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**COMMUTER COUNCIL PRESENT**

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**-RALPH NADER**

**COMMUTER COUNCIL-**

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**THE**

**CANDIDATES**

**POLLING PLACE**

COMMUTER COUNCIL POLLING PLACE WILL BE NEAR CHARLIE BROWN'S IN THE OAKLAND CENTER

**VOTE!  
MARCH 18 & 19**

Commuter Council is one of the most important student government bodies on campus. Council provides many important services as you well know. On March 18 and 19 you will have the opportunity to contribute to the growth and development of Commuter Council. Let's make sure Council gets the support it needs to continue serving your interest.

COMMUTERS! BE SURE AND ATTEND THE MEET THE CANDIDATES SESSIONS. Thursday and Friday March 14th and 15th. From: 12-:30-1:30 in Lounge II, O.C.

Here's your chance to get to know the candidates and the issues.

Charlie Buckerfield

Charlie Buckerfield is our candidate for Commuter Council because he is presently on the Council and is their treasurer. Because of this, he is aware of the problems that pertain to the commuting student, and he has had some experience trying to solve them. One problem commuters have is housing. They want apartments close to school and also which they can afford. Commuter Council presently has an apartment listing available which is continuously being updated. This listing has already been of great value to students who are looking for apartments and could be helpful to you. (A copy is available in the Commuter Services Office).

Another problem facing commuters is the parking situation. The lot by Hannah Hall seems to give students the most problems. Many students have, when late for classes, parked around the rear edge of this lot without ever thinking they are parking illegally because there are no signs indicating this. The school probably doesn't put up signs so that police can hand out their quota of tickets every week. Charlie thinks that Commuter Council should do something about this problem. [Commuter Council has not yet attacked this problem yet because other aspects of the parking problem are presently being examined, i.e. open parking for everyone.]

Something else that Charlie thinks is good for Commuters is the continuation of Oakland-in-Action in Focus: Oakland. This column gives answers to student's questions and tries to help alleviate the hassles of daily commuting.

It is for these reasons that we, the Supporters for Charlie's Reelection, think that you ought to choose him as your choice for Commuter Council.



Don Carr

Before one can make a responsible decision as to who should serve in an elected position such as Commuter Council, one must clearly understand the FUNCTIONS and RESPONSIBILITIES of that elected position as well as the POTENTIAL of such an office. The function of Commuter Council, as outlined in its constitution, is to represent the "thoughts, aims and ideas of the commuters" of Oakland University. Council has the responsibility to "advise and assist the administration, faculty, and other university organizations in whose functions commuters are involved". In essence Commuter Council provides the opportunity for students to become, as consumer advocate RALPH NADER suggested during his recent visit, "EFFECTIVE CITIZENS" of the University community. It is my desire to become that "effective citizen" of whom Mr. Nader spoke. And, it is my hope as well, that you too would be concerned enough not only to vote in the upcoming council elections but to attend meetings-involvement yourself with council activities-and devote yourself to a project or cause that would improve campus life for Oakland's commuting population. Without your support, without your input Council has not in the past been able to perform its FUNCTIONS and fulfill its RESPONSIBILITIES. It is true Council has made great progress in this past year. OAKLAND-IN-ACTION and the FREE LEGAL AID SERVICE now available to ALL students is evidence of this progress. I have personally supported and worked for the realization of these endeavors. Nonetheless Council's POTENTIAL cannot be fully realized unless you decide to help out!

As a candidate to Commuter Council I was tempted to use this space to tell you what a fine job I've done this past year. I could have wasted your time, as well as my own, promising to change most anything that you don't like at OU. However I have chosen instead to make an honest observation of the situation. And this is it:

My being elected to Council will mean that you have appointed a representative that is 1.) OPEN TO YOUR IDEAS and 2.) NOT AFRAID TO PUT THEM TO THE TEST (i.e. Work!)

Take note: In order for either of these points to be of any value YOU must be willing to get involved as well. YOU are the Key. You are the primary factor.

