

**The Original Four  
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On February 1, 1960, David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair, and Joseph McNeil walked into a downtown Woolworth's waiting to be served. When they were refused service because of their color, these men did not budge. Their sit-in incited a chain reaction, not only across Greensboro, but across the entire nation as the country entered a new phase of the civil rights movement. These men are now immortalized in a statue, sculpted by North Carolina A & T State University art professor James Barnhill and now stands in front of Dudley Memorial Building on the campus of North Carolina A & T State University. Here, the "Original Four" gather in front of the bronze sculpture over 40 years after their heroic feat.



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# College applications lead to many deferrals

*With an increasingly large number of students staying in school, college acceptance becomes more and more of a struggle around Grimsley.*

**By Nicole Washington**  
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January 15<sup>th</sup>. Winter puts a definite chill in the air and seniors everywhere begin to dream of spring break, graduation, and college. Carolina, a top destination for many Grimsley seniors, makes its

decisions available through their website at 11:00 A.M. Shouts of jubilation fill the hallways.

Elsewhere, students whisper the eight-letter word that is the bane of every college bound senior: deferral.

Don't confuse this kind of deferral with deferred admission after acceptance. Under this decision, accepted students defer their admission to a given school for a year. The student is guaranteed a spot in the next year's incoming class. Some loans and scholarships may also be deferred until the next year.

Applicants under Early Deci-

sion or Early Action admission plans usually have higher deferral rates by the nature of the plan. Early Decision is a binding commitment to one school. In other words, students apply early with the understanding that if they get in, they will matriculate, or enroll. Early Action is the same thing, but the commitment is non-binding, so students can apply to other schools.

As more students take advantage of these two programs, more colleges are filling their available slots sooner. This means that the colleges accept only the most well-qualified applicants. Applicants

for early admission usually fall into one of two groups. They are applying to their first choice school or they are applying to a "safety school." Other students who meet admissions requirements may be deferred, meaning that their transcripts, scores, essays, and recommendations are weighed against the regular admission applicant pool as opposed to the early admission applicant pool.

Senior Lane Van Buren, who applied Early Action to Philadelphia University, said, "I didn't want May to roll around and me not know where I was going to school."

College enrollment is up across

the country. Coupled with the terrorist attacks on September 11<sup>th</sup>, many more students are remaining in school, translating into one of the most competitive college admission years in recent history. That, in turn, means fewer spots, and thus more deferrals. Grimsley has had several seniors deferred from not only national institutions, but local schools like Carolina, UNC-Wilmington, Appalachian and East Carolina.

In a recent address to the senior class, Ms. Teague touched on the issue, offering to do whatever

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# County approves new academic program

*The new AP Diploma Program offers a less rigorous approach than the IB Program, yet still allows students to push the academic envelope.*

**By Margaret Hair**  
*Reporter*

Imagine leaving high school with enough credit hours to enter college as a sophomore. With such an advantage, one could take a year

to travel, a year to experience life, a year that would not have been open had it not been for the college credit earned while pursuing the new AP Diploma.

This year, the school system will implement an innovative program known as the Guilford County Schools Distinguished Scholars recognition. Students who earn the IB Diploma will be eligible for recognition, as well as students who earn a new honor, the AP Diploma.

To receive the Advanced Place-

ment Diploma, students must take 5 AP classes and their corresponding exams. Four of these exams must be from core areas, which are Language, Science, Math, and Social Studies. The Language area includes both English and foreign languages. The fifth exam can be from any area, including electives such as Computer Science, Studio Art, and Music Theory. Most students who aspire to earn the diploma but have not met all the specified requirements are lacking an exam in the science area. In ad-

dition to taking the class, candidates for the diploma must score a three or better on all of their exams.

Superintendent Dr. Terry Grier, along with a committee headed by Assistant Superintendent Chuck Morris and Executive Director of Communications and Community Relations Julie Zwahr, brought the program into existence. Concerning what inspired him to start the program, Dr. Grier said, "During my first year in the district, I met with a group of student leaders. They told me that we should offer more

AP courses and that more minority students should be enrolled in those courses. We also know that exposing more students to higher level courses is a good strategy to close the achievement gap that exists between white and minority students in the district."

Among the goals specified for the diploma are: to recognize outstanding achievement, to motivate students to do well on and take AP and IB exams seriously, and to en-

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