

OL (Ret.) Chuck Coleman ----- Message from Bill Harlan <weharlan@peoplepc.com> on Tue, 16 Sep 2008 18:37:18 -0400 (GMT-04:00) ----- To: Chuck Coleman <charles.coleman@us.army.mil>  
Subject: Fw: RE: Pronunciation of Coach K's Name: A Question of E-3 USMA Lore C, While looking for clues to locate missing guys, I came across this string of messages from a couple of years ago. Thought you might include the substance of these memories on the website. There may be one more string with my initial question. If I find that I'll send it also. Regards, Pork/Willy/Bill

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I don't know the answer either but I was on the other side of Lou's name pronunciation problem. My roommates the 1st of plebe year were Ralph Cericola and John Maggiolino. As a result every upperclassman that came into the room needing something done automatically hollered for 'Jones!'. It didn't change until I put a phonetic spelling of my two Italian roomies' names over the door. I also happened to be assigned as one of the plebes on Mike or 'Coach K's' table that September. He did like sports trivia and we were given quite a few 'fallout meals' either winning the table sports trivia contest or by asking interesting or unique questions...unlike Terry Strickler who wouldn't grant a plebe fallout until spring and never for sports trivia. Finally, completing my memory flashback- I went to a basketball game cow year at Fordham. Digger Phelps was Fordham's coach and it was also Bobby Knight's last year. Fordham was undefeated and we played them a close game, eventually losing. In the middle of the 2nd half with the coach getting more and more frustrated with the outcome, the refs and the crowd and in one fit of frustration, he slammed his foot down on a wooden folding chair His foot went right through the wood-slatted seat. As the crowd intensified it remarks [most of the 'R-rated'] to the coach, he extricated his foot and promptly tossed the chair 5 or 6 rows back into the crowd. I believe this was the first of his many chair throwing incidents and was just one more reason for the athletic department to terminate his contract that year.

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<LouCan53@aol.com>, <ccoleman@zoominternet.net> cc <r.gnida@mchsi.com> Subject RE:  
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I'm not sure I know the answer. People had problems pronouncing my last name so maybe I was spared this little exercise. I also tell people I knew Mike at West Point. But I can even go one better. During Plebe year my HS requested I be allowed to attend their annual Sports banquet. If you guys remember I lived a little over an hour from the Academy. My brother picked me up and drove me to the banquet, he was going to drive me back to the Academy after the event. Turns out the keynote speaker that night was none other Coach Bobby Knight. When he saw me in uniform, he offered to drive me back to the Academy. So I spent over an hour riding in a car with Bobby Knight, just him and I. I was surprised talking to him he was such a nice normal person. I remember, even back then we used to go to basketball games as much to watch his antics as the game itself. Over the years whenever I would hear or read about some of the things he did I always had a problem reconciling that persona with the very normal seeming guy I rode back to the Academy with that night. Sorry I couldn't help with solving the Coach K naming mystery. -----Original Message----- From: Mmm796@aol.com [mailto:Mmm796@aol.com] Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2006 1:05 PM To: jacksonvt@msn.com; dessert\_roland@bah.com; wjstauden@eureka.edu; rmludwig@qwest.net; stephen.dooley@dcma.mil; WHarlan@alachua.fl.us; WlMill9@aol.com; michael.jones@faa.gov; MoneyLinc@aol.com; loucanonico@ccl-eng.com; bill.harlan@alumni.duke.edu; B\_BYRON\_PRICE@OU.EDU; bgibson@wyattfirm.com; jfjohnsonjr@msn.com; christopher.kane@wgint.com; LouCan53@aol.com; ccoleman@zoominternet.net; Mmm796@aol.com Cc: r.gnida@mchsi.com Subject: Fwd: Pronunciation of Coach K's Name: A Question of E-3 USMA Lore

Colleagues, I forward Bill Harlan's memoir with relish...adding only that my memory of September 1968 was that Mr. K roomed with the E-3 Company Commander (the stentorian John W. Bickel).

They occupied the very next barracks room to Jim Barnes, Chris Kane, and the young/easily intimidated farm kid Craig McKee. It is possible that Mr. Bickel, in his booming and forceful manner, adequately announced to any visiting plebe inquiring about beverage preferences--and thence said voice carrying out to the busy hallway and to the quivering plebes next door--the proper pronunciation of Mr. K's name.

I offer this only as an added possibility to Bill Harlan's research. I agree further that Puck Gorzelnik probably would have instantly known the answer.