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Weather Monday: high 64, low 36, hum. 68%. Tuesday was another beautiful, sunny day.

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned a key portion of North Carolina's death penalty law Monday in a ruling that will invalidate the sentences of most of the 85 death row inmates in the state.

The University of Maryland plans to appeal several of the NCAA penalties levied against the men's basketball program, the most serious of which includes a two-year ban on postseason play and three years' probation.

Dennis Scott, one part of Georgia Tech's triple threat in the Atlantic Coast Conference this season was the only unanimous selection to the all-ACC team. Also making the first team were Clemson's tall tandem of Elden Campbell and Dale Davis and Georgia Tech's freshman Kenny Anderson and Virginia's Bryant Stith. It was the first time a player from North Carolina's big 4 was not named to the first team.

Academic fraud is as old as education itself, but studies indicate about 20% to 30% of students cheat, and the figure is

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Tennant Named Outstanding Director

Geoff Tennant, athletic director for Polk County Schools, stood up expecting to talk about fire houses, but wound up receiving a plaque Monday night at the Polk County Board of Education meeting.

Supt. Dr. James F. Causby told the board that Tennant has been named the Outstanding Athletic Director for Region 8 this year.

Causby also presented Tennant a plaque in appreciation of his gifts to Polk County Schools. Tennant donated \$40,000 for business computer equipment for Polk Central High School, and also a conversion van.

The school board members also gave Tennant a positive answer to his question regarding the bus garage property it owns in Columbus. Tennant, president of the Columbus Fire Department, had asked the board last month to consider leasing or selling the firemen land for a new firehouse.

The board asked its attorney, Charels Russell Burrell, to draft a lease document for 50 years for the board to consider.

In other business:

*Architect John Cort, of Wood & Cort, the firm designing the new Polk County Consolidated High School, gave the board members a summary of the current plans.

He said the cost estimate has dropped 5%, from \$70 per square foot to \$66.50, while the size of the

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Tuition Of \$238 Per Household To Be Charged

South Carolina families who want to send their children to Polk County Schools in the future will have to pay \$238 per year, the Polk County Board of Education decided Monday night in a packed board room.

The new policy will require a charge of \$238 per household, not per non-resident student. Students already enrolled will be "grandfathered," that is, allowed to continue to attend Polk schools without paying any tuition.

Members of the Association of County Taxpayers (ACT) on hand argued with the board from the floor before the tuition policy issue even came up on the agenda and were told not to speak until the board opened its meeting up to public comment.

When that time arrived however, they clearly stated their dislike of grandfathering existing students, and the "basic unfairness" of South Carolina charging a substantial tuition while Polk charges none.

ACT president Walt Hamill said he believed the basic issue is that Polk County schools cost too much. He said Polk is among the "top 10" costliest school systems in North Carolina, and that if this problem could be addressed, other other issues might "fade away."

However, Supt. Dr. James F. Causby said the loss of South Carolina students in Polk Schools

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Routine Meeting For Commissioners

The Polk County Commissioners met Monday night at the Commissioners Room in the courthouse annex in Columbus and took the following action:

- * Approved the 1990 Personal Property Assessor's Manual as presented by Clarence Wilson, Tax Supervisor.

- * David Draughn, Solid Waste Director gave an update on Solid Waste. He stated that he was hoping to get newspapers recycled at no charge and that he and the County Manager were working on a fee schedule; March 1st was the deadline for putting tires in the land fill and that he had obtained a trailer to put the tires until they could be removed and destroyed according to state regulations. He reported that four glass boxes were just about full. He said that every effort was being made to keep the area clean.

- * Mr. Draughn also reported on the Economic Development Commission and stated that the EDC was having a marketing research done which will take six months. It will answer the questions: Where is Polk County? What do we need to do? How to reach these goals? It will also show how planning will help Polk County market what the county already has. He stated that \$5,000 had been placed in the budget but that they hoped to get a matching grant.

- * The Watershed Protection

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