, an intelligent boy who developed every single day," Rupp said.

Lou Tsioropoulos came to the university on a football scholarship and showed up in the old gym when the freshman basketball players started working out there. Bryant asked Rupp if he had seen a football player with his basketball players.

"I don't know, Paul. What's the guy's name?"

"I don't know, Adolph. He's from Lynn, Massachusetts, a big Greek kid with a prominent nose."

Rupp checked the impromptu workouts, spotted the football player, called him over, and asked, "Son, what's your name?"

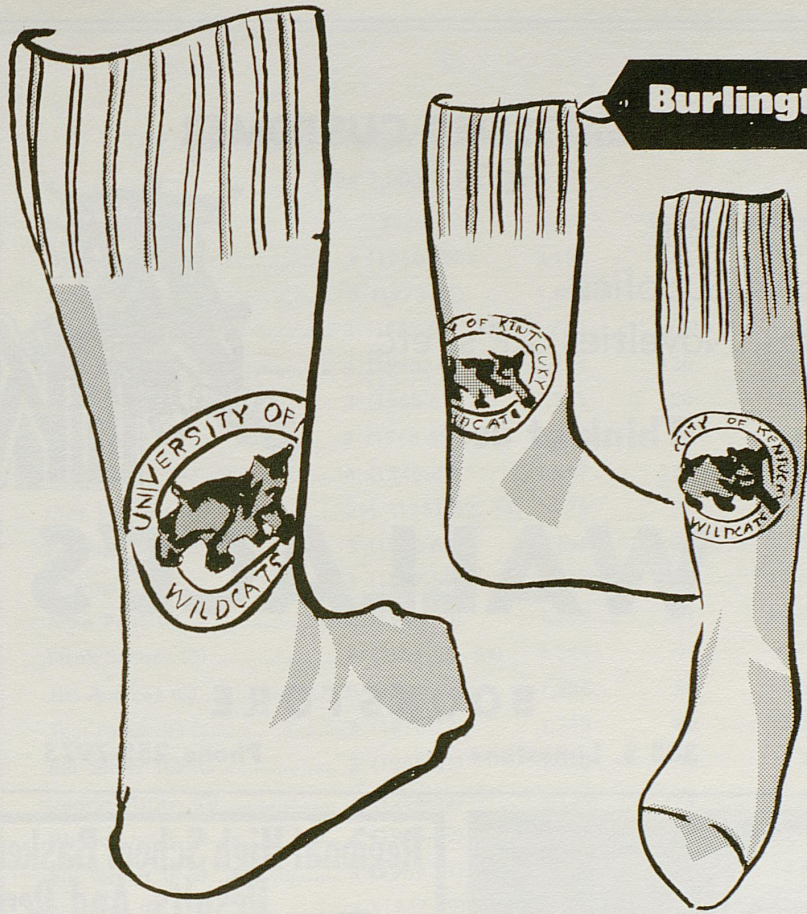
"Thisoropoulos."

"How do you spell it?"

"T-S-I-O-R-O-P-O-U-L-O-S!"

"I never learned to spell that name," Rupp said. "During our first few trips on the road after Lou joined the varsity, I would give the opening lineup to the official scorer. Invariably, the scorer would ask, 'How do you spell that last name?' I had my secretary mimeograph a whole bunch of 'Lou Tsioropoulos' labels that I kept in my pocket to give those scorers."

He started the "Big Three" in every game, alternating the other positions between guards Gayle Rose and Linville Puckett and forwards Billy Evans and Phil Grawemeyer. The reserve group included Willie Rouse, Pete Grigsby, Jerry Bird, Clay Evans, Hugh Coy, Jess Curry, Harold Hurst, Bill Bibb, and Dan Chandler.

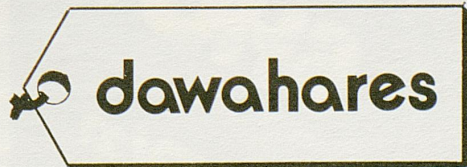


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TOP ALL-TIME KENTUCKY SCORERS—VARSITY CAREER (The 1,000 Point Club)

| Player—Pos. | Years | Points | Games | Average |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------|-------|---------|
| Dan Issel (C) | 3 (1968-70) | 2,138 | 83 | 25.7 |
| Kevin Grevey (F) | 3 (1973-75) | 1,801 | 84 | 21.4 |
| Cotton Nash (C-F) | 3 (1962-64) | 1,770 | 78† | 22.69 |
| Alex Groza (C) | 4 (1945, 47-49) | 1,744 | 120 | 14.4 |
| Louie Dampier (G) | 3 (1965-67) | 1,575 | 80 | 19.7 |
| Mike Casey (G) | 3 (1968-69-71) | 1,535 | 82 | 18.7 |
| Ralph Beard (G) | 4 (1946-49) | 1,517 | 139 | 10.8 |
| Cliff Hagan (C) | 2½ (1951-52, 54) | 1,475 | 77 | 19.2 |
| Pat Riley (F) | 3 (1965-67) | 1,464 | 80 | 18.3 |
| Johnny Cox (F) | 3 (1957-59) | 1,461 | 84 | 17.3 |
| Mike Pratt (F) | 3 (1968-70) | 1,359 | 81 | 16.8 |
| Frank Ramsey (G) | 3 (1951-52, 54) | 1,344 | 91 | 14.7 |
| Jim Andrews (C) | 3 (1971-73) | 1,320 | 80 | 16.5 |
| Tom Parker (F) | 3 (1970-72) | 1,238 | 80 | 15.5 |
| Bill Spivey (C) | 2 (1950-51) | 1,213 | 63 | 19.2 |
| Vernon Hatton (G) | 3 (1956-58) | 1,154 | 76 | 15.1 |
| Wallace Jones (F) | 4 (1946-49) | 1,151 | 98* | ..... |
| Bill Lickert (F-G) | 3 (1959-61) | 1,076 | 73 | 14.7 |
| Jim Line (F) | 4 (1947-50) | 1,041 | 100* | ..... |
| Bob Burrow (C) | 2 (1955-56) | 1,023# | 51 | 20.0 |
| Bobby Watson (G) | 3 (1950-52) | 1,001 | 96 | 10.4 |

* No record for number of games played in 1947.

† Achieved membership in club earliest of any Wildcat, hitting 1,000th point in the 19th game of junior year.

Kentucky career totals only. Junior College total of 2,191 points not included.



