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Acting president Lisa Wilson and acting vice president Dave Walby of Commuter Council discuss the upcoming election of officers at the forum held Feb. 9 in the OC.

Commuter Council plans March 9 election of officers

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
Staff Writer

The Commuter Council, nearly dormant for the past nine months, is now undergoing a rejuvenation and will hold an officer election March 9.

CC held a forum Feb. 9 and nominated candidates for president and vice president. Running for president are acting vice president Dave Walby and Carrie Fitzpatrick, who is working on the organization's newsletter.

Acting president Lisa Wilson will run against Rich Gizynski in the race for vice president.

The purpose of CC is to help commuters solve problems and to inform them of events and services provided by the university.

Walby said most students are not aware of many services, such as open swimming at Lepley Sports Center.

The council's chief instrument in disseminating information is a four-page newsletter which is sent to any commuter student who asks to be on the mailing list.

Walby said he would like to get 3,000 names on CC's mail-

ing list. Currently there are 250 names on the list.

The newsletter includes information about upcoming events like movies, dances and speeches. It also gives information such as how to appeal a parking ticket.

Wilson said they hope to get the next newsletter in the mail this Thursday. CC last distributed a newsletter in April 1986.

The reason for the council's inactivity last semester is two fold.

Their office telephone was stolen in January 1986. Without a phone, the Student Activities Board would not grant CC the \$22.71 per month that CIPO requires as rent for the phone jack.

Soon CC began to run a deficit on its phone account and the SAB cut off the rest of its funding, as is their policy when a student organization owes money.

The phone bill, once as high as \$220, has been reduced to \$117.

The council plans to retire its debt to SAB by enlisting 13 volunteers to work concessions at

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2 Greek clubs suspected of hazing get suspension

BY LYNN TEEL
Editor-In-Chief

The university suspended a fraternity and a sorority in January for alleged hazing violations, according to administrators.

Dave Herman, dean of students, confirmed only that two groups had been suspended. He declined to go into any details about the case, and said the confidentiality of student group conduct cases must be maintained.

Nancy Schmitz, coordinator of student organizations, confirmed that she instructed the Student Activities Board chair to stop allocating funds to Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Inc., and Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Inc.

Rita Young, SAB chair, said Schmitz told her that these organizations were no longer being recognized by the university.

The Deltas were suspended for one year and will be recognized as a student organization again in January, 1988, according to

Robynn Diamond, president.

The Kappas technically were suspended from the university for a year and a half.

However, according to Herman, if the fraternity's pledge program is "substantially improved to prevent potential hazing," the last year of the group's suspension may be reduced to probation. If CIPO and a committee set up by the dean of students to review the program accept the changes, the fraternity will be recognized in Fall 1987, Herman said.

Although both groups were suspended for hazing violations, the incidents were not related, Herman said. He declined to discuss what the hazing had included.

The 1986-87 Undergraduate Handbook defines hazing as "any action taken or situation created . . . that produces mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, ridicule or any activity that threatens or endangers the life or

safety of an individual."

According to the Kappa's adviser, Robert Douglas, assistant director of Special Services, charges against the fraternity were based on statements of witnesses which said they saw a pledge with a "black eye and busted lip." Douglas said he never saw the alleged damage to the pledge, "and I saw the student every day."

Douglas said the Kappas were suspended on evidence that "was more circumstantial than substantial.

"I think the hazing charges were blown out of proportion," he said, especially because the witnesses didn't show up for the hearing. The witnesses were outsiders who were not present at the time of the alleged incident, according to Douglas.

He found it "very suspicious" that the people who made the charges were not there to back them up at the hearing. Douglas said he was told the witnesses

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Congress approves bylaw revisions

BY TIM MARINE
Staff Writer

University Congress approved the revision of their bylaws on their second reading Feb. 9, after failing by one vote to pass the reviewing to the steering committee.

An amendment to have the steering committee annually review the bylaws, and suggest amendments for Congressional approval, got a 16-2 vote, one short of the necessary two-thirds of the total Congress membership of 25.

"Bylaw readings take up too much time," said Congress member Carl Allen.

President Keith Faber objected to giving the bylaw reviewing task to the four-person committee, and said it was important for Congress to read and understand the bylaws.

