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## Voting Procedure

A special election procedure will be observed for the Corporation elections. The procedure will be as follows:

1. A voter will designate his first choice for the Senior and Junior position by allotting three points to each candidate.
2. A voter will designate his second choice for the Senior and Junior position by allotting two points to each candidate.
3. A voter will designate his third choice for the Senior and Junior position by allotting one point to each candidate.



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Senior nominee, Denis Kelly

## Douglas Bourdon

by Stephen Silvestri

Douglas R. Bourdon is a member of the Senior class running for the student seat on the Corporation. He is resident student and is majoring in Sociology.

Douglas R. Bourdon views his position in the Providence College community as that of being centralized. In this "central-type" position, he neither represents any large organizations, nor does he seek the support of just one body of students. However, Bourdon does know many people in the community. In addition to being a member of the student community at the college, Douglas Bourdon is also a member of the college's business community. Being a member of both communities, Douglas Bourdon maintains that he understands their functions equally well.

Douglas Bourdon is a member of the college planning council which is a ten year program of physical and economic development. He is also a member of the Committee on Studies and the debating team. Douglas Bourdon was previously a member of The Cowl staff and a '72-'73 representative to the Student Congress.

From a student standpoint, Doug Bourdon feels that a student on the Corporation does represent an acknowledgement by the Corporation of the student body's role in decision-making on campus. According to Doug Bourdon, "The Corporation regards students as an intellectual body on campus capable of good ideas concerning the governing and the growth of the campus."

Doug Bourdon would like to help plan the financial affairs of the college while setting proper priorities to financial expenditures. Doug Bourdon feels, "some priorities are warped in that security on campus needs more money, and priorities should not be shifted around."

Doug Bourdon feels that his "central-type" position makes him best suited for the office of student on the Corporation. His assets lie in his ability to speak to both adults and students on an equal basis and in his experience gained from working with business and financial organizations. An example of this experience would be Doug's job as a teller at the college bank.

On the question of competence needed to discuss and decide upon student, faculty and administrative issues, Doug relates,

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## Joseph Caffey

by Charles McEntee and Ann Frank

Joseph Caffey, a nominee for the Student on the Corporation, feels that "it would be a great chance for myself or whoever the winner may be, to portray or put some new blood into the ideas of the Corporation." When asked what contributions he has made to the college, Joe replied, "we are all making contributions to P.C., just by being here."

Joe feels that his being on the Corporation will be "important because it will give the Corporation an outlook or an inlook into the students needs and wishes." For too long, "the Corporation has been out of tune to the voice of the students."

Joe has chosen the Corporation as the best means to portray the student's wishes, because "it deals with policy. There have been few decisions at the Corporation made whereby student opinion has been searched out or solicited," he said.

The Corporation represents Providence College, and "what is P.C. without the students?" asked Joe. The Corporation is realizing that young people today are "more attuned to the needs of the young people, that we are capable of participating in the important policy making that goes on in the Corporation." In referring to his competition, Joe feels that "all the candidates have assets that will be valuable to the members of the Corporation." Speaking of himself, Joe says "I'm a very positive thinker." Joe believes in not relying upon "what you have done in the past; it's what you are going to do in the future," that counts.

As to his competency in discussing and deciding upon issues regarding not only students, but faculty as well as administrators, Joe stated, "my intelligence and capacity to deal with important decisions made for the students is as valuable as those already on the Corporation."

If elected, "I promise to be at the call of any student who has constructive ideas and policy that will be beneficial to the students of P.C.," said Joe. His voting record on the Corporation will be influenced by the students; "I hope to be elected by the students and therefore relay their wishes to the Corporation."

Joe believes that more community-directed services offered by the college would be an excellent idea. "An institution fails to be effective if it isolates itself from

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## Corporation Charter

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE  
Providence, Rhode Island

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE  
PLANTATIONS

In General Assembly  
January Session, A.D. 1917

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE  
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE  
(Approved February 14, 1917)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Matthew Harkins, Aram J. Pothier, Raymond Meagher, Dennis M. Lowney, Peter E. Blessing, Thomas P. Grace, Albert D. Casey, John N. Jordan, Paul Cunningham, Jeremiah T. Fitzgerald, Francis Beckley, Bernard F. Logan, Henry Dugan, James Aldridge, James F. Colbert, Michael Galliher, John R. Heffernan, William P. Dempsey, Michael F. Dooley, John E. Dooley, Jr., and Patrick P. Curran, their associates and successors are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of Providence College, and they and their successors, and such as shall be duly elected members of such corporation, shall be and remain a body corporate by that name forever, and for the orderly conducting the business of said corporation, it shall have power and authority from time to time as occasion may require to elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and such other officers of said corporation as may be found necessary, and to declare the duties and tenures of their respective officers; and also to remove any member from the same corporation, when in its judgment he shall be rendered incapable by age, or otherwise, of discharging the duties of his office, or shall neglect or refuse to perform the same; and also from time to time to elect new members of the said corporation.

