



## IN THIS CORNER George Beahon

"Were the Oakland Raiders out of their minds or ahead of their time in making punter Ray Guy their No. 1 draftee?"

The question was asked in print by Larry Felser, renowned professional football expert for the Buffalo Evening News, and reprinted in his column for The Sporting News.

Friend Larry, I have news.

Before the 1973 National Football League season is history, Ray Guy is likely to drive ageless George Blanda back into civilian clothes on Sundays.

How many NFL clubs, much less an Establishment power like Oakland, use a first round draft choice to bring in a kicker? Answer: One. And Ray Guy isn't even a displaced soccer player from Chile or Czechoslovakia.

Ray Guy is out of Southern Mississippi, which is a college in the United States, and not quite on a football level with Southern Cal or Nebraska or Grambling or Notre Dame. In fact, I'm not sure where Southern Mississippi is located, except probably in south Mississippi.

Ray Guy doesn't even have a club foot or one arm missing. He is a 6 foot 3, 192-pound hunk who not only kicks field goals from the next county but punts the football almost as high as he does long.

He is unbelievable until you see him in action. Which was my pleasure one recent night in Lubbock, Texas, when Ray Guy took on the West College All Americas single-footed. Ray Guy lost, 20 to 6, but without his placekicking and punting it might have been more like 48 to zip.

Ray Guy kicks off for the East, and he kicks it through the end zone. Considering college goal posts are 10 yards back of the goal line, you wouldn't expect he'd put the kickoff through the goal posts, but this is what he did.

He also kicks field goals, one of about 46 yards, another an easy chip shot.

He punts. And how he punts!

He puts it up, up and away, going for height, distance and direction.

One particular punting situation saw his line hold off the West front for three, four, five, six seconds. So Ray Guy just held the football until his entire punt coverage unit was settled 60 yards downfield around the West runbackers. Then, and only then did he hit it, and nobody even dared to fair catch it, much less attempt a runback. He knocked it into a real crowd.

Ray Guy didn't just happen in Lubbock. But until now, or maybe next month in the All Stars vs. Miami Dolphins game in Chicago, he has managed to avoid the national limelight.

He was named to seven All America teams as a senior, but being a kicking specialist from Southern Mississippi, he hasn't yet made the cover of any of the sporting press.

They know him in Jackson, Miss., because last year he was named Mississippi's Sportsman of The Year. The Atlanta Journal named him Georgia's Amateur Athlete of 1972, which is a pretty good score for a guy from Mississippi.

He was the NCAA punting champion for 1972 because he AVERAGED 46.2 yards for 58 kicks. His career average isn't so good — only 44.7 for 200 hits.

Against Ole Miss one afternoon he got it all just once — 93 yards.

His best field goal shot is a world's record for collegiate 3-pointers, a modest 61 yards.

Besides this, he plays. He wants the ball so much he picked off eight interceptions in his senior year.

So Ray Guy is going to Oakland, and good old George Blanda may retire to making television commercials. Ray Guy is headed for instant success in pro football. But he didn't have to go the football route. Like Bradley Van Pelt of Michigan State, he chose football over pitching baseballs for a living. Ray Guy pitched 213 innings of varsity baseball, and he struck out 254 of his opponents.

Would you believe Ray Guy is for real? The Oakland Raiders believe. And before he winds up his 1973 tours of the pro football pressboxes, I'll bet Larry Felser will believe.



## SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK John Doser

Jim Smith, former Cardinal Mooney head soccer coach, switched professions a few years ago — he went from teaching into journalism.

Apparently it's paying off, because Smith recently won an award in an annual statewide journalism competition sponsored by the Connecticut chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, the professional journalism society.

Now 26, Jim is a reporter for the Hartford (Conn.) Courant, and he won honorable mention honors for a story he wrote on the background of a 138-year-old church that burned down under suspicious circumstances in the small village of Terryville, Conn.

The story ran Oct. 1, 1972 and described an undercurrent of racial and religious bigotry on the part of some that led authorities to call the fire an arson case.

A Brockport State and Pittsford High grad, Smith worked summers as a parttime reporter and copyboy for Rochester's finest morning newspaper.

At Mooney he taught and coached soccer for two years before deciding to switch occupations.

McQUAID's Chris Horton, 17,500 miles wiser than he was last fall when school began, finished eighth among the dozen best young (junior) runners in the U.S. with a clocking of 4:10.7 in the National Junior AAU track meet at Gainesville, Fla.

