Defense up, offense down

Kush says Colts taking him on elevator ride

The way head coach Frank Kush views his Colts football team, he feels like the players are giving him an endless ride on an elevator.

The defensive unit is carrying him up — a little higher each week — and the offensive side plummets him back to earth.

Frank Kush
an up - and - down ride

In reviewing Sunday's 20 - 20 tie against the hot Green Bay Packers, the first year coach detailed what he felt was improvement on defense.

It held quarterback Lynn Dickey to 16 of 34 completions for 213 yards, while allowing just 138 yards on the ground.

Kush had good words for Wisniewski and Cooks along with defensive end Donnell Thompson and linebacker Greg Bracelin.

"Johnie (Cooks) is progressing . . . he keeps getting better and better every ball game," he said. "(He's) not reverting back, which is what you expect of a great athlete."

The coach didn't get specific about his reasons for referring to the team's offense as "a yo - yo effort."

But he did say fullback Randy McMillan and running back Curtis Dickey played well against Green Bay. He cited some good blocking by the right side of the Colts' line, saying Jeff Hart played "one of his better ball games."

And he praised the efforts of rookie quarterback Mike Pagel, who completed 23 of 39 passes for 211 yards. ". . . I think there is a great deal of potential there," Kush said about Pagel.

What Kush did not say — nor did he need to — is how the Colts are going to cope with the explosive San Diego Chargers in San Diego this Sunday.

The defense is not likely to relish the idea of facing a team which collected 51 points against the veteran Cincinnati Bengals Monday night, and 41 five days earlier against San Francisco. A total of 92 points in the last two games . . . SAM LACY.

Y league forming

The Druid Hill Avenue YMCA is preparing for launching of its Men's Winter Basketball League to be played Friday night of each week.

Nathaniel Jackson at 728 - 1600 is registering interested teams for action which begins Jan. 7.

Peach Bowl to showcase best punter in nation

Of course, it has been done on occasion but it is not often that a punter becomes a first round choice in the pro draft.

It is even less frequently — in fact never — that a black punter has been snatched from the college ranks the moment the bartering commences.

That, however, is exactly what will happen this spring when the NFL selection process gets under way.

The lure will be Reggie Roby, a University of Iowa senior who booms the ball farther than anyone, collegian or professional.

Roby, who cuts loose for more than 50-55 yards on occasion and led the nation with a 48.1 average for the Hawkeyes this season, will be on display Dec. 31 in the Peach Bowl at Atlanta when Iowa plays Tennessee.

Roby has had few disappointments in his career. He was an all-state player for Waterloo East in both football and basketball. He kicked a record 51-yard field goal against city rival Waterloo West that gave a signal to the University of Iowa the one-time playground all-star could help in the Hawkeyes' football resurgence.

"He is an offensive and defensive weapon. He certainly was a major reason for our success last year. He's the best in the nation," said Iowa coach Hayden Fry. "This season, we're looking to do what we can because of our losses from last year and just give the ball to Reggie to punt."

To those youngsters who lean more toward the schoolyard game of "kickball" rather than the traditional sports of baseball, basketball or football, Reggie says to take heart.

Roby was a kickball fanatic when he was growing up in Waterloo, Iowa, concentrating on improving his kicking so he could be the best on the playground.

"I was 12 years old and just kept kicking," Roby recalled.

Eventually, he traded the round red kickball for a pigskin and began punting. He never took a lesson. But today, he is the premier punter in the nation.

Roby established an NCAA record last year and has the opportunity to attain the stature of top pro punters like Ray Guy and Tom Skladany in being one of the top draft picks next year.

Roby averaged 49.8 yards per kick for the Big Ten co-champions last season, eclipsing the previous mark of 49.3.

He set a school record by punting five times for a 55.8 yard average. It wasn't a fluke.

Reggie Roby
booms 'em farthest

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AFRO SPORTS

Race hatred shelved in tribute to Herschel

WRIGHTSVILLE, GA. (UPI) — Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker's hometown, once torn with racial strife, honored the athlete Saturday with a parade and barbecue.

