

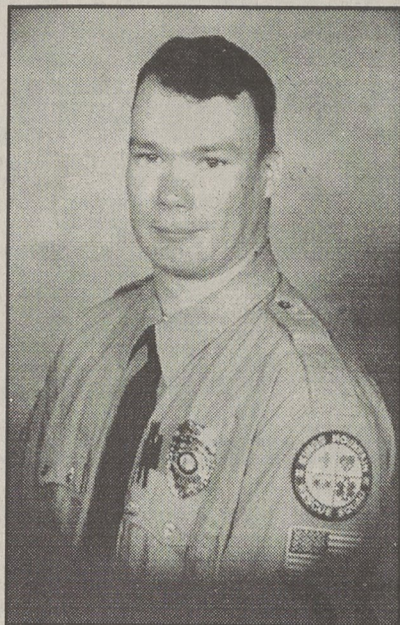
Chuck Hyslop wants to be full-time rescuer

Charles "Chuck" Hyslop, 25, almost took a job drawing cartoon characters for a daily newspaper but made a career change.

"I love to draw but I think it would be boring just sitting and drawing all day long," said Hyslop who finds the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad a challenge.

An ambulance attendant, Hyslop has his sights set on being a paramedic and is now enrolled in an EMT course. He is a construction worker by profession but being a full-time rescuer is his love.

Hyslop was introduced to the Rescue Squad by a friend who invited him to join an EMT course last October. A resident



CHARLES HYSLOP

of Kings Mountain for 10 years, he had heard about the community service the Rescue Squad gives but had never had the opportunity to become involved.

"I love it and I am 100 percent committed to doing a good job," he said.

Hyslop and his family moved to the community from Charlotte. They liked the slower pace and wanted to get away from the big city noise and traffic. He is the son of Nick and Joann Hyslop. The family also includes one sister, Annette Hyslop Pruitt, and a younger brother, Mike, 18.

"Chuck," as he prefers to be called, is single. He says he has met many nice people in Kings Mountain but has no serious girlfriend and no plans to tie

the knot in matrimony at the present time.

"I enjoy my volunteer work, cartoon drawing and spending time with family and friends," he says.

Toxic waste characters are some of Chuck's favorite cartoon subjects. He has been drawing cartoons since 10th grade. He graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1991.

Hyslop recalled responding to his first call as a young rescuer. The victim had a heart attack and was dead on arrival at the hospital.

"We see a lot of things but the secret to the Rescue Squad success is commitment to the people we serve," he says.

Mark Sivy Teacher of Month at KM High

By: DAWN M. SWIFT

According to the dictionary Renaissance is a revival, or rebirth. A "Renaissance Man" is one who is diverse in many areas, a jack of all trades if you will. And KMHS has both a "Renaissance Program" and the "A Renaissance Man -- Mark Sivy, November's Teacher of the Month.

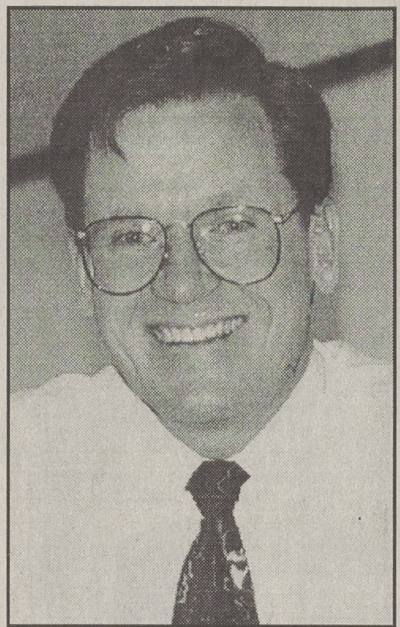
Sivy is a physics and biology teacher. He also is the school's "Technical Specialist. Anything that needs fixing, upgrading or installing the school calls me," says Sivy with a smile. "It's an honor, you get gratitude that you don't get as much as a teacher. I like getting Teacher-of-the-Month, but I like to look forward rather than behind."

The most rewarding part of the job, according to Sivy, is "students vocalizing their gratitude. I like when students speak to you one-on-one and thank you for what you've done."

On the flipside, "teaching is time consuming and cuts into your personal life," Sivy confesses. "Student apathy is the most difficult to deal with day-to-day."

Tacked on the bulletin board outside his door is an article on "Net Day '96," and an article about an academic awards program similar to KMHS's "Renaissance Program." Also tacked to the board is the Renaissance program's benefit sheet for his students. Other school roles held by Sivy are, sponsor of the Computer Club (2 years), and the Chess Club. "[In the Computer Club] we talk about new technology, and I bring computer magazines that I subscribe to," says Sivy. "The students are more interested in the gaming aspects though."

