

KM Native Earns Promotion

A former Kings Mountain woman, Patti S. Smith, was recently promoted to Inspector II in the Community Improvement Division for the City of Charlotte. In this capacity, she will supervise six of the 12 Inspectors who investigate public and private properties for litter code violations and abandoned junk vehicles.

Mrs. Smith has been employed by the City of Charlotte for 15 years. She worked six years as Secretary to the Head of the Building Inspection Department. When a bid for an Inspector in the Community Improvement Division was posted, she applied and was accepted as the first female



PATTI S. SMITH

Inspector in this Division.

In her new duties, she will supervise and assist Field Inspectors in their work of interpreting and applying the ordinance, initiating legal action against violators and be responsible for counseling, training, appraising job performance, and coordinating activities with other Divisions and Departments. In addition, she will be preparing the Division's budget request, monitoring the use of allocated resources, and preparing quarterly and annual objectives.

Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mrs. Juanita Steffy of Kings Mountain and the late Gene Steffy.

Blanton Publishing Newspaper

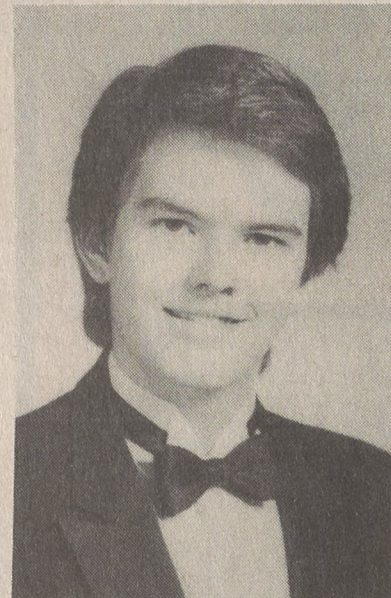
Michael S. "Mike" Blanton has been named publisher of The Herald-Tribune in Batesville, Ind.

A Kings Mountain native, Blanton is a 1970 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and attended N.C. State University and Gaston College.

Blanton started his newspaper career in 1973 in the circulation department of the Gastonia Gazette. In 1975, he was named circulation director of The Chapel Hill Newspaper in Chapel Hill,

and in 1976, he joined Worrell Enterprises Inc. as circulation director of the Bristol Herald Courier in Bristol, Va. In 1985, he transferred to Bluefield, W. Va., as circulation director of the Bluefield Daily Telegraph and held that position until his current appointment.

Blanton is married to the former Susan Wilson of Kings Mountain, and is the father of one daughter, Jennifer. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blanton of Kings Mountain.



KEITH DUNCAN

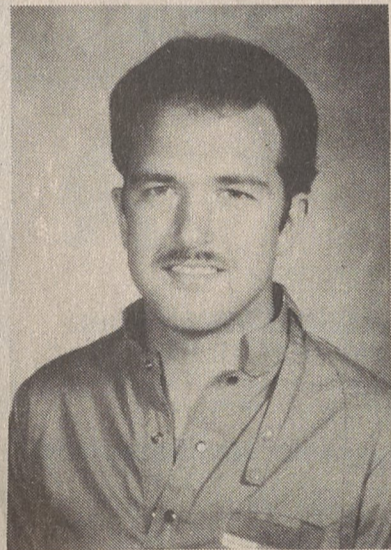
KM's Duncan Named Youth Of Month

Robert Keith Duncan, who ranks second in a class of 250 seniors at Kings Mountain Senior High, is Shelby Exchange Club Youth of the Month.

Duncan plans to attend Virginia Tech and major in nuclear engineering or nuclear physics.

At KMSHS, he is active in a number of activities, including the National Honor Society, Science Club, Kings Revue, French Club, Key Club, Pep Club, Concert and Marching Bands, Band Council and National Beta Club. He attended the Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C. last year.

Duncan is active in First Baptist Church and Youth Council and Ensemble and has been president of the Youth Choir the past three years. He attended the Broyhill Leadership camp in 1985, the N. C. State University Nuclear Science and Technology two week summer program in 1986 and the five week summer program offered by ASU in math and science in the summer of 1986.



KEVIN ALLRAN

Allran Selected Who's Who

Kevin Allran of Charlotte was named to the 1987 edition of "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges", national directory of student leaders.

Kevin is a sports medicine major at Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer, North Carolina. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Allran of Charlotte and the grandson of Mrs. Vernie Mae Allran and the late A. A. (Buck) Allran.

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