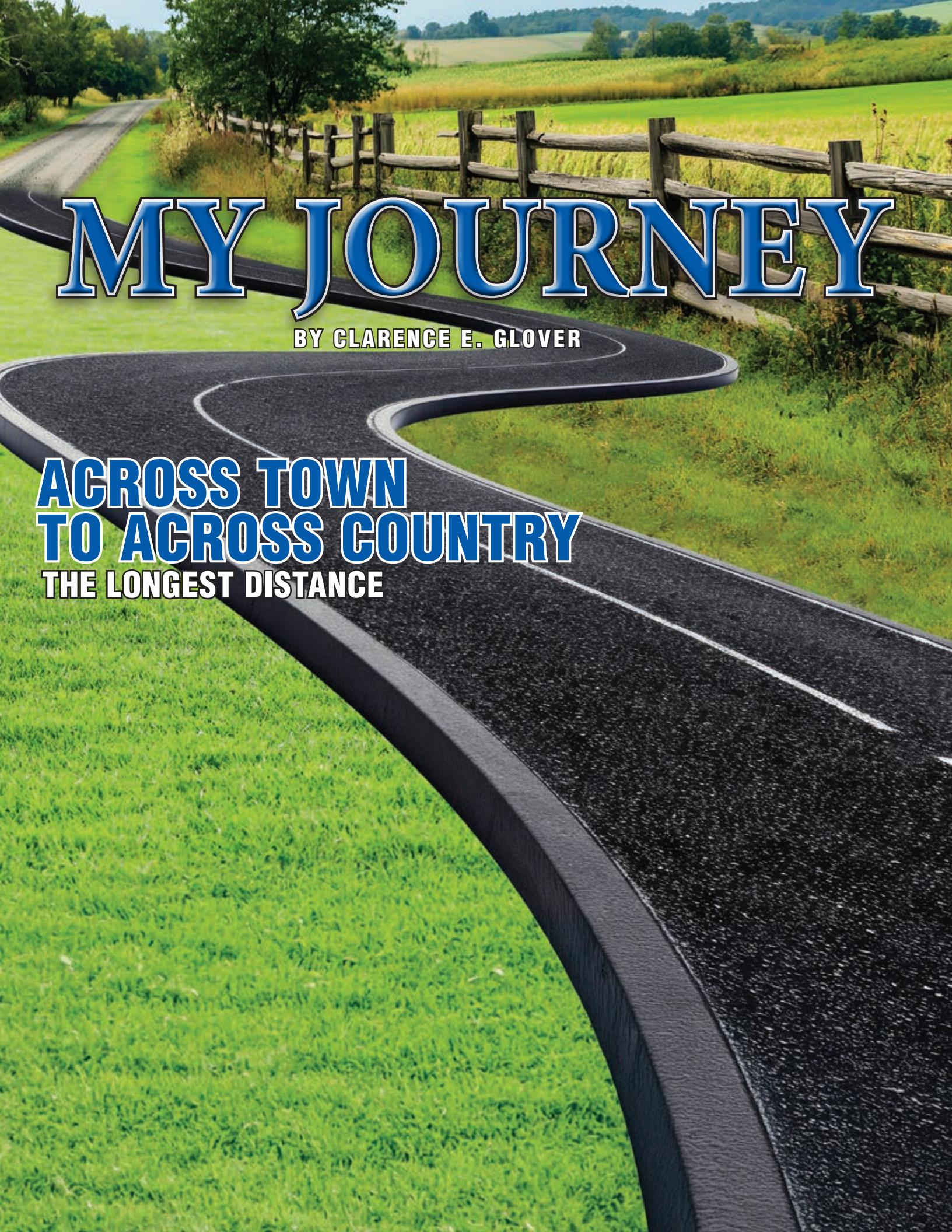




MY JOURNEY

BY CLARENCE E. GLOVER

**ACROSS TOWN
TO ACROSS COUNTRY**
THE LONGEST DISTANCE

MY Living Legacy

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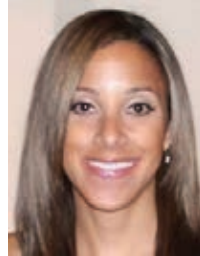
MY Children and Grandchildren are considered my living legacy. MY Journey is being written for my children, grandchildren and family. Thank you to everyone else that reads the book series.



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THE GRANDCHILDREN



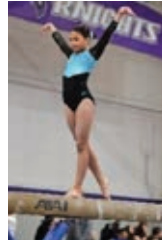
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About the Author – Clarence E. Glover

Clarence Glover was born and reared in the section of Horse Cave, Kentucky, called Henry Town. He attended the Horse Cave Colored School through grade three, and the Caverna Independent Schools from grade four through twelve.

He was named basketball First Team All-State, to the Kentucky All-Stars team, and received All-America honors his senior year of high school. He was named nationally to Who's Who of Students in American Universities and Colleges while attending Western Kentucky University (WKU).

He was a starter on the WKU Men Basketball NCAA Division-I Final-Four Team. The Caverna community held Clarence Glover Day on April 18, 1971. This honor day followed the national tournament during his senior year at WKU. The Clarence Glover Scholarship Fund was announced during the celebration.

The scholarship is awarded each year to a Caverna High senior that is set to attend WKU.



Clarence Glover



Principal Kennedy Metro Middle School



Overtime WKU 81-Ohio State 78
WKU advanced to NCAA Final Four

Mr. Glover graduated from WKU with a Bachelor of Science degree, and was selected the Number One Draft of the NBA Boston Celtics. He earned his Masters of Education (M.Ed.) from Boston State College, and post-graduate studies at Butler University (IN.) and Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

His career includes being a Professional Athlete, Teacher, Coach (high school & college), Principal, and Assistant to the Superintendent of the Fayette County Schools, Lexington, KY. Honors and accomplishments include Massachusetts Division III Basketball Coach of the Year, co-founder of the Frenchburg Academy year-round boarding school in Menifee County, KY., and the U.S. Job Corps National Alpha Award.

Additional awards include the WKU Athletic Hall of Fame, Tiger Woods Foundation 'Sharing and Caring' Award, JCPS Certificate of Excellence as a Middle School Principal, Barren County (KY.) Athletic Hall of Fame, and Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

Mr. Glover's community service includes the following Boards of Director:

Indiana Black Expo, Inc., WHAS Crusade for Children, WKU College Heights Foundation, Louisville Central Community Centers, Inc., Louisville Public Media, Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame Board, WKU Foundation, Kentucky Repertory Theatre, WKU Alumni Association National Board, Actors Theatre of Louisville Advisory Council, Frazier History Museum of Kentucky, and the Kentucky Humanities Council.

On December 14, 2018 the Caverna Independent School District in Kentucky named the Caverna High School basketball court, **Clarence Glover Court**.

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TO BE OR NOT TO BE - IS NOT THE QUESTION

C.E.G.

During the **MY Journey** book, “**Henry Town – To Across Town, The Shortest Distance**” we sometime traveled at warp speed and other times at the speed of the 1957 Chevy. The 1957 Chevy had a 283 cubic inch fuel injected V8 engine, 4-barrel carburetor, and a top speed of 120 miles per hour (mph).



Peppermints for student awards



1957 Chevy – Photo from Internet (MSRP in 1957 was \$ 2,399)

We left the 1957 Chevy briefly and traveled at warp speed from 1957 into the 21st century to when I was a middle school administrator and principal. The question I asked the sixth-grade students during the first week of school was “What is the Shortest Distance between point A and point B?”.

A student received the “Mint Award” (peppermints I carried with me throughout the day) if he or she gave the correct answer. The correct answer was “A Straight Line”. The question I asked them during the second week of school was “What is The Longest Distance between Point -A and Point -B?”

I would say to them “We know that the answer to “what is shortest distance between point-A and point-B” is a straight line. I have a much harder question for you. Before I give you the question, I am informing you that I am a **Borderline Genius**”.

I would pause for a brief second after saying borderline genius. Then I continued by saying “**On the Genius Side**”. That always got their attention; and that is when I informed them of the “Longest Distance” question.

If they were unable to answer the question by the end of the school year, I would go from class to class their last day of school and ask the question once again. If a student gave me my preferred answer, he or she would get enough mints for the entire class. If no one gave the answer, I would tell them the answer and give a scenario to explain the answer.

We ended the **MY Journey** book, “**Henry Town – To Across Town, The Shortest Distance**”; in the year 1967. I was graduating from high school and preparing for my freshman year of college. I promised that I would give you “MY” answer to the “Longest Distance” question during this book.

And, I shall.....

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

57' CHEVY OR JAGUAR XKE - EITHER, IF YOU CAN CAN

C.E.G.

During this book we shall sometimes travel at warp speed; however, we are trading our 1957 Chevy bel air for a **1967 Jaguar XKE**. This Jaguar features a 4.2-liter inline-six engine producing 265 horsepower and 283 lb.-ft of torque.

It achieves 0 to 60 mph in roughly 6.4 seconds with a top speed of 150 miles per hour. That was super-fast in 1967 and is still fast in 2026.



1967 Jaguar XKE – photo from the Internet (MSRP \$5,870)

We shall travel in Jaguar luxury style as I lay out cities, states and locations for our Longest Distance question. We then shall move to warp speed as I give you the scenario to explain my answer to the question. Hold onto your hats because at 150 miles per hour it can get breezy in the XKE convertible.

<u>Point A</u>	<u>Point B</u>	<u>Shortest Distance</u>	<u>Longest Distance</u>
Henry Town	CAVERNA HIGH, Horse Cave, KY.	Approx. 2.5 Miles	
Henry Town	WKU Bowling Green, Kentucky	Approx. 35 Miles	
Henry Town	Boston Gardens Boston, MA.	Approx. 1000 Miles	
Henry Town	Boston Public Schools, Boston, MA.	1000 Miles	
Henry Town	Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN.	Approx. 300 Miles	
Henry Town	Wayne Twp. & Franklin Twp., IN.	Approx. 210 Miles	
Henry Town	Fayette Co. Schools, Lexington, KY.	Approx. 100 Miles	
Henry Town	Jefferson Co. Schools, Louisville, KY.	Approx. 100 Miles	
Henry Town	WKU Bowling Green, Kentucky	Approx. 35 Miles	
Henry Town	CAVERNA HIGH, Horse Cave, KY.	Approx. 2.5 Miles	

The Shortest Distance is shown above for Henry Town to Caverna High at the top and bottom of the graph. I shall tell you my answer to the question “What is the Longest Distance between Point-A and Point-B” and give you a scenario that illustrates the answer.

As for now my children and grandchildren, I shall give you insight into a brief history of your parents and grandparents. Everything on the planet Earth has its beginning; therefore, we shall begin before You were born and your parents and grandparents were youths.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

YOUR MOTHER - GRANDMOTHER (GRAN)

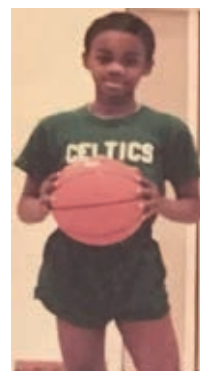
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MARY



LaMonte Glover



Adonis Glover

MARY ROGERS (Glover) is the mother of Edward LaMonte Glover and Adonis Jermaine Glover. LaMonte is the father of Adonis (A.D.) Glover, DeeAsia Glover, and Kingston Glover. Adonis is the father of Alivia Glover.



JEMETTA



Koleta



Koleta & Peter Forcelli



Koleta in Waco, Texas

JEMETTA HUNT (Glover) is the mother of Koleta Glover Forcelli. Koleta is married to Peter Forcelli; and they are the parents of Giavanna, Lilianna, and Brienna Forcelli.



BETTIE



Robert



Robert Whitlock



Robert

BETTIE PARRISH (Glover) is the mother of Robert Griffie Whitlock. Robert was born during Bettie's marriage to Robert's biological father. Therefore, Robert calls me Dad II (II=2=Too). Robert is the father of Theodore (Theo) Whitlock. Robert's wife is Danielle Thomas Whitlock.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

TUTOR OR NOT TUTOR - THAT WAS THE QUESTION

C.E.G.

MARY ROGERS was my first-ever girlfriend. The boyfriend/girlfriend relationship took place at the beginning of my senior year of high school. Mary's mother asked me to tutor Mary for some of our classes at Caverna High School.

I informed Mrs. Rogers that Mary was just as smart as me and that I did not feel qualified to tutor her. Mrs. Rogers offered to pay me to tutor her daughter. I declined the offer to receive money for tutoring services but agreed that we could do our homework together.

After a couple of weeks Mary's mother asked why I did not like her daughter. I told her that I liked her daughter and thought Mary was a nice person. I was concerned that Mrs. Rogers' question would negatively impact me continuing to receive phone calls from colleges at their home.

Mrs. Rogers clarified her statement to me by asking "Why did I not like her daughter as a boy likes a girlfriend?" I was caught off guard and explained that I never thought of Mary that way.

Mary and I discussed her mother's statement and whether to consider becoming boyfriend and girlfriend. I never had a girlfriend and did not know what it entailed. I felt we needed a little time to think about it. After a few days we decided to become girlfriend and boyfriend.

Our relationship maintained throughout our senior year of high school. I was being recruited by numerous colleges and decided upon a college in Florida. I asked Mary if she would like to attend the college in Florida, and informed her that she could receive a full scholarship.

That way, if she wished, we could continue being boyfriend and girlfriend in Florida. Mary explicitly stated that she was not interested in attending college classes and that graduating from high school was fine.



Caverna High Class of 1967



Photo from the Internet

Florida

At that point it appeared that we could see each other when I returned to Kentucky during holiday breaks. We continued our relationship and attended the prom together. Prior to the end of the school year I visited another college located in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

It was not a recruiting visit, but a visit made by the senior class of Caverna High School.

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COLLEGE CHOICE MADE - COLLEGE CHOICE CHANGED

C.E.G.

The senior class of Caverna High School made the trip near the end of each school year. I was not signed up for the trip and did not plan to go with the other class members. At the last minute a teacher helped me make the decision to go on the class trip.

My social studies teacher informed me that I would be the only senior at school that day and would cause a teacher to have to sit in every class with me alone throughout the entire day. Attending that class trip to Western Kentucky University made a difference in the course of my life.

It was a course obviously that was “meant to be”. During the class trip that day I committed to the basketball program to attend Western Kentucky University (WKU). At that moment I had made the decision to remain in Kentucky and to continue the relationship with my first-ever girlfriend.



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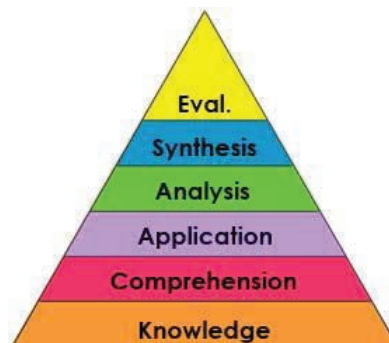


Kentucky

Mary and I discussed the subject of marriage. She said her parents were okay with the idea. I had not discussed it with my parents. Before discussing it with my parents, I decided meet with the WKU basketball coaches to see if marriage would affect my scholarship offer.

The coaches said the scholarship offer remained. However, the “**CONS**” (negative) far outnumbered the “**PROS**” (positive) in the discussion with the coaches.

As smart young people graduating from high school, we logically decided to use Bloom’s Taxonomy for “critical thinking”. Therefore, we used knowledge gained from the pros and cons list to analyze (take apart), synthesize (put it back together), and evaluate everything to make a sound decision.



Of course, **we did not use critical thinking**. We ignored the list of pros and cons ...and got married!! Interestingly, other teammates got married in following years of college.

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COLLEGE LIFE - FAMILY LIFE

C.E.G.

I worked in a rock quarry the summer between graduation from high school and my freshman year of college. I cashed in the room and board portion of my scholarship, and took out student loans and bank loans over the four years through college graduation.

I paid EVERY CENT OF EACH LOAN WITH INTEREST following graduation from college.

Mary became employed by the Union Underwear Company in Bowling Green during my sophomore year of college. Each semester, I exchanged the small monetary amount of my scholarship for cash to help pay bills, and worked each summer at manual labor jobs.

Our son Edward LaMonte Glover was born during the summer between my freshman and sophomore years of college. He was a precious little person and well worth the summers I spent sweating loading box cars for the Pet Milk Company, and working the assembly line at Holley Carburetor.



LAMONTE GLOVER



LAMONTE GLOVER



LAMONTE AFTER MY COLLEGE GRADUATION

Upon getting to know me and noting my work ethic, many of the people that worked the assembly lines with me during the summers became WKU basketball fans. Interestingly, in each summer job, my fellow workers always seemed surprised by the pride and diligence I placed into my work.