Both Mark and Michelle,



MARK SIVY

Mark's wife, are from Texas. Mark, earned a Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M, and a Masters of Education from The University of Houston. His parents are originally from Canada, where most of his family still live. Sivy met his wife playing co-ed volleyball in Houston. Their love of the outdoors and search for a place offering "good opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities," brought the Sivys to North Carolina. "I talked to a friend, we came to visit and we were sold on [North Carolina]."

While in Houston, Sivy

worked as a geophysicist for the oil industry, and taught outside Houston for one year. Other previous teaching positions were in Shelby, and in a Kings Mountain Middle School.

Michelle Sivy works down the hall, but Sivy says, "We rarely see each other since we

have different planning periods." The Sivys attend St. Mary's in Shelby, and enjoy outdoor activities like biking, hiking and taking trips in their "travel trailer."

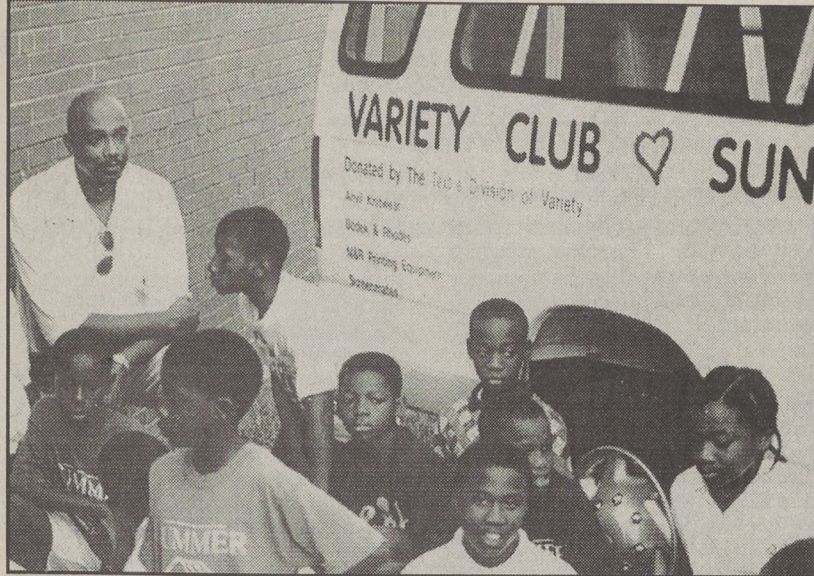
This is Sivy's seventh year with KMHS.

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CLUB RECEIVES VAN - Vernon Perry, Executive Director of the Gaston Boys and Girls Club, and many of the children the club serves (top photo) are pictured with a new 15-passenger van which was donated to the club by several area organizations. In bottom photo are Kim McAleer, John Edgerton, Executive Director of Community Foundation of Gaston County; Ralph Robinson, President of Community Foundation; and Jesse Criswell, Plant Manager of Anvil Knitwear, Kings Mountain, prior to presentation ceremony.

Anvil Knit helps purchase van for Boys/Girls Club

During a dedication ceremony held recently, Kim McAleer, Anvil Knitwear Vice President for Manufacturing -Textiles, presented the keys to a new van to Kurt Wells, Board President of the Gaston Boys and Girls Club.

The Textile Division of Variety International provided a \$16,000 grant toward the purchase of the 15-passenger van. The Community Foundation of Gaston County awarded the club with a \$12,000 grant, and Board member Mae Adams Thomas donated \$1,000 to meet the requirements of the purchase.

Variety Club International is a world wide children's charity. The "Sunshine Coach" program was originated in 1962 by the late Leslie A. McDonald of Great Britain, following a visit to Queen Mary's Hospital, where he saw children who were confined to the hospital due to disabilities.

The Sunshine Coach Program is sustained by contributions from individuals, charitable organizations, and industry. The Gaston Boys and Girls Club Sunshine Coach was donated

through the textile division of Variety by Anvil Knitwear of New York, Creative Marketing & Media of Greensboro, Hanes Printables of Winston-Salem, Bodek and Rhodes of Philadelphia, M&R Printing Equipment of Glenn Ellyn, Ill., Jonathan Corey of Pageland, SC, Onieta Industries of Charleston, SC, and Screenmates of Salisbury.

The van will be used for outreach projects. Transportation will be provided for after school pick up services for five schools, transporting over 40 youth per day and 60 during the summer months. Transportation is provided to targeted communities in order that youth from disadvantaged circumstances can participate in interest based and needs based activities. After school programs include homework help, computers, drug and alcohol education, health education, basketball, football, gymnastics, game room activities, educational trips and tours, and small group club activities.

Programs of the Gaston Boys and Girls Club serve over 200 boys and girls.

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