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PART 1: AN ANALYSIS OF PARKING CITATIONS AND FINES ON CAMPUS

UNC's least coveted tickets

MONDAY SPOTLIGHT

BY SHARI FELD
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Nabbing a parking spot on campus can be the difference between attending and missing class for ninth-semester senior Whitney Post.

She often takes the risk and parks illegally — so often that she has accumulated more than 40 tickets during her time at UNC.

"I'm like the parking ticket queen," Post said.

Her tickets make up a fraction of one percent of the 198,378 parking citations issued by the Department of Public Safety between Jan. 1, 2003 and Nov. 3, 2006.

The citations were scattered throughout 260 campus lots, but those issued in the top 10 most-

ticketed locations account for about one-third of all citations.

Stadium Drive had the most violations — 9,462 — followed by South Road and then ATM Drive.

"Those are the most obvious places that everyone is going to park, so I avoided parking there," said Post, who favors lots by Swain Hall and Davis Drive.

Although she avoids the hot spots when time allows, Post said location is a top priority.

"If I'm going to take the risk to park on campus, I'm going to park damn close to my class," she said.

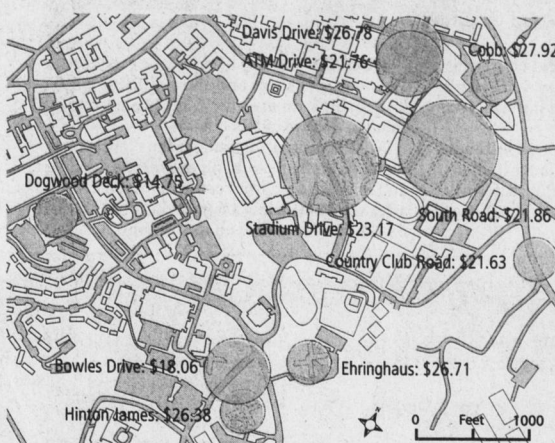
Most common violations

Lacking a valid permit, a fine that costs offenders \$40, is the most commonly cited offense.

Absent permits account for 40.6 percent of violations between 2003 and 2006.

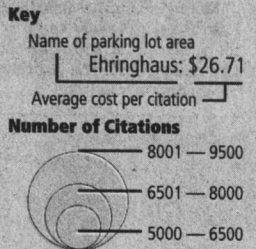
"The main purpose of the citation process is to ensure that there are spaces available for the people who pay to purchase a permit and pay to park," said Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for campus service.

The number of permits issued



Citations on campus

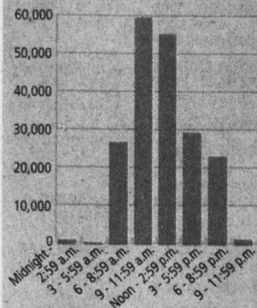
More than 66,000 citations were issued at the 10 most-ticketed campus lots between Jan. 1, 2003 and Nov. 3, 2006.



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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Fines by time of day

*Citations issued Jan. 1, 2003 to Nov. 3, 2006



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An interactive graphic details where violators are nabbed.

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to students and employees fluctuates annually. The University issued 14,929 permits to students and employees in 2003 but issued 854 fewer in 2004.

The University upped permits in 2005 and again in 2006 to 15,994.

The opening of the Northeast Chiller and Jackson decks in fall

2006 is part of the reason UNC was able to issue more parking permits, said Randy Young, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety.

The second-most common offense is having an expired meter the first time officers check. Offenders can be fined \$15, and such fines account for 15.1 percent

of violations.

Post got her fair share of tickets on ATM Drive for first-offense expired meters. She said the time limits do not provide her ample time to park, go the library, print what she needs and then come back to her car.

"It's hard to do that whole schpiel in 30 minutes," Post said.

"That's what those meters are there for, but I don't have time to do what I have to do."

Parking in a reserved space is the third-most commonly cited violation. It costs offenders \$60 and accounts for 14 percent of the citations over the four-year period

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Hopefuls try to follow Code

Some fault BOE for confusing rules

BY WHITNEY KISLING
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Discrepancies between election documents are causing confusion for some candidates in this year's campuswide elections.

From student body president candidates to Student Congress hopefuls, many candidates who have received violations this year said they've had trouble interpreting the election rules stated in Title VI of the Student Code.

The Board of Elections, which is responsible for handling any election violations, has administered decisions ranging from 50-cent fines to a \$25 fine paired with a 24-hour suspension.

To help with candidates' confusion, the board created a guide to

Breaking down the terms

Private campaigning: Candidates can talk to students individually about their platform and campaign issues, without using materials.