I felt that the reason for surprise was that many of my co-workers had been taught a stereotype throughout their life. Now they could either unlearn the stereotype that they had been taught, or think of me as being “different”. I think most felt it easier just to think of me as being different.

LaMonte attended every WKU home basketball game my sophomore through senior years of college. He was a cute little fellow and was doted upon at the games. He also became my riding companion when I went grocery shopping or other places around Bowling Green.

He became a “toddler” celebrity when the Union Underwear Company (became **Fruit of the Loom**) placed his picture in their company newsletter.



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COLLEGE LIFE & FAMILY LIFE - AND THE BEAT GOES ON

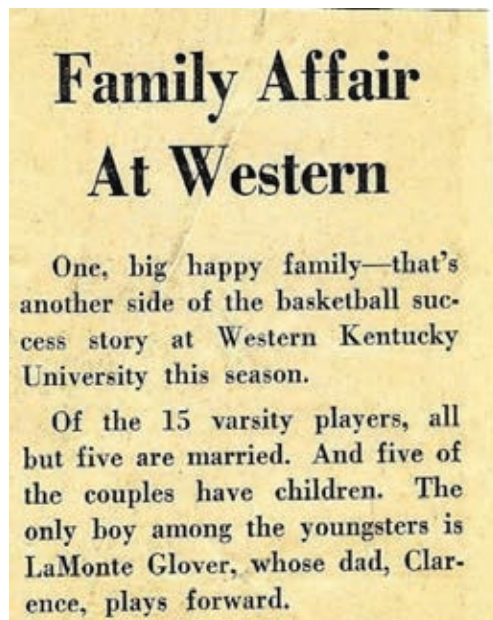
C.E.G.

LaMonte and the “little ones” of my teammates were part of a photo session my junior year of college. The photo appeared in the local newspaper. LaMonte was the only boy in the group.



Clarence is holding LaMonte standing on far right rear of photo. Mary (white blouse) is standing in in front of Clarence

Athletes pictured includes Jeff Eckel, Walker Banks (wife Doris & daughter Caprice), Gary Sundmacker, Jim McDaniels & wife Donna, Lowell Tarrants, Paul Haskins & wife Terethia, Steve Eaton, Jerome Perry and wife & daughter, Wayne Bright & wife, Jim Rose and wife & daughter, Terry Davis & wife, Ken Michaels & wife, and Danny Johnson & wife.



Clarence signing autographs at a high school banquet

I was invited as guest speaker to high school athletic banquets and other events across Kentucky during my senior year of college. Mary and LaMonte accompanied me to a few of them.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

MY COLLEGE DEGREE AND A UHAUL - COLLEGE FUNDS FOR MY TWO SONS

C.E.G.

Following graduation from college Mary, LaMonte, and I moved to Massachusetts for my new Job. It was as a professional athlete for the NBA Boston Celtics. We both were young and neither had previously resided more than thirty-five (35) miles from Horse Cave.

The job required considerable travel, and spouses had to be resourceful and often make new acquaintances on their own. Mary decided to file for divorce and return to Kentucky between March and April of our first year in Boston. She was expecting our second child at the time.

Education was a high priority; therefore, I created a college fund for both children months before our second son, Adonis Jermaine Glover, was born. He was born in August of that year.

I left the Celtics and became a teacher in the Boston Public Schools. The college fund was part of a multi-prong monthly financial support for the two boys and their mother.



Adonis Class-A Regional champs



Adonis & LaMonte



LaMonte (L) signing to attend St. Catherine in Springfield, KY,

Two checks went directly to Mary each month. One for her support and one for the boys' support. The third check went directly to the Horse Cave State Bank for the boys' college funds. All three checks continued for nearly two decades. Mary had sole access to the College Fund Accounts.

In 1980 I took a position at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. LaMonte and Adonis were able to attend the Purdue Basketball Camp and also spend time with me. The Summer visitations continued when I became a teacher and administrator in suburban Indianapolis.



Adonis and Clarence visit Boston Gardens



Dad at dinner in Boston with daughter (Koleta) & son (Adonis)

Adonis and I took a road-trip to Boston after he graduated from high school.

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WHEN TWO PEOPLE MEET THAT -ARE BOTH BORN TO BE TEACHERS

C.E.G.

JEMETTA HUNT was a middle school teacher in Indiana when we met. She was an insightful conversationalist, a golf team athlete at Purdue University, and a former contestant in the State Level Miss America event.

We got married in Indiana; in the home of Jemetta's sister & brother in -law, Phyllis and Jim Wayco. A minister performed the ceremony. Witnesses were Jim, Phyllis, and their two sons Jimmy & Phillip. The boys were quite young, possibly six years of age and below.

When the minister concluded the ceremony and told the groom to kiss the bride, both boys clapped and cheered. Jemetta moved to Boston (actually Medford) Massachusetts and took a teaching position at The Boston English High School.



JEMETTA HUNT



Photo above from the Internet

BOSTON ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL

Boston English High was a beautiful multi-story building with elevators and escalators. The building was quite different in 1974 from the building when the school was established in 1821. English High School remains in existence today as one of the oldest public high schools in the USA.

Internationally known graduates include industrialist J. P. Morgan (1851), Star Trek's Leonard Nimoy (1948), and leader of the Nation of Islam, The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan (1950).



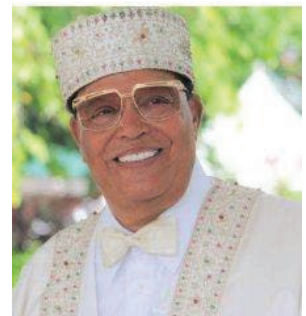
J. P. Morgan



Leonard Nimoy



Photos from the Internet Leonard Nimoy as Mr. Spock



Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan

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WHEN YOU ARE THE CREAM OF THE CROP- YOU NATURALLY RISE TO THE TOP

C.E.G.

Jemetta quickly became a well-respected and well-liked teacher at Boston English High. Outside of her teaching responsibilities, Jemetta also became the coach of the Swim Team, Girls Track & Field Teams, and the Cheer Squad.

She was innovative and creative in each position. Her Track & Field Teams competed across the city and in district and regional meets across the state. Her teams always placed well although they did not have the same practice facilities in the inner-city as her suburban counterparts.

Her cheer squads were among the very first in the state to include performance and dance moves into their cheer routines. They always scored well for their cheer performance but were marked down for adding the dance routines.

The judges in the rural and suburban regional competitions did not think the rhythmic steps and dance performance moves should be included in cheer competition. The lack of diversity in judges and competing teams in regional competitions may have influenced judges' scoring.

The suburban and rural teams were usually 100% comprised of Americans of European ancestry (aka White) and Jemetta's inner-city teams were usually diverse, comprised of Americans of African ancestry (aka African American) and Americans of European ancestry.

Racial desegregation of the city schools was taking place and Jemetta was able to get numerous girls to try out for the squad as well as male students for the lifts and routines. They cheered for the basketball and football teams. The Thanksgiving Day game held at Boston University was always cold.



Photo from the Internet



Photo from the Internet

We decided to purchase a house during our second year as teachers in Boston; Jemetta at English High and me at Roxbury High. We were currently residing in an apartment in Medford, Massachusetts. We looked at houses in many suburban areas and finally found the one for us in Reading.

We really liked the house and got along fine with our neighbors. However, one morning as we prepared for our drive into the city, Jemetta discovered a surprise in our front yard.

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SOME WEAR A SHEET AND HOOD, - OTHERS WEAR A POLITICAL TITLE

C.E.G.

During the night while we slept, one or more domestic terrorists burned a cross in our front Yard and laid it against our tree. It was quite upsetting to Jemetta whereas she had seen this type thing take place in Indiana.



Photos above from the Internet

We reported it to the Reading, MA. police, and they informed the FBI. The Reading Police Department had a car routinely drive by our house at night for about a week. Citizens and neighbors from Reading contacted us and held a meeting in our driveway.

The area city councilperson and neighbors offered support and informed news media that this act of terrorism was unacceptable and would not be tolerated. The councilperson stated that if the person or persons were caught; they would be punished by law.

I did not get much sleep for a couple of weeks; whereas, I sat late at night in our sunroom checking the front yard through the blinds. It was very concerning not knowing the identity of the terrorist. We did not know if they were neighbors, strangers, etc.

However, we continued our daily routine just as though nothing had happened. Weeks turned into months and there was not another incident. Possibly, the surprising outpouring of support sent a message to the domestic terrorists that our neighbors were watching.

The following school year the position of Roxbury Head Basketball Coach was added to my teaching responsibilities. The position was a great honor, whereas, I became the youngest head coach in the city. .

The teacher that coached the team previously transferred from South Boston High to become the head boys' basketball coach. They lost every game. The coach quit the job and transferred back to South Boston High.

He stated that "The boys knew nothing about basketball and would never win a game"!! He was right about part of his statement. They knew very little about basketball. However, he was inaccurate when stating that they would never win a game.

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THE BASKETBALL TEAM'S ASSIGNMENT - ALWAYS REPRESENT SELF WITH DIGNITY

C.E.G.

My philosophy was to teach the Fundamentals of Life by teaching the Fundamentals of Basketball. Winning basketball games, and Surviving and Thriving in a society built to exclude most of them was the byproduct of these basketball team experiences.



Photo from Internet BOSTON GARDENS {Home of the Celtics} Asst. Coach Steve Grace Head Coach Clarence Glover

The game pictured above was played in Boston Gardens on the famous parquet floor. Our game was versus a team from England. The Boston Celtics played the New York Knicks following our game.

During the three years that I was Roxbury High Head Basketball Coach the team roster changed each year due to graduations, transfers, etc. At the end of the three years the only athlete that was a varsity team member for the three years was Donovan Walker.

Team members during the three years included Norris Jackson, Leroy Adair, Henry Hagan, Harold Baughns, Troy Smith, David Willis, Carl Willis, Thomas Carroll, William Brown, Darrien Furr, Steven Jones, Kenneth Mathis, Allen Lee, Will (aka Kwasi Hakeem) Patton, Rick Kennard, and our manager, Domingo Rivera.

I asked Domingo to dress for one game so he could someday truthfully say that he played in a basketball game for Roxbury High. Other players included William Mathis, Michael Osgood, Ernest Cummings, Darrell Furr, Michael Hicks Edwin Phoenix, Courtland Davis, Leroyal Holmes, Carl Hussey, Darrell Hicks, and William Twyman.

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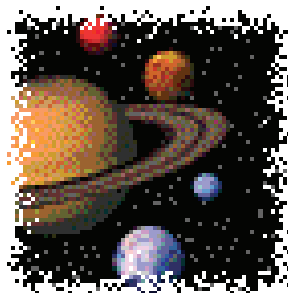
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A NEW YEAR - A NEW PRIZE

C.E.G.

The assistant coaches also changed, whereas Steve Grace assisted the first year and Dennis McHugh assisted the following two years. Dennis remained my assistant coach when I changed schools.

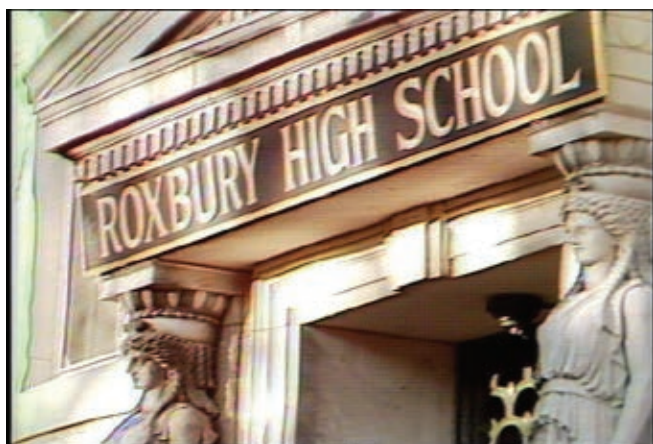
In January of that school year, we received the greatest prize of all. The Center of our Universe was born.... Koleta Hunt Glover. Her first name was to honor her grandmother, Jemetta's mother, Mrs. Oleta Hunt. Her middle name was so she would maintain part of her mother's maiden name.



Jemetta placed her career on brief hold when our precious daughter, Koleta, was born. Eventually, Jemetta returned to her teaching position and Koleta stayed with a private home babysitter.

Whenever possible, I would pick Koleta up from the sitter to attend Jemetta's track & field meets or watch her cheer squad perform. Sometimes Jemetta would bring Koleta to watch my basketball teams compete in tournament competition.

Roxbury High School, unlike the modern English High School building, was possibly a century. It did not have a gymnasium and the cafeteria was on the third floor.



ROXBURY HIGH



Photos from the Internet

Lighting in the teacher work rooms consisted of two single bulbs hanging from the ceiling above the work table. The entire room was dimly lit by the two bulbs. The building had architectural history known as the first Girls School in the East.

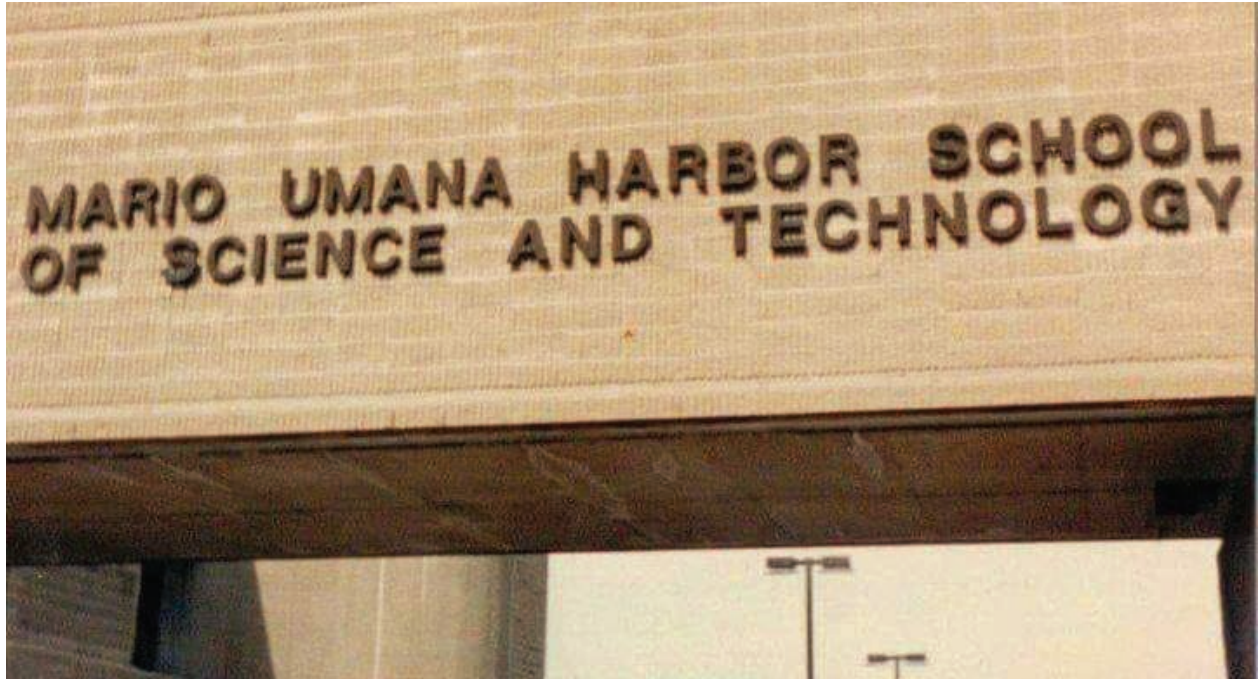
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A NEW YEAR - A NEW SCHOOL

C.E.G.

During my fourth year as a teacher and third year as Head Coach at Roxbury High I received a promotion to the **Mario Umana Harbor School of Science and Technology**. It was a new school in East Boston, located on the Boston Harbor.



At twenty-eight years of age, being promoted to **Assistant Headmaster Subject Area** placed me as a young administrator in charge of the Health & Physical Education Department, Athletic Complex, and Director of Athletics.

I took over the new position during the Winter Holiday Break. This was met with some resistance from a few older staff members. The resistance subsided as department members, and the entire school noted my innovations moving the department and school recognition to new heights.

It was intimated to me the main reason for the resistance was not my age. It was that someone else in the school wanted the position. They wondered why a young African-American] from another school interviewed and was selected for the position.

I was the only African-American in the department and the position was powerful. Outside of the school's headmaster, I was the only administrator allowed to select staff members for particular positions. I interviewed and selected staff for all extracurricular coaching positions.

