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## The rising cost of higher education

◆ **Dramatic increases in tuition costs for UNC System schools raise concern.**

**Blair Parker**  
Assistant News Editor

Tuition increases for the 16 campuses in the UNC System have left students questioning just how high and how long the stakes will continue to rise. Within the last year, tuition has increased 17.6 percent for N.C. State, UNC-Asheville and UNC-Greensboro. The average increases for tuition and fees at UNC schools were 12.9 percent, greater than the highest increase nationally. However, tuition and fees for UNC schools are still lower than the regional and national averages.

A 9 percent increase for the 2002 was finalized in late November after the North Carolina General Assembly finalized the budget. NCSU students saw this increase once they received their spring tuition bill in early December. Across the board, tuition increases are partly based on the factor of inflation, which varies each year between 4 and 5 percent.

Yet, according to James Haltom, UNC Association of Student Governments' vice president of public affairs, "Tuition for the UNC System has jumped 134 percent since 1990,

which is four times the rate of inflation."

In addition to the rise in inflation, tuition increases are also in response to the need for financial aid across all UNC schools. Money is collected and put into one pool, where it is then redistributed for UNC grant schools. NCSU used their 9 percent increase for further allowances related to faculty salaries and student services, which include the arts, financial aid and counselors.

In contrast, campus-based tuition increases are campus specific and therefore are determined by the schools' chancellors, Board of Trustees and Board of Governors. For the year of 2002, campus-based tuition was increased a staggering 8.6 percent that, once again, was evident to students when they received their spring tuition bills.

Andrew Payne, ASG president, sits on the Board of Governors and is working toward achieving a viable tuition policy that can be agreed upon by the chancellor and the Board of Trustees. In debates occurring last fall, Payne disagreed with the campus-based increase because "NCSU has a poor system of financial aid. Most of the money this school collects for student aid is raised through private grants and institutions."

Payne and members of the ASG are hoping to implement some of their

tuition policies for approval, thus allowing a fair tuition guarantee to help students. The ASG will propose the following policies: Tuition can only rise a certain percentage from the time a student enrolls until their departure or their graduation, and there can be no tuition increases during the school year.

According to Payne, the policies now in effect impose more burdens on the backs of students, rather than protect

them.

"The General Assembly has decreased funding for UNC [System] schools over the past 10 years, so it is no surprise that tuition is going to escalate, but it is our [ASG] responsibility to address the way it will effect students," Payne said.

In March, the Board of Governors will vote on a proposal for an across-the-board tuition increase of 4.8 percent. Approved students can expect this

increase to appear on their fall 2002 tuition and fees bill that is distributed in late July. This increase is proposed in response to UNC schools' need for additional financial aid.

"The bottom line is this," Payne said. "Over 53 percent of students attending UNC [System] schools are on a need-based aid. If we continue to increase costs, we are subsequently driving students away from our schools."

## Agromeck turns 100, graduating seniors get the presents

◆ **Agromeck will give each graduating senior a free copy of its 100th edition.**

News Staff Report

As graduation nears, many graduating seniors become so caught up in graduate school applications and the job market that they forget to purchase N.C. State's yearbook, the Agromeck. This year, however, a new program being tested by the Agromeck will ensure that every student receiving an undergraduate degree walks away with not only a degree, but also with his or her own copy of Wolfpack memories.

For the first time in history, each senior receiving an undergraduate degree in the spring, summer or fall of 2002 will also receive a free copy of the Agromeck.

The Agromeck was established in 1902, making it NCSU's longest-running publication. It serves as the school's official yearbook, combining both pictures and articles that document and record students, campus events and state and national news for the year.

The term Agromeck is reflective of the original intent of NCSU. It combines the idea of Agriculture (Agro) and Mechanical Engineering (Meck). Since its establishment, the Agromeck has worked hard to create a vivid and representative example of life at NCSU. For its 100th edition, however, a few changes will be made.

To begin with, this is the first time that the publication will be given to seniors at no cost. It is a decision that was strongly supported by the Alumni Association, according to Agromeck Editor-in-Chief Wortham Boyle. "Well, it's the 100th book and we're trying to start a change," said Boyle.

"We want to strengthen the bond students have with the campus, and we want to ensure that every senior walks away with a yearbook."

In addition, there will be a special 100-page history section. And for the first time ever, the entire yearbook will be produced in color.