Cotton Nash



Louie Dampier



Ralph Beard

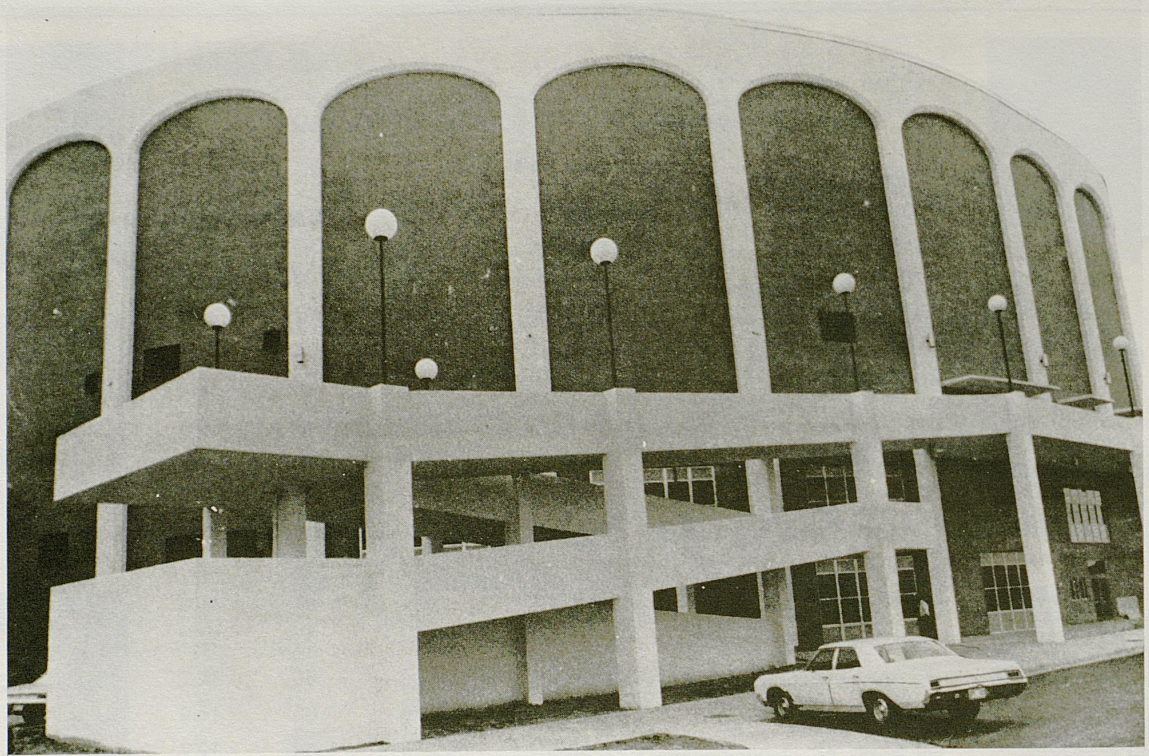


Pat Riley

WILDCATS CARVE INCREDIBLE POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT RECORD

Since Kentucky made its first appearance in a major post season basketball tournament in 1942, no graduating class has ever missed the opportunity to play in either the NCAA or National Invitational Tournaments.

In fact, the Wildcats have an incredible record which has seen them miss only seven times (1943, '53, '54, '60, '63, '65, '67 and '74) in the past 32 years. Two of those misses were in 1953, when they sat out a season, and '54, when the undefeated National Champions won an automatic NCAA berth but declined the bid.



Bulldog's New Basketball Home

A dream-come-true for the entire Mississippi State University campus, the George (Duke) Humphrey Coliseum is one of the showpiece multi-purpose colisea in the nation.

Replacing the 25-year-old MSU Gymnasium in the center of the campus, the new facility offers a wide range of uses for the university community.

Besides housing the department of athletics' offices and serving as a gymnasium for the Bulldogs' basketball games in the 10,000-seat inner arena, the \$6 million building has 150,000 square feet and is fully air conditioned for year-round activities.

It will have the capacities for hosting rock concerts with its advanced lighting and sound systems. Encircling the main arena is a 20-foot wide concourse with accessibility to rest rooms and concession stands. All seats are theater-type in the 9,500-capacity permanent sector, and there are 16 vomitories to offer mid-level entrance to any chair in the house.

Other amenities include a 75,000 square foot suspended acoustic ceiling, performing arts and players' dressing rooms suitable for multi-team tournament play, a Club Room on the main level, and a \$75,000 scoreboard with computerized messages flashing across it during games.

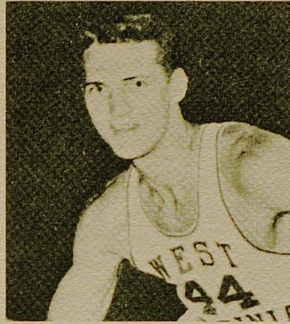
The Coliseum will furnish the new home for the Mississippi State Lyceum speakers' program, science fairs, art exhibitions, and student registration before each semester. A spacious ticket office will insure quick admittance and accurate distribution of ducats for any occasion.

As far as basketball facilities go, Humphrey Coliseum compares with the best. The playing surface is a true, poured "Tartan" floor which cushions spills and resists damage from heavy activity. There are lounges for visiting coaches and officials as well as a comfortable lounge for the news media before and after each contest. Fans are not breathing down the players' necks since there is a wide space between the court boundaries and the first row of coliseum seats.

"We believe that fans and players alike will enjoy basketball in this new coliseum," notes MSU Head Basketball Coach Kermit Davis. "Our staff and players are certainly happy to get into it, and we hope to host some high school and college tournaments in this fine facility as soon as possible."



Tom Gola



Jerry West



John Havlicek



Bill Bradley

West was a two-time consensus All-American, averaging 24.8 points and 13.3 rebounds at W. Va. He was a member of the 1960 Olympic team in Rome and won numerous honors in his pro career with the Los Angeles Lakers.

One of UK's biggest victories of that era was a 96-93 conquest on Dec. 28, 1959, of an Ohio State team that featured Jerry Lucas, John Havlicek and Mel Nowell. The Wildcats trailed the hot-shooting Buckeyes (64.1% on 25 of 39) by 59-49 in the first half, but Rupp tightened up defensive plans at half-time and the Wildcats cooled off OSU, which ended up shooting 49.4% for the game, compared to UK's 55.4%. Lucas scored 34, Havlicek 16. Billy Ray Lickert had 29, Benny Coffman 26 for UK.

