

Hits hard on football Saturdays

Towing increase seen in area lots

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For some students, towing seems to have become synonymous with football Saturdays. A total of 34 cars were towed by the Athletic Association Saturday; 14 were taken from the new employee lot near Cobb.

Each Thursday and Friday prior to the home games when these lots are reserved, the Athletic Association places notices on the cars in the lots, saying they are reserved each Saturday. The UNC Parking and Traffic Office recently placed signs at the entrance of the newer lots, such as the lower lot at the Law School and the Cobb lot, Robert Sherman, director of Security Services for UNC said last week.

Although there may have been a chance that some people had not received notices before past games, this week the Athletic Association and the traffic office

gave plenty of advance notice; the traffic office signs still were up Saturday, Sherman said.

"But at 6 Saturday morning 10 to 15 cars were still in the Cobb lot, despite the signs," he said. "What more can we do?"

Though many students may be upset over the towing, it is perfectly legal, said Sherman. Students should realize that it is within the Athletic Association's power to tow cars in these formally designated areas, he said.

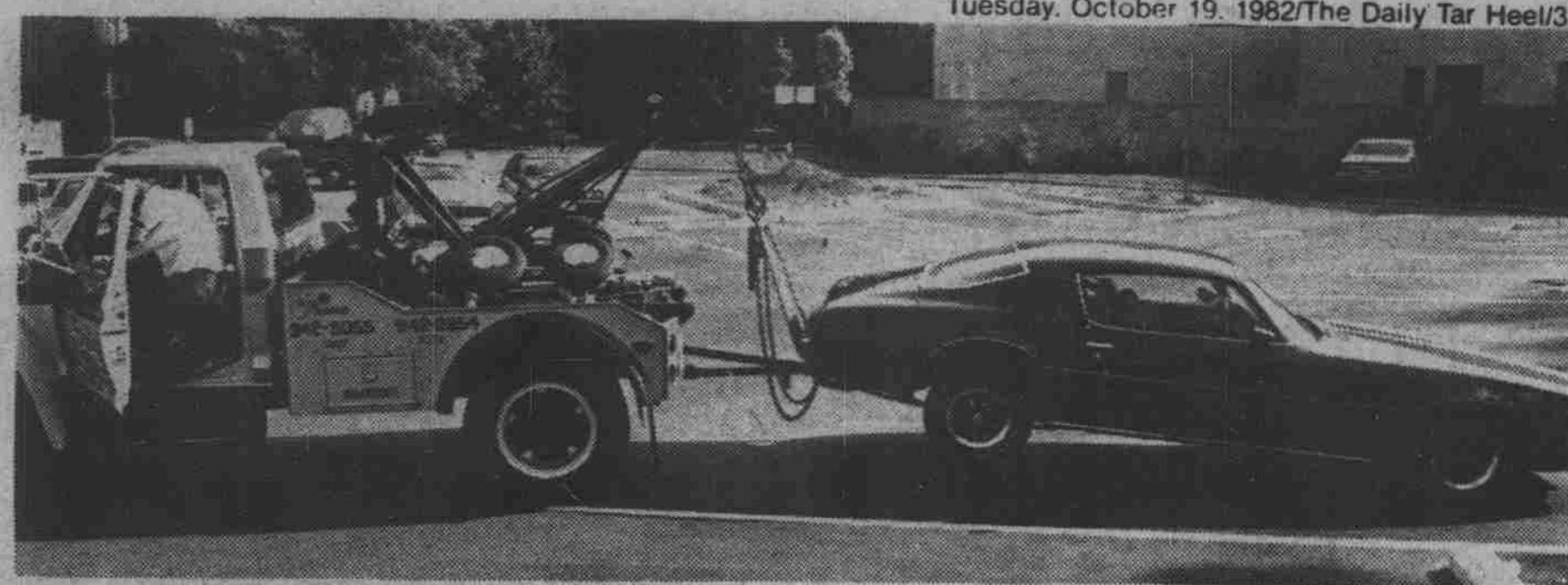
"If anyone thinks that having a parking permit guarantees them a parking space, then they're sadly mistaken," Sherman said, citing the updated parking and traffic ordinance.

According to Section 2-11 of the ordinance, the Chancellor may temporarily prohibit parking in specified parking lots or "reserve spaces for special events," such as "an athletic event, concert, or

similar special events, in emergencies, or when necessary due to construction in progress." The ordinance also states that signs or barriers must be clearly posted at such areas.

The specific areas mentioned in the traffic ordinance included those set aside for Rams Club parking, Sherman said. "These areas have been approved by a former Chancellor for the Athletic Association to manage and control during games. As new lots have been constructed, the Athletic Association has asked for and been granted permission to use these lots in conjunction with already approved lots," he said, citing as an example the new Cobb lot, from which several cars have been towed this year.

"In the past, once an area is approved for Athletic Association use, it has been up to the Athletic Association to manage the area on football Saturdays, with the



Towing has become a more frequent occurrence — especially on football Saturdays

Athletic Association reserves right to remove cars parked in special areas

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UNC Police and the Traffic Office mainly enforcing the other lots, setting up cones and barricades as needed, and enforcing fire zones and handicapped zones," Sherman said.

"This department (the traffic office) receives a lot of discussion daily about

parking, but we try to be as much help as possible in areas not given over to the Athletic Association on Saturdays," Sherman said.

The traffic office has asked for lists of the cars towed in order to get in touch with the owners, Sherman said. "We're

going to be the ones that people take their frustration out on because they automatically think we're the ones who towed them," he said.

The best way to locate a towed car is to call the dispatcher with the University police, Sherman said.

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work for the confederation."

Murray said, "If Grimes hadn't said too much about this, and if they (RHA) had voted on it today, a lot of (residence) college governors may not have known what they were voting on."

"I think this (new procedure) is something that will go more in the 'con' section of being in a confederation," he said.

The petition initiated by Grimes does not compel the dormitory to secede, but does provide time to discuss the proposal, Murray said.

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