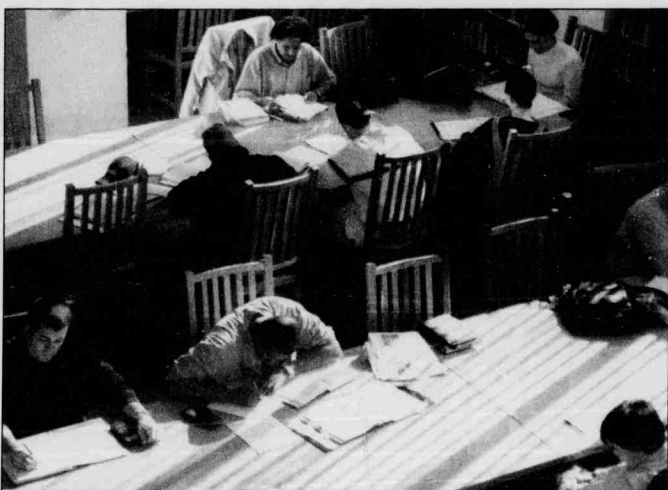
Graduating seniors should sign up for a time slot to get a portrait taken on the Agromeck Web site at [www.agromeck.com/portraits](http://www.agromeck.com/portraits), to ensure that their picture appears in the yearbook.

This will be the last portrait opportunity for the 2001-2002 book, and time slots are quickly being filled. At the end of this week, the photography studios have agreed to assess interest and send more photographers or extend their stay if necessary.

Portraits will be taken beginning on Feb. 4 and will continue for the entire week. They will take place at the NCSU Bookstore in conjunction with the Grad Fair. Recommended dress is shirts and ties for men and blouses for women, but students are encouraged to dress as they please.

Pictures are free; there is no sitting fee required, but students can choose to order the pictures as well. For underclassmen, the Agromeck costs \$30 for a single book. Books can be purchased in groups of 4 or more for a reduced cost of \$25. Order forms will be available on the Agromeck Web site soon.

The Agromeck is also looking for interested students to join their staff. Any student interested in writing, copy editing, photography, graphic design, marketing, management, web development or working with people is encouraged to contact Boyle at [editor@agromeck.com](mailto:editor@agromeck.com).



The sun provides a little light for students studying in DH Hill Library on Tuesday afternoon.

## Design dean recognized as a distinguished professor

◆ **Design Dean Marvin Malecha is among four faculty members recognized by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.**

**Rachael Rogers**  
Staff Reporter

While students were celebrating New Year's, Marvin Malecha, dean of the College of Design, was celebrating his recognition as a Distinguished Professor by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.

This award is an extremely prestigious award that recognizes only three to five professors nationally each year. ACSA is comprised of approximately 150 member schools in the United States and Canada, and it was first started about twenty years ago. ACSA has recognized around 75 professors in that 20-year period.

Malecha is now a member of this highly respected group.

Malecha was nominated for this award by Bob Greenstreet, who is the dean of the Milwaukee School of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Wisconsin.

Malecha stated that "you need to be a recognizable force in education" in order to be acknowledged as a nominee for such an award. According to Malecha, the distinguished professor title is not supposed to be controversial; it should go to someone who is well-known and respected throughout the United States.

Malecha attributes his national recognition mainly to being an academic. Throughout his career, Malecha has taught and served as a mentor for numerous students who have gone on to be successful designers, professors and deans around the world.

Other than being well-known throughout the world of design and teaching, Malecha was also required to submit a curriculum vitae that contained his life's work.

This consisted of background information, numerous drawings, written papers, published works, national conference attendances, received awards

and letters of support from individuals around the country.

Once this information was compiled, it went into a pool of applicants, and then the committee selected its recipients.

Malecha believes that this award is an incredible credential for the university, the College of Design and, of course, for himself.

"It's a nice feeling to know that you've done the right thing," said Malecha. "And, when it's all over, to be able to say, 'Gee, that's pretty nice.'"

He credits this award to himself and also to all of his colleagues, his students and others who impacted his life in some form or fashion. In addition, Malecha does not believe he would have received this award if he were not at NCSU.

Upon accepting the position of dean for the College of Design, Malecha insisted that he have the opportunity to teach at least one class a year.

Malecha believes that the connections that he makes with other professors and students are extremely crucial to any

success that he has in his life. Malecha particularly admires the freshmen whom he has taught over past years and the freshmen whom he teaches now.

"I love the classroom setting. That's what it's all about," said Malecha. He admits that his key to success is his professorship, and he believes that he owes a great deal of debt and gratitude to other colleagues and the students who have helped him shape himself as a professor while allowing him to shape them as future designers.

"This is an award for everyone because it can't be done by yourself," said Malecha.

Malecha appreciates all those individuals who have been present in his life.

NCSU is particularly unique amongst other universities in the nation because Malecha is the fourth member of the faculty to win this award.

"That fact says something very special about this faculty, and I share it with everyone that has worked with me," said Malecha. "These relationships have been crucial to my success."



College of Design Dean Marvin Malecha recently was named Distinguished Professor by the Associated Schools of Architecture. On his left are two medallions he designed for N.C. State and to his right are three-dimensional models for projects that he has completed.

## Agricultural terrorism still a concern

◆ **Agro-terrorism is an invention primarily used to cause economic loss and instill fear in the public, said researchers at Penn State.**

**Steve Bien-Aimé**

Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Maintaining the security of the United States is not limited to protecting against terrorist attacks on citizens. The agricultural industry also has to be more cautious, Penn State researchers said.

