CMA Celebrates 100th Anniversary At Next Year's Grand Reunion



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Former Austin Peay Coach Assistant Principal at 70

Lake Kelly, CMA Class of '52 has fond memories of taking the Austin Peay Governors to three NCAA basketball appearances.

In 1987 the team was ranked 14 in the nation knocking the number three seed, Illinois, off before narrowly losing to Providence who went on to the final four.

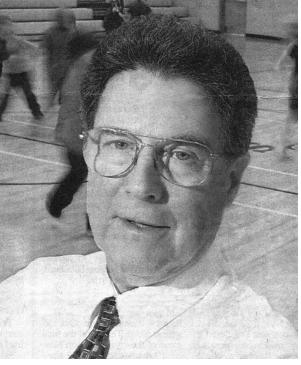
His victory over the Illini forced ESPN's resident windbag, Dick Vitale, to stand on his head—something he promised to do in the highly unlikely event Austin Peay pulled off an upset.

At a gym known as The Red Barn, Kelly took chances on players who made a lot of coaches wary, molding them into a stifling defence that was allowed to

run free once it got the ball and helped create some buzz about a school with a funny name whose favorite cheer was, "Lets Go Peay!"

It was absolutely fantastic," related Kelly. "It was a situation as a coach where every day you woke up and wondered what good things were going to happen.

"The president of the school called me in and told me how much the national exposure did for the school. He showed me letters from alumni all over the coun-



Lake Kelly, Class of '52

try. They said for years it had been hard to explain where they went to school but now they were proud to say they went to Austin Peay. Things like that made those years extremely enjoyable."

For the past 10 years, Kelly has been living in the house where he grew up in Flemingsburg, KY, surrounded by timber property and farmland.

He'll turn 70 in October and just retired after 8 seasons coaching the boys basketball team at Fleming County High School, where he went to school prior to attending CMA. He remains an assistant principal at the town's elementary school, he hasn't yet decided when he'll close the final door on a life of influencing kids.

Kelly's first departure from Clarksville took him to Oral Roberts where he coached for three seasons and compiled a 30 and 24 record. Then spent four years at Clark County High School in Winchester, KY., and 2 seasons as an assistant to Joe B. Hall at Kentucky before a return to Clarksville where he replaced Howard Jackson, one of his former players who had coached Austin Peay for two years.

Jackson beams when asked about Coach Kelly. Following a construction accident that broke both of Jackson's legs, Kelly helped nurse him back to health in the Fall of '73.

Jackson now coaches girls golf and teaches wellness at Kenwood High School in Clarksville claiming there is no way he could ever repay Kelly for the positive course he help plot in the young man's life. Instead he hopes to pass on the caring brand of generosity he learned from the CMA graduate.

While Kelly was with the Wildcats, he further honed his obsession as a defensive specialist.

In 1986-87, his Governors won the OVC tournament and got all kinds of recognition for their victory over Illinois and their overtime loss to Providence, a team coached by Rick Pitino. Two seasons later the Governors lost a regular season tournament game to a well-known freewheeling Loyola-Marymount team on a last-second game winning shot.

"Rick Pitino said we were the best man-to-man defense he'd ever faced," Kelly said. "Paul Westhead (of Loyolacontinued on page 2

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Marymount) said 'You were the only team that made us set up at half-court."

Still, after 5 seasons back in Clarksville, a drained Kelly decided he needed a change. He took a job in marketing and sales with a Lexington, KY, TV station.

"I realized at that point I was practically numb every day. I was burnt to that point — I was giving so much energy to the kids and the teams," he said, "I thought it would be good for my health and my psychological makeup to give it a rest for a while."

The rest lasted until 1991 when he returned to Tennessee for the coaching job at Columbia High School in Columbia, TN. He took the Lyons to two consecutive Class AAA championship games. He liked the high school game but said there was a major adjustment from college to high school.

"The kids just kind of thought 'We'll work a little bit and Coach will win us every game," he said. "It was a real problem, a serious problem. I had to convince guys, 'I can teach you, but you've got to go out and do it."

Again feeling the pull of Flemingsburg, he went home, this time to work as an elementary school principal, and he was back on the court until recently.

Three years colon cancer forced him to undergo surgery but he claims to feel great now.