SECTION 2. The said corporation shall have full power and authority to determine at what times and places its meetings shall be holden, and the manner of notifying the members to convene at such meetings; and also, from time to time, to elect a president of said college, and such professors, tutors, instructors, and other officers of the said college, as they shall judge most for the interest thereof, and to determine the duties, salaries, emoluments, responsibilities, and tenures of the several offices; and the said corporation is further empowered

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## James Caldarella

by Pam Frank

Mr. James Caldarella, nominee in contention of the student on the Corporation position (senior), feels that "the first Senior to sit on the Corporation must make a good impression, so future students will have it easier." Among the present Corporation members are doctors, lawyers, businessmen, educators, and theologians. When asked if he felt qualified for the position, Jim responded with a firm "yes." In his four years at P.C., Jimmy has served as chairman of the Resident Board, a representative for two years to the Student Congress (on its ethics committee, for example.)

To sit on the Corporation, according to Jimmy, is to "be faced with an unknown." The meetings are confidential, there seems to be a lack of communication with the rest of the College. "The student on the Corporation would serve as an intermediary between the Student Congress and the Corporation, just as Fr. Peterson acts as an intermediary between the Corporation and Administration," he said.

"I'd probably spend the first four meetings, sitting in and absorbing; getting to know where each Corporation member stands on varying positions." The Senior seated on the Corporation would be a pioneer of sorts. Jim feels that he'd "comment when compelled" — when asked for the students opinion on a specific subject.

The Corporation is responsible for the general philosophy and finances of the college. Jimmy has chosen this means to portray student wishes because "you can't go much higher." He has used other means, "private discussion with administrators and constituents; the avenues provided by the Student Congress, Caralyn Club, and Resident Board, in the past.

Jimmy feels competent to discuss and decide upon issues regarding not only students, but also faculty and administration as well. "I know many faculty and students; every bill which comes out of the Congress is presented to the Administration. — I'm sensitive to their feelings; I've come to know many of the faculty in this manner as well."

"As a student Congress member, I've always made myself available to the students. I'm a dorm student and may be found in the Slavin Center," he said, when queried as

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## Denis Kelly

by Stephen d'Oliveira

In an interview with Denis Kelly, Editor of the Cowl, he expounded on some of his thoughts concerning his bid for a possible membership on the Corporation. He was asked his reasons for running and gave the following answer.

"I think I have something to give to Providence College. Last summer I came to the conclusion that I really loved P.C. I felt that I wanted to give the college more than four years of attendance. I realized that that was why I have worked on the various activities. I feel I have a commitment to pay a large debt to Providence College. I feel that serving on the Corporation will be my deepest commitment to P.C."

Denis Kelly has been involved in Dorm Government, being President of Chapin Hall in his freshman year. Besides his newspaper career of being reporter, News Editor, and Editor-in-Chief, he has been a member of Student Congress, and was elected to be Research and Evaluation Chairman of the Board of Governors. He is also a member of the Bill of Rights Committee.

When asked what difference a student would make on the Corporation, Denis Kelly replied, "I think it will make a large amount of difference. It shows that students can indeed by mature and responsible members of the community. A student on the Corporation is a living example of the sense of this community. A student on the Corporation will enhance the College's goal of truly becoming a Judeo-Christian community. With the student addition to the Corporation, P.C. will be better able to achieve its motto "Veritas". I don't know if anyone can make a definitive statement, about the question, since no student has ever been on the Corporation."

In response to a question concerning the conflict of student opinion to his own, Denis stated, "A student member of the Corporation will serve two roles. He will be a full fledged member of the Corporation, while at the same time he will be a representative of a certain constituency. The student member of the Corporation will have to combine these two roles into one."

When asked what area or sub-committee he would concentrate upon, if chosen? Denis Kelly said that, "Upon learning specifics, I

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# Memo From The Editor

This issue is the culmination of a week of interviews. The people involved are those who seek a position on the Providence College Corporation. The campus community is less than buzzing. One is forced to ask: What does the position really mean to the student body? It is obviously a step in a positive direction.

The hope of the staff is to make the student body aware of those students who are combatting for the position on the Corporation. A standard set of questions was used. The questions surrounded many topics, yet the focal point involved what each candidate felt he had to offer the student body as its representative on the Corporation. At a glance, one can discern that the ideas are extremely varied.

The voter should read the history of the Corporation, investigate what student participation would involve, and make a choice of candidate which exemplifies the interests that are compatible with your own ideas regarding student representation.

The concept of student representation, however, pre-supposes student support. A vote for a candidate embodies much more than a unit of support for a particular person. By voting this week, you are in effect embracing the entire concept of student representation: its apex being a voice on the highest regulatory body the college has to offer.

The writing of this memo constantly alludes to a voice on the corporation as being the end or culmination of student input. It is the end of a long battle for the concept, yet it is only the beginning of the implementation of the concept. We have been given the weapons needed to carry on the fight. The ensuing battle will be much longer and much more tedious. I only hope that our choice will be a true measure of student wishes. The choice is yours.

I would like to end this plea by quoting Michael Troy in his initial proposal to the Providence College Corporation: "As any member of the standing committees at Providence College, from the Committee on Studies to the College Disciplinary Board can substantiate, it has been acknowledged opinion that the student maturity regarding matters of college-wide importance has been unquestionable."