Prior to Sept. 11, the movement for more security in the farm industry was

already underway, but the terror attacks accelerated it.

"[Sept. 11] actually gelled everything together," said Bhushan Jayarao, extension veterinarian at the Department of Veterinary Science.

Agro-terrorism is an invention primarily used to cause economic loss and instill fear in the public, Jayarao said.

The importation of crops and animals can be hazardous to farmers, said David Wolfgang, field study director for the veterinary science department.

"On those products there can be bacteria or viruses," Wolfgang said.

The speed at which items are transported around the world can pose a

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problem as well. Foreign importers might discover there is a problem with the stock after it has arrived; however, at that point it may be too late, Jayarao said.

"Some kind of insect, not seen in the United States — it can cause a lot of devastation," he said. "There is nothing to kill the agent."

The United States Department of Agriculture takes this risk very seriously, Jayarao said. For increased protection, scientists said farmers should follow the isolation, resistance and sanitation (IRS) plan.

Farmers should keep sick and new animals isolated because of the risk of their infecting fit ones. Keeping animals resistant to illness must be a main priority, Wolfgang said.

"Healthy animals fight off disease better," he added.

To that extent, he said, they should be vaccinated and given a balanced diet. The sanitation of the farm also is important.

"Once you identify a problem area, clean it up," Wolfgang said.

On today's farms, there is

more production per acre than ever before. Due to the concentration of animals and crops, bacteria and viruses can spread quickly.

"Once it gets on the farm it can infect more animals," Wolfgang said.

In addition, averting large problems is financially prudent.

"It's almost always cheaper to prevent problems and then clean up afterwards," Wolfgang said.

A new theme in agriculture is biosecurity.

"We need to have single farmers, everybody, who raise livestock to have a biosecurity plan," Jayarao said.

The plan will examine the strengths and weaknesses of the farm and address the deficiencies detected.

"Good biosecurity makes the products safer," Wolfgang said. "We're really doing this for the consumer and the economy."

A large fear among farmers involves terrorists poisoning farm animals with a disease such as anthrax that can harm large numbers of people. But this is an unlikely scenario.

"No animals with anthrax will pass through inspections," Jayarao said.

The screening procedure for livestock in the United States is quite thorough, Jayarao said.

"When the people open the

animal [for inspection], even a lame one, he will say something's wrong," Jayarao said. "It's so very apparent."

Both scientists believe any terrorist attack will have harsher effects on the economy than on individual citizens' safety.

"There would be a lot of regional disruption and quite an amount of economic loss, but it would be difficult for agents of other countries to destroy our food system," Jayarao said. "The economic part of agro-terrorism is the biggest concern."

The agricultural industry is extremely important to Pennsylvania. It ranks in the top 10 nationally in dairy, poultry and other agricultural areas, and an attack would hurt the state substantially, Jayarao said. The power of one person to cause great harm, however, is limited.

"The ability for a devious person to cause mass destruction is small," Wolfgang said. "A person could cause a lot of animal destruction and [damage] a region."

But the threat of an attack on the agricultural industry is credible, Jayarao said.

"Agro-terrorism is real," he said. "It is serious and it should never be discounted."

Tech it to the limit:  
The X-Box

**X-Box Pros: "Halo,"  
Texas, hard drive.  
Cons: Price, evil,  
more evil**

Jon Morgan  
Staff Writer

Going to school is a hard thing to do. Homework, tests, that pot-smoking suite mate of yours — all in all, university life can be pretty stressful.

This, of course, is why God invented video games. In this crazy mixed-up world we live in, video games offer us some much-needed sanity. The only problem is, if you can call it a problem, that there are too many games. Even if you somehow had the unlimited monetary resources it would take to purchase every good game on the market, there is still no way you could actually play them all.

So what's a person to do? Move to a dirty shack in the woods and cut off all ties with technology? Write a book about your lousy pond? Hell no! I tried that once, and it got me nothing but a night in jail. What you need to do is buy the games other people tell you to. It is a proven fact that going with the crowd makes you cool, so your best shot is to read this week's totally subjective console review.

For those of you who have been living in a cave on the moon with the door shut and moon music playing so loudly that it totally obfuscates the outside world, there are three video game systems out right now: Sony's Playstation 2, Microsoft's X-Box and Nintendo's GameCube.

The simple fact is, anybody with enough cash to get all three is probably too busy paying somebody to yell at their lazy butler about waxing their Bentley to actually go to Best Buy. So most people have to make a choice. Let's start off the console review this week by taking a look at the X-Box.

Are you from Texas? If so, you'll love the X-

Box. Weighing in at a trim 500 pounds and occupying a respectable 23 cubic feet of space, Microsoft has shown us that bigger really does mean better. The controllers are also fairly large and can be used as a flotation device in the event of a water landing. The controller appears so large because of the giant X-Box logo in the middle, ostensibly so you don't forget what system you're playing. Some smaller children might have difficulties dealing with this beast, but if they're so smart then why are they little?

