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SPECIAL AWARD - KMHS athletic director Denny Hicks presents the Special Achievement Award to the KMHS girls tennis team at Monday's Sports Hall of Fame banquet. Accepting on behalf of the team is SWC Player of the Year J.J. Warlick.

Hall

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"The war didn't stop her from promoting the benefits of competition," said Casey. "She directed an intramural program that involved more than 90 percent of the student body, and I was proud to be one of her players."

She joined Wake Forest College in 1947 when the school was still located in the small town of Wake Forest. She was the school's first full-time female professor and was head of the women's Physical Education Department. She initiated a strong intramural women's program and was later the driving force behind the establishment of the women's intercollegiate athletic program. She was the school's first Director of Women's Athletics and women's golf coach. She retired from teaching in 1977 and retired as golf coach in 1984, but she is still one of the most active senior women's golfers in the state.

She is a past winner of the N.C. Association of Health, P.E. and Recreation Honor Award, won the Distinguished Alumni Award from Appalachian and was the first female inductee into the ASU Athletic Hall of Fame.

She has also been involved in a number of community projects relating to sports and is a six-time women's golf champion at Old Town Club in Winston-Salem. She has been active in several state women's golf associations and the Marge Crisp Invitational Senior Tournament is named in her honor.

"Her victories and achievements have extended far beyond the playing field," Casey said. "Her personal interest in her students made her special. Her philosophy and moral standards had a great impact on all she taught, coached and counseled. The influence she has had on thousands of young people cannot be measured, and her friendly, warm, caring personality has endeared her to all who knew her."

Miss Crisp, who still lives in Winston-Salem but visits her friends and relatives in Grover every other weekend so she can be with her mother, Lucy Crisp, who is in a Shelby nursing home, said she was "grateful" to be honored by her hometown.

"I'm grateful for the way you have honored me," she told the crowd. "And it's gratifying to know that you're accepting women in the Hall of Fame. I appreciate very much being selected."

JIM DICKEY

Jim Dickey, a KMHS football player in the late 1930's and 1940, and who later starred for Catawba College and in the Marines V-12 football program during the war years, was called a "true champion" by Kelly Bunch, who noted that Dickey has overcome great health obstacles in recent years.

"Jim is a man I greatly admire," said Bunch. "He is a champion in the most important game there is...the game of life."

Bunch pointed out that a rare disease in his younger years paralyzed Dickey's facial muscles and left him without the ability to smile. A serious foot injury his senior year at Catawba College prevented him from signing a pro football contract which had been offered him by the New York Yankees (now the Giants), and heart problems and diabetes forced him to have both of his legs amputated in recent years. He is also legally blind.

"How many people, including myself, would have the type of courage to get up and fight against all of these odds?" Bunch asked. "Jim is truly a champion. He will always be a winner. I'm sure any coach in this building tonight would agree that all winners have one thing in common. They don't quit."

Dickey recalled some of his younger years in Kings Mountain where he played five years of varsity football. "When I was playing ball, I never dreamed this kind of recognition would ever be bestowed on me," he said. "Sports can do a lot for you. They can give you an education, employment and travels, and through sports you can meet some of the nicest people on earth. This is one of the greatest honors of my life and I truly want to thank the Hall of Fame Committee for selecting me."

PAT MURPHY

Pat Murphy, former star quarterback at KMHS and Appalachian State, was called a great quarterback and leader by his high school coach, Bill Bates.

Bates recalled that the Mountaineers went 9-0-1 in 1963 with Murphy at quarterback. "We had an excellent season running the ball in 1963, but Pat was determined he was going to throw the ball in 1964," Bates recalled.

Bates said the hard work Murphy did on his own in his younger years was the key to his passing success. "He and Richard White lived close together, and they'd get outside and throw the football 365 days a year,"

Bates recalled. "Because of that, Pat was a great passing quarterback and Richard was able to make our team as a tight end. Richard helped make Pat what he is today."

Murphy's 16 touchdown passes and almost 1,000 yards through the air led the Mounties to a 10-0 regular season in '64. He was All-Conference for the second straight year, All-State and earned a full scholarship to Appalachian, where he threw 46 touchdown passes and passed for over 5,000 yards in a four-year career.

