

Parking

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"Jokingly, I'm called the parking goddess," she said, "because I give the most tickets — but that's my job."

Polly Welch, an associate architecture professor, said she knows about getting tickets.

It was near impossible to park Monday morning because almost every meter was hooded for an event on campus, and parking wasn't permitted, she said.

"What a thing to do on the first day when you don't have things quite in order," Welch said. "It's the shock of coming back to school and not finding a place to park on the first day."

Welch suggested a possible solution would be a new system of reserving the meters near McArthur Court the day of the event so students could park there legally until 5 p.m. before being ticketed.

Sanders said the lack of parking spaces sometimes makes it diffi-

cult for students and faculty to park on campus.

She said she also gives out many maps and directions to students who are looking for an open parking space. Sanders frequently recommends parking in Lot 34, which is located behind the new William W. Knight Law School off East 15th Avenue, where there is nearly always student parking available.

Her job is more than just doling out parking tickets and the occasional boot. She and her colleagues are responsible for the meters, parking and road signs, helping students when they lock their keys in their cars and assisting with dead batteries.

Officer Neal Wilson said Sanders is a joy to work with.

"If I have questions about parking, she is the parking goddess, and she knows all the answers," Wilson said.

Feeding the meter may seem like a hassle, but paying the toll

could save you from a heftier fine tucked in one of those bright yellow ticket envelopes.

Sanders said if a student approaches his or her car while she is typing in the citation, she will stop and not issue the ticket.

"I do back out of tickets if you walk up," Sanders said, "if you're making an effort to get back to the vehicle."

The standard fine for an expired meter on campus is \$10, but a second ticket can be issued for \$25 to those students with more than five unpaid tickets. A person can also get more than one ticket per day if they remain illegally parked in the same space all day.

Heather Kern, a junior journalism major, said she paid \$15 after receiving a ticket for parking behind Allen Hall in a spot reserved for a teacher.

"I just thought I'd run in, and it was just my luck: In the five minutes I was gone, I got ticketed," Kern said. "I can't believe

they caught me."

Kern said she was surprised that traffic officers don't give students a little more leeway, but she understands that the rules are the rules.

"I know people get upset about parking tickets, but there's a certain amount of responsibility that comes with driving a 200,000 pound vehicle," Sanders said. "I don't just write tickets to write tickets. Someone has to be in violation before I'll write a citation."

Once or twice a term, students or faculty may return to their vehicles to find the ominous orange boot hugging one of the rear tires.

"And that's usually because we don't know who they are, and we don't know how to reach them, and they have a lot of tickets," she said.

Sanders said every officer gives tickets; it's part of the job.

"It's certainly not an easy job to do, and I think she does it in a fair manner and in a consistent

manner, and I think she tries to maintain a sense of humor about it," said Thomas Hicks, associate director of public safety.

People's parking in designated disabled spaces is her pet peeve.

"That's really a disservice to those people, to take those spaces," she said.

And don't think you'll get past Sanders' keen eye by slapping an old ticket beneath your windshield wiper as you dash to class without feeding the meter. She really looks.

"One of the things that's been happening: It's the same car, and they wrap an old ticket in a plastic bag so it doesn't get wet," she said laughing. "I don't wrap it in a Baggie to give it to you. I just put the [new] ticket next to the other."

Sanders' favorite part of the job is the people.

"There's a lot of wonderful people on this campus, a lot of wonderful students," she said.

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other lengthy process can further delay the decision.

The proposal allows for final decisions to remain in the hands of the Constitution Court.

"Last year, we were bogged down for a month while appeals and decisions were preventing candidates from taking office," Cowling said.

The second proposed measure would change the elections process to eliminate the traditional polling booths and implement a voting system that would be solely through students' DuckWeb accounts.

"During the normal voting period, voting will be an option on students' DuckWeb menus," said Assistant Director for Administrative Services Jim Bohle, who helps coordinate DuckWeb.

Accuracy and security will not be a problem with the proposed system.

"Through DuckWeb, students' voting records will be very secure — as secure as their transcripts," said Bohle. "The only way to really infiltrate someone else's account is if you know their student ID and PAC numbers."

A third proposed measure, if passed, would implement the DuckWeb voting system but would also retain polling booths.

Additional cost for the proposed voting systems is negligible, Cowling said.

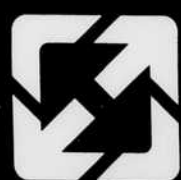
"We have received some information from other schools that have implemented a similar system," said ASUO Elections Coordinator Taylor Sturgess. "Their voter turnout increased something like 200 percent. The purpose of the DuckWeb measures is to increase voter turnout."

Students or groups that also want to put a measure on the ballot for the special election can either collect 900 signatures, have the proposal approved by the ASUO president and vice president or have the proposal approved by the Student Senate. Language for ballot measures must first be approved by the Constitution Court.

The court will start reviewing measures Jan. 12. Measures must be approved and be in the hands of the Elections Board or ASUO support staff by 5 p.m. Feb. 5 to appear on the ballot.

How to get a measure on the ballot:

- 1: Collect 900 signatures.
 - 2: Have the proposed measure approved by the Student Senate.
 - 3: Have the proposed measure approved by the ASUO Executive.
- All language for ballot measures must be approved by the Constitution Court.
- Special election packets are available in the ASUO office in suite 4 in the EMU.



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