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## Ticket survey shows problem parking areas

By Tory Hoke

Whether a one-time deal or a way of life, the Meredith non-moving violation is here to stay. Security Chief Mike Hoke called security's renewed ticketing efforts "consistent and reasonable," especially with Meredith's appeal process. If a student thinks a ticket is unfair, she can protest it in the security office. All tickets, voided or not, are documented.

Once parking tickets come into the security office, they are processed into a computer and filed according to ticket number. About 25 tickets are filed each morning (40-50 across weekends). The results posted here come from a survey of 200 tickets randomly selected from those filed over the past semester. Of the tickets posted for reserved space/invalid permit violations, 53% were only reserved space violations, 16% were only invalid permit violations, and 31% were both.

In response to criticism about tickets administered in 15 minute parking and loading/unloading zones, security officers have begun to write "first observed" times and "No flashers" on tickets to clarify circumstances.

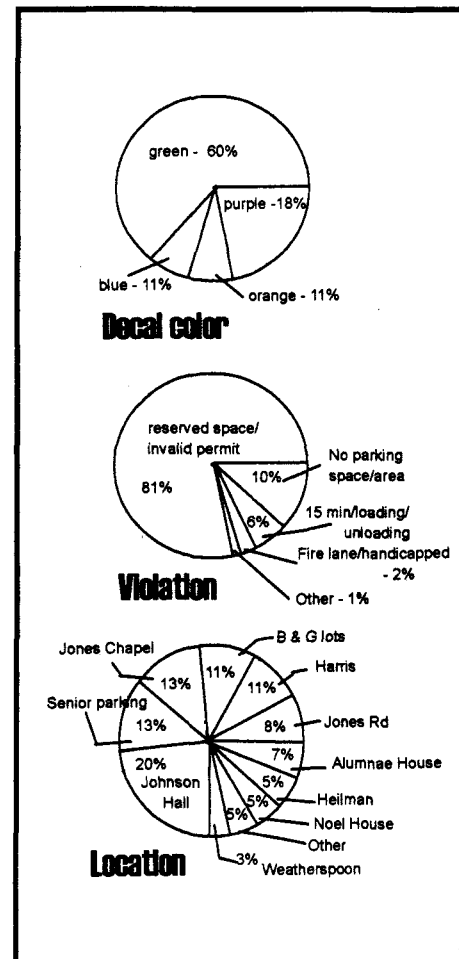
Up for consideration is a proposal to let anyone park in commuter lots on weekends.

All parking proposals must meet Vice President Chuck Taylor's approval.

As a private college, Meredith makes concessions to its community of alumni and associates. Prime parking at Johnson Hall and Jones Chapel is kept available for functions that may serve these segments of the Meredith population, like weddings and concerts.

**How to avoid tickets:** Permanently affix your student decal to your vehicle's bumper. (The security office is introducing a new clause in the student permit agreement to make this suggestion enforceable.) If you need to use a loading/unloading zone, use your vehicle's flashers or call security to tell them your name, your location, and a description of your vehicle. Visitors need to get visitor permits.

**When to protest:** Visitors who have been ticketed for parking in visitor spaces should protest. Note that Meredith has no jurisdiction over visitors, and for Meredith to call the DMV to enforce tickets costs \$1 apiece. Most mercy protests by first-time offenders are considered. The repeat offender is generally out of luck.



## Walkers need to be cautious

By Robin Hollingsworth

The worst threat to the safety of Meredith walkers and joggers is drivers, rather than campus interlopers, said Michael Hoke, Chief of Meredith College Security.

Exercise enthusiasts are encouraged to wear some article of reflective clothing even in daylight. Chief Hoke compared this strategy to laws requiring motorcyclists to use headlights at all hours. By applying this "common sense precaution" the individual's visibility is increased and potential accidents are decreased.

Walkers and joggers should always "walk facing oncoming traffic, especially if they are wearing walkman's," said Hoke. He stressed that military bases have a ban on walkman's because they significantly reduce the user's awareness of sounds and surroundings. By facing the approaching traffic headlong, walkers can at least see passing vehicles without being surprised.

The safety manual *How to Protect Yourself From Crime* suggests that by walking facing traffic you also reduce your risk of being attacked. Motorists have a full view of you and can lend assistance if the unfortunate occurs.

Another precaution exercisers should employ is the "buddy system." If you cannot find a friend to walk with you "at least tell a roommate where you're going and what time you might be back in," Hoke said.

He also recommended that students remember to "always cut directly across the street, rather than walking at long angles." If you cut across the street diagonally instead of horizontally you are exposed to the danger of passing cars for a longer period of time.

The two pair of running shoes, exercise bag and water bottle in Hoke's office are sure fire signs he is an avid jogger. Each morning he ritually runs, but he admits he never forgets to carry his pepper spray. The spray is a preventative measure not just for attackers, but animals as well. It is the one item, aside from his reflectors, he never leaves home without.

Drivers should take extreme caution in driving on campus. Although it is the pedestrian's responsibility to yield to traffic for their own

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## Meredith students selected for Who's Who

By Kristin Davis

The wait is over. The time has come to announce the seniors whose hard work at Meredith College has proven effective. The Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities has made its selection.

There are 30 recipients chosen from the senior class at Meredith College. The Who's Who organization will be sending the recipients a letter requesting their biographical information.

Those returning the letter will have their names and biographical information published in a national publication of the Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities.

The Who's Who nominees were judged on their academic success, campus and community involvement and overall future potential.

The committee members were interviewed by Student Life Chair, Amber Mosely. Committee members were re-entry students, com-

muters, resident students, faculty, and staff.

The following people were on the committee: Allison Carter, Kelly Conkling, Kendra Greene, Katie Hardersen, Aubrey Henderson, Sarah Isham, Mandy McCullen, Emily Necessary, Rebecca Puglia, Emily Smith, Kristin Young, Chrissie Bumgardener, Dr. Carolyn Happer, Dr. Tony Parker, and Dr. Janice Schwab.

The process for choosing recipients is time consuming for all those involved. "There are many opportunities for students to be selected," said Dean of Students Sharon Cannon.

"Those who are mentioned often are selected. There are always a lot of good people."

Dean Cannon also expresses her opinion on the selection process. "It's always a very confidential and professional process," she said.

The outstanding students who are recipients of the Who's Who Among American Col-

leges and Universities are as follows:

Jonna Abigail Anderson, Erica Leigh Balmer, Kseniya Vladimir Bogatova, Megan Leigh Carney, Kathryn Combs Colvard, Stephanie Scott Dean, Heather Elizabeth Dinklage, Arinn Meade Dixon, Dina Mary Di Maio, Collyn Luneau Evans, Stephanie Renee Platt, Kristy Flora Harris, Pooja Jindal, Wendy Grace Kelly, Alicia Jung Kim, Carmelita King, Veronica Leigh King, Kristye Annette Koontz, Deanna Lee Lemond, Kelly Glen McLawhorn, Sharolyn Shoe McManamy, Amber Lynn Mosely, Daphne Anita O'Neal, Carolyn Gail Parnell, Cindy Ladd Quick, Megan Elizabeth Schmidt, Amanda Grace White, Heather Lynn Wilkin, Virginia Lee Wilson, and Clyda Leigh Wood.

Congratulations to all recipients.

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