Sincerely,  
John Wall

## Troy's Corporation Proposal

(Editor's note: The following is the text of Michael Troy's proposal for a student on Providence College's Corporation. This proposal was submitted by the Student Congress in May of 1971.)

At this time in Providence College's epoch a student on the corporation of Providence College is necessitated. With the initiation of co-educational and the greater participation of students on the standing committees of the College, the efficacious results of a student on the corporation, in terms of a greater understanding of the problems of the College, would be extremely beneficial. Other institutions of higher education, which have students sitting on their respective Board of Trustees have expressed the same opinion.

Mr. Ronald P. Stenlake, assistant to the President at Lafayette College, stated, "the value of student participation to the Board is that students are in potentially the best position to communicate student concern to Trustees." He further commented that, "student members gain a greater appreciation of the workings of the Board and of the kinds of matters which the Board must consider in reaching its decisions."

Also, J. Renwick Jackson, Jr., President of St. Mary's College of Maryland, which has had a student on the Board of Trustees for three and one-half years, commented, "we have found this to be an exceptionally beneficial experience and it has contributed greatly to a closer relationship between the Board members and the student body of the College."

In asking for a student seat on the Corporation, an attempt will be made to anticipate objections to student participation in College governance.

Because of the past turbulence on college campuses in general and Providence College's campus in particular, the question of student immaturity arises. Dr. Earl McGrath, past United States Commissioner of Education, states in his book, *Should Students Share the Power?*, "critics consider the behavior of today's students, especially undergraduates, at times capricious, and frivolous, at other times inflexible and dogmatic - in a word immature."

As any member of the standing committees at Providence College, from the Committee on Studies to the College Disciplinary Board, can substantiate, it has been the acknowledged opinion that the student maturity regarding matters of college-wide importance has been unquestionable.

In a survey of college deans conducted by *College Management Magazine*, the question was posed "How responsible are student members of governing committees or boards compared to faculty, administration, and trustee members of these boards?" The following results were obtained:

	Total	Univ.	4-yr.	2-yr.
More Responsible	1.9	0.0	2.6	2.1
Equally Responsible	60.9	73.0	64.9	44.7
Less Responsible	37.2	27.0	32.5	53.2

A second objection which arises with regards to student participation in College governance is the ephemeral involvement of students. As enumerated by Dr. McGrath, "most students, especially the undergraduates, spend only four years in any one institution, and many spend only a year or two. Under these circumstances some of the more permanent staff members question whether even the most earnest students can acquire the perspective and the commitment essential to sound judgment on long-term policies." This objection, however, seems to be vitiated by the various letters, which the Student Congress has received.

Besides the responses, already mentioned, of J. Renwick Jackson, Jr. and Ronald Stenlake, Gordon W. Jasker, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of Connecticut, stated his opinion concerning student contribution to the Board. "In my opinion the individual concerned is an excellent member of the Board of Trustees, brings to the Board points of view which we might otherwise not have available to us and is a contributor in many other respects as well. His contribution in part, however, is because he is an interested and broad individual who does not hesitate to participate actively in Board meetings." Therefore, in his four year matriculation, it is possible for a

"I have the competence because a degree does not make intelligence, and I feel that I can apply what I have learned to make such decisions."

"The most prevalent means the students have to bring their desires to me," according to Doug Bourdon, "would be the direct route." The direct route would be best because of his work in the bank which permits Doug Bourdon to talk to many students. Also, Doug Bourdon receives student opinion feedback through the various committees which he is a member of.

Doug Bourdon thinks that his voting record as a Corporation member will be influenced greatly by the issues at hand. He commented that "If student opinion is strong enough, then I will vote according to the students' opinion, but if student opinion or support is negligible, then I would have to vote according to my own conscience."

Douglas Bourdon would also like to see an increase in community-based services offered by the college. However, he stated that "The college should expand current programs before bringing in new activities."

Doug Bourdon definitely does not think that the winner of this election should be seated on the Corporation automatically. On the other hand, he said, "the larger the

student to gain sufficient knowledge to contribute greatly to the proceedings of the Corporation.

As to the question of the confidentiality of the proceedings of the Corporation, Mr. Stenlake remarks that "although our rules on confidentiality do not permit students to report directly to Student Government or to the student body on what occurs at the meetings of the Committees or of the Board, the individual members of the Committees are nonetheless in a much better position when functioning in their Student Government capacity to develop realistic recommendations which ultimately will be presented for consideration to the Faculty, the Administration and-or the Board." Since the question of confidentiality by students on the standing committees of Providence College has never been raised, it is the contention of the Student Congress that the student who sits as a voting member on the Corporation will adhere to the confidentiality of the Corporation's proceedings.

It is the opinion of the Student Congress that the most feasible plan for achieving student participation on the Corporation would be to place a member of the Senior Class with full voting rights and a member of the Junior Class, in a purely observatory role. The Student Congress is of the opinion that there should be a member of the Junior Class sitting on the Corporation in a purely observatory role. Since the Corporation meets four times a year, a year of observation would enable the Junior to become cognizant of the workings of the Corporation and would allow him to assume the role of a voting member of the Corporation the following year.