"I want to thank all the people of Wrightsville for having me here today because it's an honor for me," said Walker, standing with his family on a makeshift platform in front of the Johnson County Courthouse.

Governor George Busbee proclaimed "Herschel Walker Day" statewide and joined other state and local dignitaries for the hometown salute to the University of Georgia running back.

Busbee, in the proclamation, urged all Georgians "To join me in expressing our great pride in Georgia's number one college athlete."

Walker, a three - time All - America, was welcomed back to Wrightsville by Mayor Willis Wombles and Sheriff Roland Attaway, who were central figures in black protests at the same county courthouse two years earlier.

After Walker graduated from Johnson County High School and was preparing for his first season with the Bulldogs in Athens, Wrightsville had a summer of frequent demonstrations and occasional racial violence as blacks fought the unending battle for more jobs and a rightful share of revenue sharing projects.

But there was no sign of past strife as over a thousand Bulldog fans and local residents rubbed elbows at a noon barbecue and downtown parade.

Mayor Wombles was asked about the summer of 1980 and quickly replied, "Those problems have been eliminated, and as you can see, the black and white people are getting along fine here."

Salute to a hometown hero Herschel with security guard and friend Cindy De Angelis

Big leaguers here Monday at Elrod's baseball clinic

Five veteran talents of major league baseball are expected to participate in a seminar conducted by Orioles bullpen coach Elrod Hendricks at McDonogh School on Monday.

The sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 4:30, with specialists lecturing on all phases of the game.

Scheduled to join Hendricks are Frank Robinson, 1982 manager of the year of the San Francisco Giants; Ray Miller, pitching coach of the Orioles; Billy Hunter, former player, coach and manager, now head coach at Towson State University.

Also one - time Oriole outfielder Curt Motton, now a coach in the San Francisco minor league system, and Jim LeFebre, director of player development and co - author of a book titled "The Making of a Hitter."

Elrod Hendricks
joined by Frank, Curt

Brooks, Boog 'Hall' eligibles

COOPERSTOWN, NY — Retired Orioles infielders Brooks Robinson and Boog Powell are on a list of 23 former major leaguers up for consideration as 1983 Hall of Famers.

Brooks appears to be certain to follow another ex - Bird, Frank Robinson, into enshrinement. Outfielder Frank was inducted last year.

Brooks played third base and Boog was first baseman and teammates of Frank in the late sixties.

College scores

San Diego St. 89, Howard 61
UDC 116, Va. State 98
Central St. 82, Spring Hill 69
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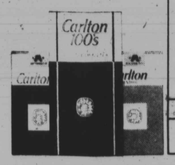

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The LIVING CHURCH

I'm dreaming of a right Christmas

What does Christmas mean to you?

By Rev. St. George Crosse
St. Matthews United Methodist Church

"And she shall bring forth a son . . . and shall call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21.

What does Christmas mean to you?

To some it means hard work, overtime crowded stores, trains planes and busses with huge crowds. To others Christmas means a visit home surely is the best time to be with loved ones.

Christmas is a sad time for some people; they think of a loved one who has died since last Christmas. To others this season means parties, getting drunk and having a 'good time' at the office party.

But to many people Christmas means nothing at all. They do not know Jesus Christ. Christmas is just a day off. Christmas is just a time to go into debt, for many people can only show their love by purchasing things.

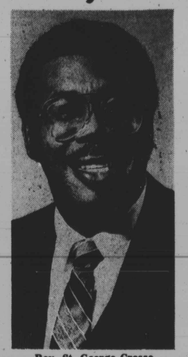
Oh, but Christmas means everything to a child of God. Christmas means God loves him, and gave his only son to redeem him. Christmas means Jesus the Christ is born. Born to live as an example, to die as a substitute, to rise from the grave and ascend to heaven to be his intersessor.

Christmas means the child of God has a companion in life, a friend at the hour of death, and a loving brother for all eternity. Dear friend that is what Christmas to a child of God is.