If you have any questions

concerning my candidacy for the Office of Commuter Councilperson I invite you to call me, DON CARR at 7-2020 between 8 am and 5 pm. Monday through FRIDAY. I would be pleased to discuss with you any aspects of student government and university affairs, and I am looking forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions.



Dennis Couch

As a candidate for the office of Commuter Council representative, I have been asked to present a platform regarding my qualification as well as my views and objectives.

I am, in actuality, up for reelection, having already served a term on Commuter Council. I have supported programs such as free legal aid, which is now one of the most widely used services on campus, and the shuttle-bus proposal between OU and Rochester. I have supported Ralph Nader's visit and many other commuter-oriented activities, such as beer bashes and lectures during the day so that commuters could attend without having to return to school at night.

If I am reelected, I will continue to work on activities in which commuters may participate without wasting time and money in returning after school hours. Programs such as concerts, lectures, and parties during the day are examples of

potential activities, and of course I am also open to suggestions, and will bring up any reasonable suggestion, request or complaint before the Council. If elected, this year I plan on working towards an open-parking situation on campus, as now the parking rules discourage ride pools because of the limited parking facilities. These, and many other problems faced by commuters, I will work to overcome if you, the dissatisfied, disillusioned commuter, cast your vote for Dennis Couch.

Ernest Douglas

If re-elected to Commuter Council, I will first pursue my previous position as President. After obtaining this position, if it is obtained, I will continue to help solve some of the problems commuters students are faced with. Among some of these problems are parking facilities, the energy crisis, and in some cases finding a ride to school. Under present classifications Oakland would fall into the category of being a commuter institution, because 85% of the student body, consisting of persons who drive back and forth to school. In the past Commuter Council has represented commuting students to the best of its ability, and plans to continue to serve for as long as possible.

As a past member of Commuter Council, I am proud to say that the Council had served its purpose in more ways than one. For example, the new Legal Aid Program, was established and paid for by Commuter Council, along with the establishment of student lounges. The proposed bus services, from Detroit to Pontiac is being supported by Commuter Council. The Council has representation on such organizations as University Congress, the Student Allocations Board and the parking commission. Commuter Council is especially interested in area such as parking, because a large part of the problems encountered by commuters lie in the present parking situation. This problem is one of the many problems which I, if re-elected to Council will help to solve. By supporting me on election day (March 18,19) the commuting students of Oakland will not only get a representative that is aware of the problems that commuters face, but also a representative that intends to put a stop to some of the hassle commuters students are faced with.



Andrew Hack

Being a candidate for an elected position usually entails the use of promises and

dogmatic resolutions to be fulfilled "if elected". I feel it's more realistic to try to relate to the electors my "philosophy", as such, on the Commuter council, and what its appropriate expectations should be.

The Commuter Council should basically be dedicated and designed for the betterment of those who commute. The suggested ideas for this enrichment should precipitate out of the body of commuters because they are the people who experience and live with these deficiencies. This obviously dictates the use of a direct avenue of communication between the commuter and those responsible for "doing something" about those complaints, and I hope to establish a means for these complaints to be answered and/or acted on.

Because of a lack of space and time, I will now give you a summation of some of the objectives I think the Commuter Council should achieve.

1. Disperse ride pool spaces throughout the campus, and not in one locale.

2. Hold "get-togethers" for commuters to create a greater sense of university life and involvement. (85% of our student body are commuters, so that a real "campus life" is only attainable by 15% of our student population.)

3. Bring popular speakers and personalities onto our campus. (Why not, other universities do!)

4. Possibly get deals at service stations for discounts.

5. Information for married students with children.

6. Having a bus service of some sort from the suburbs and Detroit to school if the gas situation increases to get worse.

I have been a commuting student for three years in this university and am fully aware of the problems facing the commuting population of this university. I feel my perspective is representative of the commuting student body and with the strength of my convictions, I hope to further enrich the position of the commuter.

James Michael Joy

My name is James Michael Joy ("Mike"). I am a commuting student with a major of Engineering. I believe that the worse illness this campus possess is commuter apathy. Look around at Oakland at any time after 2:00 and you will see a dull, empty campus filled with events with no participants.