The procedure for electing the student representative to the Corporation would be as follows:

1. Members of the Junior Class desiring to sit on the Corporation will submit their names to the Student Congress.
2. If more than four students submit their names to the Student Congress, a special student body election shall be held.
3. The top four students will have their names submitted to the President of the College, who will present the names to the members

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voter turnout, the more impressed the Corporation will be. A small voter turnout might convince the Corporation that this election is just a popularity contest."

To be an effective Corporation member may require considerable time reading the transcripts of previous meetings. Doug Bourdon believes that he has sufficient time to devote to the Corporation.

When queried on the influence that a student member will have on decisions made by the Corporation, Doug Bourdon replied, "if the student member is taken seriously by the Corporation, it will have a profound effect on some decisions made." He also said, "the student will, if taken seriously, influence many decisions."

Doug is formally familiar with the members of the Corporation, and knows some members first hand. He is also aware of the various functions of the Corporation and its committees. He aspires to be a member of the committee on Student Life-Styles.

In reference to student opinion of actions taken by the Administration as being "tokenistic", Doug Bourdon replied "the Administration has made some tokenistic gestures, but to a larger degree I believe that the Administration has considered the student seriously and has taken positive actions for the student." According to Doug Bourdon, "the Corporation and the Administration must make new innovations of such a level that students do become an input-output factor of the school."

A Student-Faculty Board on campus might provide better communications between faculty and students and also better the academic program. Doug Bourdon feels that such a board would only be as good as the powers granted to it. Either too much power or too little power will produce bad

## Caffey (Con't.)

the community of which it is a part," stated Joe. He feels that the old urban council should be reutilized. "P.C. is in an excellent position to have a very positive effect on the community if it so chooses. I hope if I am elected, to be able to persuade the present Corporation that it should become more involved in the community."

Joe thinks that "the winner should be seated as quickly as possible, in order to begin participating in policy-making." In addition, he hopes that there is a good number of students participating in the election.

In order to be an effective Corporation member demands much time. Joe feels that "I have the time and I will make the time to devote to this important position; if I'm not elected, I hope to give my full support, time, and energy to the student representatives who are elected to the Corporation."

The student seated on the Corporation, Joe said, "probably won't have the power to pass certain policy but if he is effective in conveying his thoughts and ideas he should be able to harness some support from the present Corporation members." It is important to be able to work with those already in positions on the Corporation.

The Corporation has "the complete control in governing policy at P.C.," said Joe. They are the people who decide what direction P.C. will be headed in, in the future."

Asked if the seating of a student on the Corporation is a token gesture, Joe responded "it is a very sincere attempt on the part of the Corporation to solicit the views of the students who make up P.C.; the Corporation is the ultimate power structure in the bureaucracy present at P.C."

decisions in his opinion. According to Doug, "A Student-Faculty Board must have the proper balance of advisory powers and regulatory powers."

There has been talk of some of the candidates having a "conflict of interests". When queried on this, Doug Bourdon said, "A conflict of interests exists when a student who runs for the Corporation is, simultaneously, a member of an organization which has political and persuasive power over him. Any student who belongs to this type of organization could use that organization to get elected. This student belongs to a body of people who can influence an election." He also stated, "This is not to say that the candidates will use these organizations as a means to get elected, but the influence that the candidates have on their respective organizations can turn the election into a popularity contest." Doug Bourdon soundly believes that these conflicts of interest will exist with student members on the Corporation. On this belief he has stated, "How can you not give partially to certain communities within Providence College if you belong to that community which by its very existence helped to get you elected." Doug Bourdon feels that he does not belong to any major organizations, and therefore, he owes no allegiance. In his words, "the opinions which I will vote on belong to the students and to my conscience."

In a general comment on running, Doug Bourdon hopes that the student weighs carefully the decision of who he wants on the Corporation. "This is the first time in the school's history where the student has been given a great and important consideration." He hopes that the student uses this consideration wisely and effectively.

"It may sound corny, but the idea that started P.C. which is brotherhood, unity and togetherness, has been pushed out of focus," remarked Joe. He continued, "P.C. should involve itself in every way possible to make the community in which we live and learn a better one."

Asked how he felt about a Student-Faculty Board, Joe answered, "We will have one student and one faculty member on the Corporation hopefully by January; we, the students, should try to increase that number in the very near future." This he feels is more effective than establishing a Student-Faculty Board.

## Kelly (Con't.)

would certainly look into the various possibilities. It would be too hasty for me to make any statement now."

Denis Kelly feels that, "Setting up for one's successors a sense of respect from the other members of the Corporation is one of the most essential qualities of the first student member. This will greatly enhance the effectiveness of his successors."

### VOTE

## NOVEMBER 7th

### Slavin Center

### 9:30 - 3:30

# Providence College Corporation Charter (Con't.)

to purchase or erect, and keep in repair, such houses and other buildings as it shall judge necessary for the said college; and also to make and ordain, as occasion may require, reasonable rules, orders, and by-laws, not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state, with reasonable penalties for the good government of the said college, and for the regulation of their own body, and also to determine and regulate the course of instruction in said college, and to confer such degrees as are usually conferred by colleges and universities; provided, nevertheless, that no corporate business shall be transacted at any meeting unless one-half at least of the members are present.

