Star tells students to stay in school

Hugo Hornet is a "bug" of few words but the message relayed by NBA Charlotte Hornets radio color commentator Gil McGregor was loud and clear: "Bee Cool, Stay In School."

Grover Elementary School students were thrilled at the Charlotte Hornets basketball team's mascot and McGregor Thursday morning in the school gymnasium and hung on to every word.

As a continuation of last year's

NBA Stay In School success. McGregor is the Hornets' spokesperson for the "Bee Cool Stay In School Program." He visited Grover at the invitation of Principal Jim Scruggs and fourth grade teacher Joyce Harrington. Mrs. Harrington took the occasion to present McGregor with a red Grover school shirt. Grover cheerleaders cheered with the crowd as McGregor made his appearance

for the popular Hugo Hornet.

McGregor, 42, was the starting center for Wake Forest University from 1968-71 after being named one of the top 50 high school players in the country in 1966-67. He was drafted out of college by the Cincinnati Royals, now the Sacramento Kings, in the sixth round in 1971 and played the 1971-72 season for the Royals.

Gil joined the Hornets after serv-

Fireman injured fighting

and then had a rousing welcome

business on Rolling Brook Road Thursday night and injured a volunteer firefighter.

A neighbor living next to Metrolina Mills Inc. noticed the blaze while working in his back yard deck at about 9:30 p.m.

The injured firefighter was treated and released at Cleveland

Fire gutted a subcontracting Memorial Hospital. County Fire Marshal Beau Lovelace said the man was treated for minor burns to his neck and arm, which he suffered when a portion of the building's roof fell on him.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

More than 75 firefighters from five volunteers departments battled the blaze for 1 1/2 hours before controlling it. Responding were Oak Grove, Bethlehem, Waco, Cleveland, and Chestnut Ridge in Gaston County. The local Red Cross also responded.

The Rolling Brook Road plant was only two years old and employed six people.

City employees distribute Easter baskets

Kings Mountain Sanitation Department supervisors Richard Staub and Wendell Petty distributed Easter baskets to children of the

16 employees at a cookout grilled hotdogs and hamburgers Wednesday evening at Kings Mountain Depot.

The annual Easter treat featured

with all the trimmings.

'We like to surprise the kids with Easter baskets," said Staub,

From Page 1-A seen." Weiner was also a terror on defense and is still remembered for blocking a field goal attempt on the

game's last play to preserve a 21-20 Tar Heel win over Duke in his senior year. Weiner made an immediate impact on college sports

in 1946 when he caught a touchdown pass on his first reception against Virginia Tech. In an era when college football teams relied on powerful ground games Weiner excelled in catching the passes of the legendary running and passing star, Choo Choo Justice. Weiner caught 20 passes for 396 yards, an average

of 19.8 yards per reception, his freshman season. As a junior he caught 31 passes and finished seventh in the nation in receiving, and as a senior he led the nation in receiving with 52 receptions. That total still stands as a school record at UNC.

Weiner, who is one of just five Tar Heel players to have their jerseys retired, played briefly for the New York Yanks in the NFL before an injury ended his ca-

The All-American star was recruited by Kings Mountain High football fans to coach the Mountaineers after Head Coach Shu Carlton was called into the U.S. Marines for active duty during the Korean War. Weiner came to Kings Mountain in the fall of 1951 and served as head coach of the football, girls basketball and baseball teams.

Weiner's football team at KMHS posted a 4-4-2 record and defeated arch-rival Cherryville for the first time in 17 years. Weiner also introduced wrestling as an intramural sport at KMHS and trained several local

athletes in the art of Golden Gloves boxing. "I'm looking forward to returning to Kings

Jackson

wins golf

Kings Mountain Country Club.

77--153.

with 86-86--172.

Eric Spicer, who shot a 74-75--149.

John Gamble was third with a 76-

John Howze won the first flight

in a playoff over Ronnie Murphy. Howze shot a 81-79--160 and Murphy had a 83-77--160. Mitch

Howze was third with 83-81--164. Robert Scism shot a 86-76--164

to win the second flight. Dennis

Hicks was second at 88-82--170

and John Van Dyke Jr. was third

Jerry Broadwell won the thirdflight with a 94-81--175. Jeff

Cloninger was second at 92-85--

Mountain," Weiner said recently. "I have very fond memories of the athletes and people we met there."

