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# Executive Board Elections Tomorrow; Heavy Turnout of Voters Held Likely

## Remaining S.C. Board Nominees Campaign on Views and Plans

A total of seven candidates will be on the ballot tomorrow for the positions other than president.

The two candidates who are in contention for the office of Secretary are junior Richard Zarelli and freshman Paul White.

Zarelli, who has never held office, feels that there should be better communication between the Congress and the student body. To accomplish this, he intends to public a newsletter or reserve a section in *The Cowl* in which the agenda and upcoming bills would be published so that students would be informed beforehand about what the Congress is doing.

White is presently freshman class secretary. He also favors a newsletter reporting in detail the activities of the Congress. Also, he feels that more on-campus social activities are necessary and that the Congress' appropriation should be

increased.

Jeff Gneuchs and Frank Monti are the candidates for Treasurer. Gneuchs would like to see the Congress' budget increased, dorm government enacted, and the restriction on alcoholic beverages lifted.

Monti feels that the Congress should handle its money in a more effective manner, for in the past there have been many mistakes made. He would also like to see a two meal a day system introduced for dorm students.

As for the candidates for Social Chairman, Tim Smith feels that the number of mixers should be decreased and that the dorms should rely on the Congress for funds. Stan Sowa feels that a program whereby top name groups can be contracted for around \$1000 can be instituted. Peter Tybursky feels that a "social revolution" is needed and that the partial substitution of dorm parties for mixers can bring this about.

Ralph Paglieri '70 and Dan Graziano '70, two of the contestants for Student Congress president, have both served as Congress representatives.

Paglieri has been the most active congressman in regard to the number of bills introduced and passed by the Congress. However, both men played an important role in floor debates. Graziano also served as the appointed social chairman of the Congress.

### Co-Ed Bill

Two of Graziano's more important bills concerned one, the establishment of a committee to investigate the possibilities of coeducation at PC and two, the calling for a consultative vote of resident students in the naming of a Director of Residence.

Paglieri had three bills of importance dealing with a calendar change, academic due process, and the rescinding of Fr. Haas' letter requiring all resident students to live on campus.

The calendar change bill requested that all exams take place before Christmas and that a 29 day vacation-semester break will follow.

The bill concerning academic due process was co-sponsored with Student Congress secretary Anthony Cimino, '69. It calls for any evidence that is illegally obtained not to be used by either disciplinary board against a student. Also included in the bill was the request that all prefects be required to knock and receive permission before entering a room and that only a court order would permit anyone to use a pass key in entering a room where no one is present.

### Letter Rescinded

Paglieri's third important bill was also co-sponsored with president William Connolly '70. It resulted in Fr. Haas rescinding his letter requiring all resident students to live on campus.

A third Graziano bill dealt with a composite of 10 academic and 13 social reforms which were felt to be needed especially at Providence College.

Paglieri also submitted two bills concerned with the wearing of ties and jackets. The earlier bill called for their abolition at dinner, while the latest one concerned their abolition at classes.

Another bill of Paglieri's requested that students be allowed to hang whatever pictures they wished on the wall as long as the walls were not damaged.

### Education Department

Paglieri had three bills which concerned the Education Department. The first one urged the Student Congress to lodge a strong protest against an earlier attempt by the department to deny students the right to wear beards and moustaches or to cut classes.

The second education bill called for the right of every student to be able to take education courses as long as he could fit it into his schedule and providing that the class was not already filled.

The third bill requested the establishment of a committee for student teaching and licensing the aid the Education Dept.

Another bill of Paglieri's asked that Fr. Cunningham, Director of Residence, give a breakdown of the tuition bill so that the cost of phones could be determined. This was requested because resident students in Guzman and Chapin, at the time, did not have phones in their rooms and therefore Paglieri wanted them to be reimbursed.

Another of Paglieri's bills established a committee to investigate curriculum and teaching methods in order to present the official stand of the Student Congress at the second semester hearings of the Curriculum Committee.

Two other Paglieri bills dealt with the lowering of the pass-fail requirement to 2.0 and a letter to be sent to Fr. Cunningham objecting to the exclusion of juniors for next year's student prefects' jobs.

Project equality was given Student Congress support by another Paglieri bill.