One of Kelly's three kids, Brian, is following in dad's footsteps, coaching the boy's team at Centennial High in Franklin. Two coaches who worked under him at Austin Peay are now prominent head coaches in major conferences — Leonard Hamilton at Florida State and Rick Stansbury at Mississippi State.

In Clarksville, Kelly took chances on a lot of kids who might have been considered risks at larger schools, none more wellknown than "Fly" Williams, whose brilliant play often came paired with emotional outbursts.

Kelly once told a reporter his mom had always taken in strays, and that predisposed him to give people a chance.

"If a kid wanted to play basketball and maybe had a few problems, we let him play," Kelly said of his recruiting philosophy. "If it panned out, fine, if not we lost some. We did have a lot of kids that struggled but they were good kids basically."

Said Jackson, "Some coaches wouldn't give you a chance if your socks were dirty but Coach Kelly looked beyond that. He had a tremendous impact on all of us in both the way we played then and in how we conduct our lives now."

Marty Klein, PG '57 Inducted in "Hall of Fame"

CMA football and baseball standout Marty Klein, PG '57, is to be inducted into Pennsylvania's Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in September.

The John Louis Popple Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame covers six counties including Luzerne, from which athletes are selected.

Following his stint at CMA, Marty joined the U.S. Marine Corp. piloting the Camp Lejeune varsity football team for three seasons. In his role of quarterback, Klein threw more than a few passes to All-American ends Jim Mora and R.G. Beagle.

Marty rooted for Jim to get the job of head coach at the University of Notre Dame years back when the selection came down to Mora and Lou Holtz.

Mora, who played left end at Camp Lejeune, had been a successful coach in the in the United States Football League leading the Philadelphia Stars and later the Baltimore Stars to two championships.

Other memorable names on Klein's Marine team included Penn States' S.J. Valentine and E.H. Walsh along with Notre Dame's J.H. Mugford and C.T. Connor.

A serious injury to Marty's right hand on Vieques Island, just off the coast of Cuba during the Bay of Pigs invasion ended Klein's football career.

He now resides in South Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

North Jackson Roommates Celebrate 50 Years in Business

Clark Reed, Class of '46 and Barthell Joseph, Jr., Class of '45 shared a drink recently and reminisced about their days as roommates in North Jackson and subsequent events brought them together as business partners since 1953.

Following graduation from the University of Missouri, Clarke moved to Greenville, MS to start what later became a grain drying and storage sales, construction and manufacturing firm. He received an Air Force R.O.T.C. Commission and was called up in 1953 during the Korean conflict.

Barthell served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1947 as a paratrooper in the famed 82nd Airborne Division. He went on to graduate from George Peabody College in Nashville, TN in 1952.

The two joined forces in 1953 and the Greenville, MS firm of Reed-Joseph Company was founded. They celebrated their 50th year as business partners and 59 years as friends this year.

Ray Daniels, Class of '54 Retires from Newspaper

Ray Daniels, Class of ⁵54, retired as district manager in the Raleigh-Bartlett area for The Memphis Commercial Appeal, in August of last year and is looking forward to his 50th and CMA's 100th Anniversary Reunion next year.

In December following retirement, Ray was the recipient of the annual "contribution to amateur football award" by The Liberty Bowl Football Association in Memphis. The plaque was presented at the Liberty Bowl Luncheon Dec. 30th. and was due in



Ray Daniels

large part to his volunteer work with Shelby Youth Sports, an organization dedicated to developing football, cheer leading and track and field activities for youths 7 to 13. This Spring approximately 1,300 football players and 600 cheerleaders participated.

Daniels has been involved in Shelby Youth Sports for the past 30 years, first as a coach, then member of the board, commissioner and finally president. Since 1978 Ray has been chairman of the scholarship committee. This year \$8,000 in scholarships were awarded adding to the total of approximately \$190,000 awarded since the program's inception.

They now co-own and manage diverse firms involved in Real Estate developments, Import, Export and sales of animal damage control equipment (Reed-Joseph International Co.).

Ever the paratrooper, Joseph commemorated his 71st. birthday by making a tandem parachute jump with the U.S. Army Parachute Team (The Golden Knights) and in May received the Delta Business Journal's "Profiles in Leadership Award" along with a proclamation by Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove.

Reed has long been active in Republican politics having served under Presidents Nixon and Ford.

