



Points East

By: Ike Adams

Everybody, I presume, who reads this column also knows that Kentucky's Lieutenant Governor, Steve Henry was recently wedded to Heather French, the Kentucky girl who served as Miss America last year.

Ole Steve gets paid \$83 thousand and change in salary to pretty much do nothing. Of course his salary gets a good boost if the Governor dies or leaves office and he has to take over, but other than hang around the Senate when the State Legislature is in session, being Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky is not a burdensome job.

You'd think that he'd have to feel the Governor's sdog or something like that when the Governor is out of town. But that's not the case. All he really has to do is hang around.

Not only is he overpaid, but Steve gets a staff of a dozen or so folks to help him do nothing and a really fancy mansion to live in, rent free, in Frankfort. As far as we can tell the staff does help-keep house. This is known as "Official State Business."

Now we discover that since he has married Heather, the former Miss America will also take on a lot of "Official State Business" and has hired one of her pals to take out the job of "Aide" to help her carry it out.

The aide started the job rather quietly a couple of months before the wedding at a salary of \$51,900 plus benefits per year.

"OUCH!!!!"

That was the taxpayer in me squealing.

What we really have here is one of Heather's buddies getting a cushy job in Frankfort that has nothing to do with state government, is not mandated by law, and you and I are paying for it.

Heather seems to think that she has been elevated to Queen of Kentucky. Nothing particularly wrong with little fantasies like that but don't be sending me the bill.

I want to know what in God's name the wife of the Lieutenant Governor has to do in state government that is so damn official it commands a personal assistant of this caliber. Heather would be well advised that Steve has to win an election before she starts measuring the curtains in the Governor's Mansion.

We have given a lot of thought to Official State Business responsibilities that is apparently important to Heather to commence right away and these consist of the following:

1. Smiling
2. Waving

It appears that she has a real talent for gouging but God also knows that there's a way to much of that in Frankfort already.

Another observation we would make is that the State was not going to Hades in a hand basket when Steve was a bachelor, which leads us to wonder how critical the official position of Lieutenant Governor's Wife really is to our well being.

What we really suspect is that Heather needs a confidant and someone who has impeccable taste when it comes to shopping. We will hold these suspicions until and probably even after Heather's PR firm has spent a few nights figuring how the heck do they get her out of this one. If they don't have a PR firm they better get one because the stuff coming out of Steve's Office sure is laughable.

In any event, Heather (or Steve) has put Libbi Taylor, the Miss Kentucky Pageant Director on state salary. Libbi will, incidentally, keep the Pageant Director's job in addition to being Heather's Aide but she will do it at times when she is not on state salary. A very hard worker is our Ms. Taylor and civic minded too.

What bothers me as much as being gouged for \$51,900 a year that has absolutely nothing to do with anything other than pampering Heather Henry, is that she and the Lieutenant Governor think so little of average Kentuckians' intelligence that they expect we will believe this crock. Go

peddle it somewhere else. We are not buying bull crap out here in the real world. Heather is starting to make Frances Jones Mills look like a saint and the wedding cake hasn't even dried out yet.

Here's some more advice for Steve. A lot of Kentuckians are really steamed about this little farce.

If you want to become Governor, let's see what kind of stuff you're made of. Clean this mess up and clean it up fast. If Heather needs some help with her make-up, hire a cosmetologist with your own money and do whatever it takes to keep your wife happy if you can afford it. And if you can't that's your personal problem. It is not the state of Kentucky's.

If this is the kind of crap we can expect from you as governor, you've really got your work cut out for you when polling time comes round again. And finally, if any of you readers know the Henry's, clip this out and send it along to them. There's probably half a dozen people at the mansion hired to read your mail because it is "Official State Business."

Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



I voted today. Five in my home nor distress kept me from doing my duty. Hope all who reads this did their duty also. Who ever won or lost is not the best or worst - But no matter which-

He is our president and needs our support. Sweet if you vote won. Sour if it lost. But regardless - we go on as a team for the good of the U.S.A.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,
I was shocked, saddened and disgusted at the news that I heard on Friday about the firing of head baseball coach Ryan Riddle by Superintendent Larry Hammond. I have known Coach Riddle in nearly every aspect of my life thus far. He has taught me as a student, he has coached me as a player, and he is part of my family as my uncle. This explains the shock and disgust I felt at the hearing of his firing. People may argue that I have a bias in this situation, and I cannot deny that. However, my bias does not lie in the fact that Coach Riddle is my uncle, my bias lies in the fact that I know how much hard work,

dedication and energy Coach Riddle has put into the baseball program at Rockcastle County High School. Coach Riddle started coaching baseball at RCHS in 1981, as a voluntary assistant to Larry Woods. In 1982, he became the head baseball coach. This would have been his 19th season as head coach, longer than any other coach ever at RCHS. During those first few years, Coach Riddle

had no assistants to aid him in coaching, and he even drove the bus to away games. The teams played their games at Roundstone, and Coach Riddle spent many evenings in getting the field prepared for games. Under the direction of Coach Riddle, the baseball program has been the most consistent winner of any other sports program at RCHS. Coach Riddle has led the baseball team to 227 wins, four district titles, 12 district runner-ups, one regional title and one appearance in the state quarterfinals. The Rockets have made an appearance in the regional tournament every year that Coach Riddle has coached, with the exception of two years, and the baseball program did not have a losing season in the whole decade of the 1990's. To add to all the success Coach Riddle has had on the field, he also has the respect of his fellow coaches. In 1992, he was selected by the 13th region Coaches Association, made up of his fellow coaches, to coach the 1992 Kentucky East all-stars.

Besides all these accomplishments, Coach Riddle has fully dedicated himself to the success of the baseball program in the past 18 years. He has put his heart and soul into perfecting the program. He has spent hours upon hours voluntarily working on the baseball field at the new high school, as well as the field at Roundstone, without the support of our local elected school board. He has also spent thousands (yes I do mean thousands) of dollars OF HIS OWN MONEY in buying equipment for the team and to prepare the field for play. I seriously doubt you will find another coach that would devote so much of his own time and money

to a sports program. I do not know the specifics of why Mr. Hammond fired Coach Riddle, but one thing is obvious: He did not fire him because of his coaching ability or because of his dedication to the program. Mr. Hammond must have fired Coach Riddle for personal reasons, because who can question his accomplishments as coach? After all the baseball team is coming off of their most successful season ever. When our superintendent is firing hard working, successful employees, then something is not right.

I love Rockcastle County and some day I, as a future educator, have dreamed of teaching in the public schools here. However, if personal grievances take precedent over hard work, dedication and success in our local school board, then I want nothing to do with the public schools in this county. With all the success Coach Riddle has brought to this county's baseball program, is this how we pay him back? It is a slap in the face and should not be tolerated. If the football team is fortunate enough to win the region in the coming weeks, are we going to fire Coach Larkey? Is that how we reward success? Coach Riddle was coaching before any of the present board members or our superintendent were in office. He was here before them, and his influence will outlast them as well. I have seen first hand what all he has done for our baseball program, as well as our county. I want to thank him and let him know that what all he has done has not been in vain, even if our local school board does not recognize or appreciate him.

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