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Seniors To Present M*A*S*H

The curtain goes up Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. on "Mash", the KMSHS senior play based on the well-known movie and television program with the same name.

Performances are in B.N. Barnes Auditorium and tickets can be purchased at the door.

Mrs. Betsy Wells is directing the production and stage managers are Jack Arnold and Tamara Godwin.

A large cast of students make up the cast which includes dance numbers choreographed by Michel Buckner of Shelby to well known 40's tunes.

Dancers in the production are Sciandra Robinson,

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PHOTO BY DARRIN GRIGGS

DANCERS IN "MASH"—These seniors will perform as dancers in "Mash", the annual KMSHS senior play, which opens Thursday night for four performances in Barnes Auditorium. Kneeling, from left, Mary Ferebee, Deana Gillespie, Tina Anderson, Jennifer Boheler and Charlotte Taylor. Top row, from left, Pam Thombs, Scinadra Robinson, Laura Allen, Candace Carswell, Heather Bradshaw, Holly Mercier. Second row, from left, Thomas Feemster, Ron Ruffin, Dallas Stacey, David Long, Jason Dover and Phil Robbins.

4 Finalists For City Manager

The city manager may not be hired until May or June but the first of four finalists for the job was interviewed Tuesday night by the city board of commissioners. Mayor Kyle Smith has declined to release the names of the final four candidates among 31 who applied because he said their present jobs may be placed in jeopardy if their employers discover they are seeking other employment.

Smith said the list of four will be narrowed to two after the interviews of all four candidates are completed.

The second man will be interviewed Thursday night and the third and fourth will be interviewed on the same nights next week.

The Mayor said all four candidates have similar backgrounds. In addition to being public administrators elsewhere in North Carolina, they all have degrees in the field and all attended institutions of higher learning in North Carolina. The mayor said all are "top notch administrators and from North Carolina," of which he is proud. None of the four candidates is from Cleveland County.

During former Mayor John Moss's 22 year tenure, he was the chief executive officer as well as mayor. Moss stepped down last year and the city moved to inaugurate the city manager-city council form of government. Until a city manager is hired and on the job, Mayor Smith serves as the chief executive officer as well as mayor.

TV Evangelists Are Messengers, Not 'The Message'

Pastor Urges Christians To Give To Their Local Church

Local church members ought not to send their tithes to television ministries, says a former minister of the Assembly of God, Rev. Elwood Barnes.

Rev. Barnes, now chaplain of Kings Mountain Rescue Squad and pastor of the local Assembly of God for four years, says local Christians are not following the Bible when they give their tithes to support a ministry other than a local church.

He said, however, that local churches can learn a valuable lesson from TV evangelists

like Jimmy Swaggart and Jim Bakker. They are "messengers, not The Message."

Swaggart, probably like the most widely watched television evangelist, Sunday publicly confessed to moral failure and stepped down from his pulpit. It was the second sex scandal in a year involving a major religious figure.

Both Barnes and former KM Assembly of God pastor David Engle praised Swaggart for admitting he was wrong and placing the blame on himself alone. Barnes said

"things might have been different for Jim and Tammy Bakker today if the same candor had been used", referring to Swaggart's public confession of moral misconduct.

The state council of the nation's largest Pentecostal denomination ordered Swaggart Tuesday to stop preaching for three months and undergo a two year rehabilitation and counseling program.

Barnes quoted scripture which said that... "things done in darkness shall be manifest by light." He also agreed with

Jerry Rose, president of the National Religious Broadcasters, who said that there will be more damage and the credibility of those in Christian broadcasting will be hurt a little bit more by the scandal of sexual misconduct involving Swaggart.

Both Barnes and Dr. Eric Faust, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, said Swaggart should grow stronger from the whole ordeal and Faust labeled as "sad" that the

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Bagwell Chosen For All-Star Game

Kings Mountain High's Brent Bagwell has been selected to play in the annual East-West High School All-Star football game July 26 at Greensboro Grimsley.

The game, held on the final night of the annual North Carolina High School Coaches Association summer clinic, pits the best high school seniors from western North Carolina against the best from the east.

Bagwell, a 6-3, 235-pound tight end-defensive tackle who recently inked a full scholarship with N.C. State, was selected to play defense, but Kings Mountain coach Denny Hicks, who will be an assistant for the west, said Bagwell could also be called on for duty at tight end.

"One of Brent's biggest assets is that he's a very skilled athlete," said Coach Hicks. "He was highly ranked

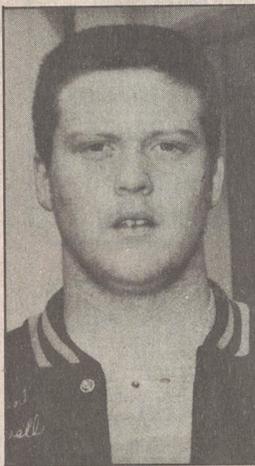
by many major college coaches."