Clark Reed (left) and Barthell Joseph



Dues Paying Alumni Keep Assn. Functioning

The following is a list of Columbia Military Academy alumni that have paid their CMAAA membership dues through 2004. This is approximately 20% of alumni presently receiving the "Bugle".

Last month's letter by CMAAA Board member, Bill Fricke, '39, citing the organization's need for dues triggered a number of membership renewals for which we are grateful.

Membership dues help pay for such things as printing and mailing the quarterly "Bugle", the Association web site domain name registration (www.cmaaa.com) and the annual \$1,000 scholarship given a worthy senior at Columbia Academy, to name a few.

In addition, the association is indebted to the many, many alumni that volunteer their services to keep the organization functioning and the reunions running smoothly.

To those listed below we owe a measure of gratitude. Without income generated through dues we would have to curtail some alumni activities.

A special "Thanks" goes out to Jerry Damson, '56 who sent in a check for \$1,100.00 to cover the printing and mailing of one entire issue of the "Bugle".

Dues are \$15 per year. An application form with a graduated dues payment plan can be found on the CMAAA web site at: www.cmaaa.com

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"Whhhhaazzuupppp Dudes" Odds and Ends from Here and There

Baker Huff, '46, has retired from his 30 year orthopedic practice in Decatur, GA. He and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 18 with their two daughters and five grandchildren. He sends his best to classmates, Lester Freeman, Barthel Joseph, Steve Stayer and "Tiger" Howell.

The AZ (Arizona) Reunion which took place July 27 was thoroughly enjoyed by former cadets Ed Willis, '56, Tom faires, '57, Gary Vaughn, '58 and Jim Van Meter, '59 along with their respective wives, Rhoda, Mary, Sandy and Jan. They met in Prescott, AZ for reminiscing and lunch. Another reunion is planned in the Fall in the vicinity of Green Valley, AZ. Jim Rusk, '56 and his wife Kathie plan on attending the Fall gathering.

Stan Boyd, '56, had a heart attack in mid-July. It's the third one since 1988 which resulted in a quintuple bypass.

In June, LTC. Drew Garrison, '73 and Maj. Mike Glover, '74 found themselves attending the same Army demobilization conference at Camp Parks, CA. Considering there were only 50 individuals participating in the conference and Garrison lives in CA and Glover in MS, it's a very small

'54 "Ramblers" Recording Available Free by e-Mail

Eddie Harrison, '54, has been gracious enough to convert an original tape of the CMA "Ramblers" to a computer driven mp3 format and offers it to any alumni on request. Practically any computer can play this format.

The recording was originally made by a member of the group, Larry Mulkey, '54, who recorded it his senior year just before graduation. Larry sent it to Eddie about 10 years back who then made the mp3 conversion.

The group was made up of, Dick Logan, '54, (fiddle and guitar), Vic Burnham, '56, (mandolin), Mac Mitchell, '56, (guitar and singer), Jimmy Baker, '54, (guitar and singer) and Rod Creagh, '54 (electric guitar) along with Larry (guitar and singer) and Eddie (banjo and steel or dobro guitar).

Hopefully most of the former cadets will be at the 2004 Reunion and who knows, maybe they will bring an instrument or two.

Anyone wanting the recording can send an e-mail to: memnet@memphisnet.net or erhebh@mindspring.com with a request for the CMA Ramblers mp3.

"Rattle and Snap" Averts The Auctioneer's Gavel

One of the truly majestic Middle-Tennessee antebellum plantations narrowly escaped foreclosure July 10.

Last minute financing and possibly an injunction against the sale saved the grand lady, at least temporarily, from going to the highest bidder at the Maury County Courthouse.

First Farmers & Merchants National Bank instituted the proceedings based on a defaulted bank loan allegedly owed by owners Amon Carter Evans, a former owner and publisher of "The Tennessean" along with his wife, Denise.

The mansion and two tracts totaling 135 acres were to be sold.

The 12,400 sq. ft. home with 15 rooms has been designated a National Historic Landmark. For tax purposes, the county appraised it and the land last year at \$2,138,800.

Evans had a series of grand plans for the plantation which he purchased in 1979 for more than \$1-million after his mother sold "The Tennessean" to the Gannett newspaper chain for \$50-million.

The former publisher spent almost \$8million restoring the mansion which was built in 1845 by George Washington Polk, a distant cousin of former U.S. President James K. Polk.