### Past Achievements

Three other past achievements of Paglieri was PCMIP, Pass-Fail and a proposal asking for Congress support for the principle of dorm government.

Paglieri's final bill was called for an awarding for a non-Congressman for his student participation in the Congress.

## The Presidential Candidates' Views

(Ed. Note: The following questionnaire was submitted to the three Congress presidential candidates with the intention of helping the student body become familiar with the candidates and their opinions. The responses of the candidates appear as they were submitted to *The Cowl*.)

### 1. Please give your name, home and concentration.

Graziano: Daniel J. Graziano; Trenton, N.J.; Political Science.

Dearden: Paul F. Dearden; Lincoln, R.I.; History-Education.

Paglieri: Ralph F. Paglieri; Northvale, N.J.; Math.

### 2. What are your campus and off-campus activities and what positions have you held in them?

Graziano: Class social chairman-sophomore year; Student Congress Rep.-junior year (Social Chairman, co-Chairman Fine Arts Week, Faculty Evaluation Committee, chairman of Co-education Committee); 50th Anniversary Committee.

Dearden: History Society of Providence College - Treasurer 1967-68, President - 1967-68; PC Education Asst.-junior class representative to Executive Board; History Dept. representative to sub-committee on curriculum study; director of Education Dept.'s program on negro history; member of Organization of American Historians and American Historical Association.

Paglieri: Director of PCMIP sophomore and junior years; frosh social chairman; Student

Congress Rep. sophomore and junior years; Math Club.

### 3. What do you believe the role of Student Congress president should be?

Graziano: He should be the man who represents student opinion by going directly to the Administration.

Dearden: Ideally, the Student Congress president should function as a representative of student sentiment in regard to academic and social matters. It would be his duty to present such sentiment in an orderly democratic form and thereby serve as a bulwark against disruptive protest.

Paglieri: The president must set the style of the student body. He must make sure that the Student Congress is actually representing the students' interests and not being so hung up in procedure as to forget its main function. The Student Congress should not fail to discuss and to take a stand on anything that directly or indirectly relates to the students. The scope and the power of the Congress must be expanded.

The SC cannot succeed in uniting the students behind it unless it produces actions and results and not mere talk. My main role will be to set a new style for the Student Congress—a style that utilizes SC power and potentialities.

### 4. Specifically, what personal attributes do you have that will

### better enable you to be Student Congress president?

Graziano: Good relations with the Administration, an even temper and ability to argue rationally, and a strong belief in the rights of students and a desire to improve PC.

Dearden: I believe that I possess the type of sound judgment capable of distinguishing matters of pressing need from those which involve change for the sake of change. I would work for the actual benefit of the college and its entire student body irregardless of what pressures might be brought to bear upon me to do otherwise.

Paglieri: I have shown my leadership qualities in the protest of the rule requiring on-campus residency. I will be a very forceful and active president, one who will not sell out the students. That I have shown my dedication and creativity, by introducing over forty proposals in order to get Administration approval, can be seen in the number of my proposals that actually were approved in my 2 years on the Congress. My main attribute is that I get things done. It really doesn't matter what I say if I can't produce results. I have proven myself to be able to work very, very effectively with the Administration and yet I am not a person who starts with compromise. I have proven this method gets results.

### 5. What has been your main accomplishment in the Congress or in other organizations?

Graziano: Effectively representing what I believed to be the best interests of the students.

Dearden: As president of the History Society of PC I have been able to take what was a fiscally ailing and a membership starved organization, provide it with an interesting program and cure the above mentioned ills.

Paglieri: My main accomplishment in the SC is the success of my legislative record. I feel that I have expanded the scope of the Congress by introducing a large number of varied proposals. But more important than this is the number of my proposals which have received Administration approval and are now in effect. If I had to single out one proposal which was accepted as being the most important I would say it was the proposal for the Pass-Fail courses. However, my proposal for a new academic calendar for next year is almost certain to be approved within the next two weeks and I would consider this just as significant an achievement as the enactment of the Pass-Fail proposal.

### 6. If elected, what steps do you plan to take?

Graziano: I plan to proceed in the direction we are moving this year. I hope to make the Congress more efficient and more representative.

Dearden: I would advocate and introduce legislation to ban  
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# The Cowl Endorses

## Ralph Paglieri

The Student Congress presidential campaign pits two experienced representatives, Dan Graziano and Ralph Paglieri, and a relative newcomer to campus politics, Paul Dearden, against each other.