"He had an uncanny ability to throw the football, and he developed that talent himself," Bates said. "He was truly a great football player and an outstanding young man."

Murphy, who lives in Elon College, is a member of the ASU Hall of Fame but said it was a far greater honor to be selected to the Hall of Fame in his hometown.

"It's great to be back home and an honor to have been selected to the Hall of Fame," he said. "It's an honor because of the kind of people who are involved in the athletic programs here. When I was growing up, football was a way of life. There was nothing I wanted to do more. Winning and losing wasn't necessarily the most important part. Playing was. I see the dedication the citizens of Kings Mountain have and I thank the people of Kings Mountain for providing the facilities, and an environment which was very wholesome and positive."

"I also thank the coaches. They had a tremendous amount of patience with us," he added. "I thank my teammates. When you play a team sport, you can make a lot of errors and somebody else will cover up for you. I really do appreciate my teammates. There's not a "me" in the word teammates. All young people should participate in team sports."

"And, I'd like to thank my mom," he went on. "She kept a lot of meals warm for me. She never knew when I'd be coming in from playing ball."

Murphy had some special words for the late Jim Cloninger, who was his high school teammate here for three years and also played with him at Appalachian.

"He was a very dear friend," said Murphy. "He loved Kings Mountain more than anyone will ever know. He was a very special person to me. We went away to school together and there were a lot of times I had to have somebody to talk to, and he was always there. I hope all of Kings Mountain can remember Jim Cloninger the same way that I do."

1964 MOUNTIES

Bates also had high praise for the entire 1964 KMHS team, and invited all of them to the head table where assistants Bill Cashion and Bob Hussey presented them certificates for being selected to the Hall of Fame. Most of the players attended.

Those attending, in addition to Murphy, Bates, Cashion and Hussey, were Gerald Carrigan, Mike Tignor, Scott Cloninger, Jimmy Wright, Dennis Patterson, Richard White, John Van Dyke, Phillip Putnam, Bill Mullinax, Phillip Bunch, Robbie Suber, Carl Wiesener, Lyn Cheshire, Charles Ramsey, Gene Allen, George Plonk, Dale Putnam, Steve Grigg, Rick Moore, Eddie Leftwich, Ben Grimes, Hubert McGinnis, Tommy Goforth, Tommy Black, Richard Gold, Ronnie Rhea, Mike Goforth, Roger Ross, Phillip Wright, Steve Goforth, Steve Baker, Pete Putnam, Tommy Burns, and managers Joe Leftwich and Peter Hauser.

Those who could not attend included assistant coach Don Parker and players Tommy Dover, Fred Wright, Bobby Bolin, Roy Medlin, Glenn Bolin, Kenny Plonk, Eddie Bridges, Chip Bridges, Chucky Gladden, Tonnie Ware, Larry Patrick, Gary DeVeney, Danny Finger, Rodney Smith, Sandy Mauney, Tommy Finger, Von Holcolm, Phillip Russ, Jerry Ledford, Johnny Parker, Jay Powell, Danny Kiser, Pat Hord and manager "Tootic" Hill.

SPECIAL AWARD

The 1988 KMHS girls tennis team received the Special Achievement Award, given this year for the first time. It will be given annually to a person or team for outstanding accomplishments during the preceding calendar year.

The tennis team won its first Southwestern 3-A Conference title and became the first SWC team ever to defeat Shelby in tennis. The Shelby team had won the conference every year since the inception of tennis and had won 146 straight conference tennis matches.

KMHS athletic director Denny Hicks recognized Coach Diane Dooley, who presented certificates to all of the players. A plaque, which was accepted by SWC Player of the Year J.J. Warlick, will be on permanent display with the Hall of Fame plaques at Mauney Memorial Library. Through the years, the names of future Special Achievement winners will be added to the plaque.

Netters Defeat Warriors

Kings Mountain High's tennis team scored a 5-3 victory over East Gaston in a rain-abbreviated non-conference match last Tuesday.

Coach Steve Lazenby's charges are scheduled to travel to Garinger Thursday afternoon and will open Southwestern 3-A Conference action next Tuesday at home.

