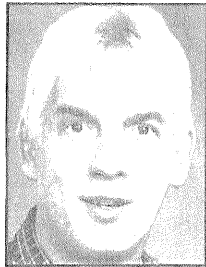


Player takes drama to stage rather than basketball court

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Scott Price

A Newton High School graduate, Class of '73, who once played for legendary Coach Ron Bradley, is now

directing high school kids himself, although on the theatrical stage, not on the basketball court.

Scott Price heads the theater program at Washington County High School in

ater, securing a grant and a historic building in nearby Tennille for the project.

It was at Newton High School that he was "bitten by the theater bug," he says. "I had an interest in acting and in music, but we played basketball most of the time, so I didn't have time for acting until after my senior basketball season was over. I thought I'd give it a try, so my first role was in 'The Curious Savage' that spring."

Price continued to combine his love of both basketball and theater at LaGrange College, where he played on a basketball scholarship and majored in theater, receiving an undergraduate degree in

North Carolina at Greensboro.

It was in graduate school that he met his choreographer-dancer wife, the former Susie Hoffmann, who, ironically, is a native of Covington, Ky. They have a 9-year-old daughter, Sydney. (Price is the younger brother of local building contractor Kevin Price, and they are the sons of Joyce and Ide Price of Covington.)

Price has stayed mainly in the Southeast, teaching and directing in Georgia, North Carolina and Florida, although many of his students have won theatre scholarships and gone on to work in professional theater

He directed the theater program for two years at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville before leaving five years ago to create the drama department at Washington High.

He says he owes much of his motivation and success with young people to his days playing

"He was like a father figure to many of us. I not only learned the game of basketball, I learned life skills, one being that you should strive to do things in a first class way. I attribute that to being under his (Bradley's) leadership, which set the stage for many of us."

Price and his high-school