**SECTION 3.** The said corporation shall have power and authority to create a subordinate board under any appropriate name to be composed of such number of persons, either members of the corporation, or other persons, or partly of such members and partly of such other persons as the corporation from time to time determine. Said corporation may confer on said board such corporate power and duty as it sees fit and it may alter, amend, change, revoke or annul said powers and duties in any manner it shall see fit.

**SECTION 4.** The said corporation shall have a common seal which it may alter or renew at its pleasure and all deeds sealed with the seal of said corporation and signed by its order shall when made in its corporate name be considered in law as the deeds of said corporation; and said corporation may sue and be sued in all actions, real, personal or mixed and may prosecute the same to final judgment and execution by and in its said corporate name; and said corporation shall be capable of taking and holding in fee simple or less estate by gifts, grant, bequest, devise or otherwise any lands, tenements or other estate, real or personal.

**SECTION 5.** The clear rents and profits of all the estate, real and personal, of which the said corporation shall be seized and possessed shall be appropriated to the maintenance, upkeep and endowment of said college in such manner as shall most effectually promote virtue and piety and learning in such of the languages and of the liberal and useful arts and sciences as shall be recommended from time to time by the said corporation, it conforming to the will of any donor or donors in the application of any estate which may be given, devised or bequeathed for any particular object connected with the college.

**SECTION 6.** All the estate both real and personal of said corporation wheresoever located, whatever its condition or whenever acquired shall be exempt from all state taxes: Provided, that real estate owned by the corporation and not used for the corporate purposes shall not be so exempt.

**SECTION 7.** No person shall be refused admission to said college as a student, nor shall any person be denied any of the privileges, honors or degrees of said college on account of the religious opinions he may entertain.

**SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT, PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, 1917, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE."

Passed at the January Session, A.D. 1966

(Approved April 7, 1966)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 4 of an act entitled "An Act to Incorporate Providence College" is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. The said corporation shall have a common seal which it may alter or renew at its pleasure and all deeds sealed with the seal of said corporation and signed by its order shall when made in its corporate name be considered in law as the deeds of said corporation; and said corporation may sue and be sued in all actions, real, personal or mixed and may prosecute the same to final judgment and execution by and in its corporate name; and said corporation shall have the power to acquire, hold and dispose of, by any lawful manner, real and personal estate in any amount, and from time to time to borrow such sums as it deems necessary for its corporate purposes, and to mortgage, pledge or hypothecate any of its assets in order to secure any such borrowing."

**SECTION 2.** Section 6 of the act entitled "An Act to Incorporate Providence College" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 6. All the estate both real and personal of said corporation wheresoever located, whatever its condition or whenever acquired shall be exempt from all state taxes: Provided, that real estate owned by the corporation and not used for the corporate purposes shall not be so exempt. The limitation, contained in Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 6 may take, hold and convey, shall have no applicability to said corporation."

**SECTION 3.** The following named persons be, and they hereby are, confirmed and ratified as

presently existing and qualified members of the corporation:

J. U. Bergkamp, O.P.  
R. E. Brennan, O.P.  
W. R. Dillon, O.P.  
V. C. Dore, O.P.  
R. L. Every, O.P.  
C. V. Fennell, O.P.  
R. J. Gardner, O.P.  
I. A. Georges, O.P.  
W. F. Gibbons  
E. B. Halton, O.P.  
W. P. Haas, O.P.  
J. P. Hanley  
F. C. Hickey, O.P.  
P. O. Heasley, O.P.  
E. A. Hogan, O.P.  
F. A. Howley, O.P.  
F. L. Kelly, O.P.  
J. L. Lennon, O.P.  
J. R. Maloney, O.P.  
W. D. Marrin, O.P.  
E. I. Masterson, O.P.  
D. B. McCarthy, O.P.  
J. P. McCarthy  
E. A. McDermott, O.P.  
F. J. McGee  
J. L. McKenny, O.P.  
R. J. McVinney, D.D.  
J. M. Murphy, O.P.  
P. C. Perrotta, O.P.  
P. van K. Thomson

**SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect upon its passage and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

## BYLAWS OF PROVIDENCE COLLEGE ARTICLE I OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

**SECTION 1.** The officers of this corporation shall be a Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary.

**SECTION 2.** The Chairman shall be the Executive Officer of the corporation. It shall be his duty to preside at all meetings of the corporation, to require observance of all the provisions of the charter and these bylaws, to countersign all deeds, covenants, and written contracts (except checks) of the corporation; to appoint all committees (unless in particular cases the corporation shall provide for some other method of appointment), to discharge all committees when in his judgment that shall be proper, and generally to have oversight of all corporate affairs.

**SECTION 3.** The Treasurer shall be the fiscal officer of the corporation. He shall take possession and proper charge of monies and funds of the corporation. He shall deposit all such monies, except such as shall be proper to keep on hand in the form of cash, in some reputable banking institution doing business in Rhode Island. He shall sign with the corporate name and whenever proper impress with the corporate seal all deeds, covenants, checks, promissory notes, and other written contracts of the corporation, but no deed, covenant, promissory note or other written contract shall be valid unless countersigned by the Chairman or any other officer of the Corporation, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the corporation from appointing and delegating full power to any special committee for the performance of any duty or act with reference to the execution or performance of any deed, covenant, or contract. The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate books of account showing all monies received by him and how the same has been disposed of. He shall present a report in writing showing a true summary of all the financial transactions of the corporation at each annual meeting thereof and whenever required to do by the Chairman or by the corporation.