John Rudometkin, a 6-6 native of Russia, led Southern California to victory over the Cats early in the 1961-62 season as heralded UK sophomore Cotton Nash spent much of his time on the bench.

Rod Thorn scored 30 points, but UK beat West Virginia, 79-75, in the 1962 UKIT. Billy Cunningham outscored Nash, 32-23, as North Carolina came to the Coliseum in 1963, but Ted Deeken got 22, Terry Mobley 21, "Chili" Ishmael 17 and Larry Conley 15 to give UK a 100-80 victory.

Bill Bradley, a Crystal City, Mo., banker's son who was recruited by Rupp and many other coaches but who chose to go to Princeton without benefit of scholarship, scored 30 points in his team's 86-67 loss to Wake Forest and 47 points and 18 field goals, both UKIT records, as the Tigers beat Wisconsin, 90-87. Bradley's two-game total of 77 points is also a UKIT record.

The list goes on and on, including briefly such stars as:

Skip Thoren, 6-9, who scored 27 points and garnered 22 rebounds as Illinois beat UK, 91-86, in the 1964 UKIT.

Clyde Lee of Vanderbilt, who scored 41 points, highest ever for a UK opponent up to that time, in a 97-79 Vanderbilt victory in 1965.

Rich Jones, who led Illinois to a 98-97 overtime upset of the Wildcats in 1966.

Pete Maravich, who scored 44, 45 and 55 points,

respectively, as his LSU bunch lost three games in the Coliseum.

Bill Hosket, whose father had helped the Buckeyes beat the Wildcats in Alumni Gym two decades earlier, was a thorn in the Wildcats' side as OSU upset UK, 82-81, in the final game of the 1968 Mideast Regional held in Lexington. Dave Sorenson hit the last-second shot that beat UK.

Charlie Scott, an Olympic player the previous summer, hit 19 points over UK's 1-3-1 zone in 1968-69 as North Carolina won, 87-77.

Rudy Tomjanovich outscored Dan Issel, 25-24, that season, but UK beat Michigan, 112-104, in the UKIT.

Auburn showed a great sophomore in John Mengelt of Elwood, Ind., who dazzled Coliseum fans with 17 for 28 from the field and 42 points, but UK won, 105-93.

Randy Denton of Duke scored 28 points and grabbed 21 rebounds in the 1969 UKIT, but UK won, 98-76, behind Bob McCowan's 25 points.

Henry Wilmore of Michigan hit 17 of 21 and 40 points the following year, but UK won, 104-93.

Purdue's Larry Weatherford scored 27 points as the Boilermakers upset the Wildcats, 89-83, in the 1970 UKIT. John Neumann of Ole Miss scored 46 points, but the Rebels lost in his only appearance in the Coliseum. Neumann quickly dressed and waltzed into the UK Press Room, where he was the star of Rupp's post-game radio show.

Dave Bing of Syracuse, Cazzie Russell of Michigan, Rick Barry of Miami, Bailey Howell of Mississippi State, Gary Keller and Neal Walk of Florida, A. W. Davis of Tennessee, Roger Kaiser of Georgia Tech, Ron Johnson of Minnesota, Henry Finkel of Dayton, Mel Counts of Oregon State, Brian Taylor of Princeton, Bob Zawoluk of St. John's, Clem Haskins of Western Kentucky, George Thompson of Marquette, Fred Hetzel of Davidson, Nate Thurmond of Bowling Green, Dave DeBusschere of Detroit, Jeff Mullins and Art Heyman of Duke, Barry Kramer of NYU, Ron Bonham of Cincinnati, Joe Caldwell of Arizona State, Jerry Sloane of Evansville, Rick Barry of Miami, Gail Goodrich of UCLA, Jerry Chambers of Utah . . . stars too numerous to mention.

COLISEUM QUIZ

I Didn't Know That

Score five points for each correct answer. 90-100 excellent, 70-80 very good, 60-70 fair, 50-60 average, 40-50 mediocre, below 40 poor.

1. The first person to sink a basket in the new Memorial Coliseum was the son of a famous basketball coach. This youngster later earned a letter ('62) as a UK sub and was a high school coach before entering the banking business.

2. A junior forward from Middletown, Ohio, made the first points in the Coliseum. Who was he?

3. What gift—"A new _____ to go along with a new building"—was presented to Adolph Rupp by some of his former players during opening ceremonies in the new Coliseum?

4. Wildcat starters for the first game in the Coliseum were Walt Hirsch, Shelby Linville, Bill Spivey, Bobby Watson and Frank Ramsey. Watson was a last-minute substitution after a scheduled starter came down with the flu. The person Watson replaced was: Ralph Beard, Bill Evans, Skippy Whitaker, Gayle Rose, Gerry Calvert?

5. Cliff Hagan was denied the honor of playing the first game in the Coliseum because his high school grades had failed to measure up to NCAA standards. True or false?

6. West Texas State helped the Wildcats officially dedicate their new arena? True or false?

7. A noted osteopath brought his team to Lexington and left after receiving what he called a "good spanking" from his former pupil Rupp? Name that coach.

8. The above game drew 13,000 fans to the Coliseum, second largest crowd up to that time to attend a basketball game in Kentucky. The largest crowd was 14,000 in July 1948. Where was the game played?

9. This nationally famous basketball wizard brought his team into the Coliseum the day after Christmas 1951 and lost to the Wildcats, 84-53. The Wildcats beat him, 68-66, at his place in 1959 and then won again (77-76) in the Coliseum in 1961. Those were the only times he and Rupp locked horns. Who was he?

10. One of the most publicized "fights" in the Coliseum occurred during warmup of the UK-Alabama game Feb. 28, 1955, when the Tide's Jim Brogan

dared a UK substitute to step across the center line. Who was that UK player?

11. This former Wildcat All-American scored 51 points against Temple Dec. 5, 1953, to set a Coliseum scoring record. That record has been erased, but he still holds the Coliseum record for most free throws made (17) and attempted (24), both set in that game. Who is he?

12. On Jan. 8, 1954, Joe Helms of Georgia Tech fired the shot heard around the basketball world as the Engineers defeated UK, 59-58, in the Coliseum, ending a national record home winning streak that had begun after the Wildcats lost to Ohio State, 45-40, a dozen years earlier in Alumni Gym. How long was that streak?

13. The story of Vern Hatton's long shot with one second to go to send the 1957 Temple game into the first of three overtimes has been told time and time again. The ball was thrown to Hatton by Ed Beck? John Cox? Adrian Smith? John Crigler? Sid Cohen?