There are many specific ways that will cure the student apathy. One of the immediate cures is to promote a football team which is an enthusiastic sport. Another method is to revitalize the currents "semi dormant" Concert and Lecture Series. Various impromptu activities such as "the painting spree" will initiate more student awareness.

If I am elected to the council I will try my best to ride OU of the apathetic commuter. Thank-you.

Judy Lindquist

85% of the students at Oakland are commuters and have special kinds of concerns. One of them is Oakland's parking policies. I would support open parking and a fair assessment of fees to all students. If evening students had to share the costs, day students wouldn't have to pay so much.

As a married woman with children, I would represent the special needs women have who return to school.

I would also represent the needs of part time students since I usually take eight credits a semester and attend three to four semesters per year.

I was on the Commuter Council this semester and supported our free legal aid to students and our guide in 118 O.C. helping students find housing.

## VOTE

## MARCH

## 18-19

Susan Moore

My first task as a member of Commuter Council, if elected, will be to help eliminate the commuter's largest headache: Congested highways and parking lots.

It has become apparent that in order to provide an effective ride pool system, Commuter council must be actively involved in seeking out the potential ride pool member. The first stage of my plan for increased ride pool usage would consist of bringing

ride pool to the student rather than waiting for the student to join. Registration tables would be placed in every classroom building and a program conducted in a manner similar to the highly successful street corner voter registration drives.

However a long range plan is an essential for a university with a commuting population the size of Oakland's. A simple means for extending this program involves the use of the university computerized class selection system. By incorporating an additional, optional section on the form, any student who wishes, may take advantage of the ride matching opportunities.

This plan would also facilitate the implementation of the proposed experimental bus line between Rochester and the University by determining the peak hours of travel as well as final destinations.

I feel that it is now time for Commuter Council to assume a more active role in solving the immediate as well as long range problems of the commuting student.

If elected, I will do my best to improve the quality of service for the commuting student of Oakland University.

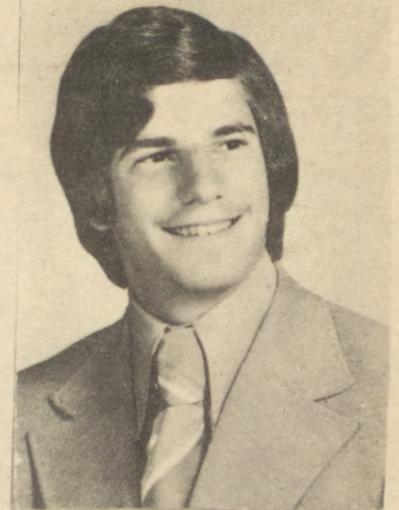
GARY MOSS

NO PLATFORM SUBMITTED:

Charlotte Robinson

I, Charlotte Robinson, have been aware of the many problems of the commuter since entering Oakland University three years ago. At that time there was no student-represented organization explicitly interested in the commuter. The administration still appeared to be concerned with attracting more residents. Now there is such an organization, Commuter Council and the students support I would like to be a part of it. As a member, I will involve myself in meeting the needs and representing the commuting students' interest. While at the same time providing services and activities to draw the student into greater interaction and involvement with University life. Yet, there are still many problems of commuters uncharted and I would like to identify, analyze, and propose solutions for them. But: We can not stop there as so many other student organizations have, there must be ACTION to putting solutions

in motion. This involves ALL commuters. Without your support there can be none only a pseudo attempt. Vote March 18th and 19th.



Gary Wolf

Commuter Council, existing for the benefit of commuter students at this University, is virtually non-existent in the minds of a great majority of the 85% of the students who commute. This is a terrible tragedy because the council has continuously worked to make commuting and life itself a little better an enjoyable for you.

This past year, as a member of Commuter council, I have seen many great accomplishments such as listing of off-campus housing, creation and furnishing of student lounges in Dodge, Hannah, and Varner Halls, and now students have free legal aid available to them through the new legal aid services.

In addition, we have set up Oakland-In-Action, which has a hard working task force dealing with everyday problems or complaints and our crucial questions requiring informative and precise answers.