The X-Box comes with a hard drive and modem, something the competition doesn't. Microsoft also claims to have "the most powerful processor" of any system; however, you wouldn't know this from looking at the games. Microsoft's biggest failing is that, while they say their system has the best-looking games, their software can hardly be differentiated from Nintendo's and Sony's. And with the hefty price of \$300, people are going to want a significant difference from Nintendo's GameCube, which only costs \$200.

Plus, buying a system from Microsoft just feels kind of dirty.

In the end, the software is really what counts. Giant controllers are nice, but without that killer app a system will go nowhere, and this is where the X-Box is really lacking. Out of the titles available to date, only one and a half of them are worth owning.


Bungie's "Halo" was an early favorite of many reviewers, but many people have issues about playing a first person shooter on a console. Nevertheless, most people still think it's a solid game. It gets one point in the X-Box's favor.

The half point comes from "Dead or Alive 3." The "Dead or Alive" series of fighting games, made famous for their rich, ample physics engine and full, heaving control scheme, is back on the X-Box. And only the X-Box, because Microsoft says so.

On top of Microsoft's evil antics, "DOA 3" appears to be the exact same game as "DOA 2," only prettier. In the end, it's half worth owning, so it doesn't help Microsoft's favor a lot.

Conclusion: Microsoft's X-Box is a must buy for all billionaire oil tycoons from the Southwest. Anybody else should spend their money elsewhere.

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Brian Schuch  
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will be many calls, especially by the radical left on college campuses, to stop our hunt. Perhaps they identify with him because, like them, he also hates freedom and individuality. At any rate, these voices must be met with the voice of reason, the voice of freedom, the voice of pride in our great country. Most of all, when someone says we don't really need to hunt down bin Laden, ask him to go to New York or Washington and tell that to the victims' families.

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of rooting them out, regardless of nationality, faith or affiliation. Terrorism did not begin and will not end in the Middle East.

If we allow ourselves to be caught up on this one man, in this one place, then we have learned nothing. We are still as vulnerable as we were before Sept. 11th. It is only by increasing our awareness and understanding of the true problem that we can bring this era of terrorism to close. And for the families of the victims of the attacks, that is the most meaningful closure we could ever provide.

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undershirt-with-a-polo trend. However, I have come to realize that this makes me no "better" or worse than the "first stars" of our campus. Purposefully rejecting the habits or behaviors of one group lumps you in with another—even larger—one (the communion of frat bashers is tenfold larger than the Greek community could ever hope to be, especially at NCSU.)

If you wear only clothes from a thrift store, you are rejecting mainstream commercial styles for your own exclusive group. If you intentionally dress differently from others, you are joining together with other people who do the same. Everything we do says something about us and our values, but many times it is on a subconscious level.

The spotlight always shines brighter (or darker) on fraternities and is viewed by others through blue-colored glasses. We need to stop and consider this: Is it a fraternity problem or a social problem? In the fraternity of Upsilon Sigma (U.S.), our rush is commercialism, and we all wear our letters from time to time.

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## IM-RecNotes

## Intramural sports

Registration began Monday for the swim meet. Registration ends Wednesday for bowling, handball and racquetball.

All schedules, including basketball, for the upcoming semester are posted in the Intramural-Recreational Sports office and on the Web site at [www.ncsu.edu/imrec](http://www.ncsu.edu/imrec). For additional information on Intramural-Recreational Sports visit the Web site or stop by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

## Fitness

The following group fitness classes are offered: Advanced Step, Athletic Conditioning, Awesome Abs, Box-N-Sculpt, Cardioboxing, Get on the Ball, HiLo, Hip Hop, Step 101, Step-N-Sculpt and Water Works. For a schedule of classes, stop by the office in 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium or visit the Web site.

This spring, there will be a Monday-through-Thursday group fitness class at 6:15 a.m. Check the Web site for a class schedule along with some new

class offerings for this spring.

## Outdoor adventures

Registration began on Monday for the skiing and snowboarding trip to Sugar Mountain on Jan. 25-27.

There is only room for 14 participants, so sign up early. There is a \$20 registration fee, which will be applied toward the trip.

## Club sports — results

The Club Roller Hockey team played its first game of the spring semester Saturday against Elon at the Carolina Sportsplex.

The Wolfpack defended its division title with an impressive 8-3 win against the Phoenix. Scoring goals for State were Brian Moore and Alan Rowe with three apiece and Chris Hickman with two.

## Club sports — upcoming

The Club Roller Hockey team's next game is at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 26 against Duke. The game is at home in Cary at

the Carolina Sportsplex. Call 319-9910 for directions.

The Club Bowling team will travel to Orlando, Fla., for the Sunshine Classic hosted by Florida.