14. With UK trailing Maryland, 54-51, with 10 seconds to go in December 1958, a Wildcat guard drove for the basket, scored and was fouled by Terp Center Al Bunge. The guard made the free throw to send the game into overtime. Who was He?

15. In the overtime of that 1958 game with Maryland, another UK guard hit two free throws to give UK a 58-56 victory. He was team captain of basketball and baseball, earning All-America honors in the latter at UK. Who was he?

16. This guard, a graduate of Louisville Eastern High, scored 30 points but his Florida State team lost, 91-68, to the Wildcats in the Coliseum in December 1958. Fourteen years later he coached the Seminoles to victory over UK in the Mideast Regional.

17. In the 1958 UKIT final, a junior forward from Cabin Creek scored 36 points, but his team lost to UK. Rupp called him "the best I've ever seen." That player came back the following year to score 33 points, despite a broken nose, and lead his team to a 79-70 victory over the Wildcats in the UKIT final. Name him.

18. The only opening loss of Rupp's career was an 80-77 setback at the hands of Virginia Tech Dec. 1, 1962, in the Coliseum. The Gobbler coach, then in his first year, now is an assistant athletic director at VPI. His name is the same as a former head of the U.K. School of Law, except the Tech man's name has only one "t." Name him.

19. Playing a vital role in that Tech victory was a former Wildcat letterman (1950) who transferred to Eastern, later coached the Colonels and now is coaching out west. He was a VPI assistant at the time.

20. In three games against the Wildcats in the Coliseum, this floppy-haired national scoring champion scored 144 points, including a Coliseum single game record 55 in 1970, but his team never beat UK.



Bill Spivey controls opening tipoff in Kentucky's 70-66 win over Vanderbilt Feb. 25, 1950, the last game in Alumni Gym.



Ed Ashford, right, and Ted Grizzard, left, are shown broadcasting on WLAP, one of the first UK games to be aired.

REQUIEM FOR A "WHITE ELEPHANT"

Many thought Alumni Gym was "too big",
but Wildcat teams quickly outgrew it

By ED ASHFORD

(Editor's Note—Ed Ashford was a sports writer at the Lexington Herald 42 years, the last 15 of which he was Sports Editor. He became the first radio play-by-play announcer at the University of Kentucky (and the state) in 1935. He is a staff member at The Thoroughbred Record and has been a correspondent for Sports Illustrated since 1964.)

Alumni Gym was good to the Wildcats. When this "spacious" basketball arena was unveiled in Decem-

ber of 1924 it was the biggest and best gymnasium in the South and there were skeptics who wondered if its 2,800 seats would ever be needed.

Prior to the opening of Alumni Gym, Wildcat basketball games and the early State High School tournaments were played in what later became known

as the Women's Gym, a small gym with accommodations for only three or four hundred spectators, most of whom had to stand behind a railing in the balcony.

Basketball was no big deal in those days, most of the spectators being students or members of families of the players. Therefore, when building began on Alumni Gym there were complaints from some taxpayers that too much money was being spent for a building that might turn into a white elephant.

Spectators at the first few games marveled at the size of the playing floor. Fans in the last rows looked down and commented that it appeared more like a football field than a place to play basketball.

For a few years, it appeared the detractors might be right. Only on a few occasions did UK's games or the state tourney draw capacity crowds.

The first few seasons drew considerable support from Lexington fans, primarily because the UK team was composed mainly of members of the Lexington Senior High team of 1922 that captured the National High School basketball tournament at the University of Chicago.

Four of the Wildcats' starters—Jimmy McFarland, Will Milward, Burgess Carey and Lovell (Cowboy) Underwood, had been regulars on Lexington's National championship team. The other starter was C. T. (Turkey) Hughes, the first UK athlete to win letters in four sports, and later an outstanding coach and athletic director at Eastern Kentucky.

Yes, Alumni Gym was good to the Wildcats. During the 26 seasons that Kentucky played basketball there, the Cats won 244 games and lost only 25, an average of less than one loss a season. Sixteen of these defeats came prior to Adolph Rupp's arrival on the scene. Rupp's record in 20 seasons at Alumni Gym was 200 victories and nine losses. Rupp never lost more than two home games in any one season and when the Wildcats moved to Memorial Coliseum they had an unbroken string of 84 consecutive home victories. This was increased to 129 before the Kentuckians suffered their first loss in Memorial Coliseum when Georgia Tech staged a last-minute uprising that provided a 59-58 upset of gigantic proportions on January 8, 1955.

Four coaches preceded Rupp at Alumni Gym and only one had a losing record. C. O. Applegran was coach the first season at Alumni Gym, when the Cats were 8-2 at home and 13-8 overall. Ray Eklund coached the 1925-26 season and was 9-1 at home and 15-3 overall. With the Lexington Senior High boys gone and Basil Hayden, U.K.'s first All-America player as coach, the Cats suffered through a 3-13 year in 1926-27, winning two and losing eight at home.

Johnny Mauer took over as coach the following year and in his three seasons at UK compiled a 25-5 record at home and 40-14 career mark before moving on to Tennessee.

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Fifteen of UK's 26 All-America players played in Alumni Gym. They were Burgess Carey, Carey Spicer, Paul McBryer, Forrest (Aggie) Sale, Ellis Johnson, John (Twisty) DeMoisey, Leroy (Big Boy) Edwards, Bernie Opper, Lee Huber, Bob Brannum, Jack Parkinson, Ralph Beard, Alex Groza, Wallace (Wah Wah) Jones and Bill Spivey. Spivey, who played as a sophomore during UK's last season in Alumni Gym, didn't become an All-American until the following season.

While playing in Alumni Gym, Kentucky won two of its four NCAA championships, won a National Invitation Tournament title in 1946 and finished second and third in two others, won three Sugar Bowl titles and captured 13 Southeastern Conference championships.

The most outstanding team of this era was the Fabulous Five—Ralph Beard, Alex Groza, Cliff Barker, Wah Wah Jones and Kenny Rollins—winner of 130 games against only 10 losses during this period, including the two NCAA crowns and the NIT title. The Fabulous Five traveled to London for the 1948 Olympic Games and, together with five players from the AAU champion Phillips Oilers, won the Olympic title for the U.S.