To have a "Right Christmas," there are certain things that must be done.

When Mary and Joseph came to the inn, the inn keeper said, "Sorry I have no room." Here was a man who missed all that Christmas means. Many of his guests came and stayed and were soon forgotten. If he had made room for Jesus to be born in his hotel, it would have changed his entire life.

If you say this Christmas that you have no room for Jesus, you will miss all the blessings of Christmas. Our lives are so filled with worldly things, let us throw out these sins and make room for Jesus. Let us throw out envy, jealousy, anger mistrust and hatred. Maybe you have an unforgiving spirit, you forgive but you cannot forget.



Rev. St. George Crosse

What a wonderful Christmas it would be if you could clean out the closets of our lives, and make room for Jesus. My dear friend have you put up a "No vacancy" sign on your heart.

Have you turned Jesus away? You can open the door and make room for him and you will have a "right Christmas"

A right Christmas means worship

When Jesus was born a miracle took place. The heavens opened and angels spoke to the shepherds on the Judean hill. "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a savour which is Christ the Lord." The Bible said that they ran to where Jesus was and when they saw him they worshipped him.

A right Christmas means worship. Worship is a lost art for many today. Many people refuse to worship God, they use the Lord's day as a day for shopping, washing the car or going to a ball game.

Many homes do not even take time to thank God and worship him with grace before meals.

Many people say "I don't have to go to church to worship God." Oh friend that is so true. But do you worship him at home? Do you praise him for your health, your home, your loved ones, your friends. The Bible says "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Do you praise and worship him.

This Christmas would be a right Christmas if you would take time out to worship Jesus. The king of kings and the Lord of Lords.

A right Christmas means the grace of giving

In the Christmas story we read of the wise men who gave gold. These men gave their best gifts. What about your time, your talents, your treasure. What are you giving to God?

God so loved the world that he gave. He gave his best. Giving reached a climax at the cross. Look at that old rugged cross and see Jesus giving his life for you and for me.

Look at the attendance records of our churches, hundreds of Christians have not given time to God. Look at the financial records of the church of God. Hundreds of Christians have not given of their treasure. Look at the cross. Must Jesus bear the cross alone.

No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me and you. The grace of giving will make for a "right Christmas."

A right Christmas means telling others about Jesus

For many years men looked for the Messiah. On that first Christmas morning, the angel announced that he is born. What a change, what a joy, what peace. God is with us. Immanuel the king is born.

But there are many who do not know who Jesus is. Men and women boys and girls still grope in the darkness of sin. They are looking for something that satisfies. Something or someone who will give them peace. Some try to find satisfaction in drugs or alcohol. Some look for satisfaction in a job or education or in wealth and fame.

So many people need to hear the Christmas message, and the message of the new birth. A right Christmas includes telling others about Jesus. So many of us keep the faith. But God wants us to tell others about Jesus. Tell them what has he has done for us and what he can do for them, then they too can have a right Christmas.

The nativity....St. Luke 2, 1-19

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Ceasar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manager; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, living in a manager.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manager.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

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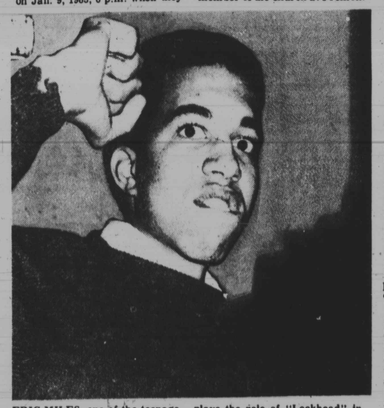
STARS FOR A NIGHT — Michael Cole, plays the role of Coff Pot and Robert Jordan is Uncle Babe in the Jan. 9 play scheduled to be held at 6 p.m. at New Shiloh Baptist Church.

'The True Healer,' a religious play to be held at New Shiloh

New Shiloh Baptist Church members will be stars for a night on Jan. 9, 1983, 6 p.m. when they participate in the two act play written by Ms. Betty Glascoe, a member of the church at Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street.



