ATTRIBUTING QUOTES EXERCISE

Below are some quotes from three "expert" sources. Put these quotes together for a small section of a story. I've chosen a topic familiar to you so that you can create some transitions between quotes. By the way, the quotes are hypothetical and so are the sources.

Paul Norris, chief, Western Michigan University Police Department

"This campus is not made for the convenience of cars. It's made for the convenience of people on foot. That's official university policy."

“People get angry at WMU police for all the tickets they get. They don’t realize we have nothing to do with those tickets. They need to see the folks in parking operations.”

“The worst time to drive is the fall when all the new students come to town. They don’t have a clue where they are going. It’s worse at night when they may be drunk or simply get lost in the dark.”

J. Douglas Porter, manager, Parking Operations

"We generate $700,000 in revenue for the university in parking tickets. That money goes to maintain the parking facilities we have: paved lots, covered garages, signs."

"If people would share rides to work, traffic would be much lighter during rush hour. We tried to organize car pools for staff and faculty several years ago. It was pretty much a failure. No one wants to give up convenience."

"I don't understand why students get so upset with parking tickets. The rules are clear. We have places and times in which it is legal to park. Do that and you'll never get a ticket."

"It takes some people a couple tickets to get adjusted to the fact that they better park legally. By the end of September, the number of illegally parked cars drops pretty dramatically."

"If you have a permit, you can find a place to park on campus any hour of the day. It may not be in the perfect spot, but you can find a place to park."

"Our job is not to make it easy for you to park across the street from your class. Our job is to give you a place to leave your car while you attend WMU. You'll be a lot better off on foot, on bicycle, or riding in the bus when you need to get around campus."

Joan Hinckley, parking enforcement officer
"You wouldn't believe the reasons people give me for cutting through campus. One student said his grandmother was dying and he needed to get home fast. His grandmother lives in Detroit."

"I've been working here for 20 years. No matter what the university has done to add parking garages or discourage driving on campus, the amount of traffic has just gotten worse. You couldn't pay me to drive around this campus."

"About 3,000 cars travel past this gate every day. About 99 percent of them are carrying only one person."

Boeyink example:

Driving around campus means hassle, delays, frustration and no place to park. Get used to it. Your friendly university likes it that way.

"This campus is not made for the convenience of cars," said Paul Norris, chief of the Western Michigan University Police Department. "It's made for the convenience of people on foot. That's official university policy."

A number of decisions have been made in recent years to implement that policy. Shuttle buses carry students from remote parking areas off-campus. Neighborhoods near campus are now off-limits to commuters.

"Our job is not to make it easy for you to park across the street from your class," said J. Douglas Porter, manager of Parking Operations. "Our job is to give you a place to leave your car while you attend WMU. You'll be a lot better off on foot, on bicycle, or riding in the bus when you need to get around campus." That's why parking garages, when they are built, are on the edge of campus, leaving the campus itself free of cars.

Well, not exactly free. Despite all these efforts, many people still want to drive to school. Joan Hinckley has seen a lot of traffic as a parking security officer for the last 20 years. "The amount of traffic has just gotten worse," said Hinckley. "You couldn't pay me to drive around this campus."

Hinckley also sees another part of the problem. About 3,000 cars pass her booth daily. "About 99 percent of them are carrying only one person," Hinckley said.

The university tried to organizing carpools several years ago. But according to Porter, the effort was a failure. "No one wants to give up convenience," Porter said.

And with more cars and a university policy discouraging campus traffic, one outcome is predictable: parking tickets. Parking Operations hands out $700,000 in
parking tickets each year, more than the City of Kalamazoo. But don't look to Porter for sympathy. "The rules are clear, " Porter said. "We have places and times in which it is legal to park. Do that and you'll never get a ticket."