The 20-team men's and women's tournament is an important one for the Wolfpack, as the team tries to maintain their Top-64 status required for Sectionals. The team is currently ranked No. 58 in the country.

"Dancing with Wolves," the Social Ballroom Dance Club at State, provides free dance lessons every Wednesday night. Swing and Fox Trot, taught by experienced instructors, are the next dances in the lineup.

Lessons are held at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. in Carmichael Gym Room 2307. The club also has a dance social on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 6-10 p.m. in the Talley Center Ballroom. For more information about the club as well as upcoming events visit the Web site at [www.ncsu.edu/stud\\_orgs/soc\\_dance/dance.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/stud_orgs/soc_dance/dance.html).

## Campus Spotlight



## Ice Hockey Club hosts 'Canes Cup

N.C. State's Ice Hockey Club, in conjunction with the Carolina Hurricanes, will play host to the 2nd Annual 'Canes Cup tournament this weekend in Raleigh.

State, the defending 'Canes Cup champion, will open play against North Carolina on Friday at 6:45 p.m. at the Reczone. The team will later face Virginia Commonwealth on Saturday at 4:15 p.m. at the

Reczone and Duke on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

Tickets will be available at the door and are also available on the club's Web site, [www.ncstatehockey.org](http://www.ncstatehockey.org). This year, half of all ticket sales will be given to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

In addition, WBBB 96.1's Chopper Harrison will be at the game on Sunday to drop the puck at the opening face-off.

## WRESTLE

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for a 14-3 major decision.

"We didn't really have our full lineup," said head coach Bob Guzzo. "We had some of our kids not be able to make it. So, I think, if we can have our full lineup tomorrow night, then we should be able to do really well."

Like State, the Tar Heels competed at the Virginia Duels. The results for UNC, however, were a little different, with it finishing 3-2 overall.

The Heels went 1-1 on the first day of competition, defeating Virginia Tech 30-12 before Missouri handed them a 37-9 loss. UNC rebounded the next day with two wins over Indiana and Army by the scores of 23-21 and 28-12, respectively. With the two wins, the Heels advanced to the consolation round of the two-day tourney, where they met Kent State. In a close-fought match, UNC came out on the latter end,

suffering a 20-19 loss.

Every year, State and UNC battle it out harder than any other team in the conference. Last season, the Heels got the best of the Pack at Reynolds Coliseum. It was State, however, that returned the favor at UNC, defeating the Heels 19-16 on their home mat. In the ACC Tournament, State was successful once again and went on to be named ACC champion.

Wednesday night's match marks the first time the Pack will defend its conference throne.

"We're always very competitive," said Guzzo. "It's going to be a big match. It always is. They're a good, strong team. Looking at it right now though, I'd have to say that we're pretty evenly matched. So, we're going to have to go out and give it our all and just see."

The Pack should receive key contributions from Pryor in the middle and Collins at the end of the roster. Pryor, the returning ACC champion at 157 pounds has continued his strong efforts this season, posting a 14-5 record thus

far. Meanwhile, Collins has showed improved skill from a year ago to head into UNC with a 10-4 record overall.

"Pierre is a senior and has been on the team for some time now," Guzzo said. "He brings a lot of experience and is a confident wrestler. We've come to expect great things from him."

"Ngozi is somewhat of a surprise for us. He's been doing really well this year, but he's wrestling a pretty strong kid tomorrow night, so we're hoping he can continue his success. We're very pleased with how both of them are wrestling so far."

The Heels will counter State's skill at heavyweight with some of their own. Senior Matt Kenny performed well at the Virginia Duels, winning all but two of his matches. Where Kenny provides strong competition at the end of the lineup for UNC, Chris Rodrigues does the same at the opposite end at 125. Rodrigues, who went undefeated during the first day of wrestling last weekend, finished with another victory on Saturday.

ers will be expected to step up to the challenge and play well in the Pack's first match against the Tulsa Golden Hurricane on Saturday.

"Matt Lucas is going to play the No. 1 singles spot for us, and he is playing well," Hayes said. "Reinaldo Valor is going to play No. 2 singles, and freshman R.J. Murray is an incredible doubles player. However, we have to play with extreme intensity against Tulsa and come out hungrier. We have to go in there fearless and believing — not thinking, believing — that we can win each of the matches."

nis conferences in the nation. To be successful, State will have to play exceptional tennis to be at the top of the league. Six of the nine teams in the ACC made the NCAA Tournament last year, a testament of the high skill level Hayes' players will face.

The Pack must play teams such as Duke, which is ranked No. 10 in the International Tennis Poll this year and won its fourth consecutive ACC Tennis Championship last year. Clemson, Wake Forest and North Carolina should also be near the top of the conference.

In singles and doubles, Hayes' play-

## DAVIS

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0) with Carducci.

Davis is likely to take on a role playing singles this year for a State team that lost only one senior, Eric Jackson, to graduation. After proving himself in doubles play with victories against Wake Forest, Virginia and Maryland last year, Davis is ready to take on the Pack's opponents one-on-one.