The most coveted coaching position included football, hockey, basketball, and cheer squad. There also were plenty of applicants to coach, swim team, volleyball, softball, baseball, badminton, squash, etc. The Umana building was new and the students loved it.

You could walk from the main building across to the athletic complex via the enclosed walkway comfortable and safely during any type weather.

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ADMINISTRATION PROMOTION TO UMANA - COACH OF THE YEAR AT ROXBURY

C.E.G.

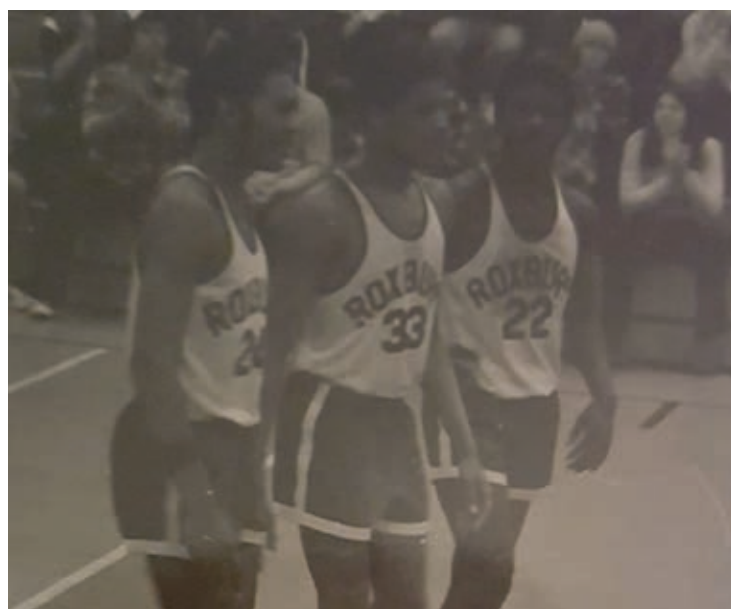
The Athletic Complex housed the swimming pool, gymnasium, squash courts, etc. The ice hockey team practiced at a nearby facility. Some teachers' classes were all in the athletic complex and others were in both the main building and the athletic complex.

I continued as Head Coach at Roxbury for the remainder of the school year. Dennis McHugh remained as my Assistant Coach. Jemetta and Koleta attended our tournament games that crisscrossed the state from the Cape area to Springfield.

We won game after game and advanced to the State Championship game. The championship game was played back in Boston. We had come from not having a team in the school to playing for the State Championship in three years. This was a HUGE accomplishment for our students.

None of the athletes had ever played on an organized basketball team of any kind previously. And, with only one student that was on the varsity all three years they won their way to the Massachusetts Div. III State Basketball Finals.

I was named Massachusetts Div. III Basketball Coach of the Year and Donovan Walker was named Boston All Scholastic Player of the Year.



Donovan Walker #24 Harold Baughns #33 Leroy Adair #22



Donovan Walker Coach Clarence Glover

A year later, Jemetta and I decided to remain close friends but not remain married. The following year in 1980, I was offered the position of Assistant Basketball Coach at Purdue University. I turned it down because I did not want to be that far away from Koleta.

Jemetta urged me not to turn down possibly a "once in a lifetime" opportunity. She said Koleta could visit during the summer when they were in Indiana, and I would be closer for LaMonte and Adonis to visit. I gave it lots of thought and finally accepted the position.

We shall revisit Roxbury High, Umana High, and Purdue University. **For now, let's go to 1979.**

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

TOURED THE LIBRARY AT CAVERNA - FOUND MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

C.E.G.

BETTIE PARRISH had heard of Clarence Glover when we met but I only heard of her the day we met in August of 1979. I took a quick trip to my hometown in Horse Cave, Kentucky to visit LaMonte and Adonis.

We had a week before opening day for our school year in Boston. While visiting LaMonte and Adonis, I also visited my childhood friend, James Percell. As we were “catching up” on what had taken place recently in the area, he mentioned Caverna High School.

He said “Caverna has a new librarian and she is Black”. I laughed at what I thought was his joke. Upon realizing that he was not kidding, I asked “Is she pretty”? His response was that I would have to make that determination for myself.

I decided to go to the school and find out for myself. I told James that I was going to the high school and make a quick visit to some of our former teachers. That would probably give me the opportunity to see the new librarian.



Photos from Caverna Yearbook



Mrs. Louise Smith – Caverna Secretary



Ms. Bettie Parrish – Caverna Librarian

I checked in at the front office with Mrs. Smith, the school secretary. I told her that I would like to walk the building and briefly check in on some of my former teachers. I started on the second floor with the Faculty Lounge and worked my way down to the first floor.

I returned to the front office in preparation to leave and check out with Mrs. Smith. However, I informed her that I had visited with teachers but forgot to tour the library. I then left the office and walked down the hall to the library.

A student had preceded me to the library and informed the librarian, Ms. Bettie Parrish, that **Clarence Glover** was coming to visit the library!! Ms. Parrish met me at the library door with the greeting, “Good afternoon Mr. Glover. Thank you for visiting our library. Please come in”.

I entered the library, and Ms. Parrish informed me of the updates and innovations that she had implemented. She also was the sponsor of the Library Club and was becoming the head Cheer Squad Coach. I thanked her for the tour of the library and left.

About an hour after leaving the school, I called and asked to speak to Ms. Parrish.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

JERRY'S RESTAURANT IN CAVE CITY - STRAWBERRY PIE WITH A NEW FRIEND

C.E.G.

There was not a telephone in the library; therefore, Mrs. Smith sent the student office assistant to the library. A few minutes later a voice on the phone said "Hello, this is Ms. Parrish". We had a few seconds of cordial talk and I asked if she liked Jerry's Restaurant strawberry pie.

She said that it was probably the most delicious strawberry pie she had ever eaten. At that point I said "If you are not busy after school I would like for you to be my guest at Jerry's for strawberry pie. Jerry's Restaurant was located in Cave City a couple of miles from the school.

She said "I will check my calendar...it will take a couple of minutes". With me being a teacher and administrator, I was well aware of teachers having supervisory duties for after-school extra-curricular activities.

After a couple of minutes, she returned to the phone and informed me that her calendar was clear, and that she could meet me at Jerry's Restaurant. When I met her at the school, I noticed that she was nicely dressed, but seemed to dress older than her age.



Photos above are from the Internet

Additionally, she was very formal in conversation at the school; therefore, I did not know if she was going to be a prudish librarian in a beautiful young body. Also, I had to reckon with myself why I invited her to have strawberry pie.

Was it because I was attracted to her intelligence or was it because she did not seem enamored with me like I was accustomed to from ladies her age in Boston, Massachusetts. We had a nice conversation and I learned that we both planned to attend the same event that evening at WKU.

My friend and former WKU basketball teammate, Paul Haskins, and I were going to check out a concert that evening at WKU. Ms. Parrish informed me that she also was an alumnus of WKU and planned to attend the concert.

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FROM DIDDLE ARENA TO CONCERT STAGE - FROM LIBRARIAN TO BEAUTIFUL BETTIE

C.E.G.

I met up with Paul that evening at WKU's E. A Diddle Arena for the concert. I do not recall the musical group entertaining that evening because someone caught my attention. I saw a beautiful young lady walking around the concourse toward us.

I told Paul that the lady walking toward us looked like the teacher that I had met that day...but she certainly looked different. I immediately knew why she dressed like a prudish librarian at school because that evening she looked like she could compete well in any beauty contest.



She walked up to us and said, "Hello Mr. Glover. it is nice seeing you again". We talked briefly and she reminded me that I had her phone number and to feel free to call. I told her that it was nice seeing her again and that I planned to call when I returned to Massachusetts.

In 1979 you were charged a "Roaming Fee" if you made a cellular phone call while outside your home state & city "call area". Additionally, you were charged a long-distance fee for any call you made to an area outside of your "call area".

My phone contract allowed me to make long distance calls between 5:00-7:00 AM Monday through Friday when I was in my state, city, and "call area". Upon returning to Massachusetts, I called Bettie during that morning time frame when I was enroute to work.

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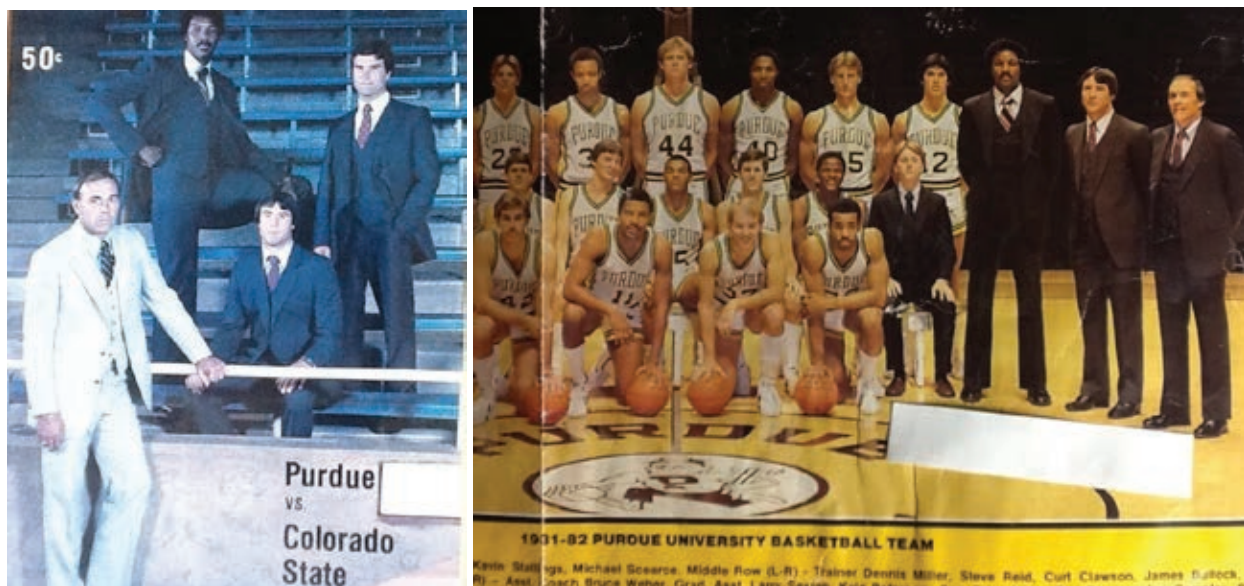
FROM UMANA HIGH SCHOOL - TO PURDUE UNMIVERSITY

C.E.G.

Cruising back one year, in 1978 Gene Keady became Head Basketball Coach at Western Kentucky University (WKU). When I visited the University, Coach Keady asked if I would accept the position as his assistant coach at WKU. I thanked him, but declined the offer.

Coach Keady left WKU in 1980 and became the Head Basketball Coach at Purdue University. He contacted me and offered the position as Assistant Basketball Coach at Purdue. I again thanked him, but declined. He then asked if I would visit the University.

I visited Purdue University and he again offered me the position. I conferred with trusted people in Boston and accepted the position. I became the Assistant Basketball coach at Purdue in June of 1980.



Gene Keady Clarence Glover Bruce Weber Jay Williams

After informing appropriate family members and school officials in Boston; I called Bettie and told her that I was enroute to Kentucky. I inquired about her schedule to see about meeting for dinner while I was in Kentucky.

We met for dinner and I informed Bettie that I was taking the assistant basketball coach position at Purdue University. This would move our friendship closer in geographical distance. We continued our long-distance friendship during the years I was at Purdue.

However, I missed the daily interaction with students and a school staff. Although I periodically subbed and taught Coach Keady's basketball class, it was not the same as the school environment. Therefore, I began the search for an appropriate position in Indiana and Massachusetts.

I interviewed for and was offered the position of Director of Interscholastic Athletics, Physical Education and Health for the Boston Public Schools. it was a powerful and influential position. It would place me back near Koleta but farther from LaMonte and Adonis.

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HELLO WAYNE TWP. SCHOOLS – GOODBYE BETTIE, UNTIL 1995

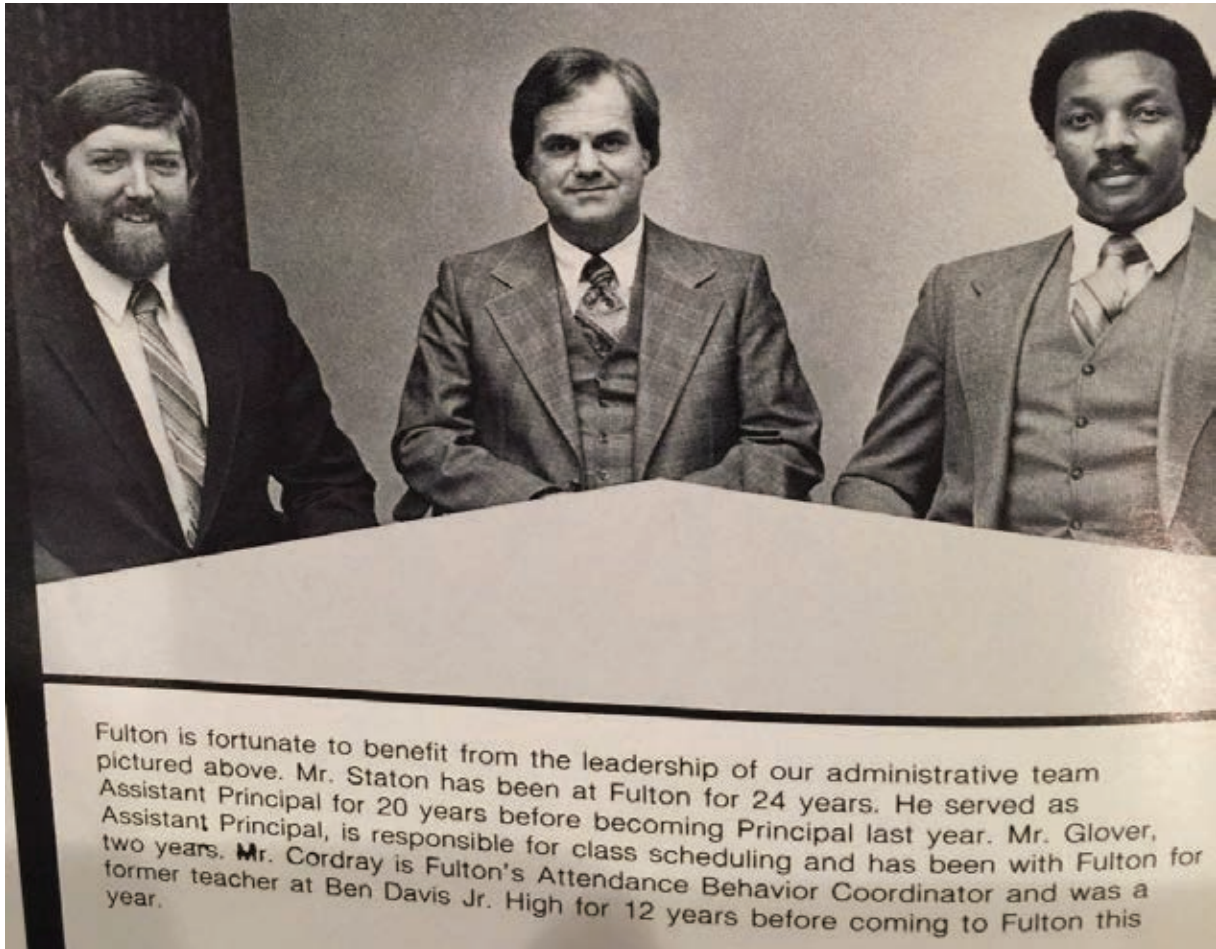
C.E.G.

I also applied for a position in Indianapolis IN . That would keep the proximity between me, the boys, and Koleta at a reasonable traveling distance. I was one of eighty-five applicants for the assistant principal position at Fulton Jr. High in Wayne Township.

The position was highly sought-after and the vetting process was quite thorough. The list of eighty-five was narrowed to fifteen interviewees. From the fifteen interviewees, the Selection Committee named three finalists. I was a finalist. The final interview was rigorous.

The Selection Committee was comprised of the deputy superintendent, school principal, school librarian, and teachers representing the respective departments of the school including certified and classified staff. The Deputy Superintendent called a few days following the final interviews.

Each finalist would receive a call, but only one would get good news. I got good news!! This position kept me in a nice proximity to my children, and was an increase in salary.



Larry Cordray

Woodrow "Woody" Staton

Clarence Glover 1st African American Asst. in Wayne Twp.

