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Where is my application?

by Ana Rodriguez and Hope Tarantelli

One of the most important decisions in a high school senior's life is where he or she will go to college. Once that decision is made, the period of waiting for a college response is accompanied by the question: What is happening to my application? North Carolina State University, the University of Georgia at Athens, and Elon College were contacted recently by High Life to determine the answer to that question.

"From the moment a student's application reaches North Carolina State University, a permanent folder is begun of the student," says Anna Keller, Director of N.C. State Admissions.

The application is checked for the correct information and then stored into a computer file. If additional information is needed-SAT scores, transcripts and so forth-the application is then "acknowledged" as received; yet, incomplete.

Each applicant is then assigned a counselor who will be in direct consultation with the student during the application process. This communication takes the place of the traditional college interview which is no longer recommended. Freshman applicants are encouraged to visit the campus for a "group interview" and tour day.

Keller says the students three-year GPA holds the highest ranking, just slightly over the importance of SAT scores and extracurricular activities. State's "rolling admissions" process helps to benefit the students with an early notification of acceptance or denial.

Unlike N.C. State, Director of Admissions for the University of Georgia Claire Swann, "We do not look at a student's extracurricular activities." The university realizes that not every student can participate in the same amount of activities as another student of the same caliber can.

Once the university of Georgia receives an application, an ID number is given to the applicant. A high school transcript is thus requested along with the reporting of SAT scores. The application then passes through the hands of eight committee members and the information is stored in a computer. Although interviews do not play a major role in a student's admission, Swann states that the offices are open for interviews. "They add a new dimension for the student and allow them to view the campus," declares an enthusiastic Swann.

If the applicant meets the University's standards and admission criteria, an acceptance letter and housing forms are immediately mailed out. Swann feels a student needs to know quickly of his acceptance so they can begin financial and mental preparations for the upcoming year.

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SAT's: GHS exceeds

by Brian Gay

Students preparing to apply to a college, have SAT's lying on their minds. The Scholastic Aptitude Test scores and grade point averages are the best indications of a student's future academic success. The SAT and/or Achievement Test are useful for the evaluation of students by colleges and universities. The importance of the SAT carries a different weight depending on the school involved. About 15 million students take the SAT every year.

The SAT is divided into six sections; two verbal, two math, one Test Standard Written English, and one experimental section of either math or verbal. The questions in the experimental section

do not count towards your score, but instead are used to evaluate the test. The sections are divided into 6 thirty minute tests. The tests are mailed to Princeton, New Jersey and scored by computer. The results are returned within 6 weeks. The highest possible score is 1600; 800 verbal, 800 math.

The national SAT verbal average is 420, and the math is 471. Last year's seniors from GHS scored 428 verbal, 484 math, which ranked above Greensboro's average of 402 and 447 respectively, and N.C.'s 395,432. North Carolina is 47th in the United States. One factor to explain North Carolina's low ranking could be a result of the

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Choosing a college

College Board News Release

Choosing a college is often one of the most important decisions a teenager makes. According to the College Board, the best way to choose a college that is right for you is to be organized and start your college search as early as possible, preferably in your junior year.

Overall, your chances of getting into the college of your choice are very good. A 1980 study of undergraduate admis-

sions policies, published by the College Board, found that more than 80 percent of all college applicants are accepted by the college of their first choice. The number of high school age students is also shrinking, which means that many good colleges are now actively seeking qualified students. As always, though, your chances of getting into any particular college will depend on the type of institution you are considering and your

qualifications. Many of the most selective colleges have more applicants these days, not fewer, so that competition for places in the most prestigious colleges is as strong as ever.

During your college search, remember that no single college guarantees to put you on the path to success. There are probably many colleges that will meet your personal and academic needs.

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Three chosen for Morehead

by Wilson Winchester

Mary MacLean Doolan, Billy Fuller, and Brian Gray are this year's Grimsley nominees for the prestigious Morehead Scholarship. This coveted scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is worth approximately \$33,000.

The Morehead Scholarship Foundation was established by John Motley Morehead to encourage some of the nation's finest young people to attend UNC at Chapel Hill. Because Mr. Morehead wanted excellence in all areas, students bestowed with the honor of nomination must excel equally in the areas of academics, character, athletics, and leadership. Nominees cannot be deficient in any of the above four areas.

Mary Maclean Doolan, a Morehead Scholarship nominee, feels that "it's a real honor to be nominated." She and the other two nominees attended an informal interview earlier in October. This interview is one of many in the elimination process which tests the students' knowledge of current events. Doolan finds it "a big challenge" to keep up with current events because of the upcoming elections, but overall she finds the process of elimination exciting.

Because of what the Morehead Scholarship offers, it is a great honor to be nominated. The process of narrowing down to just a few finalists is a very long and tedious task. The guidance counselors begin with the entire senior class and discard all but

the ones with the highest grade point averages. The chosen ones are again narrowed down. Many students with high grade point averages are discarded because of the absence of participation in athletics and student council. Teachers, as well as guidance counselors, review each of the four areas. After scores of methods of elimination, the Grimsley nominees have been narrowed this year to three.

Determining the Grimsley nominees seems like a long process. However, it is just beginning and all but seven to nine will be eliminated in Guilford County. This number of students will be narrowed down by interviews in Chapel Hill. By this time, only a select few will come out on top.



Billy Fuller, Mary MacLean Doolan, and Brian Gray are Grimsley's nominees for the 1984-85 Morehead Scholarships

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