

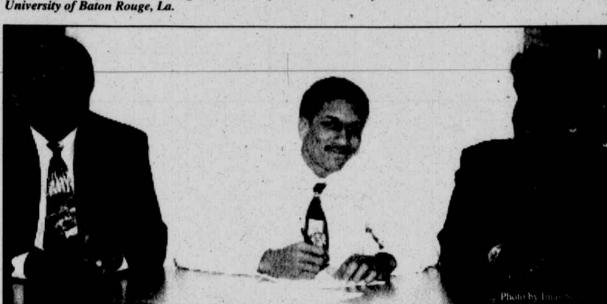
Keith Perry signs his scholarship with Johnson C. Smith in the presence of his grandmother Jettie Hart Perry (1) and mother Margo Gallimore. Photo by Imas Sivad



Torry Ingram's parents, Pam Ingram and Terry Anderson, were present to see him sign to attend Southern



Delayo Dodd inks his pact with East Carolina in the presence of his parents, Katrina Dodd and Dean Kirkland. Photo by Imas Sivad



Eric Puryear signs his grant to Hampton University as his parents, Sam and Barbara Puryear, look on. Photo by Imas Sivad



Brian Jones, accompanied by his parents, Hobart and Carolyn Jones, signs his grant to attend Winston-Salem State. Photo by Imas Sivad



Derrick Davis, accompanied by his mother, Linda Davis, and Bernard Cole, signs his grant to attend Hampton University. Photo by Imas Sivad

Scholarship signings

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185 pounds Davis had over 100 total stops and was an excellent student of the field. He has scored over 900 on the SAT and has earned a 3.0-plus GPA. He wanted to attend a Historically Black College or University and has signed a scholarship to play for Hampton where he will lend his defensive prowess to the

Puryear is 6'0, 180 pounds and led Carver with 8 interceptions (including 3 in one game) as their free safety. Puryear, always a big play threat for the yellow jackets, also had two key fumble recoveries against High Point Central and garnered all-conference honors. He turned down the Naval Academy to attend Hampton University in the fall. He is an outstanding scholar athlete with a score of more than 1,100 on the SAT and a 3.0-plus GPA.

Ingram, a 6'5, 200 pounds tight end was a team leader for Carver and earned an all-conference selection. He was a tremendous blocker and long snapper on special teams and even stepped in on defense on occasion. Ingram was recruited by N.C. State, James Madison, and North Carolina A&T, but chose to follow former Carver standout James Mitchell to Southern University in Baton Rogue, La.

The anchor of the Carver defensive line was 6'3, 275 pounds defensive tackle, Lamar Moore. Moore has only played football for two years, but his raw talent has helped him to succeed. Moore has selected to stay close to home and attend Winston-Salem State University, and the Rams will welcome his defensive strength to their line.

Moore will be joined at WSSU by Carver linebacker, Brian Jones. Jones, 6'3 1/2, 200 pounds always seemed to be in the right place at the right time for the Yellow Jackets. He was among the team leaders in both interceptions and tackles. He had little choice with his college decision, his mother is Mrs.

Alumni at WSSU and his father also attended the university. There was no question he would be a Ram.

Perry, 6'2, 190 cornerback for the Yellow Jackets finished a solid career by signing with Johnson C. Smith over WSSU. Perry is a good cover corner and always had his best games against conference foes.

Coach Wilkes tried to hold back his emotion as he commended his seven seniors.

"I get a little choked up when I think about what they accomplished and what they had to go through," he said, "but I think each one of them has made themselves better individuals because of it. I am very proud of all of them. I hope that they can continue to better themselves and become productive members of society. That's what we strive for here and these guys have done a good job of preparing themselves for the future."

Wilkes knows that the impact of the seven signing will be a positive for his team in years to come.

"These guys also set a standard for our future players," said Wilkes. "They can look at these guys and see what they have to do to be in this position senior year. Nothing helps motivate kids better than seeing someone like themselves accomplish both on the football field and in he classroom."

Athletic Director, Robert Wynn summed up why the seven kids are so special.

"Not only were they good football players, but they were also excellent workers here at Carver. I guess that's the thing that I'm pleased with the most. They took their academics seriously and consequently they were in a position to sign scholarships. It was an excellent group to work with because they weren't afraid of hard work. Because of the commitment they made I think they will be successful in whatever endeavor they might choose."

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