The position at Fulton brought my geographical proximity closer to Bettie. We had a serious talk about marriage. Bettie wanted to have a child. Koleta was very young and I was apprehensive about having another child. We wished each other well and went our separate ways.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

OH, WHAT A YEAR!! - 1967 THAT IS

C.E.G.

Now that you know how I met the unique person each of you know as your mother or grandmother we will move at warp speed **back to 1967**. Then we will slow-walk over to the 1967 Jaguar XKE and cruise like it is Sunday morning.

Get your soft-drink & popcorn, buckle your seat belts, and enjoy the ride.

My college years from 1967-1971 were quite interesting. In 1967 the United States and South Vietnam launched “Operation Junction City” against the troops called the Viet Cong. This was known as the Vietnam War. The war many Americans did not want.

The draft was taking place during that time; whereas, I and most other American males my age received draft notices. I received a draft notice each year informing me of my status. I felt that if drafted, I probably would be sent to Vietnam. I was allowed to remain in college.



Senator Edward Brooke (R) 1967-1979



Photos from the Internet



Senator Carolyn Moseley Braun (D) 1993-1999

Also, in 1967, Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts became the first American of African ancestry elected by popular vote to the U.S. Senate. That summer of 1967, I was working in a rock quarry saving money for my freshman year of college.

There was no way I could visualize that in a few short years I would be residing in Massachusetts, sitting in on meetings with the Rev. Jesse Jackson and leaders in the African American community deliberating on assisting Republican Senator Brooke in his re-election campaign.

Rev. Jackson explained that although Senator Brooke was a Republican, if he lost the reelection there may not be another American of African ancestry (African-American) elected in that century. Senator Brooke was going through a divorce that hurt him in the polls. He lost the election.

Although Senator Brooke lost in 1979, Rev. Jackson's prediction that there would not be another African-American Senator in the century was inaccurate. **Carolyn Moseley Braun** was elected in 1992 representing Illinois (D), becoming the first African-American female U.S. Senator.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

WHAT IS SUCCESS?? - YOUR LIFE....YOUR CALL

C.E.G.

Moving forward I will address an interesting subject that has surfaced often throughout the years. The subject; people that had the same or better opportunities in life as me, in order to appease themselves, often voice that my successes must have come from playing basketball.

They are unable to accept that the small-town brown skin kid that grew up in poverty is not in competition with them. Competition may have taken place in athletics, but achievement is what has taken place in life.

They are unwilling or unable to recognize or accept the work that I have put in to achieve the things they call success. I wrote on page eleven of the MY JOURNEY book "Horse Cave-To Houston, *Pursuit of a National Championship*" that
"I began working on the hay and tobacco fields on rural Kentucky farms at age eleven. We would begin work in the soaking wet cold of the early morning dew and often finished ten hours later under the intense heat of a seemingly unforgiving sun."

My children and grandchildren; **MY Journey** has not taken place by accident. I was chosen by a power greater than human for this journey. There was not a "GLASS CEILING" for me to break through in this enormous building called "**American Society**".

That is because the enormous building was not built to include me. The work ethic established at age eleven has followed me throughout my life of hard work and education. I was contacted because of my athletic talents by thirty-plus institutions of higher learning both large and small.

Below are four excellent schools that honored me with athletic grant scholarship offers.



The combination of my college entrance exam high score and my athletic skills opened up a new world of opportunities for me to continue my education.

The thirty-plus schools included the prestigious SEC and Big-10 Conferences as well as HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) colleges.

If I accepted certain offers, I would have been the first African-American (Negro in 1967) member of their basketball team.

My high school coach, Mr. Ralph Dorsey was on Indiana University's first NCAA National Championship team in 1940, and UK assistant coach Joe B. Hall was quite impressive.

However, I officially enrolled into WKU after completing my summer job in the rock quarry.



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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

WHAT YOU DO TO GET INTO COLLEGE - WHAT YOU DO TO STAY IN COLLEGE

C.E.G.

A counselor worked with athletes to ensure they enrolled into the proper classes to pursue their selected area of study. Then we had freshman orientation. Numerous freshmen filed into E. A. Diddle Arena and found seats in the roped-off area of the bleachers.

We were addressed by different members of the WKU administration. The only one that stood out to me was the one that spoke the words that I remember to this day.



Photos above from Internet

He took the microphone and glared sternly at the many faces in front of him.

He then said ***“I want each of you to look at the person to your left!! Now look at the person to your right! At the end of this semester, one of you will not be here for the second semester”!!***

This struck near-panic fear into me because I knew that for me **“failure was not an option”**. I felt that I could never return to Horse Cave and Henry Town if I was not successful in college. I must not only do well in classes but also excel in the athletic arena.

I realized years later that the pressure upon me was self-imposed, but real nonetheless!! This was a lot to take in for this poor kid from Horse Cave with my only money in the bank were the meager dollars I made during my summer of work in the rock quarry.

Many experiences take place within four years. Most are routine and usually only a few exceptional experiences remain in one’s quick recall memory. The spectrum of exceptional memories are usually VERY pleasant or VERY unpleasant.

Like most people, I have some of both. My very pleasant exceptional memories outnumber the very unpleasant memories. I will share a couple of exceptional memories and you determine if you think they were pleasant or unpleasant.

This particular memory took place during a mathematics class. The instructor was a white (aka Caucasian) female that appeared 50-55 years of age. I was not completely understanding her explanation of a mathematical concept. Although I did not understand her explanation of the concept, I kept quiet thinking that I was the only student in the class that did not understand.

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MISTY WATER COLOR MEMORIES - ARE REALITIES BEFORE BECOMING MEMORIES

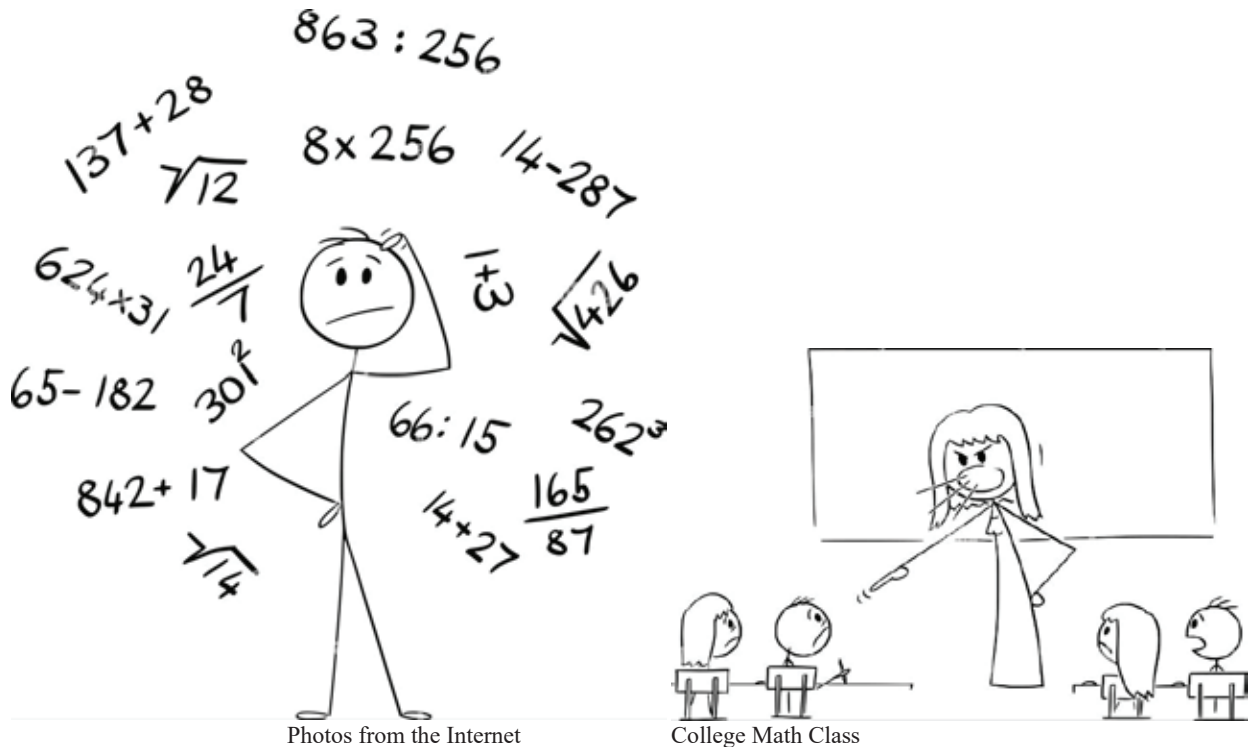
C.E.G.

Also, being the only American of African ancestry (aka Negro in 1967, African-American in 2026) in the class also fueled my hesitancy to ask a question.

The more she talked, the more I did not understand; therefore, I finally decided to ask for clarification. As I began to raise my hand to ask for clarification, a well-dressed, well-manicured white female student sitting in front of me raised her hand.

She asked the question that I was going to ask.

With the entire class looking on the instructor sternly berated the student for asking such an unintelligent question. The instructor wondered aloud how the student qualified to have been admitted into that level math class.



I quickly lowered my hand. I thought if the instructor berated this white female in such a manner, what would she say to me. I was not about to chance it. After class ended I went to the registrar's office and dropped the class.

I enrolled into another same level math class with a different instructor. The experience was unpleasant for me due to the anxiety; however, it probably was not as unpleasant for me as it was for the female student.

Some may feel that my thinking the instructor may berate me because I was African-American was illogical. For me, I was navigating American society as a brown skin male during a time when civil rights were being denied, and people that looked like me were stereotyped as dumb.

People can think what they wish about you, but they do not know for sure until you begin to talk.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

MISTY WATER COLOR MEMORIES - REALITIES PRECEDE MEMORIES

C.E.G.

There were some classes that were more enjoyable than others and often that was because of the teacher. Other times because of the subject. This particular class was because of the subject. It was Speech Class.

I enjoyed presenting to the class and getting their opinion on the particular theme of the presentation. The instructor was an American of European ancestry (white in 1969 and 2026) about forty years of age. He had the opportunity to speak with me after giving my grade for the term.

He complimented me on how well I had performed as a student in his speech class and how the other students always seemed to enjoy my presentations. He then put me in a situation whereas I had to comment. He felt that he was giving me a compliment when he said the following:

“You are best Negro speech student I have ever had in class”. At that point I replied that “I would rather just be **ONE of the best** speech students you ever had in class”. He seemed to take it personally that I preferred being “one of the best” students instead of “The best Negro” student.



College Speech Teacher



Photos from the Internet

Roxbury High Basketball Team

Interestingly, a few years later in the school year 1977-78 I received a similar non-compliment as a young head basketball coach at Roxbury High. We had just won a first-round state tournament game at Burlington High school.

The tournament administrator spoke to me and our assistant coach, Dennis McHugh following the basketball game. The tournament administrator felt he was being complimentary when he informed me that “I coached the most disciplined Black team he had ever seen play”.

He took it personally when I informed him that we were not a Black team, but a basketball team comprised of primarily of Black students. I thanked him for his observance that we were a well-organized team, but we would rather be viewed as a basketball team not labeled by skin color.

He was visibly upset with my reply and sputtered that he was giving me a compliment and that I did not seem to be able to recognize it. I thanked him on behalf of Roxbury High for their hospitality and complimented him on the school’s excellent athletic facilities.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

MISTY WATER COLOR MEMORIES - KNOWING WHEN TO SPEAK - ANSWERING A CALL TO SERVE

C.E.G.

My academic college experiences as a student took place at **Western Kentucky University** (Bachelor of Science) in Bowling Green, KY., **Boston State College** (Master of Education, M.Ed.), in Boston, MA., **Butler University** (Administration Certification) in Indianapolis, IN., and **Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis** (Administration Certification).



Memorable experiences took place at each university; however, most of my memorable experiences took place during my four years at Western Kentucky University (WKU). I met and established friendships with numerous people while attending WKU...including some legends and icons.

As a freshman I would ride to dinner with retired WKU Basketball Coach **E. A. Diddle**. The basketball arena was named for him. At the time of his retirement, Coach E. A. Diddle was a Kentucky legend and the winningest basketball coach in NCAA Division -I history.

When riding to dinner, I would sit quietly and not speak unless he spoke first. It was an incredible experience being in the presence of this legend. Since his eyesight had weakened over the years, he would wait until cars were close enough for him to see them before pulling onto the street.

This caused a few close calls and lots of honking horns. Eventually, I got up enough nerve to say "There are no cars coming Coach". From then on, he would say, "How does it look Glover"? I would tell him if it was clear or when a car was coming, and from which direction.

We got to know each other over the course of the basketball season.



E. A. Diddle
Retired WKU Coach



E. A. Diddle Arena
Photo above from the Internet



John Oldham
WKU Basketball Head Coach

I became his favorite player going into my sophomore year. My sophomore year was also when I got to know WKU head coach **John Oldham**. As freshmen, we could not be part of the varsity; therefore, we seldom communicated with the varsity coaches.

During my sophomore and junior years, I periodically accompanied the coaches to talk with high school recruits. During my senior year, I sometimes roomed with Coach Oldham for road games so he could take a deserving player with us that dressed for home games, but was not on the travel team.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

MISTY WATER COLOR MEMORIES - TO BE OR NOT TO BE - THAT IS THE QUESTION

C.E.G.

I had the opportunity to talk with WKU President, Dr. **Dero Downing**, on multiple occasions. One memorable event took place when Dr. Downing was our guest speaker at our annual mid-night basketball practice.

Colleges would often have their first practice of the season at midnight to generate media and fan attention. The athletes hated it because it would be almost 3:00 AM before we got to bed and we had to be up early that morning for 8:00 AM classes.



Dr. Dero Downing



Photo above from the Internet

WKU Downing University Center

I do not believe a guest speaker can motivate anyone; however, I feel that a speaker can provide an incentive that would create an environment for the listener to motivate himself or herself. Often the incentive involves emotions.

Sometimes it appeared the midnight guest speaker's incentive assignment was to arise emotions involving pride in the athlete's performance and their university. Therefore, athletes would motivate themselves for that practice and the basketball season.

The reason Dr. Downing's presentation is so memorable is because it turned out to include me. The presentation took place in our locker room just prior to us taking the floor for practice at Midnight. Local media and fans were waiting in the arena to get a glimpse of the 1970-71 team.

As Dr. Downing concluded his presentation to us, he took his time and looked directly into the face of each athlete. Then he said something that surprised each of us. He said **"I do not ask you to give 100% when you go onto that basketball court tonight, or any other night!!"**

Team members looked out of the corners of their eyes at each other with surprised expressions. What he said as he continued following his pause was even more surprising to me.

He continued, **"All I am asking is for you to give 50%. If you give 50% of what Clarence Glover gives every time he steps onto that basketball court you will have a winning season!!"**

My feelings were ambiguous; whereas, I did not know whether to feel honored or to feel that I had just become a target for my teammates. I decided to "feel honored" and continue to put in my usual work on and off the basketball court.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

BASKETBALL TO SOFTBALL - PITCHER IS READY - BATTER UP

C.E.G.

This next memory is not entirely about basketball. My teammate WKU **Rich Hendrick** was a senior when I was a sophomore. Since freshman could not compete on the varsity in 1967-1968, Rich and I only got to play together for one year.

One day Rich came into the locker-room and asked if anyone played softball. The team that a friend of his played on needed another player that evening so they would not forfeit the game. I told him that I played softball and would be glad to fill in that evening.

Neither Rich's friend Lary, nor **J. B. White**, the team's coach for Mosley Brother's Floor Covering, felt that I knew how to play softball. I told them that I played first base baseball for Caverna High, and also for the summer softball league in Cave City. They still seemed skeptical.

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District Slow-Pitch

Samson Leads Ray's To 18-8 Tourney Win

Gerald Samson had a home run and went four - for - five at the plate to lead Ray's Drive Inn to a 18 - 8 win over Groce Oil Co. of Glasgow Tuesday night in the District Eight Slow - Pitch Softball Tournament at Lampkin Park.

Clarence Glover had three hits in four trips to the plate and Leon Hendricks had a perfect night as he rapped out three hits in as many attempts to lead Mosley Brothers Floor to a 10 - 5 victory over Falls City Beer.

B. G. Manufacturing Co. 12, Hunt and Potter Electric 5.

Weather - All 45, Field Packing Co. 0.

Standard Oil 9, First Nazarene Church 5.

Field Packing and First Nazarene suffered their second losses and were eliminated from the tournament.

Leachman Motors will meet the Glasgow Daily Times tonight at 9 on Lampkin Softball Field No. 2. Other games scheduled are: Mosley Brothers Floor vs Hardy and Son Chapel, 8 p.m. Field No. 2.

