

# Wal-Mart reverses erroneous charges

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**DENVER** — A computer hardware problem caused more than 800,000 credit and debit card transactions to be double- or triple-billed last week at Wal-Mart stores nationwide, according to officials at First Data Corp., which handled the electronic payments.

The excess Visa and Mastercard charges, which occurred Wednesday and were posted on Thursday, have been reversed, First Data spokeswoman Staci Busby said Sunday.

Busby said the problem showed up on reports the company generates for quality control purposes. She said that it's unclear how many customers were affected, and that she had no other details about the hardware problem.

"Anyone who conducted a transaction with a Visa or Mastercard on March 31 should check their statements," Busby said.

Danetta Thompson, a spokeswoman for Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart, said Sunday that the retailer had posted signs about the problem and was informing cus-

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**DANETTA THOMPSON,**  
**WAL-MART SPOKESWOMAN, BENTONVILLE, ARK.**

tomers. She said signs in the stores direct customers to First Data's toll-free number, 888-893-0626.

"I feel like they've got their arms around the problem," Thompson said. "Those charges have been reversed."

Busby said some affected customers may not see the reversed charges on their accounts until Tuesday. She said First Data has instituted additional measures as a result of the overbilling.

First Data processes payments for retailers, moving money from consumers' accounts to merchants' bank accounts. The Greenwood Village, Colo.-based company has 30,000 employees and operates in 195 countries and territories.

# MARCH REPORT

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on that," Adams said.

Tepper played an instrumental role in helping craft a one-year, \$300 tuition increase for in-state students, later reduced to \$250, but a \$1,500 increase for nonresidents was approved by the UNC Board of Trustees despite Tepper's strong objections.

"Although we all agree that the tuition debate this year went in the direction that most of us would not have liked it to go in, we had some really stellar student support in all of the issues relating to that," Student Body Vice President Rebekah Burford said.

The administration, led by Adams, also completed a student wish list, which was a large part of Tepper's platform.

The wish list, which will be used to inform Carolina First campaign donors of students' needs, included establishing more graduate student fellowships, as the average salary for graduate students at UNC is \$2,000 less than at peer institutions, according to the report.

The student wish list also accounted for a student-directed speaker series endowment, which would bring big-name speakers to campus without sole funding from student organizations.

Even with the administration stepping down Tuesday, it is work-

ing on a voter precinct reform project to alleviate the lack of student accessibility to precincts during town election season.

Students living across the street from each other on campus often have to go to entirely different places to vote under the current plan.

By alerting legislators to the precincts' complexity on campus, Tepper said, student government could work to reform the current precincts. The move could make it easier for students to vote, thus increasing student voter turnout.

"Hopefully, the next administration will put some pressure on that issue," Nunn said.

The administration's success shouldn't be attributed to one person, Burford said. "It was really a joint effort. ... Everyone had a job they were set out to do, and they were focused on making it happen."

Though realistically most students aren't going to read the report, Tepper said, it can serve as a resource for the incoming administration.

In addition, it also functions as an archiving tool for future administrations to examine.

"I feel like we've been going nonstop," Tepper said. "At this point, if you're not exhausted, you haven't been doing your job."

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# CLASSROOM

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many students in the classroom.

"I'm sure everyone is concerned about what they are saying, and in the back of their minds they're thinking about what is being said in class," she said. "It's honestly frustrating. It's not a learning environment. Now it's more like a legal atmosphere."

She said she doesn't see the necessity for the government investigators to request the personal discussions of the students on the Web site. "If they are really concerned about getting the feelings of the students in the classroom, they should come to us and ask us personally."

In a letter to administrators released last week, Buckley, Dombalis and a number of other

*"(Members of the class) are afraid of their comments being brought into the media."*

**AMANDA BUCKLEY,** UNC STUDENT

students described the release of the information on Blackboard as a blatant violation of their rights.

The investigation, Dombalis said, has deterred the students from their purpose at UNC. "The point of being in this class, of being in school, is to learn, and they're taking that ability away from us."

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# KUCINICH

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passionate about creating affordable housing, curbing unemployment and preventing domestic and community violence.

"My folks never had a home, Kucinich said. "When I was 17, we had lived in 21 different places and that included a few cars."

Kucinich said he thinks the government should create programs to counter unemployment and provide affordable housing.

As a member of Congress,

Kucinich submitted a bill to create a Cabinet-level department of peace to counter violence in the United States and to encourage peaceful foreign policy.

Kucinich and his supporters urged people to vote in the presidential preference caucus April 17. Voter registration booths were set up at the event. Sally Goener, treasurer of Kucinich for President, estimated that more than 100 people registered during the event.

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story in the last 50 years."

Broad added that UC-San Diego has assumed a leadership role in science in that short time and has become a leader worldwide.

The UNC system likely will create a search committee this summer and Broad will appoint an interim chancellor once Fox accepts the new appointment. Broad said she hopes N.C. State will have a new chancellor by early 2005.

If she accepts the job at UC-San Diego, Fox will be the fifth UNC-system chancellor to vacate the post in the past two years.

Though the UC-San Diego position will be offered to Fox in April, Broad said she is confident Fox will remain at N.C. State until the end of the academic year.

The chancellors at N.C. State and UNC-CH, the state's two major research universities, typically have formed a unique partnership. UNC-CH Chancellor James Moeser said he hopes that partnership will continue in Fox's absence.

"It's a devastating loss for N.C. State and (for) North Carolina," he said. "They'll be very hard-pressed to find someone with her national stature."

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# ASSAULT

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was a direct result of the slur," Jarvies said. "We can't act on how someone feels. We have to look at what the statute requires."

Jarvies said the incident was still considered a hate crime because of the possibility that hate was involved in the assault.

But Bindra claims he was intimidated. "If it's not intimidation, what is it?" he said. "It's not like these guys are being friendly to me."

The incident occurred March 27, when Bindra and two friends passed three boys near the intersection of West Franklin and Mallette streets. Bindra said one of the boys called out, "bin Laden" and Bindra replied, "Your mother."

Bindra said the boys followed him and his friends for more than a block before one of the boys hit Bindra in the jaw. The boys then formed a circle around Bindra and one of his friends and proceeded to assault them, Bindra said.

After the altercation, his friend was taken to UNC Hospitals, where he received four stitches for a cut above his eyebrow.

Antonio Burnette, 18, of 311 Lindsay St., was charged with one count of assault to inflict injury, one count of simple assault and one count of possession of marijuana.

Police charged brothers Frederick Perry and Kenneth Antwaine Perry, of 2534 Gemena Road, each with one count of assault to inflict injury and one count of simple assault. A warrant was served on Kenneth Perry for an unrelated charge of second degree trespassing. All charges filed were misdemeanor charges.

"Police did a good job arresting them, but those charges of simple assault are not enough," said Bindra, who plans with his friend to meet with Carolina Student Legal Services this week to discuss filing a civil suit against the boys.

"We have people from all over the world who come here to study," he said. "There shouldn't be some fear that people are going to intimidate you."

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