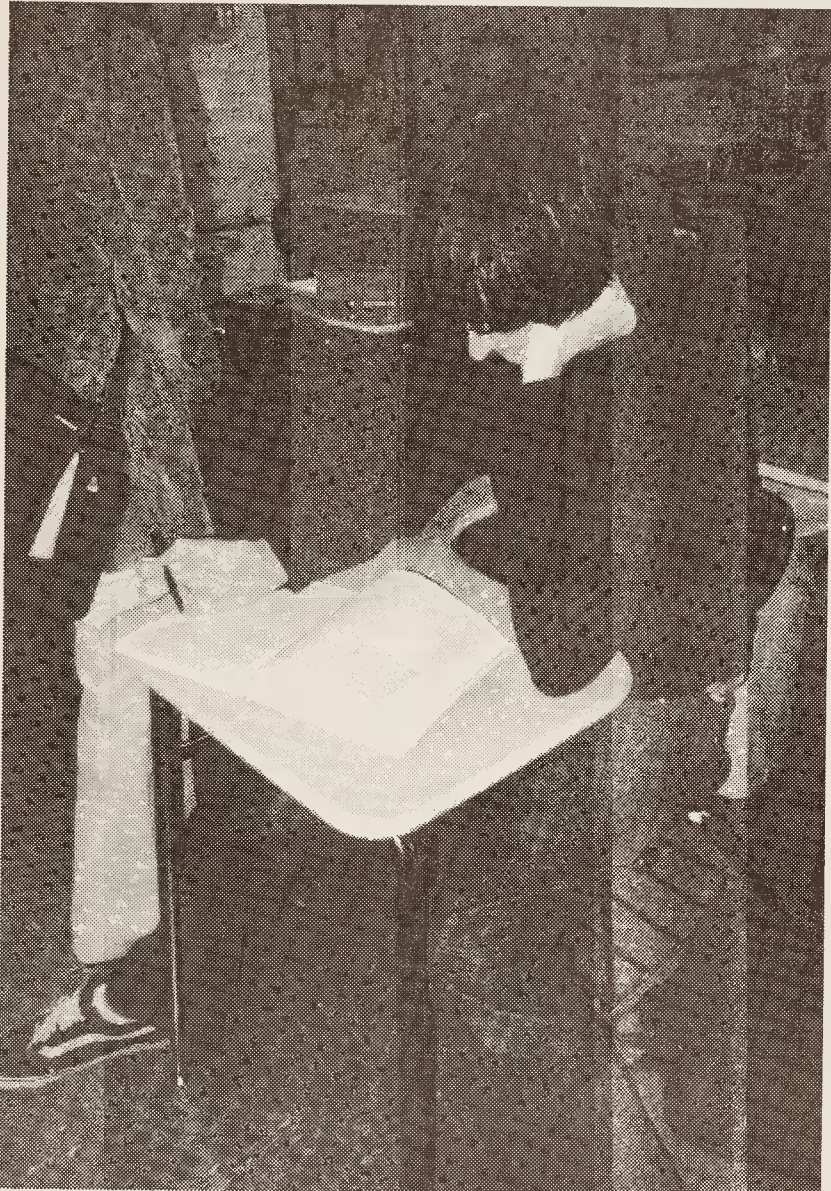


## Student honored as school's Poet Laureate



Senior Travis Diehl was recently crowned as Grimsley's Poet Laureate. Among three finalists, Diehl was selected and will recite his poem during graduation in May.

By Brian Gould  
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A new contest at Grimsley and other North Carolina high schools drew interest in poetry. Sponsored by the Greensboro Public Library, the Poet Laureate program provided students with an opportunity to compete against other writers to become a school's Poet Laureate.

Ms. Kate Cummings, a media specialist, is the current Chair of the High School Poet Laureate program. The Greensboro Public Library organized the new competition to create interest in poetry among students.

Grimsley, along with many other public and private schools, encouraged students to submit original poems to be judged. Twenty entries, from all four classes, entered the contest at Grimsley.

Mr. Mathew McNees and Ms. Mary Walker, creative writing teachers, judged the selections. They chose three students' submissions to progress to the final judging process.

Former North Carolina Poet Laureate and current UNCG employee Fred Chappell selected the winner of the contest. Senior Travis Diehl won the title, and junior Alex Ledford and sophomore Thad Eagles were both

runners-up.

"Diehl has a gift for drama, for imagery, for interpretation (his poems about Warhol works are fascinating), and for phrases," said Chappell about Diehl's winning poem.

Diehl will attend a luncheon and receptions at the Greensboro Public Library on a date not yet set and the Carolina Theatre on April 4. The widow of Randall Jarrell, a former UNCG professor, renowned author, and Poet Laureate of the 1960s, will be present at the event as well as other prominent figures from the poetry world. Diehl will also be present as former United States Poet Laureate Billy Collins addresses one of these events.

"It'll be interesting, matching a well-known, accomplished literary figure to his work and seeing the personality behind the personality present in his [works]," said Diehl.

As Grimsley's first Poet Laureate, Diehl will assume responsibilities while holding this position.

"I have to attend a number of [events] and receptions. A Poet Laureate, as I understand it, represents poetry, represents his art, so I have to do justice to poetry however I can," said Diehl.

Students, parents, and staff will have the chance to read Diehl's winning work as well as many other students' poems from across North Carolina. A publication of the poems will be available before the end of April.

Among Travis Diehl's many obligations as Grimsley's Poet Laureate, his recital of an original poem at graduation will honor the senior class.

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As Grimsley's first official Poet Laureate Travis Diehl writes during his English Class, he is also considering the many responsibilities he must fulfill as the winner of this competition. Diehl must attend many events as well as honor the senior class by reciting his award winning poem during graduation.

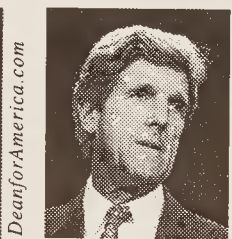
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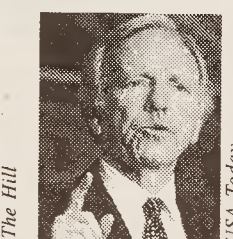
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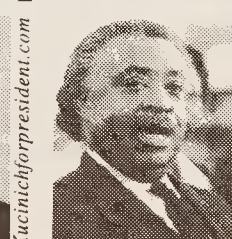
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Initial Preference	Final Preference (98%)	Iowa Delegates
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Edwards 23%	Edwards 32%	15
Dean 21%	Dean 18%	7
Gephardt 16%	Gephardt 11%	0
Kucinich 0%	Kucinich 1%	0

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