The man in charge during the early stages of Alumni Gym was S. A. (Daddy) Boles, then serving as athletic director. Boles, head football coach in 1917 and an assistant coach in football and basketball in other years, handled all the business, with the help of one secretary, from his office on the west side of the building. Boles not only took care of his duties as athletic director, but handled the publicity, was in charge of ticket sales and supervised maintenance of the structure.

There were no radiocasts from Alumni Gym until 1935, primarily because there was no radio station in Lexington until WLAP moved here from Louisville in the summer of 1934. Also, the University wasn't too anxious to permit live play-by-play broadcasts of the Wildcat games for fear they might affect the attendance.

In fact, to my knowledge, no Kentucky radio station had attempted to broadcast any basketball games, high school or college, prior to 1935. At that time, WLAP and The Lexington Herald were under the same ownership. I had been with The Herald as a sports writer for several years, and when the radio station was opened, I was called upon to double up as sports announcer and this led to me becoming the state's first play-by-play man.

During the 1934-35 season, UK basketball fans unable to attend the games heard the results over WLAP about 30 minutes after the games were over. I remember taking notes at the Wildcat home games, then rushing to the radio station and giving a 15-minute resume of the action.



A plaque commemorating triumphs in Alumni Gym was unveiled in 1950. Doing the honors was Herky Rupp, right. From left are Dr. H. L. Donovan, Rupp, UK Alumni president Judge Edwin R. Denney and William H. Townsend.

The response to these games resumes was good, but many fans called suggesting that a live broadcast would be much better. The UK season was almost over and since there had been no live basketball broadcasts in Kentucky up to this time there was some hesitancy to try it, and also some qualms on UK's part that such broadcasts might hurt the crowds.

Finally, it was decided to use the UK-Xavier game of March 7, 1935, the last regular-season game, as a testing ground to determine if live basketball broadcasts could be successful. The University, however, stipulated that no pre-game announcement be made that the game would be broadcast so it would not affect attendance.

The public apparently was pleased, from the number of letters and phone calls received, so it was decided to follow up with broadcasts of some of the state tournament games. The first high school game to be broadcast from Alumni Gym was Danville's 27-22 victory over Tompkinsville on the opening day of the 1935 tourney. In this game, Adolph Rupp assisted me by calling the play-by-play for the second quarter. In

some of the later games of the tourney, A. B. (Happy) Chandler called a quarter of play, and Rupp returned to do the same thing.

The next season saw almost all of the home games on radio live, and on some of the out-of-town games the play-by-play was received by Western Union leased wire and the games were re-created from the studio, with the use of records of crowd reaction as a background. Later some important out-of-town games were broadcast live, but it was not until after World War II that all of Kentucky's games were carried on radio.

Probably the most exciting high school tournament game played in Alumni Gym, although it is hard to explain to present day fans how a game in which only 24 points were scored by both teams combined in 44 minutes of playing time can be exciting, was Ashland's 13-11 victory in four overtime periods over colorful Carr Creek in the 1928 title game. At any rate, this game is the most remembered championship game in KHSAA history.

The score was tied, 9-9, after regulation play, and there was no scoring in the first three overtime periods. Ashland outscored the youngsters from the mountains by 4-2 in the fourth overtime.

Both teams went on to the National High School tourney in Chicago and Ashland captured the crown under the leadership of Ellis Johnson, later an all-sports star at UK and captain of Rupp's second Wildcat team. Carr Creek won three games in Chicago before losing in the quarter-finals, but the Creekers led all teams there in the matter of publicity. They were the darlings of the fans.

After Rupp arrived at Alumni Gym, Kentucky played to capacity crowds almost every game. Students were divided into groups which alternated in attendance as there was not room for all students who wanted to attend.

Still, probably because it was before the Fire Department started limiting the size of crowds as a safety measure, the largest crowd ever to see a game in Alumni Gym was there for a girls' game, and a game between a high school team and an AAU team at that.

That was in 1925. One week after the Georgetown High School girls had completed a 25-0 season with a 40-0 shutout victory over Memorial High in the championship game of the state tournament, they were matched against the Cleveland Favorite Knits, North American AAU champions.

Every seat and every aisle was filled, and several hundred fans were sitting on the sidelines and end zones or standing any place they could. There was no turnstile count, but the receipts, at \$1 a head for adults and 50 cents for students, were in excess of \$4,000, which indicated a crowd of possibly 5,000, almost twice the capacity of the gym. Oh, yes, the more experienced AAU team won, but it was a close game.

1. "Herky" Rupp, son of that famous basketball coach Adolph Rupp, had the honor of sinking the first basket in Memorial Coliseum. Even a fractured leg suffered in a fall off a pony did not stop Herky from tossing the ball at the basket as soon as workmen had set up the first transparent-backboard, movable goal on the new floor.

2. Shelby Linville scored the first points in the new Coliseum, hitting a shot from the side with 40 seconds gone on the clock as UK beat West Texas State, 73-43.

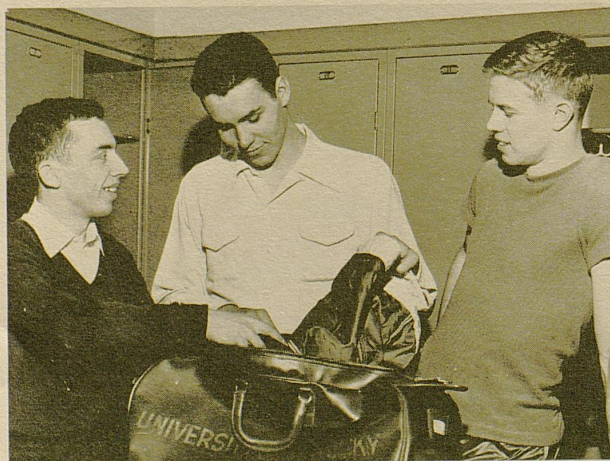


Shelby Linville

3. Ellis Johnson, former Wildcat All-American, presented Rupp a new brown suit donated by players who had played for Rupp during the past 20 years.

4. The flu victim was Lucian "Skippy" Whitaker of Louisville.

5. False. Hagan, an excellent student, was not eligible because he had entered UK the preceding year as a mid-term student. He became eligible the second semester.



UK student manager Bobby Moore, left, helps Cliff Hagan pack for his first trip as a Wildcat as "old pro" Frank Ramsey looks on.

QUIZ ANSWERS

6. False. Purdue was the opponent when the Coliseum was officially dedicated Dec. 9, 1950.

7. Dr. Forest "Phog" Allen, who had coached Rupp at the University of Kansas. UK's Bill Spivey whipped KU's Clyde Lovellette as the Wildcats won, 68-39.

