

**IN THIS CORNER**



**George Beahon**

The great unsolved mystery of the 1975 football season has to be the case of the Coaches Versus Ralph Gebhardt.

Gebhardt is a senior psychology major from Fairport who last month completed a fantastic football career at the University of Rochester. He has

**CIM Sets Lectures**

**Elmira** — The Christian Institute of Man (CIM) will present its fourth annual Lecture Series beginning Jan. 12, and continuing for 12 weeks. Father Thomas Berry, CP, of Fordham University will be the first speaker.

He will give an overview of the entire series on the topic, "The Human Experience in Recent Literature." He will then discuss Kamala Markandya, well-known author from India, and her book, *Nectar in a Sieve*.

The Christian Institute of Man is an ecumenical group of Roman Catholic and Protestant churches and laity. All lectures will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday evenings at Park Church. They are open to the community. Tickets will be available at the door.

**HOLIDAY DEADLINE**

Because of the holiday schedule, the deadline for next week's *Courier-Journal* will be noon, Wednesday, Dec. 24.

to make any all time Yellowjacket team.

His specialty was intercepting passes as a defensive back. He achieved eight clean pickoffs each of the last two seasons. And he played both ways. This time around he caught five touchdown passes from his own quarterback.

Gebhardt made most of the college division all star teams including the Associated Press, but here came the Kodak Coaches' Division 2 All Star squad, 22 strong on offense and defense. But no Gebhardt.

Coaches vote regionally, so they are supposed to know something about the most eligibles.

A man who works for the Football Coaches' Association in what amounts to a publicity and public relations capacity was queried by a Kodak executive about the Gebhardt case.

The best answer he could relay to this reporter was a loose alibi, that the U. of R. didn't play too impressive a schedule. By this reasoning, Archie Griffin could not have made Little All America from the U of R if the same coaches were voting.

About that schedule. Hobart placed a well-deserving fullback Rich Kowalski on the same coaches' team. Hobart opponents like Union, Alfred, RPI and RIT are really not calculated to impress coaches looking for top shelf competition. Meanwhile, the U. of R. did engage some clout clubs like Amherst, Tufts and Williams.

If those coaches voting for the college division all stars want to retain credibility, they had better try harder.

Gebhardt, not just incidentally, is known to a variety of coaches at the National Football League level. Conglomerate scouting groups have looked at Gebhardt, and individual club scouts have seen him. One man who particularly is interested in the 5-10, 180-pound defensive specialist, Cincinnati Bengal head coach.

Gebhardt did make Paul Brown's team.



**WYOMA BEST**

**Wyoma Best 'Dimes' Leader**

The National Foundation-March of Dimes, Monroe-Wayne County Chapter, has announced the appointment of Wyoma I. Best as Mother's March chairwoman.

Ms. Best graduated with a B.S. from Hampton Institute, Hampton Va., and did graduate study at Cornell University. She is the recipient of numerous awards, among them the Genesee Valley Chapter of Professional Business Women's — Professional Woman of the Year, and Outstanding Young Women of America for 1974.

She is employed as a news reporter-moderator for WHEC-TV. Ms. Best and her husband, Robert, live with their two daughters, Telethea and Nicolle, in Rochester.

The Mother's March annual appeal for funds, a door to door campaign, has been synonymous with the March of Dimes since 1951. A working mother, such as Ms. Best, epitomizes many of the thousands of volunteers helping out each year.

**ON THE RIGHT SIDE**



**Fr. Paul J. Cuddy**

**What do you think of Christmas?**

That reminds me of the two friends who met. One asked: "How is your wife?" The other replied: "Under what aspect?"

**Well, do you think Christmas is properly observed?**

Since we are all the children of Adam, tainted by the consequences of original sin, i.e. pride, covetousness, lust, anger, envy, gluttony and sloth, nothing is perfectly observed. Of course there is a fearsome over-emphasis about the materialism surrounding Christmas. But don't you think that a lot of people are happy and virtuous buying things out of love for friends and relatives? They are happy in their generosity and concern. One of my holiest memories is that of an old grandmother, eyes shining, as she showed me little gifts for her grandchildren, which she had gotten from her slender pocketbook. Don't you think this is the spirit of Christmas: the God of love who became the Word made flesh, and is incarnated in the souls of loving people?

**But Christmas should be spiritual!**

Yes. In fact the happiest Christmases I ever had were at Old Saint Bernard's Seminary in my seminary days. At that time seminarians stayed in the seminary, had a spiritual retreat together, had the Christmas liturgy together, had their Christmas meals together, and praised God's Son together, with splendid liturgical services together, but with great sim-

plicity. However we are in 1975 and things are different. We have to adapt to what is. Yet traditional parish customs still prevail. Priests are busy with Christmas confessions. The churches must be decorated by the Sisters or other holy women. Baskets have to be delivered. Choirs have to be trained, and altar boys. Children's celebrations have to be attended. A thousand demands knock at the door and have to be answered. But all these can be sanctified by our intention of praising the Infant Lord.

**Oh, isn't that pietistic?**

Would the world be better off with less piety? I do not think so. On the other hand, we must remember that God is glorified in every goodness.

**You seem contented with things.**

God forbid I ever be satisfied; but God forbid that I ever be cynical or discouraged. I constantly admire the struggle in the souls of men: that war between the 7 capital sins and the 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit, viz. charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, longanimity, mildness, faith, modesty, continency and chastity. The message of Christmas is the message of love, the core of our religion which is often missed. As God sent His Son to manifest Himself in His Image, Jesus Christ, I often think of people who mirror the Savior, with Father Joseph Curtin, my first pastor as the number one model. He would not have discussed "forming community", which simply means for people to live together in love and concern. Rather, I think he would have smiled at such a discussion, saying nothing, and just go out walking and talking with the people. He would go shopping and buy for the poor. He would stop into the church and say his beads for the people: for believers and non-believers; for the local people, the area people, and for those in China, India and around Cape Horn. And my observation is that this same spirit abounds in many souls today, but even more strongly at Christmas time. So let us bless the Lord.

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