

Briefs

'Kids on the Block' visit East School

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Puppets came to life at East Elementary School recently. Skillfully manipulated by members of the "Kids on the Block" performers, the puppets were part of a show that teaches children that just because someone may be a bit different, we're all still the same inside.

Part of the Shelby Junior Charity League, "Kids on the Block" is comprised of two nine member teams who visit every elementary school in Cleveland County with their message of tolerance and understanding.

"We want to teach the children that a person with disabilities or who lives in a divorced home is just like everyone else," said puppeteer Carol Rose.

Dressed in black outfits, the puppeteers use an interesting technique in their show.

"The type of puppetry we do is from Japan and is called Bunraku," said Rose.

The puppets Rose and her fellow troupers use are about three feet tall. Representing children with various difficulties and disabilities, one puppet is even seated in a wheelchair.

A labor of love, the "Kids on the Block" team has been in action across Cleveland County for nearly 14 years now.

KM Woman's Club presents art awards

The Kings Mountain Woman's Club recently announced more winners in its art competition. Kings Mountain Middle School eighth grade student Rachel Hughes won first place in the local painting competition, and took second place at the district level. Also from Kings Mountain Middle School, seventh grader Stephen Hall was a local winner in the poetry category. Hall placed third at the district level poetry competition.

Kings Mountain Woman's Club art winners included Peggy Baird in the graphics division, Esther Muench in mixed media, Ruth Mayhew in crafts, and Pat Childers in watercolors and pastels. All of these contestants were winners at both the local and district level and will go on to the State Art Festival in Winston-Salem on March 27th.

Cleveland students in Gamma Beta Phi

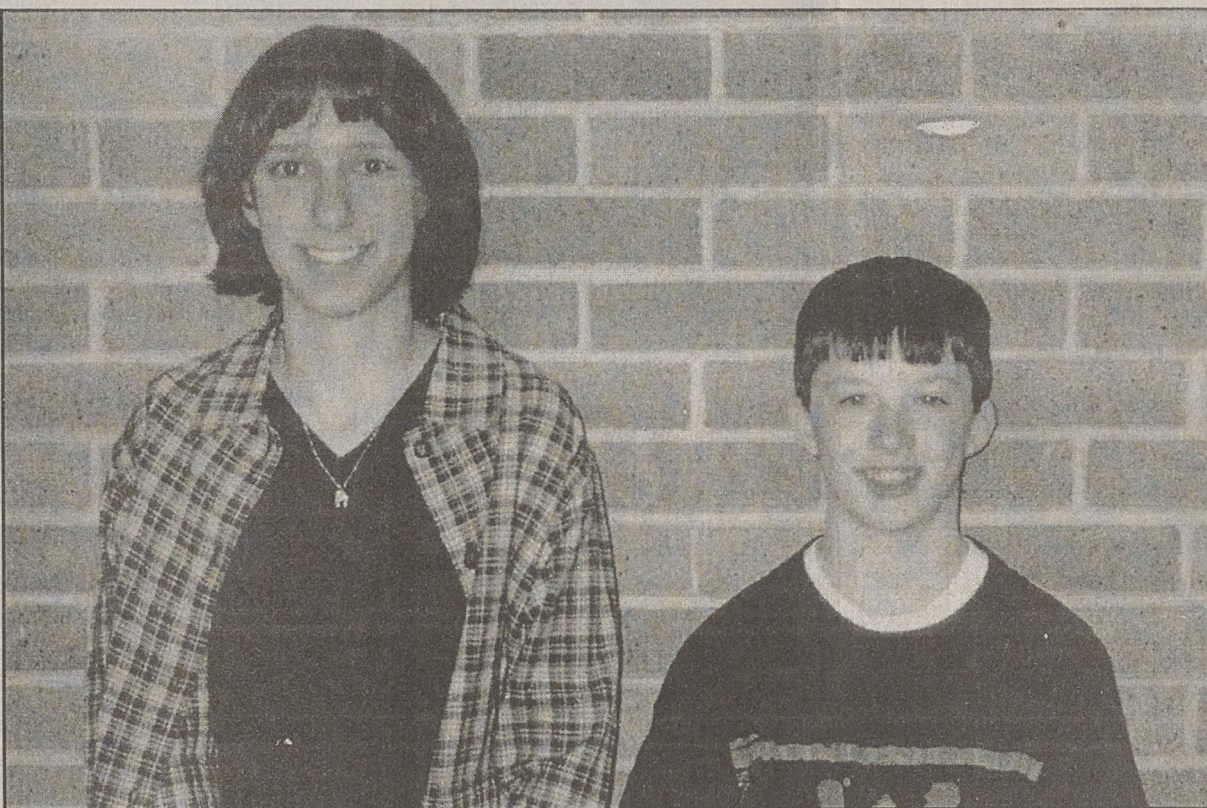
Twenty-one students have been inducted into the Gamma Beta Phi Society at Cleveland Community College.