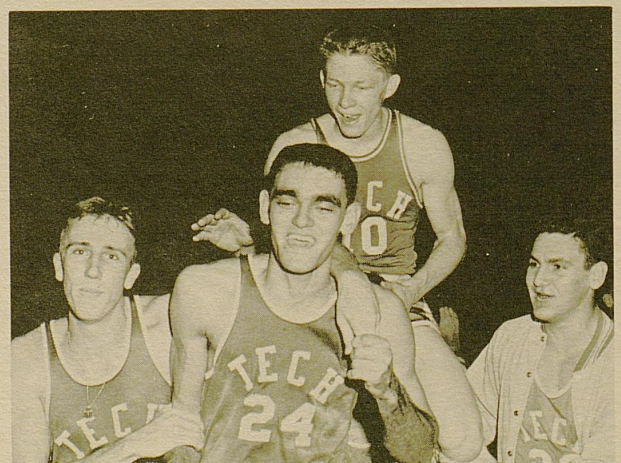
8. Fourteen thousand persons were in attendance when the Wildcats and the Phillips Oilers played an exhibition game July 9, 1948, on a temporary floor erected at Stoll Field. The Oilers won, 56-50.

9. John Wooden, the "Wizard of Westwood," was in his fourth year as head coach of UCLA when he brought his Bruins to the Coliseum in 1951. After the 1961 game in the Coliseum, the Wildcats and Bruins did not meet again until UCLA beat UK, 92-85, in the final game of the 1975 NCAA Tournament.

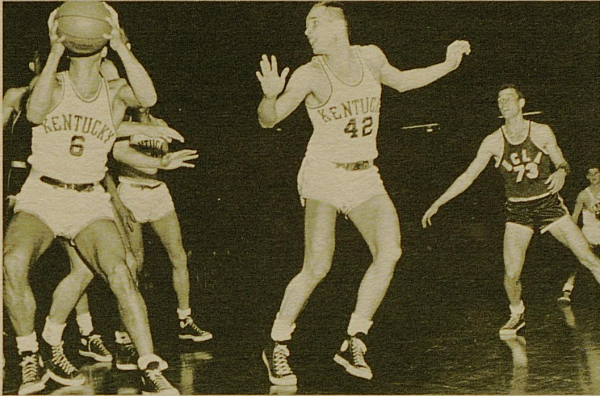
10. Dan Chandler was the UK substitute who would not take a dare in that UK-Bama warmup. He is now a public relations director for a big hotel in Las Vegas.

11. Cliff Hagan, now UK athletic director, set these records in the Temple game of 1953 and went on to collegiate and professional greatness.

12. The Engineers ended the Wildcat streak at 129 games. Forty-five of those games were won in the Coliseum. Tech beat the Wildcats later that season in Atlanta for the only blemishes on a 22-2 regular season record. The Cats lost to Marquette and beat Penn State in the NCAA Eastern Regionals.



Kentucky's national record 129 consecutive home wins came to an end in 1955 as Georgia Tech upset the Cats 59-58. Little Joe Helms, 5-9½ guard, is carried off the court after shooting the winning basket with 12-seconds remaining. From left, Dick Lenholdt, Bill Cohen and Howie Snead.

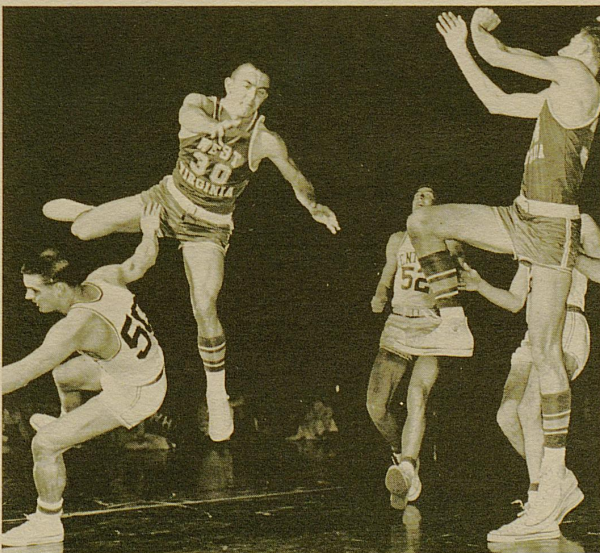


Kentucky whipped UCLA 84-53 in 1951 as Hagan showed his "head" for basketball by putting in this rebound. UK's Billy Evans is at right with unidentified UCLA player.

13. After Guy Rodgers hit a set shot with 15 seconds to go, Rupp called time out with one second remaining. He told Adrian Smith he would have to shoot it, but Harry Lancaster suggested that Hatton take the shot. Hatton took the throw at midcourt from **John Crigler**, a forward from Erlanger, Ky. Hatton scored eight points in the third overtime as UK won, 83-81.

14. Benny Coffman, a 6-0 guard, drove the lane for the three-point play that tied Maryland in regulation time.

15. Dick Parsons, now an assistant coach at UK, made the winning free throws.



"TAKE THE CHARGE" is a familiar cry in current Wildcat practices and that is exactly what Dick Parsons (now an assistant coach) is doing as West Virginia's Bucky Bolyard drives for the basket in 1958. The Cats won, 97-91, for their fourth UKIT title. At right are Mountaineer Bob Clousen and UK's Don Mills.

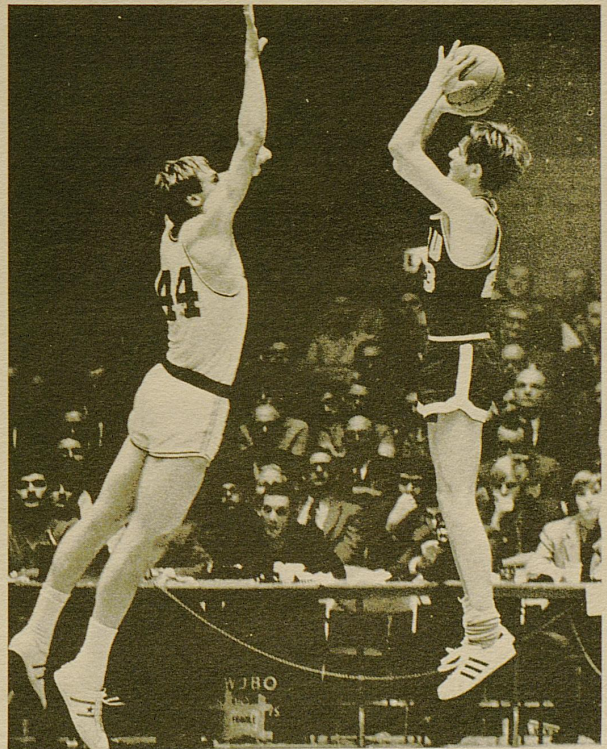
16. Hugh Durham became coach at his alma mater in 1967. His 1972*Seminoles team beat UK, 73-54, in the finals of the NCAA Mideast Region at Dayton.