The SC presidency is no position for an individual to begin his introduction to campus politics in, and thus we rule out Mr. Dearden. Of the remaining two candidates, the choice seems unquestionable. The Congress president must be a man of action, and in this past year no one has been more of a man of action than Ralph Paglieri.

Author of over 25 proposals during the current session of Congress, Mr. Paglieri can justifiably claim credit for such notable innovations as the Pass-

Fail system, PCMIP, and the calendar change proposal.

Mr. Paglieri's two year career in Congress has been at times stormy, at times serene, but always exciting. And always with an ear for the complaints, criticisms, and demands of the average, every day student. He can be brutally blunt at times; it is this resulting forceful and uncompromising spirit which he carries with him in Congress. It is this spirit which Ralph Paglieri hopes will permeate the 1969-1970 Student Congress.

As a whole the upcoming Congress promises to be woefully lacking in experience. Mr. Paglieri can lead such a Congress to action. On the strength of his performance in the past, Ralph Paglieri clearly deserves the nod for Congress president.

## Richard Zarelli

The position of Student Congress Secretary is a demanding one. It requires a man who is willing to devote a great deal of time to the job and is willing to work not only to keep the students informed, but also to present student demands in a clear and effective manner. Richard Zarelli is the one to do these things in the coming year.

Mr. Zarelli has proven his desire to work not only in his studies, but also in his participation in the PCMIP program — a program which has been an immense success due in large part to his efforts. In comparison to Mr. White, he has a great deal more confidence and a better ability to express himself, a trait which is of extreme importance in the handling of Congress matters.

In the past, the "communication gap" between the Student Congress and the student body has been a large one. We have complete confidence that Mr. Zarelli will significantly reduce this gap through the institution of a frequent newsletter.

The time factor is a serious one and it should be noted that during most of the time in office Mr. Zarelli will be a senior and Mr. White a sophomore. Experience has shown that a senior, rather than an underclassman, would be in a better position to handle the time consuming duties of Student Congress Secretary.

Therefore, we fully support Richard Zarelli for Student Congress Secretary.

## Geoffrey Gneuchs

The office of Student Congress treasurer requires that it be occupied by a man who not only has the necessary bookkeeping ability, but also possesses creativity. The treasurer plays an important decision making role on the executive board of the Congress. The mere capacity for tabulating figures and handling money does not qualify a man for such a demanding position.

Jeff Gneuchs, an experienced bank bookkeeper, has the basic qualifications for Student Congress treasurer. However, even more importantly, it is felt that he possesses the necessary creativity that the office requires.

Mr. Gneuchs' approach is not negative. He believes that the lack of social life at Providence College is due more to the inadequate funds which the Administration appropriates to the Congress, rather than any negligent handling of money on the part of students. He also feels that it is particularly the treasurer who must make known what the financial needs of the Congress are.

Furthermore, Mr. Gneuchs maintains that the treasurer should and must participate in a meaningful manner as an active member of the Congress.

It is for these reasons that we endorse Jeff Gneuchs as SC treasurer.

## Tim Smith

A good deal of hopeful enthusiasm seems to mark the campaigns of all three contestants for the position of Congress Social Chairman. The challenge facing the eventual winner, from our viewpoint, would seem to be sustaining this enthusiasm over the course of the entire year.

It is our feeling that Timothy Smith can best sustain and generate this enthusiasm. Industrious and efficient, Mr. Smith has proved his value with his conscientious efforts as a member of the Junior Class Spring Weekend Committee.

For the past three years, he has worked at both the Raymond Hall dining center and Alumni Cafeteria, picking up many valuable connections and much helpful experience in the process. He is

well acquainted with the management at both locations, and will utilize the contacts he has formed in arranging social functions on campus. Having worked at numerous occasions on campus mixers, he is well versed in the practical consideration involved in arranging social affairs.

Mr. Smith does not speak in terms of grandiose concert plans or the sudden influx of college girls to the PC campus. He does promise to devote all his efforts to the social situation as it now exists in the hope of translating small improvements over the course of the year into a more healthy social life on campus. He has approached the situation with a realistic and practical attitude; and Tim Smith is the type of social chairman we need.