Davis has played tennis for a long time, starting with his father and then playing throughout his high school years for Baylor. While at Baylor, Davis' team finished in second place in Tennessee in the 2-A division.

"I just found that I was really interested in tennis," said Davis. "I developed and started getting a lot better in high school. I just kept up with it, and I'm still playing."

Davis also attended tennis camps to better his technique. As fate would have it, he met State tennis coach Eric Hayes while at such a camp.

"I met John when he used to always come to my camp four or five years ago," said Hayes. "Not many people recruited him, but I thought he was pretty talented, and he's a hard worker."

"He has come along pretty well. Last year, he played doubles for us and did real well. He should have his sights set

on playing singles for us, but there are a couple flaws he has to work out."

When Hayes recruited him to play for the Pack, Davis was quick to accept his mentor's offer. After working out with the team in the fall last year, Davis earned a shot at playing doubles for State.

"Coach Hayes has probably helped me out the most here at State," said Davis. "My father, though, was the one that got me into tennis. He played with me a lot as a kid."

Interestingly enough, when asked what his greatest off-court achievement was, Davis had no ready answer. After thinking for a long time, he finally came up with an answer.

"My biggest off-court achievement was catching a citation Wahoo," Davis said. "It's a fish."

Playing hard on the tennis courts and fishing for Wahoos while off it isn't the only thing that concerns Davis. The business major wants two things from his time at State, "to be able to play and keep my grades up."

Davis has set the bar high for himself and for his team this season. After bowing out in the first round of last year's ACC Tournament, Davis is eager to go back.

"The team is shooting to win the ACC Tournament this year," said Davis. "That's our goal."

Let's forget the polls, fly under the radar and show up when it really matters. Obvious as it seems, it would be more advantageous for State to be one of the last 25 teams playing in March than one of the 25 ranked in the middle of January.

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"The team's in their hands," Hayes said. "We have three seniors in our top six, and we will see, when they play matches, what kind of leadership they will show."

The team has only one freshman, R.J. Murray, though Hayes expects him to contribute right away.

The ACC is overall one of the top ten-



## AROUND THE ACC

## Standings:

Team	ACC Record	Overall
Maryland	3-0	13-2
Duke	3-1	14-1
Wake Forest	3-1	13-4
N.C. State	3-2	13-4
Virginia	2-2	11-2
Clemson	2-3	11-7
Florida State	1-2	8-6
North Carolina	1-3	5-8
Georgia Tech	0-4	7-10

## Tuesday's game:

No. 10 Virginia 86, No. 14 Wake Forest 74

## Wednesday's game:

North Carolina at Florida State, 7 p.m., ESPN2

The Tar Heels need a win to keep their dying tournament hopes alive — NIT, that is. After beating Georgia Tech, UNC has lost three in a row in conference play.

## Thursday's game:

No. 3 Maryland at No. 1 Duke, 9 p.m., ESPN

The ACC's preseason favorites square off in what could be the first of four meetings this year. Duke took three of the four games last season, including a victory in the Final Four.

## BASKETBALL

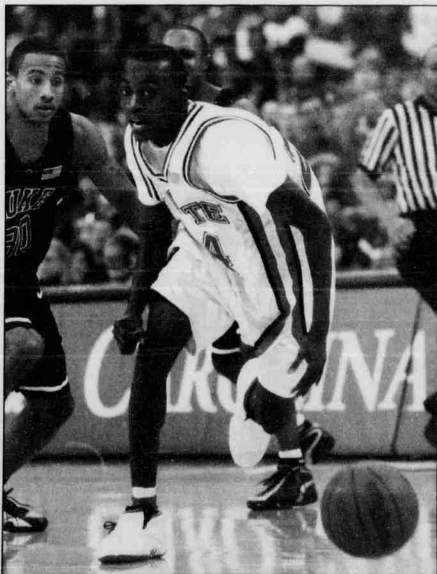
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trio of shots from behind the arc and led the Pack with 11 first-half points. Grundy added nine, and Archie Miller and Ilian Evtimov contributed eight apiece.

After getting off to a shaky start, State continued to build the lead, going up by as many as 14. At the half, the Pack held a 44-33 thanks in large part to 10-of-19 shooting from long range.

Clemson shot 12-of-16 from the field and 7-of-8 from the free-throw line but trailed nonetheless. The Tigers committed 13 turnovers, and the Pack converted those into 20 points. For the game, Clemson shot 61.2 percent from the floor.

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Julius Hodge and the Wolfpack picked up their fourth consecutive road win Tuesday night at Clemson. N.C. State has already matched its win total from last season.

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## SCORES

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# Wednesday Sports



## SCHEDULE

M. Basketball vs. Ga. Tech, 1/19, 2  
W. Basketball @ Florida St., 1/17, 7:30  
Gymnastics @ Kent State, 1/20  
Wrestling @ UNC, 1-16, 7:30  
Indoor Track, VT Invitational, 1/19  
M. Tennis @ Tulsa, 1/19

## Powell gives State win



Josh Powell hit the game-winning shot at Clemson with 2.1 seconds left.