Clarence Glover has two homeruns and a triple in his first game with Mosley Brothers

I was placed as the last batter on the team, and in right field instead of my usual first base. I hit two homeruns and one triple for the game. The next game I was moved to 4th batter, and to my usual first base when in the field. I had three homeruns in three times at bat in that game.

After the second game they then seemed to understand why I held the records for the longest homeruns for Caverna High baseball and for the Cave City Softball League. This was the beginning of great friendships with **J. B. White & Marlin White**, owners of Mosley Brothers Floor Covering.

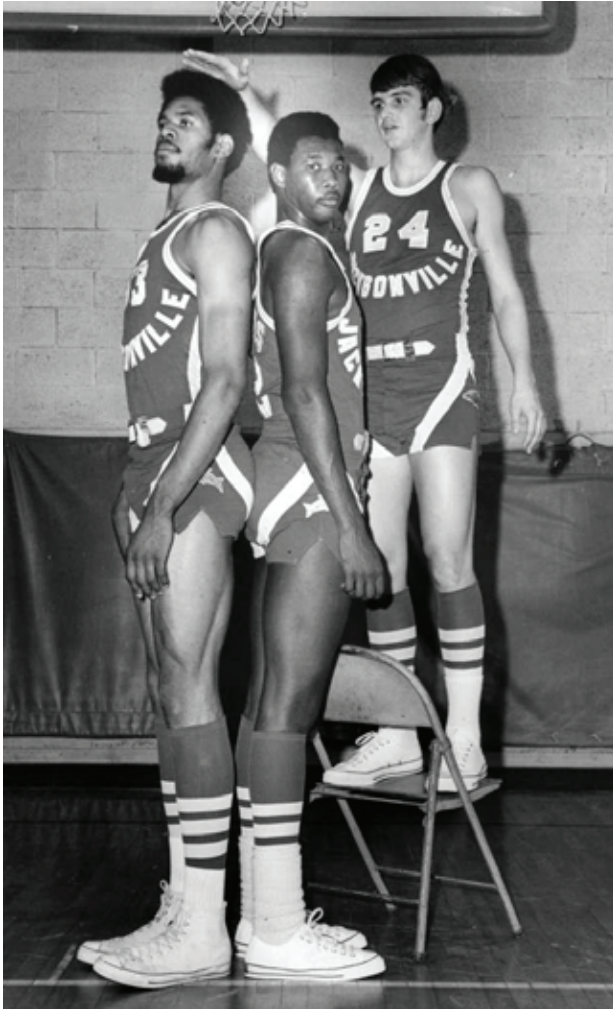
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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

KENTUCKY FOLKLORE - HERO, LEGEND, OR BOTH

C.E.G.

Like a soft breeze on a summer day, the four years of college classes and summer employment with Pet Milk and Holley Carburetor wisped away. LaMonte was now walking everywhere. This memory is not about LaMonte, but about the NCAA National Tournament.



Artis Gilmore, Pembroke Burrows, Rex Morgan
Photo: Jacksonville University Athletics – from the Internet



Artis Gilmore attempts to block the shot of Clarence Glover (WKU #4)
Louisville Courier Journal - 1971

This was our senior year and the first game was against highly ranked Jacksonville University. Moving forward in the tournament would not be an easy task because Jacksonville was led by twin-towers Artis Gilmore (7'1") and Pembroke Burrows (6'9").

Gilmore was the only NCAA Division-I player in the country averaging over 22 points and 22 rebounds per game. **I was assigned to guard Gilmore!!** On game day the 12,000 seat University of Notre Dame Arena was packed.

We took the floor with last year's memory fresh in our minds of Jacksonville sending us home in defeat. We could not allow that to happen this year. Jacksonville controlled the game from jump ball. We looked terrible. Jacksonville had us down by 18 points and took a 14-point lead into the locker-room at half-time.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

KENTUCKY FOLKLORE - HERO, LEGEND, OR BOTH

C.E.G.

As the Jacksonville and Western Kentucky players gathered around Fleming who was standing motionless holding the ball, I casually walked down the opposite sideline toward our goal.

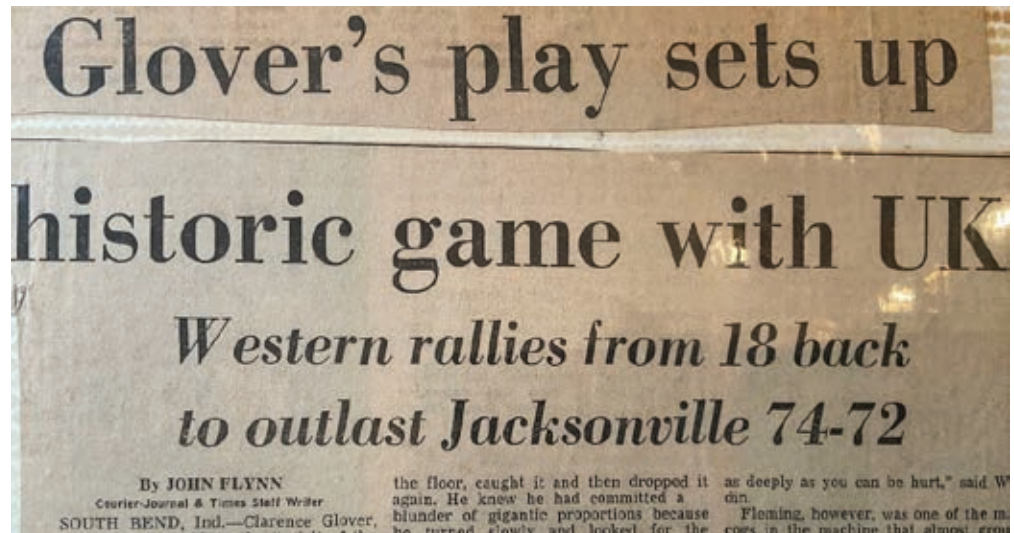
Upon reaching a spot close to our goal I aligned myself directly behind the players from both teams and knelt down as though to tie my shoe. Outwardly I appeared quite calm although inside my heart was pounding fiercely.

This was a split-second impromptu play that I created on the spot. No one in this arena of 12,000 people knew what I was doing....**Except Me.**

My heart was thumping like the thunder of hoof beats at the Kentucky Derby. My mind was racing faster than cars at the Indianapolis 500. Gary Sundmacker was the guard that would inbound the basketball.



Kneels in comfort this time



Louisville Courier Journal – 1971

Upon reaching a spot close to our goal I aligned myself directly behind the players from both teams and knelt down as though to tie my shoe. Outwardly I appeared quite calm although inside my heart was pounding fiercely.

Two Jacksonville players moved to guard the same player. Their look of instant anxiety said it all. There is a Western Kentucky player missing and we have to find him quick! Would the official hand Gary the ball before the Jacksonville players spotted me?

Who would see me first, Gary or the Jacksonville players? We would soon find out.

When the referee handed Gary the ball I stood up, moved a couple of steps from behind the defense and without making a sound began waving my arms. Gary saw me and threw a perfect pass. The Jacksonville players turned to follow the path of the basketball.

They made a valiant attempt to stop me from scoring, but were too late. I made the goal and the legendary “**Clarence Glover Shoestring Play**” became part of Kentucky Folklore.

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WKU AND THE CAVERNA COMMUNITY – CELEBRATED THE KID FROM HENRY TOWN

C.E.G.

Newspapers from Los Angeles to Chicago wrote about the kid from Horse Cave, KY. They seemed equally enthralled with the name of my hometown as they were with me.

They wrote “How was this small-town kid wearing red high-top sneakers able to hide on a basketball court with 12,000 people watching and score the winning goal? And just where is Horse Cave?” The national TV audience was asking the same questions.

We bid goodbye to South Bend, Indiana and said hello to Athens, Georgia. Our next opponent was the University of Kentucky Wildcats, known across the Commonwealth as UK.

The **Shoestring Play** in the 1971 NCAA Tournament, **Clarence Glover Day** held by the Caverna Community April 18, 1971, and **Graduation** from WKU in May 1971 were three of the most pleasant memorable events during my four years at WKU.



THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE CLARENCE GLOVER DAY CEREMONIES were, left to right, above, Wes Strader, Rev. John Griver, N.S. Thomas, Western assistant coach Jim Richards, WKU president Dero Downing, Clarence Glover, and Caverna superintendent Ralph Dorsey.



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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

REPRESENTING MY COUNTRY - BASKETBALL USA vs. USSR

C.E.G.

Immediately after the WKU Graduation I got into my vehicle and drove from Bowling Green, Kentucky to Indianapolis, Indiana. I was a member of the team representing the United States in the basketball game **USA** vs. **USSR** (United Soviet Socialist Republic – now Russia).

Other team members were already in Indianapolis; whereas, I had college graduation and could not be there until the day of the game. Artis Gilmore (Jacksonville University) asked why I was not there for the two days of practice.

I informed him that I had college graduation and being the first in my family to achieve that goal, I was not going to miss it. He told me that they rode around the **Indianapolis 500** track with possibly sixty-thousand people in the stands cheering them.

As we were getting dressed for the game, I told Artis about my adventure in getting to the game on time. The game was held at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. We did not have GPS in 1971 and I did not know the location of the fieldhouse.

I arrived in Indianapolis and drove downtown. I saw an African-American male about my age. I pulled up beside him and asked if he knew how to get to Hinkle Fieldhouse. When he started giving street name directions, I knew I would not be able to find it.

I told him my name and that I was to play in the **USA** vs. **USSR** game; and that would start in about ninety minutes. He said that he could show me how to get there if I could get him into the game. I told him "Let's go!! I will get you into the game!"



Photos above from the Internet

I was speeding through the city following his directions, hoping to arrive and get into the building before the **USA** team took the floor for pre-game warmups. We arrived at the fieldhouse parking lot and sprinted to the building.

Once inside, I told security my name, and that we were part of the **USA** team. Security pointed us in the direction of the **USA** dressing room. We hurried down the hallway and when we turned a corner, I thanked the gentleman for the directions and he thanked me for getting him into the game.

I sprinted to the locker-room and he headed to find a seat.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

NOT A BOSTON TEA PARTY - A BOSTON GARDENS PARTY

C.E.G.

My first full-time job after college was as a professional athlete with the NBA Boston Celtics. I was well-received by the public and press; however, the position lasted only two years. Red Auerbach, President & General manager of the Celtics became a mentor.



Celtics hopes for the future will rest on the old and the new. From left: Stephen Haynes, president of P. Ballantine & Sons, new Celtics owners; General Manager "Red" Auerbach; Clarence Glover, first round draft choice, and Coach Tommy Heinsohn.

Stephen Haynes (Celtics owner) Red Auerbach (Celtics President) Clarence Glover (Celtics #1 Draft) Tom Heinsohn (Coach)

Red knew that my beginning teacher salary was somewhat meager and that I had responsibilities. Therefore, he would let me use his office phone to call relatives in Kentucky. He was also a sounding board when I worked on my Master of Education (M.Ed.) at Boston State College.

When I completed my second degree, Red offered me a position as a Vice President of the Boston Celtics. It was a surprise offer so he gave me a few days to think it over. We discussed it after a few Days. I informed Red that I really liked the Celtics and that I would do an excellent job.

I said the position was incredible for someone my age (27). However, if I accepted the offer, it would be for the prestige of the position, and that would not be satisfactory for me. I informed him that my passion was to remain a teacher and that I was declining his offer.

He said okay; let's go to lunch, and I should make you pay for turning down my offer. We laughed because we both knew that on my tight budget lunch would have to be french fries.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

NOT MANY DULL MOMENTS IN BOSTON – AS DEPARTMENT CHAIR OR TEACHER

C.E.G.

Although the pay was not the same as in the private sector and corporate world, being a teacher was my passion. That was my emphasis in college and I had a rare ability to communicate with the students. However, sometimes my fellow educators were a problem.

I was named “Acting Department Chairperson” at Roxbury High as a first-year teacher. This was an uncommon occurrence, and it happened almost by default. The department did not have a permanent director and could not have one until the official interview process took place.

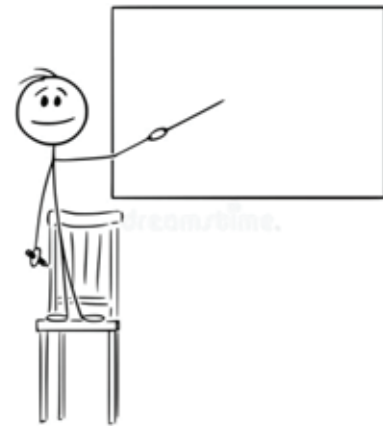
There was one White (Caucasian) male in the department, I was the lone Black male (African-American) and the remaining members of the department were all women, both White and Black.

The women did not work well with each other; therefore, none of the women in the department were going to get enough **votes or cooperation** to be department chairperson. The White male did not want the responsibility of the position; therefore, I was their default unanimous choice.



Department Chairperson

Photos from the Internet



Department Chair Teaching Class

They each followed my leadership since I was knowledgeable, and had an excellent rapport with the students and parents. The problem that occurred was initiated by one of the Black female department members.

Mrs. Mallory had an intentional interest in me and my life. She compared her new husband (they married a few weeks prior to school opening) to me. She said he was 6’6” and I was 6’8”. She pointed out that I had a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree and that he aspired to attain the degree.

She stated that I was everything that he wanted to become; however, it sounded more like everything she wanted him to become.

She continued her comparison verbalizing that he tried out for a pro team and did not make the cut; whereas, I was the Celtic’s number one draft and actually played in the NBA. She wished aloud that she had not gotten married that summer.

I casually informed her that I was recently engaged and planned to get married during the Winter Holiday break. I told her that my fiancé graduated from Purdue University and was on their Women Golf Team.

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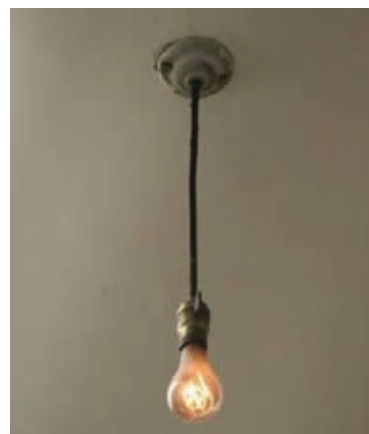
C.E.G.

I informed her that my fiancée, Jemetta, would be a teacher at The Boston English High School. Mrs. Mallory said it sounded like I had found and chosen a woman worthy of my stature. She said Purdue was her “dream school” and that she always wanted to play golf.

She felt being talented enough to play golf at the college level was fantastic and she was looking forward to meeting my fiancée. I naively thought everything was settled.

To give you proper perspective, I will tell you a little about the school as a building. Roxbury High, formerly **Girls High School**, was a vintage building, known as the “First school for girls in the East”. Since the building was quite old some of the rooms had poor lighting.

The building had four levels. The tiny gym was on the Basement Level. Classrooms were on the First and Second Levels, and the cafeteria was on the Third Level. The First Level Faculty Room had small metal lockers to hold teachers’ belongings (coat, etc.)



Photos above from the Internet

The room was dimly lit with two single bulbs hanging from the ceiling for lighting. It also had a long table that staff used when eating, working, etc. The Second Floor Faculty Room had better lighting, and was the room that the smokers used.

Therefore, I used the room on the first level Faculty Room. I became friends with a small group of non-smokers that met there before class each morning. We also used the room during planning period and lunch break .



The problem began my first day back from the Winter Holidays.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

BACK TO SCHOOL EVERYONE - WINTER HOLIDAYS ARE OVER

C.E.G.

I greeted our small group in the First Floor Faculty Room as I adjusted my eyes to the dim light and opened my metal locker. Suddenly the door flung open with force!! Light from the hallway flooded the room and illuminated around the outline of a woman standing in the doorway.



As my eyes adjusted to the light from the hallway, I was able to recognize Mrs. Mallory standing in the doorway. What happened next took me by total surprise. She glared at me and yelled, “Why didn’t you tell me that she was White!!” I was shocked at a teacher angrily yelling at another teacher in the presence of other teachers.

Trying to figure out why she was yelling at me, I answered “What????”

Her voice resonated anger as though she had been betrayed when she said, “Why didn’t you tell me the woman you were going to marry is White!!”. Now I saw the source of her anger was my personal life, and not her concern.



Photos from Internet

Her verbal attack caught me completely by surprise; therefore, my only answer to her verbal barrage of anger was, “I did not ask what you and your husband had for breakfast this morning. That is because it is none of my business”. She angrily slammed the door and left!!!