**SECTION 4.** The Secretary shall have the custody of the seal of the corporation and shall keep and have custody of all the corporate records. He shall give notice of all meetings as required by these Bylaws and shall incorporate in the notice of any special meeting the

business to be proposed thereat as designated by the officer or members directing the calling of such meeting.

**SECTION 5.** The corporation in its discretion may create such additional officers as may from time to time be deemed necessary or advisable with such powers as the corporation shall from time to time grant.

**SECTION 6.** The officers shall be elected by the corporation at its annual meeting and shall hold office for a term of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

## ARTICLE II MEETINGS

**SECTION 1.** The corporation shall hold an annual meeting at or near the end of each academic year at a date and hour to be selected by the Executive Committee. Any corporate business may be transacted at any annual meeting regardless of notice.

**SECTION 2.** Special meetings of the corporation may be called at any time at the direction of the Chairman or Treasurer or any seven other members of the corporation. The officers or members directing the call of any special meeting shall in a general way designate the business to be proposed thereat and no other business shall be transacted at such meetings unless there be at least two-thirds of the members of the corporation present. If at any special meeting at least two-thirds of the members of the corporation are present, any corporate business may be transacted thereat regardless of the notice of the meeting.

**SECTION 3.** Notice of each annual and special meeting addressed to each member of the corporation at his address as the same appears on the secretary's books shall be deposited in the United States mail at Providence at least five days before each such meeting, but the failure to post such notice prior to any annual meeting shall not invalidate the meeting if a quorum be in fact present nor shall it invalidate any special meeting if two-thirds of the members of the corporation are present.

**SECTION 4.** All notice for any meeting shall be dispensed with if all the members of the corporation either waive notice thereof in writing or are present at the meeting.

## ARTICLE III EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of three members of the corporation, which, when the corporation is not in actual meeting, shall have and may exercise all the corporate powers which the corporation is not by laws of this state or of the United States itself to exercise.

## ARTICLE IV MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION

**SECTION 1.** The members of the corporation shall not exceed twenty-seven in number. Of these the following shall be ex-officio members during their respective terms of office, viz: The President of the College and the Treasurer of the College. All other members shall be elected by the Corporation on the prior recommendation of the Standing Committee on Corporation membership.

**SECTION 2.** The term of office of all elected members other than a

student member shall be deemed to have resigned at the conclusion of the annual meeting next following the date upon which he attains the age of seventy years.

**SECTION 3.** A Standing Committee on Corporation Membership consisting of five members shall be appointed from the body of the corporation by the Chairman. Members of the Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman. The Standing Committee on Corporation Membership shall propose candidates for membership on the Corporation, taking into consideration the various constituencies of the College, e.g., its benefactors, alumni, administration, faculty, students, and the civic community. Specifically:

(1) It shall propose every two years, or as required to fill a vacancy, an alumni member from among one or more candidates previously nominated by the Alumni Association, to assure the continuing presence of at least two alumni on the corporation.

(2) It shall propose every two years, or as required to fill a vacancy, a faculty member from among one or more candidates of the ordinary faculty previously nominated by the Faculty Senate, to assure the continuing presence of at least two such faculty members on the corporation. Should for any reason this faculty member cease to be a member of the ordinary faculty, he would automatically cease to be a member of the corporation. The unexpired term would then be fulfilled through the nominating process mentioned above.

(3) It shall propose annually, for a one-year term, a student member from the incoming Senior Class of the College with voice and vote and a student observer from the incoming Junior Class of the College without voice and vote, but with preferred status for succession to membership, from among candidates previously nominated by the student body. The manner of nominating such students shall be determined by the administration of the College, after having first consulted the Student Congress. Should for any reason the student member or the student observer cease to be a student of the College in good standing, he would automatically cease to be a member of the corporation. The unexpired term would then be fulfilled in the manner of nominating mentioned above.

## ARTICLE V SEAL

The seal of the corporation shall be a device composed of the words and figures following:



## ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, repealed or suspended at any meeting of the corporation by a two-thirds vote of the entire corporation, regardless of whether or not notice of the action with respect thereto has been incorporated in the notice of the meeting.

## Troy Proposal (Con't.)

of the Corporation for their consideration.

In the first year this procedure is initiated, a member of both the Junior Class and Senior Class will be elected to the Corporation.

The Student Congress petitions the Corporation to consider this proposal of the Congress and to act favorably upon it.