◆ Josh Powell's late basket gave N.C. State its fourth consecutive road win.

Sports Staff Report

CLEMSON, S.C. — Last season, N.C. State couldn't win games like the one it played Tuesday night at Clemson. This season, the Wolfpack can't seem to lose them.

With State trailing 79-78, freshman Josh Powell put back an Anthony Grundy miss with 2.1 seconds left, giving the Pack (13-4, 3-2 ACC) an 80-79 win. State matched its win total from last year with the victory and still has 12 games remaining in the regular season.

Powell's basket put the finishing touches on an eventful game.

The Pack led 69-65 with 5:56 left, but the Tigers (11-7, 2-3) went on a quick spurt to take the lead. Clemson's Edward Scott hit a jumper with 1:57 remaining to cap a 12-2 run and put his team up 77-72.

State sophomore Scooter Sherrill, who finished with a career-high 19 points, knocked down his fifth three-pointer of the game to bring the Pack within two. After the Pack's defense held Clemson, Grundy, who scored a game-high 22, hit an acrobatic layup and a free throw for a three-point play, putting State up 78-77.

Clemson sophomore Tony Stockman responded on the other end, hitting an off-balance jumper with 10.8 seconds to go to put the Tigers back up 79-78. The Pack brought the ball right back down the floor and worked it around to Grundy, who drove the baseline and missed a jump shot off the glass. Clemson failed to box out Powell, however, who easily dropped in the game-winning shot.

The win was State's first at Clemson since 1998. The Pack is now 4-1 on the road and has won four in a row away from home for the first time since the 1973-74 season.

Grundy and sophomore Marcus Melvin watched the tip-off from the bench for the first time this season. Without two of its leaders, State struggled to get good looks at the basket.

The Pack fell behind early, scoring only seven points in the game's first eight minutes. Then Grundy and Melvin entered the fray and became the catalysts for an offensive barrage. Grundy hounded Clemson's ball-handlers, forcing turnovers that led to easy fast-break baskets.

State scored eight points in less than a minute to tie the game at 15-15, but the run didn't stop there. At one point, the Pack connected on 12 straight shots, including eight three-pointers. Sherrill came off the bench to nail a

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	1	2	Final
N.C. State	44	36	80
Clemson	33	46	79

### Statistical Leaders

Points	Grundy	(NCSU)	22
Rebounds	Henderson	(Clem.)	10
Assists	Scott	(Clem.)	13

### Player of the Game

Anthony Grundy didn't start, but he scored 22 points, dished out seven assists and drew enough attention on his final shot to free up Josh Powell for the game-winning tip-in.



John Davis and the N.C. State men's tennis team open play this weekend with two matches in Oklahoma.

## Netters eager to serve up good season

◆ The N.C. State men's tennis team prepares for another spring season.

Memmie Ezike

Staff Writer

Every day at 2:30 p.m., a group of guys and their coach grab their rackets, bring their balls, and walk "fear-

lessly" to the courts across from Doak Field, focused and ready for a tough practice.

The N.C. State men's tennis team, led by head coach Eric Hayes and a complement of talented, hard-working guys, is looking forward to another season of intense tennis

competition in the always-tough ACC and NCAA.

This year, the men plan to have a different season. After struggling to a 6-19 record last season, the Wolfpack look to bounce back with a much better performance this season, and Hayes expects nothing less than the best effort from his players. In the coach's mindset, each player must always believe that they can win every match — in

5 short, be "fearless."

Looking ahead into the season, the Pack netters are ready and prepared to tackle the season. A key loss, though, was Eric Johnson, an All-ACC netter who graduated this past May. Despite the loss,

Hayes sees a lot of promise in his team.

"Everyone is a year older, and what this team must do is play fearless and believe in themselves," Hayes said. "We have depth and plenty of guys who are ready to play. They are very anxious to get started."

Hayes believes that his tough, disciplinary style is exactly what his team needs with the rough schedule they will face this season.

"We are playing a very tough schedule, and I am pretty tough on them," Hayes said. "I am very disciplined with as far as trying to get them to believe in themselves. Ultimately, that is what it is going to come down to — believing that they can be successful against top teams in the country."

As in many sports, senior leadership will be key to the team's success.

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## Davis gets singled out

◆ John Davis moves into singles play for the men's tennis team after a year as a doubles specialist.

Jay Kohler

Staff Writer

The training for the spring men's tennis season began this fall for N.C. State's John Davis.

Davis participated in and won the Flight "D" championship of the singles competition at the Wolfpack Fall Classic, defeating Mike Letfike from UNC-Asheville 6-3, 6-3 for the title. In taking the title, Davis dropped only one set in four matches.