I was very concerned because I did not know how students and staff would react to the words Mrs. Mallory had yelled at me regarding having a White wife. I was not keeping Jemetta’s “Race label” a secret, but I saw no reason to broadcast it either.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

BACK TO SCHOOL EVERYONE - WINTER HOLIDAYS ARE OVER

C.E.G.

This incident took place during the racial desegregation period for the Boston City Schools and our students were mainly Asian-American, Mexican-American, and African-American with a small percentage of White (European-American) students.

The staff was about 55% White, 40 % African American, and 5% labeled as Other in 1974. It did not take long for word to spread among the staff. When first period ended the students spoke to me in the hallway as usual; however, the Black female staff members passed me without saying a word. I smiled and spoke to them as I had done the entire first semester.

They looked past me as though I was not standing there. It became a long Monday and first day back to school after the break. The good parts of my day were the students. They have always been the bright spot of my career as an educator.

The “snub treatment” from the Black female staff continued Tuesday, Wednesday, and each day that week. I continued to smile and speak to the Black female staff....however they never spoke back to me. It was disheartening because I felt these were educators illustrating bad examples to the students.

This continued day after day and passing period after passing period in the hallways. On Friday of the second week, a Black male teacher assistant stopped me as I passed him to leave the building. He said, “Mr. Glover, I think it is a shame how the Black women in this building are treating you.” I smiled, thanked him, and continued to my car.

It appeared that this would be a long semester and it was not the picture I had in mind for my first year as a teacher. I had felt unwelcome in the past and it would happen in the future, but I did not expect it from these particular educators.

On Tuesday morning of week-three I stepped into the hallway to greet students as they went to their first period classes. I saw a Black female staff member walking toward me to her classroom. I smiled and said “Good morning”. She smiled back and said, “Good morning Mr. Glover”.

The drought had ended!!



Photo illustrations from the Internet

My experience over the years taught me that when a drought of any kind ends there usually shall be another drought of some kind in the future. Therefore, we must always have enough reserve stored away to outlast the present drought keeping in mind that “**This too shall pass**”.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

BACK TO SCHOOL EVERYONE - WINTER HOLIDAYS ARE OVER

C.E.G.

I mentioned earlier that I interviewed and was promoted to the position of Assistant Headmaster Subject Area and Director of Athletics at Mario Umana Harbor School of Science and Technology. What I did not tell you was what took place the first time I met a few staff that I would supervise.

I received permission from Roxbury High Headmaster, **Charles “Charlie” Ray** to travel over to Umana High during my combined planning period and lunch break to meet **with Gustave “Gus” Anglin**, Headmaster of Umana High.



Mr. Anglin: Headmaster



Bethel Brittle
Social Studies/Coach



Jeanette Burns
Medical Tech./Coach



Ellen Karp
Health Ed./Coach



Arthur Perdigao
Physical Ed./Coach



John Rooney
English/Coach



Christine Lee
Resource/Coach



Bonnie Levine
Art/Coach



Bob Ohlson
Math/Coach



Diane Vraux
Math/Coach



Cathy Wrona
Physical Ed./Coach



Stewart Kadish
Industrial Arts/Coach

Mr. Anglin gave me a brief tour of the building while introducing me to a few staff that I would lead and supervise. Everything went fine until we arrived at the part of the building to meet Mr. A.K. He is not pictured above. I exchanged greetings and shook hands with each staff member.

When I extended my hand to Mr. A.K., he did not shake my hand. Instead, he put the two fingers together next to his thumb and pointed at me. He said, “I am against you being here, and I am going to do everything in my power, and the union’s power to get you out of here!!”.

Again, not quite the greeting that I expected. My mind analyzed, synthesized and processed quickly as demonstrated by my impromptu “Shoestring Play” in college basketball.

With my hand still extended following the monologue by Mr. A.K., I said “Well, I guess you don’t want to shake hands”. I continued, “I am looking forward to working at Umana and I appreciate you taking time to meet me.”

The first couple of weeks on the new job were interesting. During that semester we updated policies, attended professional development and utilized “best practices” in teaching and coaching. Also, during that semester I coached the Roxbury high team to the State Championship finals and was named Massachusetts Division III Coach of the Year.

At the end of the semester, Mr. A.K. came to me. He said that he thought I had gotten the position because I was Black, but now he realized I got it because I was good. I accepted his apology and we shook hands.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

HONORING MY MENTOR - MR. RALPH C. DORSEY

C.E.G.

Near the end of the following school year on June 10, 1979, my mentor, Mr. Ralph Dorsey, was being honored by the Caverna Community. The celebration was similar to when the Caverna Community held Clarence Glover Day April 18, 1971, my senior year of college.

The gym was packed with friends, local and state leaders, and educational and athletic officials from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Mr. Dorsey was Superintendent of the Caverna Independent School District, Regional Representative for Kentucky Superintendents, and President of the Kentucky Athletic Association.

Respective organizations across the community prepared a feast and everyone in attendance was treated to a bountiful buffet. The school band and local choirs performed musical selections. A celebration of this magnitude may take place every 20-25 years.

Therefore, it was quite rare that two such celebrations took place in the same decade (1971 & 1979).



I was unable to attend the celebration in Kentucky; therefore, I wrote a letter to Mr. Dorsey. Bonnie Levine was a talented art teacher, yearbook advisor, and cheer squad coach at Umana High. Ms. Levine scribed the letter into calligraphy for me.

I framed the letter, and Ms. Levine drew Mr. Dorsey's face as a stamp onto the wrapping paper. The wrapped, framed letter was addressed to Mr. Dorsey with his face stamp on it. The framed letter was then placed into a padded mailing box and addressed to Mr. Dorsey's secretary.

The letter was presented to Mr. Dorsey at the celebration.

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HONORING MY MENTOR - MR. RALPH C. DORSEY

C.E.G.

The letter below to Mr. Dorsey read as follows:

June 10, 1979

*Mr. Ralph Dorsey
Superintendent
Caverna Independent Schools*

Dear Mr. Dorsey;

As a youngster I had a Father and Mother but needed a mentor. As a grade school athlete, I was afraid but you convinced me to lay my fears aside. As a freshman student I began to falter and you reassured me of my intelligence.

As an athlete I began to take things for granted and you lectured on the importance of a "Thank You". You said that athletic excellence would help people to accept my Race; and now I no longer seek to be accepted, but choose whether to accept.

I am sure we have laughed together at separate occasions and have shed tears separately for the same causes. The time comes once in a lifetime when a youngster grows into manhood, and can say; I admire you for what you have done and achieved.

I Respect You for how you did it, and I Thank You for sharing these years of wisdom and friendship with me. Have a beautiful day and may it long be remembered.

Sincerely

Clarence Glover

Mr. B. H. Weaver, was a longtime friend to Mr. Dorsey and Caverna High Principal. He told me when the moderator said they had a letter from Clarence Glover, and handed it to Mr. Dorsey, he leaned over to a friend and said "Ralph will not be able to read that letter without choking up".

Mr. Weaver looked at me and said, "And, I was correct."

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

CRUSING BACK TO BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY - BRIEF LAYOVER IN HOOSIER INDIANA

C.E.G.

Let's ease into our imaginary 1967 Jaguar XKE and cruise back to Horse Cave, Kentucky for another event at Caverna High School. With brief stops in West Lafayette IN., Indianapolis, IN., Lexington, KY., and Louisville, KY. We should arrive by the year 2018.

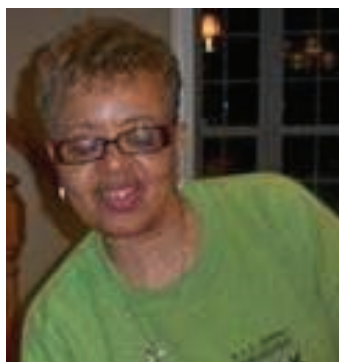
The 1980 stop in West Lafayette, IN. was interesting, whereas I was a Big 10 basketball assistant coach at Purdue University. I met many fine people at Purdue. Please note seven below.

GENE KEADY: was head basketball coach at Purdue University and was named National Coach of the year multiple times. He remained head coach for 25 years.

BRUCE WEBER was assistant basketball coach at Purdue University with Gene Keady 18 years. He later became head coach at Illinois State, University of Illinois, and Kansas State University.

ROOSEVELT BARNES was on the Purdue basketball team through his senior year and my last year as assistant coach. He then played for the Purdue football team for one year. He was drafted into the NFL and played for the Detroit Lions. After leaving pro football, Roosevelt became a partner and contract advisor with Maximum Sports Management.

KEVIN STALLINGS was a member of the Purdue basketball team through his senior year and my last year as assistant coach. He served as assistant coach at Purdue prior to becoming head coach at Illinois State, Vanderbilt, and the University of Pittsburgh.



CAROL CLARK BURNS



DR. DONELLA WILSON



DR. GENEVA GAY

CAROL CLARK BURNS was a staff member at Purdue. As a teenager, she participated in the August 28, 1963 March on Washington. She saw her first “**Whites Only**” sign when her high school band performed in a southern state.

DR. DONELLA WILSON is an internationally renowned scientist in DNA regulation and RNA recombination. After leaving Purdue she took her scientific prowess to Harvard and then M.I.T. She later became an administrator with the U.S. National Institute of Health.

DR GENEVA GAY is an internationally renowned educator and consultant. Dr. Gay has received numerous honors including the first Multicultural Educator Award presented by the National Association of Multicultural Education, and W.E.B. Du Bois Distinguished Lecturer Award.

She is internationally known for her scholarship in multicultural education. She has consulted on multicultural education in Canada, Brazil, Taiwan, Finland, Japan, England, Scotland, and Australia.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

CRUSING BACK TO BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY - BRIEF LAYOVER IN HOOSIER INDIANA

C.E.G.

Our next stop in Hoosier Land is Indianapolis in 1983. As previously stated, I became the first African -American assistant principal in both the Wayne Township (Fulton Jr. High) and Franklin Township School Districts (Franklin Township Middle School) in Indianapolis.

While in Indianapolis, I was able to serve the community by becoming a member of the Indiana Black Expo, Inc. Board of Directors. Reverend Charles Williams was President & CEO of Black Expo. We served the community year-round with professional development, food baskets, etc.



Rev. Charles Williams



Two of our biggest annual events were the **Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration** and the **Circle City Classic** football event. The Summer Celebration was a big hit drawing hundreds of thousands each year. Television, movie, athletic, and music celebrities came each year. The Indiana African-American State Troopers volunteered as security each summer.

The Circle City Classic began when fellow board member, George Pillow and a small group of board members travelled to Grambling University and met with their legendary Coach Robinson.

I competed against George Pillow in high school when he was a member of the Indiana High School Basketball All Stars team and I was a member of the Kentucky High School Basketball All Star team.

George's Black Expo group was able to set up the game between Grambling and Mississippi Valley State. We (board of directors) felt Grambling's reputation, Mississippi Valley's All-American Jerry Rice, and the two schools' marching bands would be a big draw.



Photos from the Internet



We were right, and for the next decade the football game attendance was always over 60,000 with thousands more coming to the city to shop and party. I remained on the Board of Directors until leaving for left for Kentucky in 1995

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

CRUSING INTO THE BLUEGRASS STATE - FIRST STOP IS LEXINGTON KENTUCKY

C.E.G.

In July 1995 I began my new position as Assistant to the Superintendent of the Fayette County Schools in Lexington, Kentucky. On my first day in the new job, I received a call from my friend and former college teammate, Paul Haskins.

He told me that his brother, Clem Haskins, had informed him that I was in Kentucky working in the Fayette County Superintendent's office. Paul's next words caught me by surprise.

He said, "**Clarence, God sent you back to Kentucky**"!!

My mind was thinking "Paul never sounded this religious in the past. This is interesting"!! However, my words said "Is that right". He continued, "I have an idea and you are the only person I know that can make it happen".

Paul was the Director of the U.S. Job Corps site located in Menifee County, Kentucky on the Daniel Boone National Forest Reserve. His idea was for me to create a year-round boarding school at the Job Corps site.



The school would train and certify students in a trade skill, educate them to receive a GED, and/or a Kentucky high school diploma. I asked him had he heard of it being done elsewhere. He said to his knowledge it had never been done, but it had been discussed with colleagues in Michigan.

I informed Paul that it was my **FIRST** day on the job and I could not take such an idea to the superintendent at that time. He reiterated that when he heard that I was in Kentucky that I must have been sent there by a Higher Power.

Since I believe in a "Higher Power" than human, that weekend, I drove to the Job Corps site to get additional information discuss the idea. It was over a ninety-minute drive from Lexington. Getting to the site one must drive through a one-lane tunnel that was built in the horse & buggy days. Only one vehicle could enter at a time from either direction.

The site was located in an area that for about a ten-mile stretch you were on an isolated road surrounded by forest with no cellular connection. Therefore, travel to and from the Job Corps site mainly took place during daylight hours.

I told Paul that I would do logistics on his idea for a couple of weeks and if I felt I could create the school in addition to my job responsibilities, I would set us an appointment with Fayette County Schools Superintendent, Dr. Peter Flynn.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

THE BLUEGRASS STATE - NEW CONCEPT, NEW SCHOOL

C.E.G.

After two weeks, I met with Paul again. I had placed on paper and we discussed all the things that would have to take place for the school to come to fruition. I would have to put in twelve to fourteen 12-14 hours each day at work to make all the logistics work. It would be worth it to help students that would otherwise drop out of school....and possibly life.

We met with Dr. Flynn and he listened to Paul's idea. He looked at me and said, "This is a monumental task. Do you feel it can be accomplished by the beginning of next school year?". I said it could be done.

He then said "If you want to help your friend, that is okay with me. These are the parameters.

- The project could not interfere with me carrying out my "**REAL**" job responsibilities
- The project could not cost Fayette County one cent and must be "**COST NEUTRAL**"
- Any District employees used as Committee Members must be "**VOLUNTEERS**"

Once I had all my logistics in place we would set a date that I would meet with the school board to illustrate to them how this new school would benefit Fayette County students and not cost the district "one cent" in any way.

The cost neutral plan included teachers, counselors, clerical staff, school equipment, computers, facilities, transportation, food, etc.). If the school board gave the "go ahead", the school must be fully operational by the beginning of the following school year.

That included a "TRUE" year-round 230-day curriculum (not 170-day) that had never been done in Kentucky, a full staff of certified and classified personnel, students with parent permission to attend the boarding school in Menifee County, and buildings and facilities inspected and ready.

Let's cruise on through the year. Directors, counselors, principals, parents, and others volunteered for my respective committees. The Menifee County School Board and Kentucky Department of Education signed off on the student A.D.A. for the school.



The U.S. Job Corps supplied building and facilities, and the U.S. Department of Labor paid all student expenses. The regular student A.D.A. paid all teacher salaries. The school was a huge success with parents, community, staff, and students.

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THEY ASKED COULD IT BE DONE - NATIONAL AWARD SAID ITS DONE

C.E.G.

The task officially began **October 12, 1995** and the school officially opened **August 19, 1996**. I was informed after the school opened that I had been selected for the U. S. Job Corps Alpha Award. They paid my expenses to Washington, D.C. to accept the award.

I accepted the award at a dinner attended by members of Congress, the Department of the Interior, U.S. Job Corps, and the U. S. Department of Labor.

Troubled Fayette students get new education option

By RICHARD WILSON
The Courier-Journal

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Later this month some 40 Fayette County students who have had problems in school will become the first enrollees in a new residential program at the Frenchburg Job Corps center in Menifee County.

The program — which involves the Job Corps and the Fayette and Menifee County school systems — is designed to help students ages 16-21 complete school, get job training and then either go into the work force or

to college. "These will be students who have not responded well to our (local) alternative programs," Fayette School Superintendent Peter Flynn told a news conference announcing the program yesterday.

The program, he added, "gives them a different environment. On top of that, it also gives them a focus, a vocational focus, that perhaps they didn't have here in Lexington."

Flynn and others said those attending the Frenchburg Academy — named after the Menifee County seat — would typically include students with poor attendance records, drop-

outs or those who have been expelled or face possible expulsion.

Enrollment in the program, which can last up to 18 months, is voluntary. Candidates must be referred to an admissions committee by counselors at Fayette County's five high schools.

While taking courses to get their high school diplomas, the students also will receive intensive training in one of the eight vocational areas offered by the Job Corps center, includ-



BY STEWART SCHWARTZ, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

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Frenchburg Job Corps center director Paul Haskins spoke in Lexington as Fayette County School Superintendent Peter Flynn, right, and assistant to the superintendent, Clarence Glover, listened.