## Candidates Views . . .

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SDS from the Providence College campus as a potentially violent and disruptive force which presents an intolerable threat to the college community. I would advocate that ROTC courses be retained with academic credit. I would also oppose any move to transfer commissioning ceremonies from the date of graduation. I would advocate that the administration treat the Education and Business Depts. in a fair and evenhanded manner and would oppose the theory now prevalent in some quarters that departments which specialize in professional training have no place in a "liberal arts" college.

I would most vigorously oppose any further moves by the college administration to freeze out students of local origin in favor of dormitory residents from outside the southern New England area. I would oppose the Bourke-Boisvert curriculum reform proposal which threatens qualitative education in that its small course requirements would fail to provide for a truly broad based and well rounded educational experience.

Paglieri: I want to see a complete revamping of our social life on this campus. The student Congress should sponsor an elaborate system of dorm parties and concerts. More diversity and creativity has to be brought into our social life which certainly was not done this year. I want my dorm government proposal to be enacted as soon as possible. The Congress should also push very hard for coeducation.

A Student Congress drive to get rid of incompetent teachers should be started. Pressure should be put on teachers who do not prepare their classes, constructively evaluate tests or return them, and who are habitually missing class. The good teachers should be given more recognition and all should be done to keep these teachers here. Experimental classes should be started along with more lectures and seminars. I intend to keep working for the necessary curriculum changes that were expressed in the Student Congress Curriculum report.

I intend to encourage as many students as possible to participate in student government. In order to do this I will allow any student to put on the Congress agenda sheet any proposal that he wants the Congress to take action on and the student can come and introduce his proposal at the Congress meeting. Student Congress meetings and agendas must be publicized throughout the campus. Student Congress suggestion boxes should be placed around campus. I want to see an autonomous Student Congress page in *The Cowl* which will give lengthy reports on the progress and direction of the Congress. Congressmen will be able to write articles and students will be able to give suggestions to the Congress in "Letters to the Congress" on the Congress page.

**7. What do you believe was the biggest failure of the Student Congress this year?**

Graziano: If any, it was failure to avoid wasting time in unnecessary debate.

Dearden: The shoddy method in which it condemned the Department of Education for at-

tempting to provide further professional development in the students. The pressure for the removal of academic credit for ROTC.

A fetish "reform" mentality which proposed change for change's sake and does not truly provide qualitative improvement in the college.

Paglieri: The biggest failure of the Student Congress is that it is often not very representative of the student body. Whatever it does accomplish is through individual effort and not from a united student governing body. The student congress should be criticized more than it is. For example, the biggest single failure of the Student Congress was the tabling at the first Congress meeting of my proposal to support the principle of dorm government. If the Student Congress had thrown its support behind the principle of dorm government at the beginning of the year we wouldn't be as far behind as we are now, for six months have been wasted.

**8. What do you believe was the biggest accomplishment?**

Graziano: Its handling of the crisis over the rule about on-campus living.

Dearden: None.

Paglieri: The biggest accomplishment of the Student Congress was our uniting the student body behind us in our effort to get Fr. Haas to rescind his rule requiring on campus residency. This was the closest the SC came to displaying unity, power, and an all out representation in behalf of the students. This was a first step in achieving our justifiable goals.

**9. What do you feel is PC's most pressing need?**

Graziano: 1) Lay control and 2) co-education.

Dearden: A spokesman to represent the widespread feeling of approval for the way Providence College has been and is today, and who will speak out against the "reforms" proposals of the Administration, the Student Congress, and *The Cowl*; none of which represent the growing and widespread alienation against these programs.

Paglieri: PC's most pressing need is social improvement. I feel there is a complete lack of healthy social atmosphere at Providence College. A complete revamping of the social life here at PC is urgently needed. An elaborate system of dorm government must be put into effect immediately. Radical social changes are imperative. Co-education is a necessity and all available means should be used to secure its enactment at Providence College.

**10. Any additional comments?**

Graziano: None.

Dearden: I view this Congress President election as a student referendum on the future of Providence College. It is my hope that the student body will regard my candidacy as a campaign to maintain Providence College as a locally based institution which will provide the area's average student with an education at a private institution. By so doing the college may continue to furnish educated and intelligent leadership to the region.

Paglieri: None.