Public campaigning: Candidates can talk to groups of students about their platform and campaign issues, without using materials.

Campaign materials: Anything purchased and/or used by candidates to advance their candidacy.

Dormstorming: Going door-to-door in residence halls to gather petition signatures early in the race or distributing fliers to students to promote candidacy.

election laws last year and modified it this year before distributing it to the candidates. The guide offers laymen's definitions for typical campaign jargon and a list of important dates, among other necessary documents.

"This is only a supplement, not a substitute for Title VI," said Jim Brewer, chairman of the board, adding that it is the candidates'

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MANNING THE TELEVISION



Ian Unger, a first-year student at UNC Law School, celebrates the Colts 29-17 victory over the Bears in Super Bowl XLI on Sunday night at Buffalo Wild Wings. The restaurant packed in more fans than last year, but some patrons complained about the lackluster atmosphere.

BY CLINT JOHNSON
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The Chicago Bears fans jumped out of their seats, opened their arms toward the big screens and yelled in unison as Bears rookie Devin Hester caught a kickoff and sprinted 92 yards into the end zone.

And that was only the first 14 seconds of Super Bowl XLI.

UNC students, locals SEE SUPER BOWL, PAGE 8

and every brand of football fan filled the bars and restaurants on Franklin Street for football's biggest day. In Buffalo Wild Wings, fans of both teams had unofficial representatives.

"I've been going for the Bears as long as I can remember," said Jeremy Schreiber, a first-year law student. Schreiber, adorned in a Brian Urlacher jersey, kept a game-worn glove signed by Muhsin Muhammad on the table in front of him for good luck.

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Top 5 Super Bowl commercials

1. Bud Light — "Rock, Paper, Scissors"
2. Bud Light — "Slap Fight"
3. Careerbuilder.com — "Fight to the Death"
4. Budweiser — "Dalmations"
5. E-Trade — "Bank Robbery"

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Clarity sought in assault case

BY BRENDAN BROWN
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

Students gathered in the Pit on Friday to express solidarity with three Palestinian students who allegedly were assaulted at Guilford College.

Meanwhile, the case has disappeared into the college's judicial system.

The county magistrate has charged six Guilford football players with assault in connection with a Jan. 20 fight that left the three accusers with concussions. All but one of the players also carry ethnic intimidation charges.

The lack of clear, crucial details has prosecutors and students alike waiting on evidence churned up by

the school's investigation — information that could remain sealed by a federal law shutting the door on college judicial proceedings.

Greensboro police have ended their investigation because of a lack of evidence, but a preliminary FBI inquiry is underway to determine if there is sufficient cause to investigate the incident as a federal civil rights violation, said Ken Lucas, a bureau spokesman.

The case is being tried by the Guilford College Judicial Board, a process that will take several weeks, and county prosecutors have said they likely will wait for the college trial to play out before continuing.

An acquittal of the players might call into question any deci-

sion to go forward with the case in county courts, Guilford County Assistant District Attorney Howard Neumann said.

"That would certainly make me take a closer look at the witnesses' statements," he said.

If the case does not make it to a public court, the details of an event that has intrigued many could stay hidden.

Specifics of how and why the fight started are crucial to determining whether or not the alleged assault and racial slurs amount to a hate crime, according to state law.

"If those words were used, and it seems clear that they were, then

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Hate crime rules in North Carolina

How is a hate crime defined in North Carolina?

> A crime or violent incident perpetrated against someone solely because of race, religion, nationality or ethnicity.

What is ethnic intimidation?

> In North Carolina, it is a general misdemeanor to assault another person, damage or deface someone's property, or threaten to do either of these things because of that person's race, color, religion or national origin. N.C. judges can impose a stiffer sentence in these cases, and these incidents can be prosecuted under federal law.

SOURCE: N.C. Department of Justice



Students gather for a vigil in the Pit on Friday to spread awareness of the Guilford College incident that many are calling a hate crime.

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LEGO MY LEGOS Lego enthusiasts gather to display their works of art

GOING SWIMMINGLY Local high school swim teams do well this weekend

TRACKING PROGRESS Junior track member improves at Carolina Invitational



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A NEW BEGINNING
The Vietnamese Students Association celebrates Tet — the Vietnamese new year — Saturday at A Southern Season with food and performances.

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GOREY FORECAST
A report is released in Paris that definitively states the effects of global warming, but one N.C. leader says the news will have little effect on the state.

this day in history

FEB. 5, 1934 ...
The DTH is sued for libel for calling an alleged thief a "felon" and comparing him to the heroine of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The jury gives the man \$1 in actual damages.

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