WASHINGTON, D.C. - ALPHA AWARD



DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE

Parents and students were pleased with the school. Students that had a problem fitting into the regular school format worked well at the academy. They received a weekly money allowance that a percentage was placed in a savings account for them. The saved money was presented to them at graduation.

Students became certified in a trade and also earned their high school diploma. Since it was a year-round school, they were able to make up credits in order to graduate with their Fayette County school.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

HOW TO TRAIN A TIGER - BY BUILDING A FOUNDATION

C.E.G.

The following school year (1997-98), I accepted a position as a middle school assistant principal in the Jefferson County (KY.) Public School District (JCPS). At the beginning of the following school year in September 1998, I received an interesting telephone call in my office.

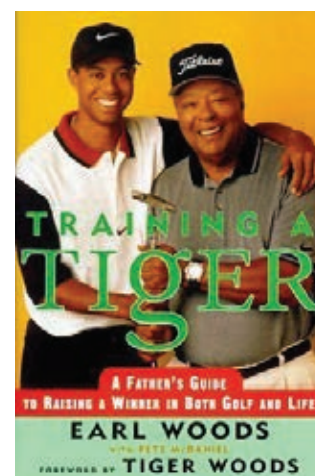
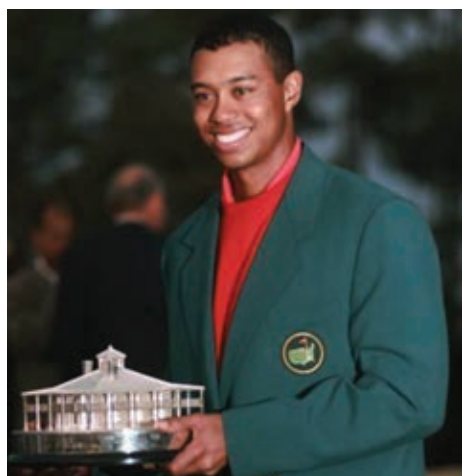
The caller gave what seemed to be an obscure company name and informed me that I had been selected for The Tiger Woods Foundation Award. Tiger was popular with students because on April 13, 1997, at age twenty-one, became the youngest golfer to win the Masters Tournament.

Therefore, since all the kids knew about this young prodigy and the call was coming after school had dismissed for the day, I felt it must be students playing a prank. I decided to go along with the caller for a few minutes as though I believed him.

I had never heard of the Tiger Woods Foundation Award; therefore, I asked questions. The caller informed me that I had been selected because of my outstanding work with youth and students. I listened and responded as though I believed the prank.

We finished the call with me letting the students think they had pulled a prank on me. I put it out of my mind and never gave it another thought. I was surprised a week later during the school day that I received a call, and it was the person calling to give me information about the award.

I decided the prank had gone far enough if it was taking up school time. I realized the caller was for-real when he gave me details about the day's agenda, and had someone from his office to fax the information to our school secretary.



TIGER WOODS CLARENCE GLOVER EARL WOODS

On September 27, 1998 I strode up to a golf cart at Louisville Kentucky Shawnee Park. The person on one side of me was from the Louisville Mayor's Office. The person on the other side of me was my guest and fiancée, Bettie Parrish. The person sitting on the golf cart was Earl Woods.

Earl was Tiger Woods' father. He had watched me play in the famed Rucker Summer League in Harlem, NY. when I was with the Celtics. He said it was pleasing to find out that the outstanding educator chosen for the award was the "Clarence Glover" he watched in the Rucker League.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

DAD, I THINK IT'S TIME - THAT I MET MY BROTHERS

C.E.G.

Now let's leave the 1967 Jaguar XKE and take the Starship at warp speed from 1998 back to 1985. I was residing in Indiana at that time. My daughter, Koleta was residing in Massachusetts and was in the second or third grade.

She visited with me every summer; however, prior to this summer's visit she called and said, "Dad, it is time that I met my brothers." Her brothers LaMonte and Adonis resided in Kentucky. The timing of her call was almost perfect because I had just received a letter from the Office of the Governor of Kentucky.

Governor Martha Layne Collins was holding the Commonwealth's first Bluegrass State Games. It was to be like the Olympics with over twenty-thousand participants.

The participants would fill the outside stadium stands. A selected group of Kentucky born former Athletes, deemed legends, would open the Olympic style games by marching around the track carrying the flags (USA, Kentucky, Bluegrass State Games, etc.).

A few hundred selected participants would march around the track behind the former athletes with the same type fanfare experienced at the Olympics. I had been invited to participate as one of the "legends" that would march around the track. I decided to take LaMonte, Adonis, and Koleta.

Koleta came to Indianapolis and we drove to Louisville to rendezvous with her brothers. The four of us stayed in a hotel overnight in Louisville and drove to Lexington, Kentucky the following day. We were admitted into the stadium and directed to the track for me to get instructions.

I had LaMonte, Adonis, and Koleta sit on the bottom row of the stadium so I could keep them in my sight. I then went to meet the legends that I would march with around the track. I had read about them, but had only met one in person.



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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

CLARENCE GLOVER EVERYONE - HERE KNOWS WHO YOU ARE

C.E.G.

I did not consider myself a legend, but was directed to the four legends that I would march with at the front of the procession. As I walked up to introduce myself, University of Kentucky legend, Ralph Beard said, “Clarence Glover, don’t try to introduce yourself to us. Everyone here knows who you are”.

I was flabbergasted, and almost at a loss for words. I knew who they were but had no idea they knew of me. I introduced myself anyway, and shook each of their hands. I also took pictures, but have no idea where they are at this time.

In case you do not know the legends on the front row with me, I will introduce them to you. They were University of Kentucky Basketball Coach **Joe B. Hall**, Major League baseball legend **Pee Wee Reese**, NFL football legend **Paul Hornug**, and University of Kentucky basketball legend **Ralph Beard**.

HAROLD “PEE WEE” REESE was a Kentuckian , born in Meade County, Kentucky, July 23, 1918. His family moved to Louisville, Kentucky when he was eight years of age. He graduated from DuPont Manual High School.

Mr. Reese played Major League Baseball (MLB) as a shortstop for the Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers from 1940-1958. He was a ten-time MLB All-Star, played on seven National League Championships, and was inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame.



JACKIE ROBINSON

PEE WEE REESE.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

KENTUCKY'S FIRST BLUEGRASS STATE GAMES - KENTUCKY BORN LEGEND PEE WEE REESE

C.E.G.

Pee Wee Reese became known throughout the baseball world following a gesture of inclusion he made during warmups prior to a Dodgers game. Jackie Robinson, the first African-American baseball player in the major league modern era, was being harassed by racial slurs.

Pee Wee left his position on the field and walked over to Jackie Robinson, made small-talk, and put his arm around his shoulder. In the year 1947 this was huge and made sports headlines across the nation. Especially, since Pee Wee was captain of the Brooklyn Dodgers.



PEE WEE REESE & JACKIE ROBINSON



Photos from the Internet

This gesture sent the message that this man is my baseball teammate and is not here to be the recipient of your racist phobias. Jackie Robinson is known as an all-time great Major League Baseball athlete.

A Statue/Monument of Pee Wee Reese and Jackie Robinson was built to symbolize the famous gesture of inclusion. It is located outside Maimonides Park (formerly MCU Park / KeySpan Park) at 1904 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, New York City.

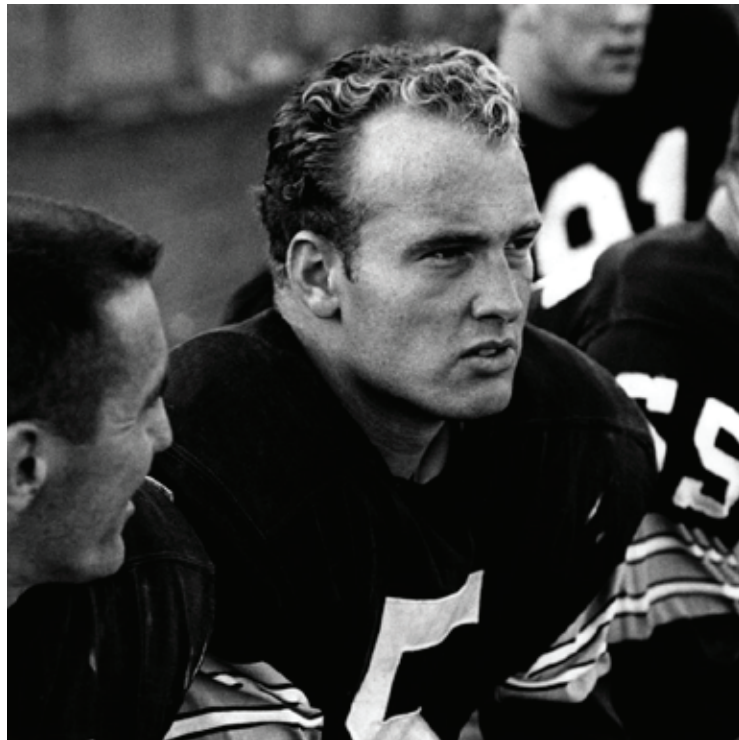
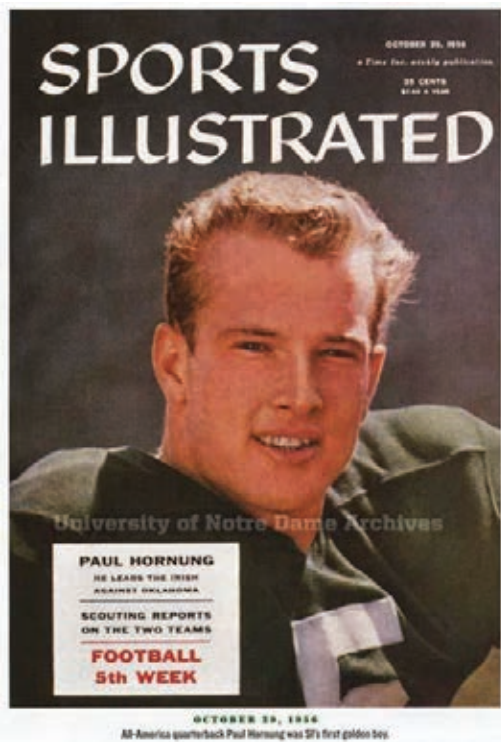
Also, a statue of Pee Wee Reese is located outside Louisville Slugger Field, 401 E. Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

THE LONGEST DISTANCE

KENTUCKY'S FIRST BLUEGRASS STATE GAMES - KENTUCKY BORN LEGEND PAUL HORNUNG.
C.E.G.

PAUL VERNON HORNUNG was a Kentuckian , born in Louisville, Kentucky, December 23, 1935. He lettered four years at Louisville Flaget High School in football, basketball, and baseball. He was recruited by numerous colleges and chose the University of Notre Dame.

He was on both the football and basketball teams at Notre Dame. He played professional football in the NFL for the Green Bay Packers from 1957-1966 at the halfback and kicker positions. He was nicknamed “**The Golden Boy**” and was known to date glamorous movie stars.



PAUL HORNUNG

Photos from the Internet

He won four NFL Championships with the Green Bay Packers and the First Ever NFL Super Bowl. Packers coach, **Vince Lombardi** stated that “*Paul Hornung is the greatest player I ever coached*”.



HEISMAN TROPHY



COLLEGE HALL OF FAME



NFL MVP AWARD



NFL HALL OF FAME

He was the first player to win the Heisman Trophy, NFL Most Valuable Player, and be inducted into both the Pro Football Hall of Fame and College Football Hall of Fame.

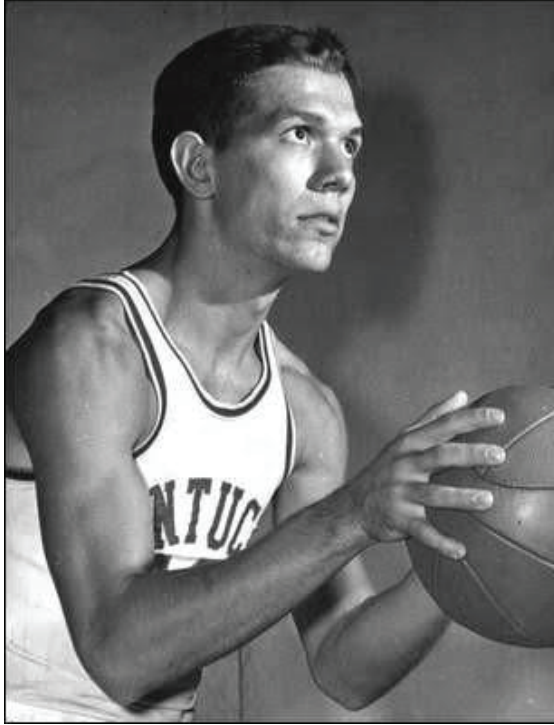
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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

KENTUCKY'S FIRST BLUEGRASS STATE GAMES - KENTUCKY BORN LEGEND RALPH BEARD

C.E.G.

RALPH MILTON BEARD JR. was a Kentuckian , born in Hardinsburg, Kentucky, December 2, 1927. He attended Louisville Male High School and the University of Kentucky. He was a member of Coach **Adolph Rupp**'s basketball "Fabulous Five" at the University of Kentucky.



RALPH BEARD



Photos from the Internet

Other members of the Fabulous Five were **Alex Groza**, **Wallace "Wa Wa" Jones**, **Cliff Barker**, and **Kenny Rollins**. The Fabulous five was so good that all five were chosen for the U.S. Olympics Basketball team in 1948 and won the gold medal.



Mr. Beard and his UK (Fabulous Five) teammates won two NCAA National Championships. He also played in the National Basketball Association (NBA). His number (12) twelve was retired by the University of Kentucky and hangs in Rupp Arena.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

KENTUCKY'S FIRST BLUEGRASS STATE GAMES - KENTUCKY BORN LEGEND JOE B. HALL

C.E.G.

JOE BEASMAN “JOE B.” HALL was a Kentuckian, born in Cynthiana, Kentucky November 30, 1928. He was assistant coach to legendary basketball coach, Adolph Rupp, at the University of Kentucky (UK) from 1965 to 1972.

He was the lone member of legends that I had previously met. That is because he had visited Caverna High as an assistant coach at UK to let me know they had an interest in me becoming a future member of the University of Kentucky Wildcats.

At that time in 1967 there were no African-Americans on the UK basketball team and only one in the entire SEC Athletic Conference. That athlete was **Perry Wallace**. Mr. Wallace was the “**Jackie Robinson**” of the SEC. He faced racist slurs and bruises from being hit every game.

Mr. Wallace, like Jackie Robinson, had the fortitude and perseverance to be successful in a society that was built not to include them. He graduated from Vanderbilt University and Columbia University Law School. He became a distinguished attorney and law professor.

Now let's take a brief look at the thirteen years Joe B. Hall was head coach at the University of Kentucky after succeeding Coach Adolph Rupp in 1972.