Gamma Beta Phi is a national honor and service organization which emphasizes service, character and scholarship. Memberships, based on a 3.50 grade point average and 15 semester hours, are extended twice a year.



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"Kids on the Block" puppeteers from Shelby performed recently at East Elementary School in Kings Mountain. The group visits Cleveland County elementary schools teaching that despite individual differences, all kids are the same. Troupe members are, left to right; Becky Teddy, Mary Kelly, Lydia Miller, Carol Rose, Suzanne Shaffer, Mimi Martin, Elizabeth Bridges, Robin Smith, Millie Keeter-Spangler.



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Kings Mountain Middle School students Rachel Hughes and Stephen Hall were winners in the Kings Mountain Woman's Club art contest: Eighth grader Hughes took first place in local and second place in district painting. A seventh grader, Hall won the local poetry competition and was third at the district level.

The fall initiates are Brandi Barker, Leesa Blalock, Misty Fortenberry, Faith Gantt, Lora Goins, Kimberly Greene, Victoria Huntsinger, Angela Justice, Charles Lindsay, Wanda McGinnis, Douglas Patterson, Tameka Odom, Catherine Randall, Mitzi Rhea, Deborah Seals, Marilyn Smith, Carolyn St. Amand, Thomas Sunday, Randy Tuttle, Daniel Williams, and Stacie Womack.

Gamma Beta Phi officers for the 1998-99 academic year are Lawrence Camp, President; Pearl Mull, Corresponding Secretary; Ingrid Clark, Recording Secretary; Angela Moore, Reporter; Pat Bradbury, Historian; Leisa Blanton, Newsletter Editor; and Lynette Williamson, Treasurer.

Programs scheduled at KMDS Parent Center

The Kings Mountain District Schools Parent Center at 105 East Ridge Street has announced the following special programs for March.

March 11 - Computer 9-10:30 a.m., tutoring 9-11:30 a.m.

March 12 - Individual appointments.

March 15 - Computer, 9-10:30.

March 16 - Computer classes 9-10:30 and 1-2:30, Program by Nancy Abasiokong "Kids Managing Money," 10:30-11:30.

March 17 - Computer 8:30-10, 1-2:30.

March 18 - Computer 9-10:30, tutoring 9-11:30, student tutoring 3-4 p.m.

March 19 - Parent Center closed for conference.

March 22 - Computer 9-10:30.

March 23 - Computer 9-10:30, 1-2:30, individual tutoring 9-11:30.

March 24 - Computer 8:30-10, 1-2:30.

March 25 - Computer 9-10:30, tutoring 9-11:30, student tutoring 3-4 p.m.

March 26 - Individual appointments.

For more information on these and other programs, call the Parent Center at 739-0017.

Foreign Language Festival March 25

To highlight its foreign lan-

guage program, Kings Mountain District Schools will hold its first Foreign Language Festival Thursday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Students from all five elementary schools, the middle school, and the high school will present skits, songs, dances and marches that are part of the language they study.

One part of the program will honor students from other countries who have enriched the culture in Kings Mountain.

Students from all grade levels and their parents are invited to attend. There will be balloons and food samples.

For more information, contact any foreign language teacher in Kings Mountain District schools.

Parent conferences March 18 at KMHS

Parents of Kings Mountain High School students may have conferences with teachers Thursday, March 18 between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m.

