

# *EC receives 49 petitions*

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The Executive Committee room was packed with students Monday night, nearly all of them running for a class office.

In all, 49 students turned in petitions, and in the case of the senior law representative, the petition deadline was shifted to Wednesday the 16. This extension was granted because the law school has been on vacation.

Junior representative Scott Mason and senior representative Pete Baumgaertner reported on their research into the open exam policy and the question of how late students

should be able to change their exam times.

Mason reported that of the seven professors he spoke with, six were in favor of an open exam policy.

Pete Baumgaertner reported, though, that the Commerce School faculty was opposed to the idea because of logistical problems stemming from the high number of students enrolled in business courses. Mason called the Commerce school arguments "superficial." Baumgaertner and Mason will check alternatives for exam distribution which may work in the commerce school.

Mike Skardon and Mike Drinkwater from the Contact

committee reported that they had received a bill for \$2,000 for the Carole Simpson speech which was to have been paid on Tuesday, the 15.

The student Association for Black Unity is sponsoring Simpson, and wants Contact to pay for her visit. The Contact/SABU relationship was set up by the EC during budget hearings to keep organizations from asking for funds to have speakers. The original agreement was that SABU and Contact were to decide on a speaker who appealed to both organizations. The plan provided for cost sharing between the two organizations. SABU apparently  
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misunderstood this agreement, and thought they were to choose a speaker and Contact would foot the bill.

EC president Bennett Ross, Mike Drinkwater of Contact, and Bob Stephen of SABU met Tuesday afternoon to discuss the problem. According to Skardon, nothing was resolved and he declined to comment further. Drinkwater, Stephen, and Ross could not be reached.

At the EC meeting, Ross said, "It's my opinion, unless it can be shown otherwise, that Contact has no responsibility to pay this bill."