Singles winners for KM last week were Jeff Guy, Dale Bowen, Jay Hendricks and Scott Layton. Layton and Kevin Bess won their doubles match.

THE RESULTS (Singles)

Jeff Guy (KM) def. Scott Clark 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Dale Bowen (KM) def. Robbie Jetson 6-4, 6-3; Jay Hendricks (KM) def. Jeremy Webb 6-4, 6-4; Doug Summerfield (EG) def. Kelly Bess 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; Scott Layton (KM) def. Graham Brannon 6-0, 6-0; Jason Wilson (EG) def. Robert Wilson 7-5, 6-2.

(Doubles)

#1 match rained out; Webb-Wilson (EG) def. Hendricks-Thompson 6-2, 6-0; Layton-Bess (KM) def. Sutton-Brosman 6-4, 5-7, 6-1.

(Prelims)

Shannon Friday (EG) def. Eric Hanks 8-3; Derek Martin (EG) def. Jonathon Bolt 8-3; Jimbo Thompson (KM) def. Charlie Rose 8-4; Scott Wheeler (KM) def. Reggie Wilson 8-0; Billy Jones (EG) def. Stacy White 8-0; Bolt-Hanks (KM) def. Martin-Rose 6-4, 6-3; Wilson-Sheller (EG) def. Horton-Heavner 8-1.

High Sets Highlight Keg Action

High scores dominated the action in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League play Tuesday night at Dilling Heating. Wally's won four games from John's and Johnny's won three from Betty's.

Dot Mobley rolled a 151 line and 366 set to lead Wally's over John's. John Dilling had a 126 line and 346 set and Jack Barrett had a 130 line and 345 set for the losers.

Johnny Dye's 139 line and 371 set and Lib Gault's 124 line and 358 set led Johnny's over Betty's. R.W. Hullender led the losers with a 130 line and 368 set.

Basketball Camp Set At KMSHS

The sixth annual Champions of Tomorrow Basketball Camp will be held June 12-17 at Kings Mountain High School.

The camp will run from 8 a.m. until noon each day. Larry Sipe, KMHS basketball coach, will be the director.

Purpose of the camp is to teach fundamentals and help each player improve skills. Each camper will receive a basketball, T-shirt, handbook and certificate. Trophies will be awarded to the outstanding campers and winners of the obstacle course.

The cost of the camp is \$40. Twenty dollars should accompany the registration and the remaining \$20 will be due the first day of camp.