Matt Centrowitz of New York City's Power Memorial broke the N.Y. State high school record for the mile with a 4:02.7. The old mark was 4:06, set two years ago by Tony Colon, also of Power.

### COLLEGE ELECTS 4

Four prominent business and community leaders have been elected to the Nazareth College Board of Trustees.

The new members of the college's governing body are: Joseph P. King, administrator, Genesee Valley Market Authority; Alfred J. Murrer, president and chief operating officer, Gleason Works; John H. Ryan, president of Ryan Homes, Inc.; and John M. Walsh, former assistant vice-president and assistant general manager of Kodak Park Division.

## Christ, Church Inseparable, Pope Declares

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul VI urged Roman Catholics to remain faithful to the Church that Christ "founded on Peter," insisting that a person cannot truly accept Christ while rejecting His Church.

Addressing pilgrims and tourists in St. Peter's Square on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul June 29, the Pope said that St. Peter, as "the first vicar of Christ," was placed at the head of Christ's Church, "the workshop of our salvation."

Observing that "many people today are inclined to say, 'Christ, yes. We accept Him; but the Church, no,' the pontiff asked:

"By what historical, evangelical, or charismatic authority can they make such an assertion? How can they remain with Christ and in Christ, and at the same time lay aside or disregard the bond of unity with Him?"



## THE OPEN WINDOW Fr. Louis Hohman

Q. If Hitler burns in hell for all eternity, how could that possibly atone for the millions of deaths he caused? One man, Hitler who exercised his "free will" to be evil, snuffed out the lives of all those innocents who never got the chance to exercise their "free will" to be good. Billy Graham implied on TV that if Hitler had begged God's mercy and was sorry for his sins he might have a chance to escape hell. I can't believe that! None of us want to imagine Hitler "getting off easy." Sometimes I think priests should give us the answers to these and similar questions on Sunday instead of continually quoting the Gospel and talking of things that took place 2000 years ago. We're not living back then. Talk about today's problems.

A. Probably many readers will wonder why I bothered to deal with your question. To them I say I have frightening evidence that far too many people are vindictive and presume to judge in the sense of condemning fellow human beings. Yet Scripture tells us that vengeance belongs to the Lord in the sense that He and He alone can read the hearts of men and exercise full justice toward them.

Suppose that I preached a sermon on the fate of Hitler at which you were present. Would you come away from it a better person or simply one who had a craving for revenge satisfied? I do not know Hitler's fate nor is it my concern. The only thing I do know is that the Lord God dealt with him in perfect justice as He will with me and every other human being. I also know that my God is a God of mercy and that if, preserving the demands of justice, He can save any of us He will.

What is added to you or to our world if Hitler is being punished horribly? Perhaps you had a

direct connection with Hitler's blood bath and for you it has a personal dimension. In that case it would be understandable that you would have a more difficult time fighting feelings of revenge. But fight them you must, for to nurture such feelings is self-destructive.

As to the subjects of our sermons. The Gospel is the word of God. The Gospel is good news for modern man. The Gospel is totally relevant to every person of every age. The Gospel is a saving message. If we priests present the Gospel in a way which is irrelevant, to that extent we are failures in our mission.

Talk about today's problems, you say. Human nature is the same today as it always was; its problems are the same too. If we present the authentic Gospel message, we will go a long way toward solving or at least contributing to the solutions of human problems. Here's a practical example. It might be very worthwhile for you to read in a prayerful manner the following passage: John 8: 1-11.

### CDA COURT INSTALLS

Brockport — Court Nativity of Our Lady, Catholic Daughters of America, has installed Miss Katherine Pancoast as regent and Mrs. Mildred Gianfagna and Mrs. Patricia Coffe as vice regents. Other officers: Mrs. Bessie Eaton, financial secretary; Mrs. Anne Dries, treasurer; Mrs. Catherine Ricotta, recording secretary; Mrs. Jane Hasbrouck, monitor; Mrs. Mary Ann Atwell, lecturer; Mrs. Beatrice Munger, organist; Mrs. Arlene Kepler, Mrs. Angeline Gaudio and Mrs. Lillian Mooney, trustees.

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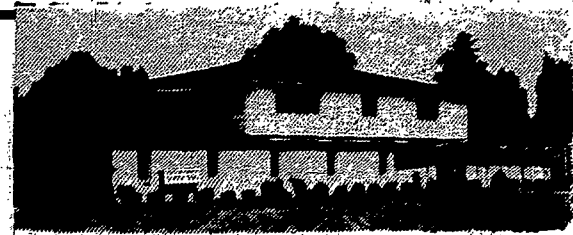
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