Steve Lundy, steering committee chair, said if his group took over the review, they would be "freeing the Congress to get to discussion topics, which I don't think we're getting to tonight."

Congress also elected Debbie Ciupak, Area Hall Council recording secretary, to fill a vacant seat.

Student Program Board chair Melinda Alessi said, "I don't want to see all residence hall students," on Congress.

Congress member Dave McKay suggested postponing the vote a week to give a commuter student a chance to apply.

But Allen wondered how long that would take, so Congress decided to vote.

Congress approved an amendment to the bylaws mandating written notice of Congress vacancies a week before they're to be filled. The seat Ciupak won

wasn't advertised until the day of the meeting.

"We're allowing a bigger percentage of the students to know what's going on," said Congress member Dave Stillman.

At the end of the meeting, some Congress members asked if it was necessary for Faber to accompany SPB members to the National Association of Campus Activities conference in Tennessee.

"I think that money (\$500) could be better directed towards the students," said Allen.

"Why do you feel that people on SPB can't represent the students?" asked Congress member Evonne Westbrook.

But faculty representative Shea Howell said the debate was "out of order" because the money for Faber's trip is from his discretionary fund.

Sweet Sensations robbed of \$476 in goods

BY JULIE LANNING
Staff Writer

Sweet Sensations was broken into Feb. 6 and \$476 in cigarettes and lighters was stolen.

Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety, said as many as five people may have been involved in the burglary at the pastry shop on the upper level of the OC.

Two of them, Joseph Mysza, 17 and Sean Foil, 17, were issued warrants Feb. 7.

Gilroy said he also expects one

more warrant to be issued to one of two other suspects, one a female OU student and the other a male non-student.

A fifth suspect has been named but not questioned yet, said Gilroy.

Public Safety received a complaint about midnight Feb. 6 from a woman who was in the OC at an activity.

Gilroy said the woman was walking by Sweet Sensations when she noticed the door had been jimmed open. She looked inside and saw that merchandise

was scattered on the floor behind the counter. When an officer arrived at Sweet Sensations, he began questioning bystanders.

One of the bystanders was Mysza. When he was questioned by the officer, he told him he was looking for a coat he had lost.

At the same time Mysza was being questioned, officers in a Public Safety patrol car spotted a Volkswagen parked in front of the OC with two men in it.

The men were approached and when the officer looked in the

vehicle, he saw a large number of cigarette packs.

The officers made a connection between the two men in the Volkswagen and Mysza, and they were all brought back to Public Safety for questioning.

Gilroy said the three men admitted breaking into Sweet Sensations and stealing the cigarettes and lighters.

They also named the female student and said afterward they went to her home and divided up the goods.

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Sophomore Johnny Johnson quits basketball team. See story, page 13.

Trustees approve library addition design

BY THERESA GEORGE
Staff Writer

The board of trustees approved the preliminary design for the Kresge Library addition at the Feb. 11 meeting.

The cost of the library construction is \$9 million. The state will provide \$7 million of the funds and Oakland University will provide \$2 million raised by the Capital Campaign fund drive.

According to board member Phyllis Googasian, the board has formally accepted the design proposal but construction of the library addition has not been

scheduled.

"What we have right now are the architects' preliminary drawings. Once the state gives the go-ahead we will start accepting bids on the project," said Googasian.

Rosseti and Associates have performed the architectural services to date. Now that a preliminary design has been approved, the university will assume responsibility for the development of the bidding documents and construction phases, under a contract with Rosseti.

The board meeting agenda was concluded with a presentation by University Congress Presi-

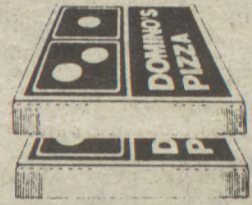
dent Keith Faber.

In his speech Faber concentrated on his administrative goals which included the development of a speaker series, implementation of an off-campus housing task force, and establishing the OU ambassadors, a group of students who volunteer their time in the community.

Googasian said the board was especially impressed with Faber's Oakland Ambassador's project and felt it was important to have students in touch with the outside community. The board also thought Faber's off-campus idea was excellent, Googasian said.

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