17. The incomparable Jerry West played in three UKIT's, leading the Mountaineers to two victories in three tries against the Wildcats.

18. William Mathews. After defeating the Wildcats in that opening game in 1962, his Gobblers finished 12-12. They were 16-7 the following year. He quit coaching then.

19. Guy Strong, a native of Irvine, Ky., was the former UK and Eastern letterman who scouted UK for Coach Mathews. He now is coaching at Oklahoma State.

20. "Pistol" Pete Maravich always put on a good show against the Wildcats, who let him have his points and stopped the other four guys in defeating LSU six times during that era.



LSU's Pistol Pete Maravich fires over outstretched Dan Issel in scoring Coliseum record 55 points in 1970, a game which also drew a Coliseum record crowd of 13,690. UK won 109-96.

MANY CAUSES TO CELEBRATE



Members of UK Athletics Board lighting candles for the 1,000 victory cake are, from left, Dr. W. L. Matthews, Dr. Thomas Brower, Former Gov. A. B. Chandler, Prof. David Blythe, Dr. J. L. Massie, Wally Bryan, Dr. Stephen Diachun, Dr. W. C. Royster and, in background, Dr. A. D. Kirwan, Dr. Lyman Ginger and Clay Maupin.

Memorial Coliseum has been the scene of many great celebrations, but none carried more nationwide significance that a gigantic cake-cutting ceremony held after the University of Kentucky defeated Florida, 88-67, on the night of Jan. 11, 1969.

At that point in time, the University was feting the Wildcats for becoming the first collegiate basketball team to reach the magic 1,000-victory mark.

According to UK count, that exalted plateau had been reached in the previous game, a 91-72 Wildcat victory over Mississippi State at Starkville. A small cake was cut in the team motel after that victory, but the big fireworks were scheduled at Lexington.

Guests of honor at the celebration in the Coliseum were former UK players representing teams from each century victory milestone. Some unexpected fireworks developed when the guests lighted the candles and 1,000 flames started to melt the cake. The Wildcat players rushed from the bench en masse to blow out the flames.

In the eyes of the NCAA, the celebration was a little premature. That august body had sent the Wildcats to the International Universities Tournament in Tel Aviv in 1966, but it refused to recognize the five victories UK recorded there. However, it did accept four previously unreported games—two victories and

two losses—dug out of the archives by the UK Sports Information Office.

At the time, Kansas and Kentucky were tied with 997 victories each and Oregon State was third with 992. As Kansas faltered, the Wildcats defeated Georgia at home and Tennessee and Louisiana on the road to be recognized by the NCAA as the first team to register 1,000 victories.

At Tuscaloosa two nights after playing LSU, the Wildcats defeated Alabama, 83-70, in overtime to give Rupp his 772nd collegiate victory, enabling him to surpass the old record of 771 set by his own college coach, Dr. Forest (Phog) Allen.

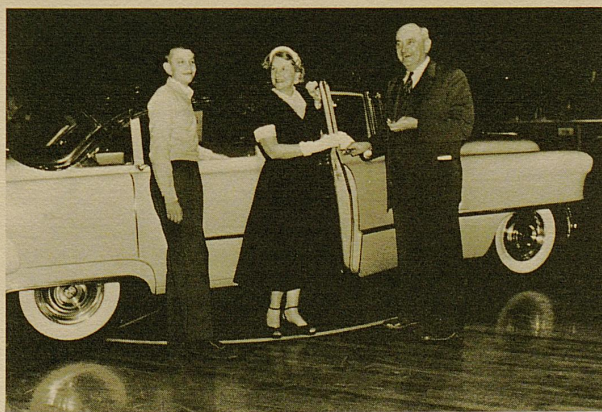
Prior to that game, Rupp made an unexpected visit to his motel room and discovered a "victory" cake that had been placed there in advance.

"My Gawd!" the Baron exclaimed. "Who did that? Now we'll get beat for sure."

That cake was cut at the motel after the game, but a bigger cake and a bigger celebration awaited after the Wildcats returned home and defeated Vanderbilt, 103-89.

There was also a cake-cutting for Rupp's 800th victory a little later that season, as there had been for some other of his personal century milestones. Another significant cake-cutting was after the 1953-54 team defeated Xavier, 77-71, in the Coliseum. That ceremony commemorated a string of 115 consecutive victories on the home court up to that time over a period of 11 years. That team finished the season undefeated, but the consecutive home victories string was broken at 129 the following year by Georgia Tech.

It was also in 1955 that a sparkling array of All-Americans lined up for the celebration of Rupp's Silver Anniversary at Kentucky.



Coach Adolph Rupp and family were surprised with a new Cadillac on his Silver Anniversary at UK. The presentation followed the Wildcat's 104-61 romp over Tennessee March 5, 1955, which gave Kentucky a 22-2 season record.



Celebrating their 115th consecutive home win, a 77-71 conquest of Xavier in 1954, are Rupp and, from left, Harold Hurst, Billy Bibb and Phil Grawemeyer.

An even more impressive group was present March 6, 1972, when the Wildcats beat Auburn, 102-67, in the last game Rupp coached in the Coliseum. Nineteen of Kentucky's 25 All-Americans up to that time were in attendance.

The Coliseum also has been the scene of some tremendous victory celebrations, including those honoring the 1951 Sugar Bowl football champions and the 1958 NCAA basketball champions.

Perhaps the most spontaneous celebration ever to occur in the Coliseum was the result of the Wildcat's staggering upset of No. 1 ranked and unbeaten Indiana in the finals of the NCAA Mideast Regional at Dayton in 1975.

A tumultuous throng of over 8,000 fans invaded the Coliseum, which was the site of the National Junior Pro tournament at the time.