If "Rattle and Snap" subsequently goes under the gavel, it will be the second time it has undergone a forced sale. Evans bought the home out of bankruptcy after a Columbia bank foreclosed on the previous owners.

In 1993, Evans put the mansion up for sale, along with five other houses, \$800,000 in antiques and 1,550 acres of land for \$15-million.

In 1995, the state considered but decided against purchasing the property for \$7.1-million to use for a tourist attraction.

The plantations original 5,648 acres were won in a game of chance between Col. William Polk, hero of the Revolutionary War, and the governor of North Carolina in 1792. Players would rattle the dice before throwing them onto the table with a snap of their fingers. Hence the property's name, "Rattle and Snap".

According to Maury County records, Evans sold 300 acres of farmland on the west side of Rattle and Snap to neighbor Fred Gilliam for \$1.4-million. At the time he said he cold the land so he could concentrate on developing the mansion as a tourist destination.

Public tours of the home and its luncheon service have been eliminated.

SILVER TAPS

Stuart C. Irby Jr., Class of '41

Remembered as a thinker who sought to help others, Jackson, MS business

leader and phi-Stuart C. Irby died Feb. 21 at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. He was 79.

In recent years, Irby had battled pulmonary fibrosis and aplastic



Stuart C. Irby Jr. continued on next page

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Becky Moon

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of England.

back up," she said.

lish, owning a manor in the Cotswold area

phony Orchestra, he took trumpet lessons

from the first chair trumpet player, Darcie

Bishop beginning in 1995. "He had played

at CMA and decided he wanted to pick it

son, the former CMA grad leaves his wife

Debbie Irby and sons Charles L. Irby of

Jackson; Joseph Irby of Little Rock, AR;

Margaret Irby of New York City.

Joseph P. Durham Sr., '45

Dies in Nashville

Clarksdale, MS.

Vanderbilt Univ.

and in the Korean War.

awarded the Purple Heart.

vears retiring in 1989.

Presbyterian Church.

and three grandchildren.

and Richard Irby of Atlanta; and a daughter;

Joe Durham, age 75, died at his home

He was the son of the late Joseph

He graduated from the Univ. of TN

Joe achieved the rank of Captain in the

In addition to other honors, Durham

Joe taught in the Metropolitan Nash-

He was a member of the Hillwood

Survivors include; his wife, Everett

Carlton Durham of Nashville; a daughter,

Marthy Carlton Durham of Mt. Pleasant; a

son, J. Porter Durham Jr. of Chattanooga;

in Nashville, May 10, after a brief illness.

Durham and Bertile Porter Durham of

and obtained a Masters in History from

U.S. Army's 1st. Cavalry Airborne Infantry

Division during the occupation of Japan

earned the Combat Infantry Badge and was

ville public school system for a number of

In addition to his son Stuart of Jack-

A supporter of the Mississippi Sym-

anemia.

The former chairman and president of Irby Construction and Stuart C. Irby Co., an electrical supply company, Irby "valued thinking through issues and not jumping to conclusions," said his oldest son, Stuart M. Irby, chairman and president of the Stuart C. Irby Co. "He spent a lot of time gathering information and trying to sort it out and determine what would be the best way to use time, talent and resources."

A Jackson, MS native, Stuart graduated from CMA in '41 and Louisiana State University in '48 with a degree in business administration having served three years in the Army in WWII. Following his graduation from LSU, he continued his studies at the Graduate Institute of Internal Studies in Geneva, Switzerland from '53 to '54.

He took over as president and chairman of Irby Construction Co. in 1955 from his father, Stuart Chalmers Irby who founded the business in 1926.

Irby Construction Co. was Stuart C. Irby Jr.'s baby according to his son, Stuart M. Irby. "He build it from a small local power line contractor to one of the larger power line contractors in the world."

During his tenure, Irby Construction Co. built power lines in 42 states and completed 12 international projects in Asia, Africa and Central America. The Stuart C. Irby Co. grew 38 branches in nine states.

He founded the Jackson Enterprise Center, an incubator for new businesses and was inducted into the Mississippi business Hall of Fame in 1992.

Son Stuart said his father lived life to the fullest. "He liked dancing, traveling, music, tennis, sailing and was big into citizenship and fitness."

He additionally loved all things Eng-

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