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UNCW plans improvements for campus

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Chancellor DePaolo has appointed a UNCW Master Plan Update Advisory Committee to begin planning new projects to improve the campus at UNC-Wilmington. The committee is working with the planning firm of Wallace, Roberts and Todd, LLC (WRT) to develop the Campus Master Plan Update. The update is aiming to improve on-campus facilities by making them more efficient and to improve the overall physical appearance of the campus.

In an interview with Dr. Ken Spackman, appointed member of the Master Plan Update Advisory Committee and Director of University Planning, he said, "This time the master plan effort is different and much more comprehensive, it's tied much more to what we're trying to accomplish academically, including planning and controlling growth to maintain academic quality."

From Jan.10-13 the UNCW Master Plan Update Advisory Committee and WRT held several town hall meetings open to students, faculty, and staff to gather input and ideas, as well as to inform attendees about the status of the Campus Master Plan.

Key issues outlined at the meetings included athletics and recreation, campus buildings, circulation and parking.

More information on the Campus Master Plan is available at:

<http://www.uncwil.edu/ba/facilities/masterplan.htm>.

Parking tickets are big business

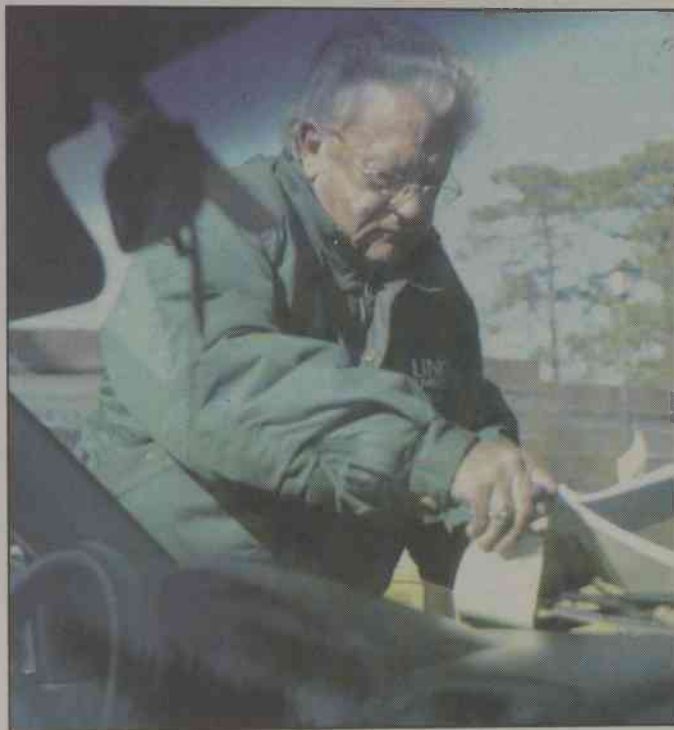


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Bobby Leitch places a parking ticket on the windshield of a vehicle. While viewed by the many students who receive tickets as the bane of their transportation lifestyle, the parking control officers provide a valuable service to the university.

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They're out there rain or shine just doing their job, but they are probably the least popular people on the UNCW campus.

They are the parking control officers, better known as the "ticket team." The seven, bicycle-riding men and women on the team do an efficient job. In 2004, they wrote 32,360 tickets on campus.

Tickets cost \$25, \$50 or \$172. The \$25 ticket is for an overtime meter or not having a parking decal, the \$50 ticket is for parking in a reserved spot and the \$172 is for altering the color of your decal. Forty students were caught and ticketed for attempting to alter their decal last semester.

Parking Control Supervisor Norman Johnson is out there writing citations five days a week. After four years on the job Johnson is still an extremely affable man with a wide smile and an easy going manner. But aren't all the ticket people scowling, mean and heartless? "No, no," Johnson said, shaking his head

and laughing at the suggestion.

Does he like his job? "Oh, I love it. I love it," Johnson said. "I get to meet new people. And I'm educating them and correcting bad behavior."

But don't people get mad at you for 'educating' them? "Oh sure, they get mad all the time," he said. "I don't mind...they know they were doing the wrong thing."

Johnson, who before coming to UNCW caught shoplifters at Harris Teeter, has a philosophy why most people park illegally. "Some just take a chance they won't get caught, some just want attention, some just test the system, and some simply don't care, because their parents or their financial aid pay the fines," he said.

But Johnson is an officer with a heart and once in a while he even gives a person a break, or tries to. "This morning, I saw a young woman parking on the grass in a no-parking zone. So, I went up to her and told her to do herself a favor and park somewhere else," he said.

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Student organizations unite to inform students

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A large number of student organizations turned out for The Center for Campus Activities Spring Student Activities Fair Thursday Jan. 13.

The fair gave many different UNCW organizations the chance to inform students about their organizations. Many groups on campus were able to show the student body what they had to offer by setting up

booths and offering pamphlets and information to interested students.

"It's our opportunity to show what's on campus and how to get involved."

-Campus Activities Coordinator
Larissa LaCour

According to Ashley Adams, the Vice President for the campus

chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the fair was "a one stop shop" for students interested in getting involved on campus.

A variety of different organizations turned out for the event including Habitat for Humanity, Lumina Dance Club, the

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Members of ΣΣΣ receive information concerning membership in the various campus organizations at the Activities Fair on Jan. 13.



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