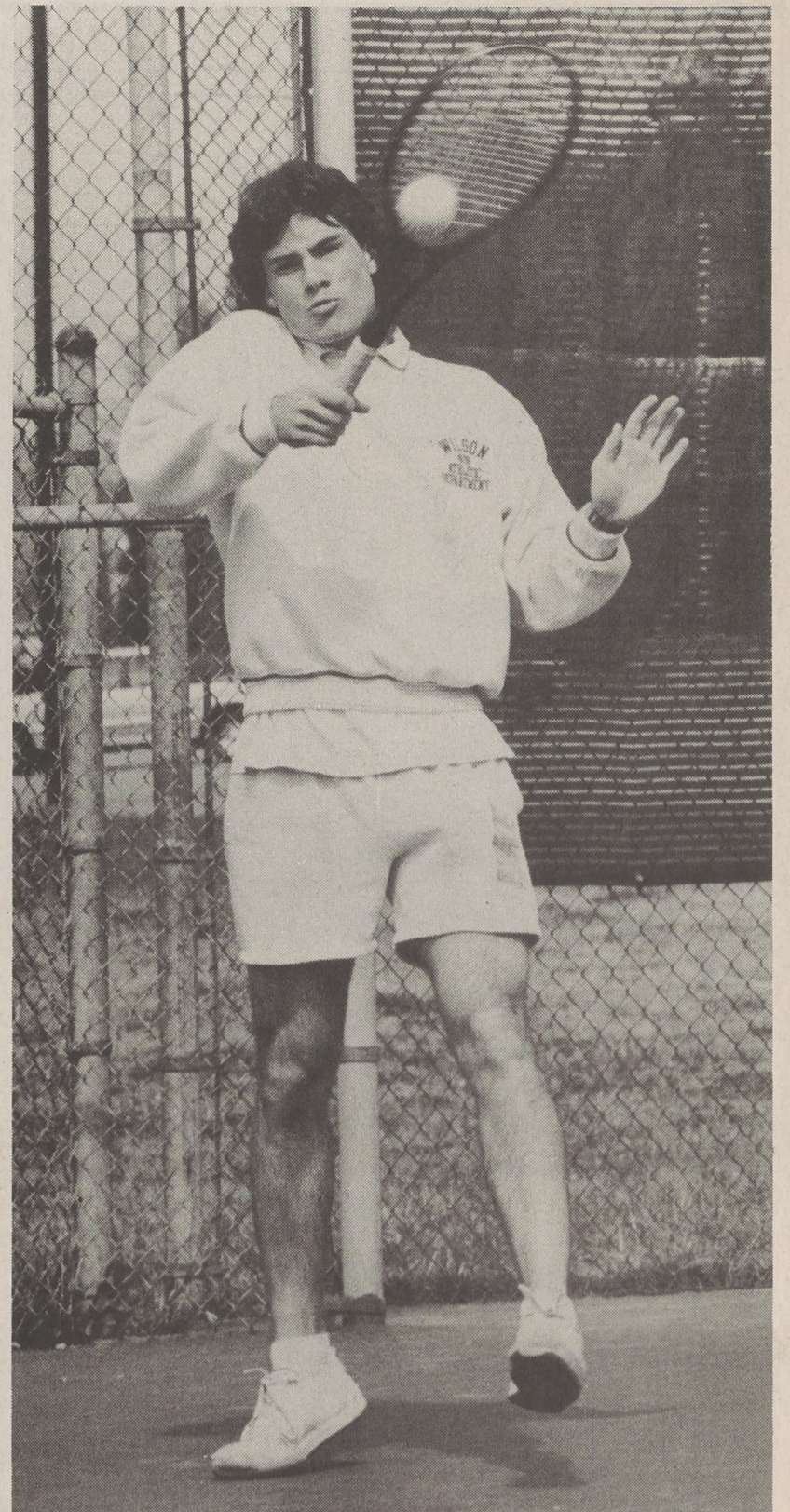
Registration forms are available from physical education teachers at each Kings Mountain District school. For more information, call Coach Sipe at 739-5401 during school hours.

Application deadline is May 13.

Myers Hot In Duckpin Bowling Loop

Allen Myers rolled a 154 line and 386 set to lead Our Guys to three wins over the Misfits in Mixed Duckpin Bowling action Thursday night at Dilling Heating. Bill Myers led the losers with a 119 line and 310 set.

In another match, Jo's Jokers won three games from the Sharpshooters. Tommy Barrett rolled a 126 line and 338 set, John Caveny a 127-332, Joann Myers a 115-320 and Jack Barrett a 109-313 for the winners. Scott Myers had a 132 line and 328 set and Jerome Grant added a 119-312 for the losers.



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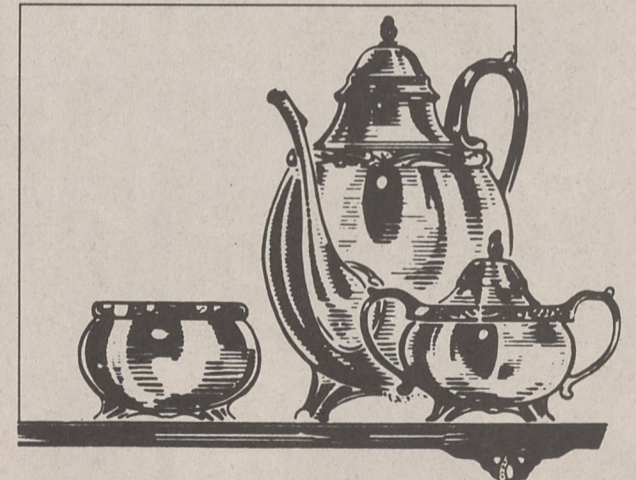
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