As odd as it may seem, this is only half the job of being on the Commuter Council. The most important task of a commuter Councilperson, besides dealing with everyday problems of commuters and attending meetings, is the exhausting and often frustrating job of publicizing and gaining student awareness and support for Commuter Council and on-campus activities.

Commuter students' lifestyles and habits on campus must change. We must become more aware of what is happening around us and this not only means being concerned with coming to class and then splitting for home or work. More commuter support must be shown

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on campus, and through the Student Interest Survey, a number of groups, including Commuter Council, can now plan activities which will draw this needed support.

Another plan I have in mind, and that I will propose if re-elected to the council, is the need for big name bands or entertainers. Also, a favorite with commuters, including myself, are the successful beer bashes. I believe that more frequent and expanded beer bashes are a must for increased commuter support and participation of on-campus activity. Furthermore, by commuter sup-

port for The Village, we can help in the construction of a coffeehouse-pub gathering atmosphere, which in my opinion, is so badly needed here at Oakland. In addition, support for the proposed football team would also increase student interest.

Summing up, if I am re-elected to Commuter Council on March 18 and 19, I will propose that all of the above be given attention and I will do my best in representing the needs and dealing with the problems of the 85% of the commuting student population here at Oakland University.

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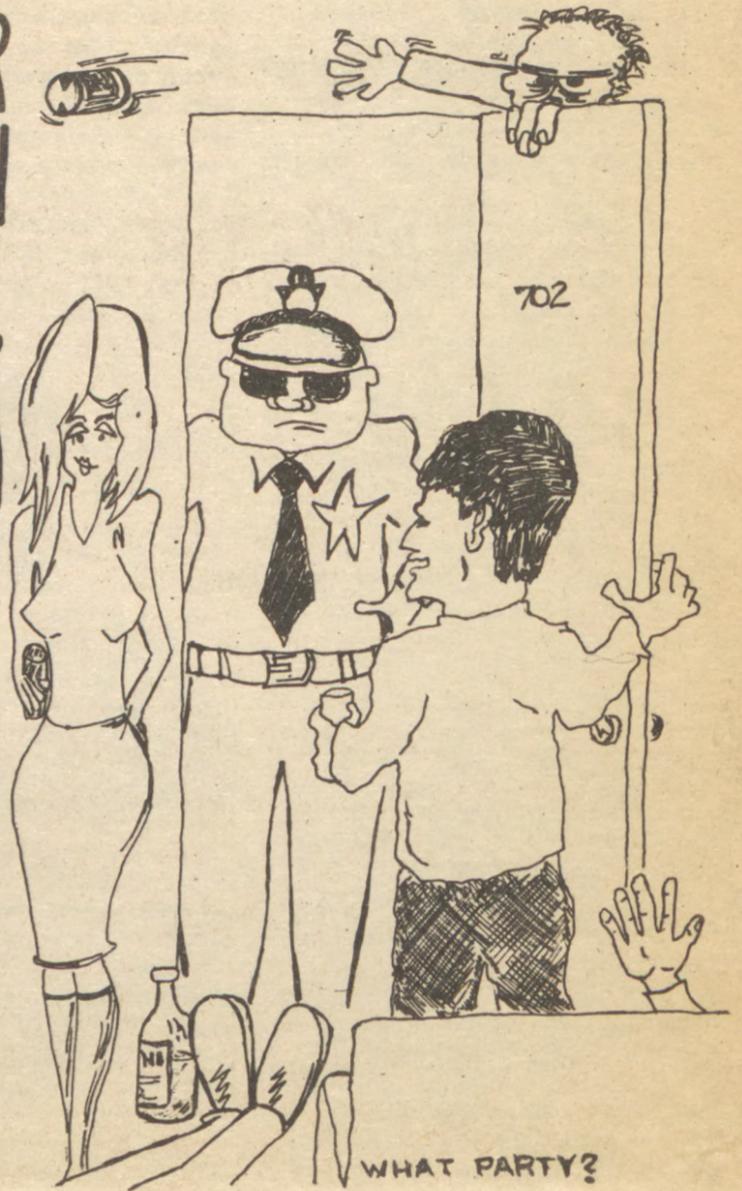
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