A three-mile long caravan followed the team from Dayton to the Coliseum, where the impromptu celebration took place. Coach Joe B. Hall introduced each of the players and those who wished to make comments did so to the roar of the huge crowd.

A quieter, but responsive crowd greeted the Wildcats over a week later after they returned from the national finals at San Diego, where they finished second to UCLA.

And so it has been through the years as milestone after milestone was celebrated in the Coliseum.

Kentucky Head Coaches in Memorial Coliseum



Coach Joe B. Hall is given a victory ride by joyous Wildcats after they clipped Oklahoma State, 96-65, in the 1974 UKIT finals, advancing their record to 5-1.



Coach Rupp addresses the crowd and his All-Americans following his final game in the Coliseum.



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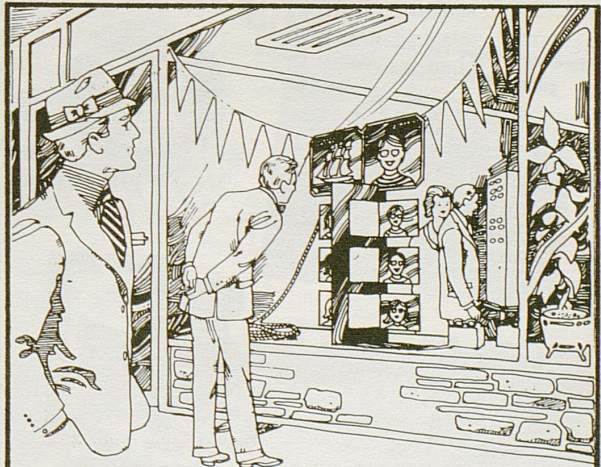
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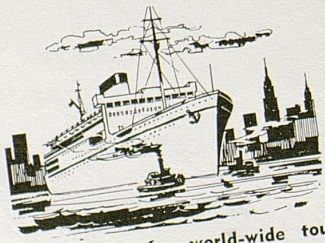


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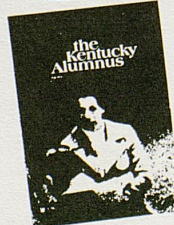


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Supervising the steady growth and balanced development of the athletic program is Athletic Director Cliff Hagan.

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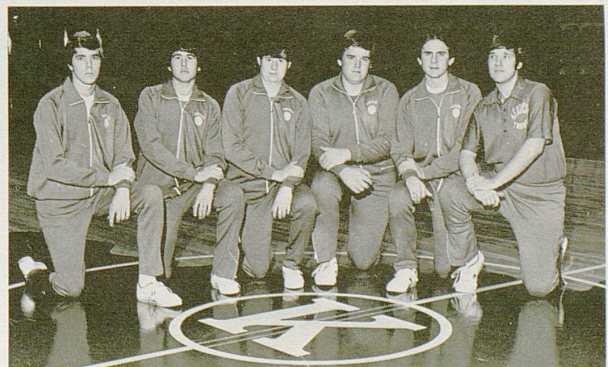
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1975-76 STUDENT MANAGERS, TRAINER—From Left, Manager Tripp Ramsey and assistants Bruce Hadden, Butch McKinney, Charles Allen and Don Sullivan, and trainer Charles Kimmel.

FRANK HAM, Assistant Director of Athletics



Frank Ham became Assistant Director of Athletics in July 1975 soon after Cliff Hagan succeeded Harry C. Lancaster as Director of Athletics.

A native of Scranton, Pa., Ham came to the University in 1969 as Administrative Assistant to football coach John Ray, and was reassigned to the Athletic Director's staff in 1972

when Ray resigned.

Ham graduated from high school at Niles, Mich., and completed his undergraduate work at Olivet College. He did graduate work at Indiana University and coached high school football and track at John Adams High in South Bend in 1944-46 and then returned to Olivet as athletic director and head football and basketball coach.

In 1962, he became assistant to the president at Olivet, with responsibilities in public and alumni relations. He was in private business from 1954 until 1968.

He is married to the former Rosemary Woods of Niles, Mich. They have two sons, Michael, 32, of Raleigh, N.C., and Craig, 29, a U.S. Army Captain, and two daughters, Mrs. Sue Ann Winchester of Cassopolis, Mich., and Jennifer, 19, a sophomore at UK.

Ham is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Ham of Edwardsburg, Michigan.

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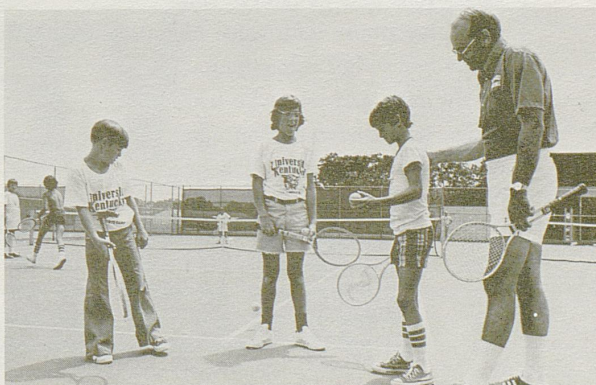
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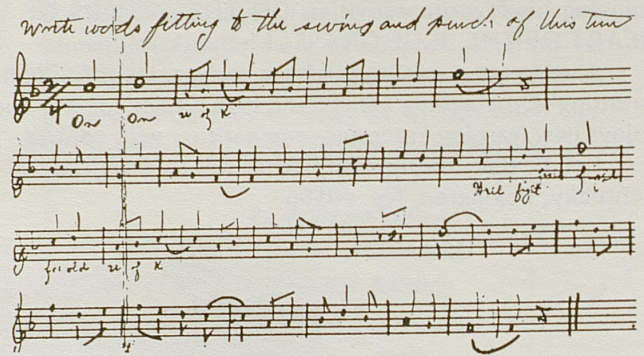
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for the blue and white,
as we roll to that goal, varsity.
And we'll kick, pass and run
'till the battle is won,
and we'll bring home the victory.



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Hail Kentucky, Alma Mater!
Loyal sons and daughters sing;
sound her praise with voice united;
to the breeze her colors fling.
To the blue and white be true;
badge triumphant age on age.
Blue the sky that o'er us bends;
white Kentucky's stainless page.



MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME

The sun shines bright in the old Kentucky home,
'Tis summer, the people are gay;
The corn-top's ripe and the meadow's in the bloom
While the birds make music all the day.
The young folks roll on the little cabin floor
All merry, all happy and bright;
By'n by hard times comes a-knocking at the door
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