Bagwell is one of five players from the Southwestern 3-A Conference to make the western team.

Bagwell was the leading receiver for the Mountaineers last fall and one of the team's leading tacklers. He was All-Southwestern 3-A Conference as a defensive tackle. He also plays center for the KMHS basketball team, is the team's top rebounder and number two scorer, and is a pitcher-first baseman on the baseball team.

Bruce Hardin, a Shelby native and head coach at West Charlotte High School, will serve as head coach of the west all-stars. Assistants are Hicks, Van Story of Burlington Williams and Phil Brintnall of Hendersonville.

Bagwell is the first Kings Mountain athlete to play in



BRENT BAGWELL

the East-West game since 1986 when Edwin Sherer played the split end position. Sherer was a freshman red-

shirt last fall at Mars Hill College.

"It's quite an honor for Brent," said Hicks. "I was really amazed at the meeting when the selection committee picked the all-stars. I was on the defensive committee and they threw 350 name cards of players at us and told us to pick 14."

"The selection process was long and tough, and there were many outstanding athletes to choose from," he added. "It's quite an honor for Brent to know that the majority of the coaches picked him. Because of his ranking by college coaches, they had heard of him many times before."

Bagwell's coaches have continuously praised him for his hard work attitude and putting team before self. He was injured early in his

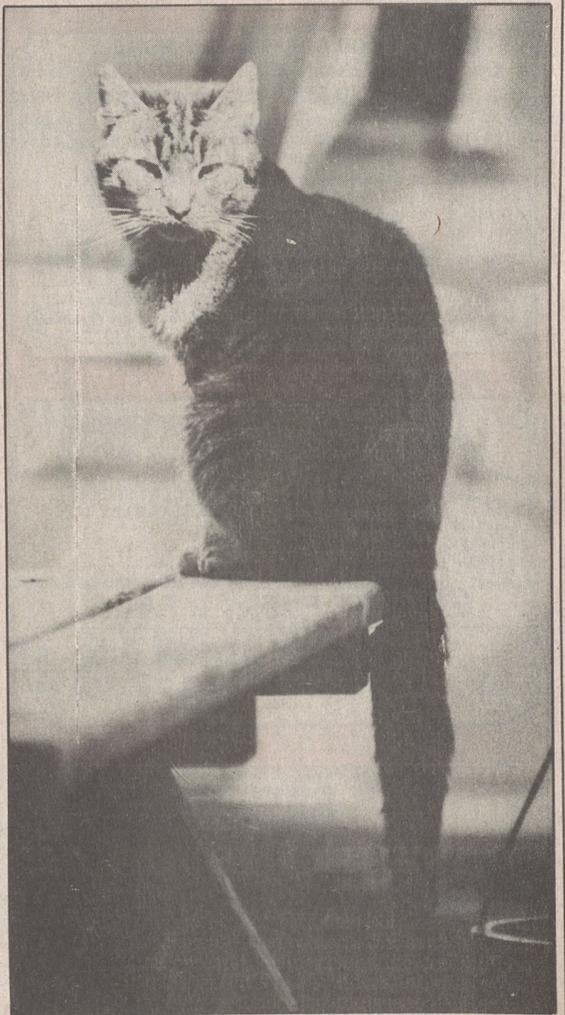


Photo by Darrin Griggs

SUNNING—Gene and Mary Putnam's cat took advantage of Tuesday's warm 73-degree weather to catch some sun in Grover. The weather is predicted to cool down some the remainder of the week but should still be comfortable and with only a slight chance of rain.



RICK KEEVER

24-Hour Blitz On Friday Will Benefit American Heart Association

Business leaders of Kings Mountain will collect donations for the American Heart Association's 24-hour business blitz on Friday.

This year's business blitz chairman is Rick Keever of BB&T. His team members include Odus Smith, Chuck Zimmerman, Ron Franks, Claude Suber, George Lublancezki, and Kevin Queen. They will be contacting local businesses between

9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

"The 24-hour blitz is a quick, effective way to allow local businesses to contribute to the American Heart Association," said Keever.

The money raised goes to support vital research at universities such as UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke. Funds also help develop life-saving educational and community programs throughout North

Carolina.

Cardiovascular and related diseases account for nearly 50% of all deaths in the United States today. Keever learned that in the Heart Association's most recent statistical year, 397 of the 768 deaths in Cleveland County were due to cardiovascular disease; 52%.

Keever and his team members are urging all local businesses to make the contribution on Friday.