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Public safety officer Heidi Walcutt issues a parking citation Monday near Bean Complex. Walcutt is one of five officers whose primary duty is enforcing parking regulations, which leaves officers open to abuse from irate drivers.

Parking... Yeah, that's the ticket

Enforcers: Life's not always easy for the people who issue parking citations

David Thorn
Oregon Daily Emerald

"Did you just give me a ticket?" That's what the harried student driver asked as she came running up

the sidewalk in front of McArthur Court Wednesday afternoon.

Stomping up to University freshman and OPS officer Ted Roberts, she demanded, "What's it been, five minutes?"

After listening to Roberts explain how to appeal the ticket and unsuccessfully trying to persuade him to take it back, she tossed aside the yel-

low envelope the citation came in. Just before driving away, she had two words for the officer who had just fined her \$10: "You suck."

For Roberts and other public safety officers responsible for enforcing the parking regulations on campus, such scenarios are a part of the job

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Banks' cards offer loans, not extra cash

Credit: Companies solicit college students, seeking long term customers

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Credit cards may seem like extra money in the hand, but the truth is they're just opportunities for loans, said Emily Leupold, marketing director at the Consumer Credit Counseling Service.

"There are over 6,000 different banks and credit unions and other companies in the country," Leupold said. "They all want students' dollars."

Ed Dixon, a Citibank spokesman, said Citibank solicits college students because it sees potential life-long customers. He said marketing studies have found that if a student gets a card from a particular bank, that student is more likely to go back to that same bank for car loans or home mortgages in the future.

"We consider a college student almost to be an occupation," he said. Therefore, the Citibank college credit card program does not require a parent co-signer. "We understand that for students to get through school, they have to have disposable income."

That understanding has led credit card companies to maintain a constant presence on campus, from tables at the Main Desk in the EMU to full-page ads and inserts in the *Oregon Daily Emerald*.

During the fall term, representatives from credit card companies had tables in the EMU at least once a week, according to EMU Main Desk Store records. For the first week of the fall term, there were two companies vying for students to sign on the dotted line.

Additionally, in the 17 weeks of school since the beginning of the fall term, there have been 14 news-

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Black History Month events scheduled

Celebration: Festivities include a presentation on the Black Panthers

Patrick Minford
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African-American student organizations at the University are sponsoring several events in celebration of Black History Month.

Every February, America celebrates the contributions that African descendants have made to American culture over the last 450 years.

"It's a time to celebrate our history, to have people educated to know what Africans have contributed to this country and to look at where we are today," said Zeenab Johnson Fowlk, director of the Black Student Union.

The largest celebration on campus will feature a presentation on the Black Panthers, one of the most feared African-American organizations during the 1960s and 1970s.

"We want people to understand the positive aspects of the Black Panther Party," Fowlk said.

Speakers will include David Hilliard, a former Black Panther, and Fredrika Newton, wife of

Black Panther co-founder Huey P. Newton and president of the Dr. Huey P. Newton Foundation.

The celebration in the EMU Ballroom, Feb. 18, will also feature a Caribbean-style banquet. Tickets for the banquet and Black Panthers presentation cost \$8.

Following the banquet and presentation the Black Student Union is sponsoring a "dance hall jam."

Black History Month, which began in 1926 as Negro History Week, was founded by Carter Woodson. Woodson, known as "the father of black history," chose February for the celebration because it contained the birthdays of Frederick Douglass, a former slave and powerful orator, and Abraham Lincoln, who abolished slavery.

The celebration was renamed and extended to a month in 1976.

Other events this month include a presentation on violence in Haiti, a discussion of the connection between intelligence and race, and a sickle-cell anemia screening.

Sponsors of Black History Month events at the University include the BSU, Black Women of Achievement and the African Students Association.

Sunny skies



NATALIE MONTGOMERY/Emerald

Jim Hathaway plays frisbee with friends behind the EMU under sunny skies Thursday. Expect continued warm weather today and colder temperatures over the weekend.

■ GOOD MORNING

► "Blacks and Jews in American History" is a speech being presented by Dr. Julius Lester, at 3:00 p.m. today in 138 Gilbert. Lester is an African-American, Jewish professor from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

An award-winning author of nineteen books and the recipient of such honors as the Newberry Honor Medal and the National Jewish Book Award, his most recent books include *How Many Spots Does a Leopard Have?*, a collection of Jewish and African folk tales.

Lester joined the faculty of the University of Massachusetts in 1971 and presently holds a full professorship in the Judaic and Near Eastern Studies department.

The speech, sponsored by the Jewish Student Union, the Black Student Union, the Hillel Foundation, the Multicultural Center, and other community groups, is free and open to students and the general public.

► Civil War action once again heats up on Saturday as the Oregon State Beavers invade McArthur Court to take on the 22nd-ranked Oregon Ducks in front of a sellout crowd. Read all about the game and the players in the sports extra section on page 13 of today's *Emerald*.