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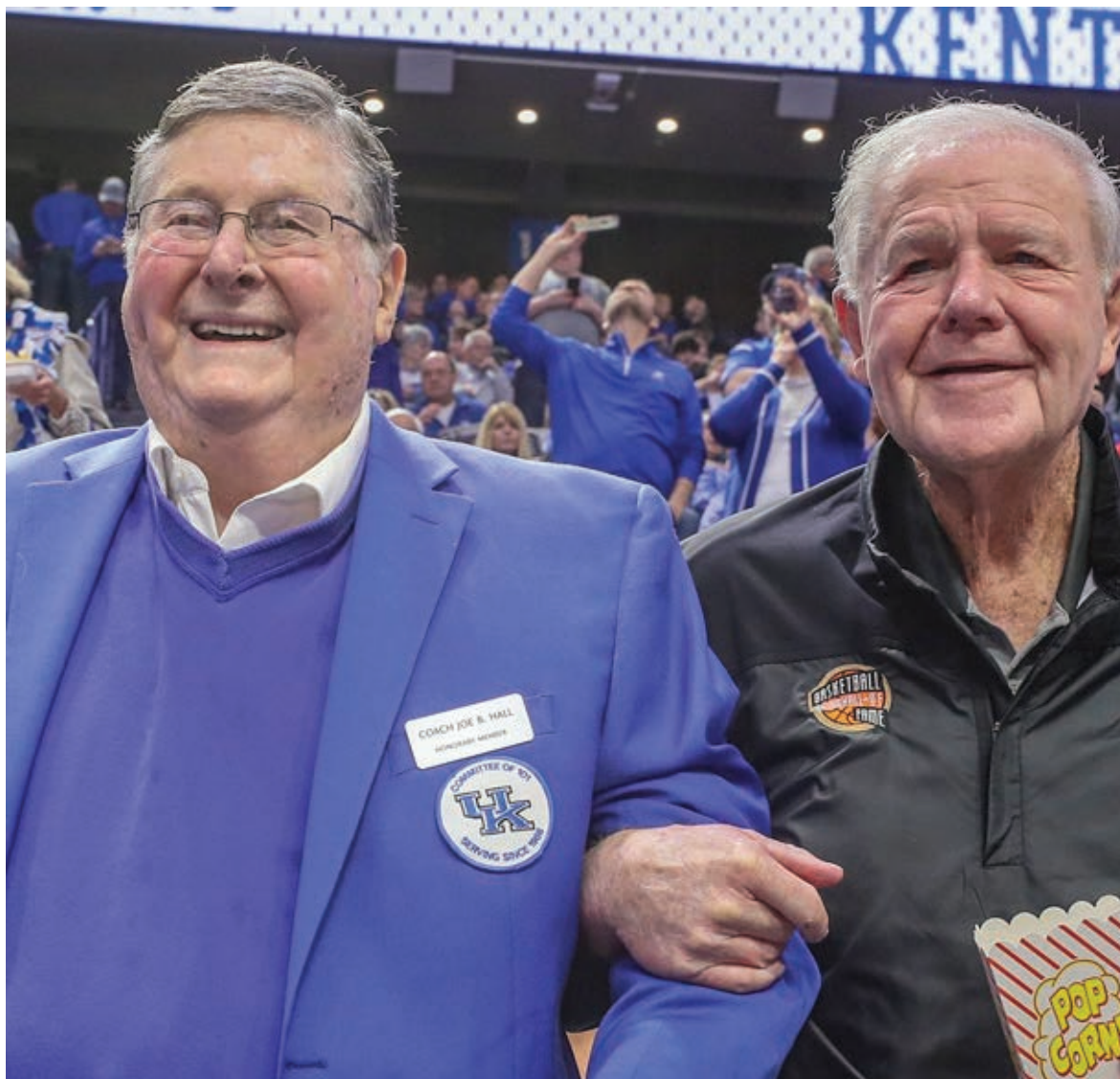
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KENTUCKY'S FIRST BLUEGRASS STATE GAMES - KENTUCKY BORN LEGEND JOE B. HALL

C.E.G.

Coach Hall won the NCAA National Championship in 1978, went to the NCAA Final Four three times, won one National Invitation (NIT) Championship, and eight SEC Conference Championships. He was named National Coach of the Year in 1978

He also was SEC Conference Coach of the Year four times. Coach Hall was well-respected and sought after for his basketball knowledge and leadership skills.



Coach Hall being honored at UK alongside his longtime friend former University of Louisville head coach Denny Crum

In 1975 he was a member of the Olympics Basketball Committee, and in 1977 Guest Lecturer for the World Basketball Coaches Congress in the Canary Islands.

In 1978, he coached the United States College All-Stars to the first World Invitational Tournament championship with wins over Cuba, Yugoslavia, Greece and Israel. He later conducted clinics in Chile, Ireland, Spain, the Republic of China, and Hong Kong.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

KENTUCKY'S FIRST BLUEGRASS STATE GAMES – LAMONTE, ADONIS, KOLETA, AND DAD C.E.G.

We (Clarence Glover, UK Coach Joe B. Hall, Pee Wee Reese, Ralph Beard, Paul Hornung) carried the flags (USA, Kentucky, and other flags representing the Commonwealth) and marched around the stadium track with hundreds of participants marching behind us.

Before the procession began, Coach Hall pointed out **LaMonte**, **Adonis**, and **Koleta** to the Legend flagbearers. He said when we get directly in front of Clarence's children sitting on the front row we will stop, turn, point at them, and wave.

The news cameras turned to see who we were pointing and waving at in the bleachers. And that was when Koleta made the trip to Kentucky to MEET HER BROTHERS!



Adonis and Koleta trying to get the basketball from LaMonte



Adonis shooting the basketball as we look on



Koleta tries to block LaMonte's jump shot



LaMonte shows us how to shoot the basketball

After visiting relatives in Kentucky; Lamonte, Adonis, Koleta, and I went to Valparaiso, Indiana. Koleta's mother, Jemetta, was waiting for us at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Jim Wayco.

After shooting basketball and a nice dinner; LaMonte, Adonis, and I drove to my house in Indianapolis. The brothers and sister had gotten to meet.....and had a great time.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY – FUNNY HOW TIME SLIPS AWAY

C.E.G.

Now let's cruise to the year 1999. That was a busy year whereas I joined the WKU Alumni Association National Board of Directors, became principal of Kennedy Metropolitan Middle School in Jefferson County, Kentucky, and married Bettie Parrish.

The wedding was the first held in E. A. Diddle Park on the campus of Western Kentucky University. Pictured below are Bettie, her four sisters (Marilyndia, Patricia, Greta, and Pamela). Also, pictured are three of Bettie's cousins; Sarah, Bernice, and Laculia.



Bettie Parrish Sarah Britt Patricia Lewis Greta Fishback Pamela Pennington Bernice Herndon Marilyndia Parrish Laculia Wardlow

My daughter, Koleta and Bettie's son, Robert placed the garland around our necks to symbolize our union after Reverend William Fishback pronounced us husband and wife. The broom we jumped is adorned with yellow and blue ribbons with hand-printed names of each guest.



Koleta Hunt Glover



Robert Whitlock

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY – FUNNY HOW TIME SLIPS AWAY

C.E.G.

Let's cruise from 1999 when Bettie and I wed..... to 2012 when Robert wed in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Then cruise to 2013 when Koleta wed at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, NY. This illustrates that time never stops, and babies born may themselves someday become parents.



Bettie at Robert wedding in 2012



Clarence & Bettie First Year Anniversary – July 3, 2000
E. A. Diddle Park – Western Kentucky University



Jemetta at Koleta's wedding in 2013



Robert became a middle school mathematics teacher in Kentucky, and Koleta a Registered Nurse in Connecticut.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - DEDICATION OF CLARENCE GLOVER COURT

C.E.G.

Let's now move at warp speed to December 14, 2018. That is the day that the School Board for the Caverna Independent School District dedicated the Caverna High School basketball court as **Clarence Glover Court**.

The day began with a group tour of the Western Kentucky University (WKU) Augenstein Alumni Center. Dr. Donald Smith, President of the WKU College Heights Foundation led the tour, along with current Alumni Association Executive Director, Dr. Anthony McAdoo.

Dr. Smith had raised funds for years and was Alumni Association Executive Director when the Alumni Center was built in 2013.

Tour members included Wayne Hatcher (Chair of the Caverna School Board in 2018), Tom Hunt (former teacher and principal for Caverna High), and two of my sisters-in-law, Patricia Lewis and Marilyndia Parrish.



L -R: Clarence Glover Patricia Lewis Marilyndia Parrish Al Tucker & wife Wayne Hatcher
Greg Isenberg & wife - Tom & Gracie Hunt Dr. Anthony McAdoo

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - DEDICATION OF CLARENCE GLOVER COURT

C.E.G.

Following the alumni center tour Patricia Lewis, Marilyndia Parrish, and I joined former WKU Sports Information Director, Paul Just for a tour of WKU Diddle Arena. We visited the All-Time Greats mural, WKU Athletic Hall of Fame, and the mural in the Men Basketball Practice gym.



Clarence Glover #4

Marilyndia Parrish & Patricia Lewis

Clarence Glover #4

That evening many special guests attended the reception, dedication, and basketball game. Family, friends, and former students that became friends traveled and represented Virginia, Georgia, Michigan, Massachusetts, and Kentucky.

The weather was cold that December evening, and roads and walkways were slippery. It spoke volumes when my mother in-law, Mrs. **Sylvia Parrish**, who had celebrated her 90th birthday in June of 2018 insisted upon attending the dedication.



Clem & Yvette Haskins – James Percell
Annette Richards & Jim Richards



Mrs. Sylvia Parrish



Donovan Walker

Ernest Cummings

Special attendees were too many to name, but included **Clem Haskins** (WKU All American, NCAA Coach of the Year at Minnesota), **Yvette Haskins** (Nationally recognized community leader and Clem's wife), and **Donovan Walker** and **Ernest Cummings** (former high school athletes at Roxbury High, Boston, MA.).

Also, **Jim Richards** (Coached Glasgow High 1968 KY. State Champions, Asst. Coach for WKU 1971 Final-Four team), my high school teammates (baseball & basketball) **James Percell III** and mayor **Randall Curry**, and former Caverna classmates/tennis athletes **Sandra Wilson** and **Lyn Taylor Long**.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - DEDICATION OF CLARENCE GLOVER COURT

C.E.G.

There were specially printed Commemorative Admission Tickets to the Dedication Reception and specially printed tickets for reserved seating in the gymnasium for the basketball game. The reception was excellently catered by the Caverna High Culinary Arts Student Group.

Caverna Schools Superintendent, Mr. **Cornelius Faulkner** and Caverna High Principal, Mr. **Bastin** welcomed the reception attendees on behalf of the administration and the entire school district. Mr. Faulkner is first cousin to my sons LaMonte and Adonis, and my nephew.



Tickets: Court Dedication Reception and Court Dedication

Mr. Bastin

Mr. Faulkner

A group photo of reception attendees is below. Everyone that attended the reception is not in the photo. Robert (Whitlock) and Theo had to leave the reception early because four year-old Theo was not feeling well.

Attendees visible in the photo: **Sitting left to right** are Patricia Lewis, Bettie Parrish Glover, Marilyndia Parrish, Mrs. Sylvia Parrish, John "J.P." Parrish and Clem & Yvette Haskins.

Standing left to right are Linda Casey, Robbie Potter & husband, Renita Parrish, William & Laverne Parrish, Annette Richards, Lyn Taylor Young, Sandra T. Wilson Greg Isenberg & wife, Rev. William Fishbac, and James Percell.



Others standing left to right are Brian Fishback, Dave Marshall, Betty Marshall Adonis Glover, Unknown, Ciara Waggoner, Unknown, Ernest Cummings, Unknown, Clarence Glover, Donovan Walker, and Coach Jim Richards.

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THE LONGEST DISTANCE

CAVERNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - DEDICATION OF CLARENCE GLOVER COURT

C.E.G.

The court dedication took place between the Lady Colonels and Gentlemen Colonels games. The gymnasium was packed and the basketball opponent for the evening was Larue County.

My two sons, LaMonte Glover and Adonis Glover joined me on the basketball court for the dedication. Robert Whitlock was to join us but four-year-old Theo was not feeling well and had to go home.

Principal Bastin said a few words of introduction, presented me with a plaque in the likeness of the basketball court, and turned the microphone over to me.



I thanked Principal Bastin, Superintendent Faulkner, the Caverna School Board, and the Caverna Community for the honor of the Caverna High basketball court, being named in my honor. I continued by introducing select members of the audience that came for the dedication.

I introduced my two sons standing on the basketball court and noted that both were Caverna basketball athletes. I then noted others in attendance and gave a brief introduction of each, beginning with my wife, Bettie Parrish Glover, followed my mother in-law, Mrs. Parrish.

This allowed attendees to know the background of specific people such as Coach Clem Haskins being the number one draft of the Chicago Bulls and coached the U.S. Olympics Team.

Across Town - Across Country

THE LONGEST DISTANCE

WHAT IS THE LONGEST DISTANCE - BETWEEN POINT-A AND POINT-B

C.E.G.

As a note of information, the original Clarence Glover Court dedicated December 14, 2018 was ruined in January 2023 by frozen water lines bursting. Therefore, a new Clarence Glover Court was installed and completed in June 2023.

I visited the school and toured the gymnasium with then principal, Mr. **Frank Beauchamp**. They did an outstanding job with the new basketball court. Pictured below are Bettie, Robert, Theo, and Theo's friend Warren talking with Mr. Beauchamp about the newly installed basketball court.



The dedication of **Clarence Glover Court** on December 14, 2018 is **Point-B** for my definition of “What is the Longest Distance between Point-A and Point B.

The neighborhood of **Henry Town** in Horse Cave, Kentucky is **Point-A**. We know that the widely accepted definition for the shortest distance between Point-A and Point-B is “A straight line”.

Therefore, the **Shortest Distance** between Henry Town and Caverna High School is approximately two and one-half miles. I will now give you what I feel is the **Longest Distance** between Point-A and Point-B.

It is one FOUR LETTER word.

Across Town - Across Country

THE LONGEST DISTANCE

WHAT IS THE LONGEST DISTANCE - BETWEEN POINT-A AND POINT-B

C.E.G.

The four-letter word definition for the Longest Distance between Point-A and Point-B has been with us throughout this book as well as **MY Journey** books “Horse Cave-To Houston” and “Henry Town-To Across Town”. I feel that the.....

LONGEST DISTANCE BETWEEN POINT-A and POINT-B IS

T. I. M. E.

The **Shortest Distance** from Henry Town to Caverna High School when I entered Caverna Schools during racial integration was about two and one-half miles.

The **Longest Distance** from Henry Town to Caverna High School when the Caverna High basketball court was named **Clarence Glover Court ON 2018 WAS**

- 1967 I married Mary
- 1968 My son Edward Lamonte Glover was born
- 1971 I competed for WKU in the NCAA Men Basketball Final Four (31,000 fans in the Astrodome)
- 1971 I was drafted Number One by the NBA Boston Celtics
- 1972 My son Adonis Jermaine Glover was born
- 1974 I married Jemetta

- 1974 Fellow teachers stopped speaking to me because of the labeled Race of the lady that I married
- 1975 A cross was burned in my front yard in Reading, Massachusetts
- 1977 My daughter Koleta Hunt Glover was born
- 1978 I was named Massachusetts Division III Coach of the Year
- 1980 I became an assistant basketball coach at Purdue University in the Big-10 Conference
- 1983 I became the first African-American assistant principal in Indiana Wayne Twp. Schools
- 1984 Board of Directors of Indiana Black Expo, Inc

- 1989 I became the first African-American assistant principal in Indiana Franklin Twp. Schools
- 1996 Co-founder of the Frenchburg Academy year-round boarding school in Menifee County, KY.
- 1998 Young prodigy, Tiger Woods, presented me the Tiger Woods Foundation “*Sharing and Caring Award*”
- 2005 First African-American President of the WKU Alumni Association Natonal Board
- 2006 Received WKU Distinguished Service Medal – Highest honor of service to the University
- 2007 Inducted into the WKU Athletic Hall of Fame
- 2013 Bettie and I funded naming rights for Clarence Glover Gallery of WKU Alumni Association Presidents

- 2013 Retired from Jefferson County Public Schools in Kentucky
- 2016 First African-American member of the WKU College Heights Foundation Board of Directors
- 2018 Caverna High basketball court named Clarence Glover Court

..... **NOT MEASURED IN MILES**, but in **T.I.M.E** . Therefore, the distance for the little brown skin boy from Henry Town in 1960 to Caverna High on

December 14, 2018 HAD TAKEN A

L I F E T I M E

Clarence Glover: When I was a child, I thought my parents were never young and that I would never be old; however, TIME proved that thought not to be accurate

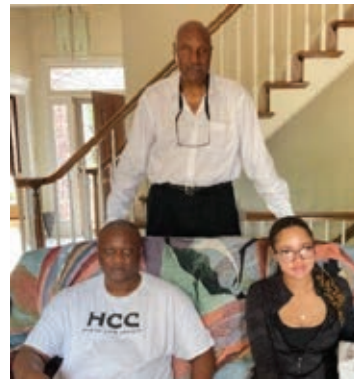
Gladys Knight: *Memories, like the corners of my mind...Misty watercolor memories...Of the way we were...*



Clarence Glover #13



Koleta



Adonis

Alivia



LaMonte



Lamonte Glover: All—Regional Tournament



Koleta



Bettie

Robert



Winter Holidays Movie Night- Theo - Bettie - Nila- Sharia -December 2019
Robert - Tola - Brandi - Clarence - Maxwell - Cindy



Clarence - Koleta - Adonis at dinner in Massachusetts



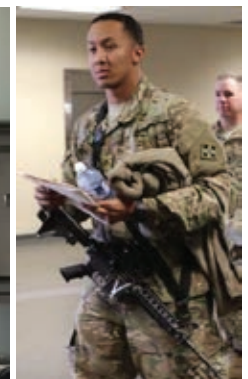
Granddaughter: Giavanna



Giavanna



Grandson: Theo



Grandson: "A. D."