Things like that prove that Davis, a

sophomore from Baylor High in Chattanooga, Tenn., is an up and coming leader on the Wolfpack tennis team this season.

"I played No. 2 doubles last year and had a bunch of big ACC wins," said Davis. "I didn't play singles last year. This year, my goal is to play singles for the tennis team."

Last season, in the doubles slot, Davis was paired with six different partners over the course of the season. Including all his partners, Davis had a 6-19 record, but was 3-4 in ACC play. He had his best luck when paired with either Brad Kilgore or Michael Carducci. Davis was 5-11 (2-4 ACC) with Kilgore and 1-0 (1-

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John Davis won the Flight "D" title at the Wolfpack Fall Classic.

## Wrestlers begin the road to repeat

◆ The N.C. State wrestling team begins to defend its ACC crown against North Carolina Wednesday night.

Justin Sellers

Senior Staff Writer

With several matches behind it now, the N.C. State wrestling team heads to Chapel Hill Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. to battle North Carolina in its first ACC match of the season.

The Wolfpack (4-3) is coming off two road losses at the Virginia Duals last weekend. At the tournament, State competed against a pretty strong Hofstra team and then once again vs. Wyoming.

The Pride, which later went on to finish second overall, handed the Pack a 30-10 loss. Despite the defeat, State did get some helpful wins. Ryan McCallum

defeated Frank Hoeffner at 133 pounds; Jon Godwin beat Jason Stretkiewicz 4-2 at 184; and heavy-weight wrestler Ngazi Collins recorded a major decision

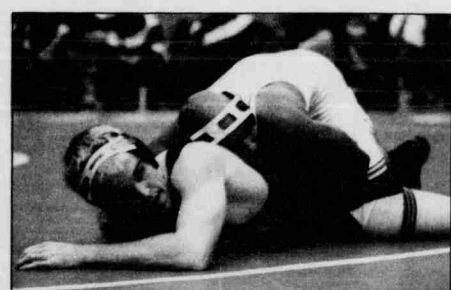
win over Matt Daddino.

As for its other match against the

Cowboys, the Pack improved somewhat, only losing 24-14. In that match, George Cinton rebounded from his loss to Hofstra to defeat Reynold Candelaria

16-6. State also received wins from the middle of its lineup, where Kevin Gabrielson won by fall at 157 and Pierre Pryor man-handled Justin Salas

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The wrestling team visits rival North Carolina after getting swept at the Virginia Duals over the weekend.

## BASKETBALL

### Ranks defiled

No. 25 holds no magic. One through 24 aren't anything special either.

College basketball polls are grossly overstated. Yet there is an irrefutable appeal to the idea of "being ranked." Strange as it is, there's just something affirming about seeing a little number in front of your favorite team's name in the newspaper and on the television.

As N.C. State has pulled off a pair of significant upsets (over Syracuse and Virginia) and piled up 13 wins already this season, the rumblings about rankings have begun. Although the murmurs have waned a bit in the wake of Sunday's loss to Duke, they will return. I can hear it now: "State should be in the polls." "It's a conspiracy that the Wolfpack isn't ranked," and "We never get any respect."

Whatever the case, it's fine with me if State stays out of the Top 25.

Before I am accused of wishing bad things on Herb Sendek and his team, let me say something. I am excited about this year's team, and I want the wins to continue.

That said, I honestly don't care if the Pack ever makes an appearance in the polls. College basketball teams, including State, don't need to have their success validated by sportswriters (in the Associate Press poll) or coaches (in the ESPN/USA Today poll).

The Pack can, and I hope has already started to, "arrive" without cracking the Top 25.

Fans might be fixated with their team's position in the rankings, but I doubt it means much to coaches and players. If wins, and not the opinions of pundits, remain the focus, success is likely to follow.

I suppose the polls do serve some purpose. They allow television networks to advertise Top-25 matchups. Fans can compare teams before they actually face each other.

But the nation's top-ranked team almost always lose several times a season, and lower-ranked teams often beat those above them. So, in reality, what are the rankings worth?

In college basketball, the answer is next to nothing, and that's the way it should be.

Every March, the national championship is decided on the court. Unlike college football, basketball actually holds a tournament at the end of the season. Writers and a body of voting coaches have no say in crowning the NCAA champion.

I don't want to jinx anything, but this could be the year State gets an invitation to a post-season tournament — the one with four letters, not three. Sneaking into the polls at midseason won't do anything to help the Pack make its first trip to the "Big Dance" since 1991.

Far too often, in fact, getting ranked is the first step toward a downhill slide. Case in point — the last time a State team snuck into the Top 25, it promptly laid an egg and lost to Clemson 59-42. That was in the 1999-2000 season, a year that State appeared to be cruising to the NCAA Tournament.

The team got ranked and *poof!* spontaneously combusted. I know that this year's squad is completely different than any in the school's history, so I doubt the same thing would happen again. But just to be on the safe side,

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Jerry Moore