### ADDENDUM

The following is a compilation of the colleges or Universities which presently have students on the Board of Trustees:

Boston College  
University of Connecticut  
Kentucky State College  
University of Kentucky  
University of Massachusetts  
Michigan State University  
University of Nevada at Reno  
University of New Hampshire  
Cornell University  
City University of New York  
University of N. Carolina  
Chapel Hill  
Charlotte  
Greensboro

Kent State University  
Ohio State University  
University of Washington  
West Virginia University  
University of Wyoming  
Vassar College  
Princeton University  
American University  
University of Maine  
Stanford University  
University of Hartford  
George Washington University  
Antioch College  
Vanderbilt University  
Haverford College  
Cleveland State University  
Otterbein College (Ohio)  
Akron University  
University of Toledo  
Oberlin College  
Kenyon College  
Wesleyan College  
St. Bonaventure University  
Montclair State College  
University of Pennsylvania  
Lafayette College  
St. Mary's College  
Lehigh University  
Mass. Institute of Technology  
Howard University

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Junior nominee, Charles Medieros

## Charles Medieros

by Henry Golembeski

Charles Medieros is one of the candidates currently campaigning for the Junior seat on the Corporation. Characterized by what may be termed a Portuguese Afro and a congenial smile, Mr. Medieros has a long background in working with various types of people. His background includes associations with C.Y.O., the Jewish Community Center, the Board of Governors, and the McGovern Presidential campaign.

Mr. Medieros was influenced to run for the Corporation by his belief that Providence College should have more of an opportunity to receive the expressed views of the student body. As it is now, student opinion is derived second hand from either the Cowl or the Student Congress, and is not necessary listened to. With a student on the Corporation, it would be guaranteed that student opinion would be heard. Student opinion would be heard by the Corporation, and student body would benefit by being able to hear Corporation ideas and decisions.

Yet Mr. Medieros does not view the student body as his primary constituency. Since the Corporation is responsible to the entire school and not one particular faction, Mr. Medieros feels that his opinion will be synthesized through the various opinions of the faculty, administrative, alumni, and of course, the student body. His main concern is with the school as a whole.

Mr. Medieros feels that his academic background will enable him to also represent the faculty. Despite being a psychology major, Mr. Medieros has taken a variety of courses in other areas which, he feels, has exposed him to different types of both faculty, and students.

According to Mr. Medieros, the winner should not be automatically seated on the Corporation. The Corporation chooses its own members and does not accept anyone who does not meet their qualifications. Although the winner will not automatically be seated, Mr. Medieros feels that voter turnout will play an important part in the Corporation's choice.

Mr. Medieros would like to see a program started with the members of the Corporation where students

would be able to engage in community oriented activity. It doesn't matter if the work is related to the person's major or simply volunteer activity; the important thing to remember is that Providence College is a regional college and that some of its resources should flow back into the community in forms other than graduates. Mr. Medieros feels that since there are members of the Corporation that have ties to industry and government, there may exist the possibility of setting up programs that will enable the College to have a greater input into the community. For now however, there appears to be little on the part of the Administration that indicates an urge to participate more fully than some present student organizations do.

"The move by the Corporation to institute a student on the Corporation is not to be taken as a token move towards students", Mr. Medieros replied to a question relating to attitudes toward students from the Administration. He sees the action as part of a changing set of attitudes on the part of many people towards the role of students. Previously, students were likened to children that is that they should be seen but not heard. The Corporation is mirroring the culture at large by admitting students to its ranks. Other innovations in the area of governance might be needed, but they should be developed in cooperation with the other various parts of the college community. However, it does not seem likely that Corporation policy will change greatly with the addition of students to the Corporation. If anything, a better understanding of the student body with the Corporation will be the result of placing students on the Corporation, at least in the beginning.

In closing, Mr. Medieros restated his principle goal of first building a working relationship with the Corporation and opening up lines of communication between the students and the Corporation. He also feels that he will have the time, not only to attend meetings, but also to review any of the minutes that he may be required to read. He also repeated his hope that the student body will make an attempt to vote on Wednesday.

to how available he would be as Corporation member to this constituents.

Jim sees his voting record on the Corporation as being similar to his voting pattern on the Congress. "I will vote, combining the Burkian philosophy of voting according to my constituents' wishes, with my own personal views. — I will vote according to the way it best benefits the College and the student," he said.

The fences and gates which encircle P.C., has converted the college into a little city within a city. "I'm concerned with local issues as well as P.C. issues," said Jim.

Successful community-directed services at P.C., feels Jim, are "a clothes drive at Thanksgiving time for needy people in the community, sponsored by the Resident Board; the Santa Fund and the Big Brothers system."

Instead of the largest vote-getter being automatically seated on the Corporation, Jim thinks that the "top three vote-getters should be reviewed by a selection committee as well as being recommended by the Dean's Office and Student Congress." Says Jim, "the person elected is not always the most qualified — perhaps number two is."

Jim believes he has the sufficient time necessary to devote to work on the Corporation. "I've served on the Resident Board and Student Congress. They require much time — and I've been able to maintain decent marks." At the end of the semester, he will be stepping down for Student Congress — insuring his being able to devote enough time to the Corporation.

Jim looks realistically at the presence of the student on the Corporation. "I'd have one vote; I can vote against every issue and yet one vote is one vote." What's necessary according to Jim is "the student input" providing the Corporation with an insight to our needs. Only five or six of the present Corporation members are in close contact with the students, and with the school itself. "Student issues, as well as campus issues, can be enlightened by the student member of the Corporation," said Jim.