ERIC MILES, one of the teenage members of New Shiloh Baptist plays the role of "Lockhead" in the play, The True Healer.

The play is about the faith of a woman who believed in God and held a position of mystery in her community because of her determination to live for Christ.

The play tends to be a message of thanks to God for having mercy on us and for forgiving us for our many sins.

The setting for The True Healer is on a busy neighborhood street on a Sunday afternoon in Baltimore.

The neighborhood people are sitting on the steps and some are standing around talking among themselves, greeting passers-by and often gossiping.

The author of the play has been a participant in the arts since she was five years old. She has received recognition in the Who's Who Among Black Americans in 1976 and in Who's Who of Women in 1977. Some of her writings and performances include "Slavery Revisited, Tell Dem 'Bout Me and "For God So Loved The World."

Speaking of the play, the Rev. Harold A. Carter, pastor of New Shiloh said, "The message of all this activity ought not to escape from the church. In a world, the church of 1982 ought not to be satisfied with our children giving traditional one-line Christmas and Easter messages, which offer little challenge and fail to pull the best out of them.

"We need more 'Betty Glascoes' who will bring their training and skills to God's people and prepare them to enter all the new halls of our nation, and command attention and applause through excellence in song, word, instrument, as well as with canvas and brush."

Rev. Carter stated, "Our God is a consummate God. No part of the universe is off limits to him. We make ourselves poor when we limit the glory and beauty of our God to Sunday and Sunday night experiences 'Day by day showeth his handiwork and night after night showeth knowledge.'

The cast consist of members of New Shiloh Baptist. Mrs. Bertha Guthrie is the co-director and cast members are Charlynn Cockfield, Jacqueline Westbrook, Carrie Sheppard, Dawn Davis, Tonya Turner, Doris Davis, Christobel Robinson, Quentin Burges, Chersie Cockfield, Richelle D. Glascoe, Renita Sloan, C. Eric Lee, Eric Miles, David Marshall, Robilyn Heath, Adrienne Lee, Robert Heath, Deboray Sawyer, Laurence Blackwell, Bertha Guthrie, Donald E. Lee, Robert Jordan, Germaine M. Turner, Michael Cole, Shanera Sloan, John L. Tucker, Mary Nutter, William Slater, David Sawyer, William Banks, Tiffany Welch, Veronica Gales, Kim Martin. The public is invited to attend.

Photos by Donald Lee

ACTIVE MEMBERS of New Shiloh Baptist Church who are participating in the play, "The True Healer" are shown in a photo that was taken at a rehearsal. Shown from left are Carrie Shepard, Jacqueline Westbrook and Christobel Robinson.

Metro church briefs

The Rev. A. C. Crumbly, former pastor of Mt. Pisgah Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will be worshiping at his former church on Sunday at the 11 a.m. services. He is now the pastor of Holsey Monumental CME Church in Columbus, Ga.

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The Arbutus United Methodist Church, 1201 Maple Avenue will have its service of The Festival of Lessons and Carols on Dec. 26, 10 a. m.

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The men of Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street, will have a balloon witness for the New Year following the 11 a.m. service. The men will lift off 1,000 balloons, each containing a biblical verse and mustard seed. The Rev. Dr. John R. Bryant is pastor.

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The third annual Christmas gospel concert sponsored by members of New Fellowship Christian Community Church and Faith Deliverance Church will be held on Dec. 26, 6 p.m. 5202 Park Heights Ave.

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The Rev. Harley H. Wilson, pastor of Israel Baptist Church will be the guest speaker at Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive on Dec. 26; 4 p.m. The Rev. C. M. Franklin is pastor.

Mrs. Janice D. Ellis will be presented in a concert on Sunday, Dec. 26, 6 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church, Caroline and Preston Street. Mrs. Ruth Dean is chairperson and the Rev. Angus Smith is pastor.

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The annual week of prayer luncheon and meeting for Christian Unity will be held on Jan. 22, 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Hotel.