The program will begin at 7 p.m. with a barbecue and fried chicken dinner catered by Town and Country Barbecue of Kings Mountain. The \$10 ticket covers the price of the meal and the induction ceremony.

Alan Riffle, a former professional baseball pitcher and now sports director of WKMT Radio, will be the master of ceremonies. Don Parker, a long-time coach at KMHS and himself a Kings Mountain Hall of Famer, will introduce Weiner. Hugh Ormand, who led Trinity College (now Duke

University) in hitting in 1921, '22 and '23, will be inducted posthumously by his nephew, Charlie Carpenter. Ormand's sister, Mrs. Sara Kate Lewis, will accept his award.

Eugene Goforth, who pitched for Kings Mountain's first-ever championship baseball team in 1935 and later played in the St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs organizations, will be inducted by Gary Stewart, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee.

Otis Cole, who was a High School All-American basketball player at KMHS and later played on the Florida State University which battled UCLA for the 1971-72 national championship, will be inducted by his high school coach, Bob Hussey. Hussey, who coached KMHS to conference championships in two of his three seasons as head coach, is now an assistant coach at Virginia Tech.

Shu Carlton, who coached KMHS to its first two championship seasons in football, will be inducted by Jack Ruth who was a member of Carlton's first football team (1948) in Kings Mountain. Ruth later starred at quarterback for Davidson College and is now president of First Union National Bank of Hendersonville.

Dilling leads league by nine game lead in Mixed Duckpin

Bowling League action Tuesday tourney night at Dilling Heating. Stoney Jackson fired a 77-69--

Dilling won three of four games from Johnny Dye while second 146 to win the spring Ray Barnes place Mark Midgette was dropping Golf Tournament last week at three of four to R.W. Hullender. Dilling now has a 34-18 record, Jackson won by three shots over followed by Midgette 25-27,

John Dilling opened a nine- Hullender 23-29 and Dye 22-30. John Dilling's 149 lie and 376 set and Lib Gault's 119-338 led the front-runners. Bill Parker had a 122-342 to lead Dye's group.

Jack Barrett bowled a 146 line and 365 set and R.W. Hullender added a 141-347 to lead Hullender over Midgette. Mark Midgette led his team with a 119-338.



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177, followed by Al Grigg 93-86--179 and Tim Leach 91-91--182.

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ing as Academic Advisor of Athletics at his alma mater Wake Forest. His prior broadcast experience includes color analyst for the 1988 NCAA tournament and various other collegiate basketball sporting events.

McGregor, who stands 6 feet eight inches tall, told the youngsters in K-5 that he once was in their shoes and credited his success with staying in school. He had just returned from watching the Lakers play in Los Angeles, and Michael Jordan in Chicago. Constantly on the move, he said he loves it.

McGregor said he saw a 10year-old boy into hard drugs and kids "messed up on drugs" and dropping out of school because they followed the wrong crowd and thought they were the "in" crowd.

"Don't drop out of school, act like nice young people, listen to your teachers, don't swear, and work hard and you can do anything you set your mind and heart on," he said. McGregor reminded that N.C. competency tests taken by sixth grade students now determine if they graduate high school.

"When your teachers prod you to work harder, to sit up straight, do your homework, etc. they like you. Be worried if you sleep in class and the teacher doesn't wake you up," he said.

McGregor compared the size of his hometown of Raeford to Grover. As a teenager he worked in the tobacco fields and on a turkey farm. He said he was in the 10th grade in high school when a teacher gave him a biology project to complete in six weeks. Instead, he finished the project in one night. "I thought I was smarter than the teacher and I blamed her when I didn't get the 'A' I wanted, but I learned she was right," he said.

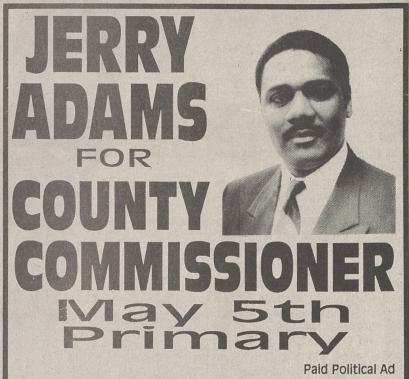
Playing basketball in France for two years, he learned foreign languages and demonstrated his proficiency in French to the boys and girls. "If I can do these things, you can," he said.

'Prepare your work every day and don't be bashful about giving answers if you know them, and asking questions if you don't.'

from classmates, the Kings Mountain High School Class of 1977 reunion which had been

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