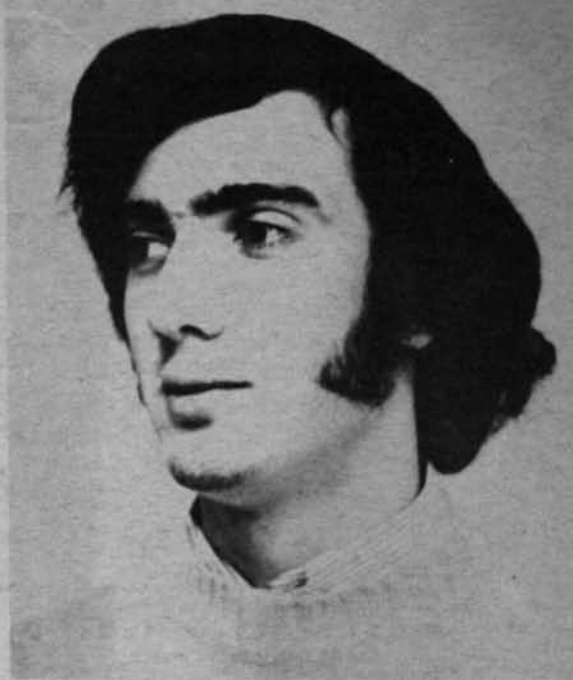
When asked as to what he knows about the Corporation, Jim responded, "they deal with finances, set a Dominican philosophy, provide the Administration with guidelines to run the school by; I've also learned about the Corporation by reading the Cowl's series of the members profiles and by reading the Corporation bylaws and school charter."

Last year, Jim was in consultation with Mark Granato, president of the Student Congress, helping to formulate the proposal to seat a student on the Corporation. "My first year at P.C. saw the student take over of the Library and the heated discussions with Fr. Haas."

P.C. is a tripod: students, administrators and faculty. All are important — (leave one out,) says Jim, "and there's no college. Input from all three are necessary on an "equal level" in order to provide P.C. with suitable policies, rules and regulations."

"The Corporation is coming at the right time," said Jim. After witnessing Kent State and participating in the Moratorium, the students have found that the most effective way to seek change is "through the same system," said Jim. The student at P.C. is "ready for the challenge, I think the Faculty and Administration and Corporation realize this."

"I've been on top of many major issues because of my position on the Student Congress; I feel I'm best able to understand the student, the faculty, and the administration."



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Junior nominee, Leonard Taddei

## Leonard Taddei

by Robert Phillips

Leonard Taddei ('75) is one of two candidates running for the Junior Corporation seat. The original concept for the election provided for the top three vote-getters from each class to be reviewed by the nominating committee of the Corporation. This committee is then to select the representative on the basis of voter preference, academic record, and various other tangibles. Asked if he considered the addition of students to the Corporation as a "token gesture" Len replied, "I see it as a step in the right direction. Both parties are now in a compromising position. Perhaps in the future the students may justifiably gain more power if they prove themselves responsible in such matters. Anyone can call a compromise tokenism, but I see this as an opportunity for the student community to prove themselves capable of accepting greater responsibilities."

Yet the question persists: What difference does it make who wins the election if the Corporation is to make the final decision? Len feels that a great deal depends on voter turnout. "A large turnout favoring one candidate should definitely be a point in that candidate's behalf," he said. "On the other hand, a small voter turnout cannot realistically affect the decision of the Corporation. Really, what it amounts to is a matter of good will. If 95 per cent of the student body were to turn out, we would hope that the Nominating Committee would be strongly influenced by the mandate."

Len conceives the position of Junior Corporation member as essentially different from that of the senior member. He feels that since the junior member does not vote on the Corporation, his effectiveness must lie in his ability to influence the other members as to the student's perspectives. Lenny states, "I conceive the junior seat as an apprenticeship. Since the post I am running for does not vote, I see it as a learning situation and I feel I have the intelligence to observe the post properly to be a voting member next year."

A Biology major, Len's contributions to Providence College

include him having served as student representative on the Bill of Rights Committee to Congress. Last year was the first year for the committee and its major function was to work on and revise the old bill. Composed of six students, three faculty members, and three administrators, the committee hopes that ideally, any student who feels his rights have been violated would come before the board where his or her grievance would be reviewed. The issue could then be sent to the President's office with the committee's final recommendation. Besides his involvement with the Bill of Rights Committee, Len is a member of the Friars Club and has also been elected to the A.E.D. which is the National Pre-Medical Honor Society. Len serves as secretary for the society.

Len feels that his major attribute would be in how he views his role as Junior Corporation member. He relates, "I feel that the main importance is having someone on the Corporation able to give a student perspective on a given situation. Hopefully, they will respect our point of view and if not, at least it will be heard." Len does not feel that a student can expect to successfully force his views upon the Corporation. "Hopefully", says Len, "the student corporation member will view his role as Corporation member as one of influence and diplomacy rather than one of power and work within that realm."

Lenny views the Corporation as the major policy-making voice in the college and feels that he could best fulfill the student's needs on the Corporation. He comments, "If elected, I see my function as essentially a liaison between Congress and Corporation with the communication lines open to the student body through Congress. I will be able to understand student trends in any individual problem on a personal level."

For Leonard Taddei, the post of Corporation member is a serious one and should be viewed so by the student body. If the students are able to convince the Corporation that they are sincere in their efforts, this could be the first step of many.