Appointments are not necessary as parents will be able to schedule conferences once they arrive at the high school.

If parents prefer they may pre-arrange appointments by calling 734-5647.

Student report cards for the third grading period will be available for parents to pick up.

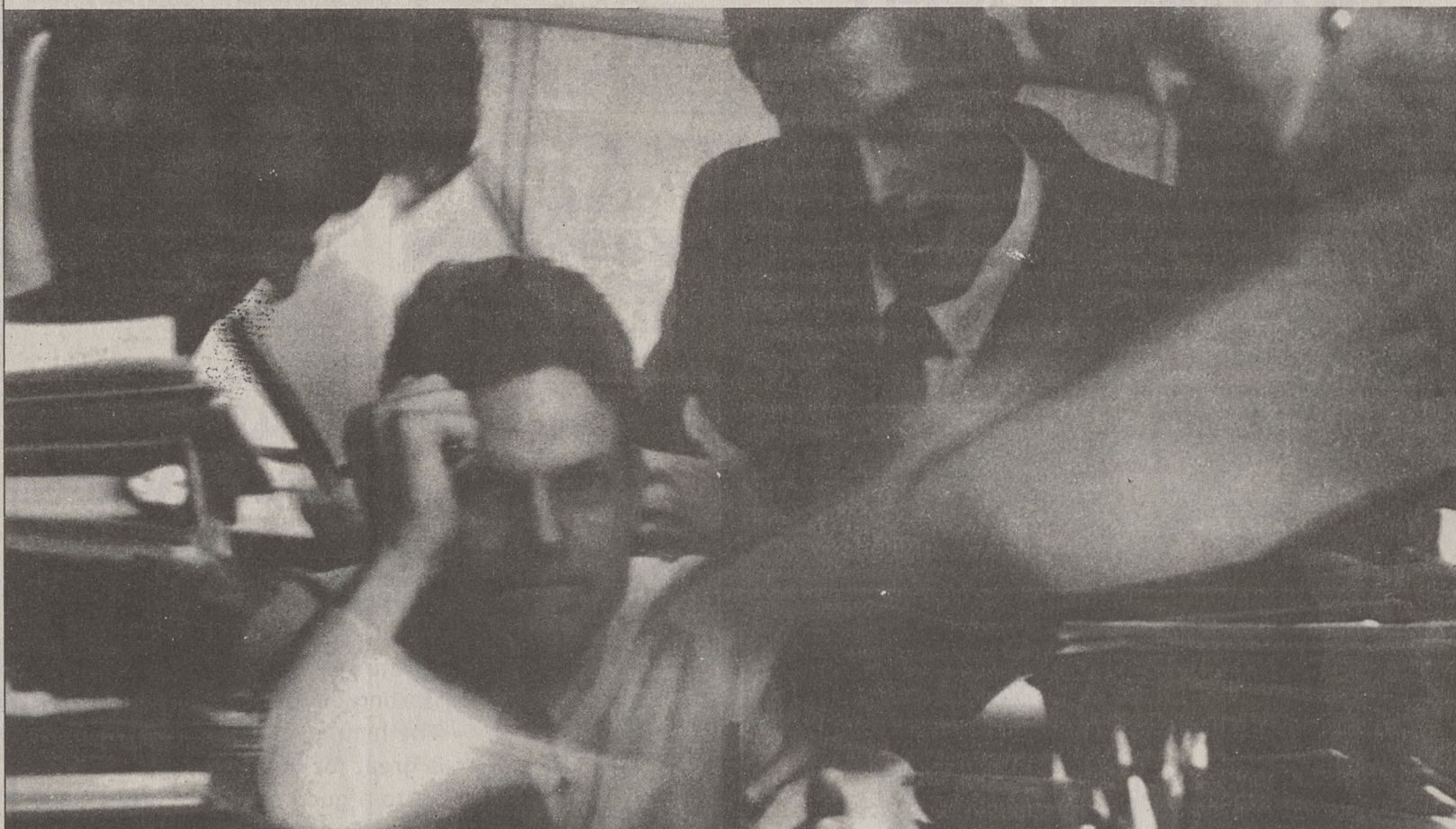
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