

Now is the time to elect next year's leaders!



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GET OUT AND VOTE: ELECTIONS 1996

by Meg Wrona '96
Congress Correspondent

Thursday, March 28, 1996 is yet another campus wide election. It seems like time goes so fast and people go in and out of the office much like students stream in and out of Slavin. It is so easy to ignore an election and leave democracy up to someone else.

This election will decide the Executive Board of some of the more active clubs on campus, Board of Programmers

(BOP), Intramural Athletic Board (IAB), and Student Congress. Also scheduled were elections for BMSA (Board of Multicultural Student Affairs) and Off-Campus Residence Organization (OCRO) but no candidates came forward to represent these boards. Whether you are a member of any of these or not, these elections will directly affect every student at Providence College for the 1996-1997 academic year.

The students here at

PC are very apathetic, at least when it comes to elections. If even 50% of the student body votes in Thursday's election, it will be a great turnout.

care who is elected. the problem arises when people complain about things, whether it is BOP events, Student Congress involvement with

be very influential next year, not only with the students but the faculty.

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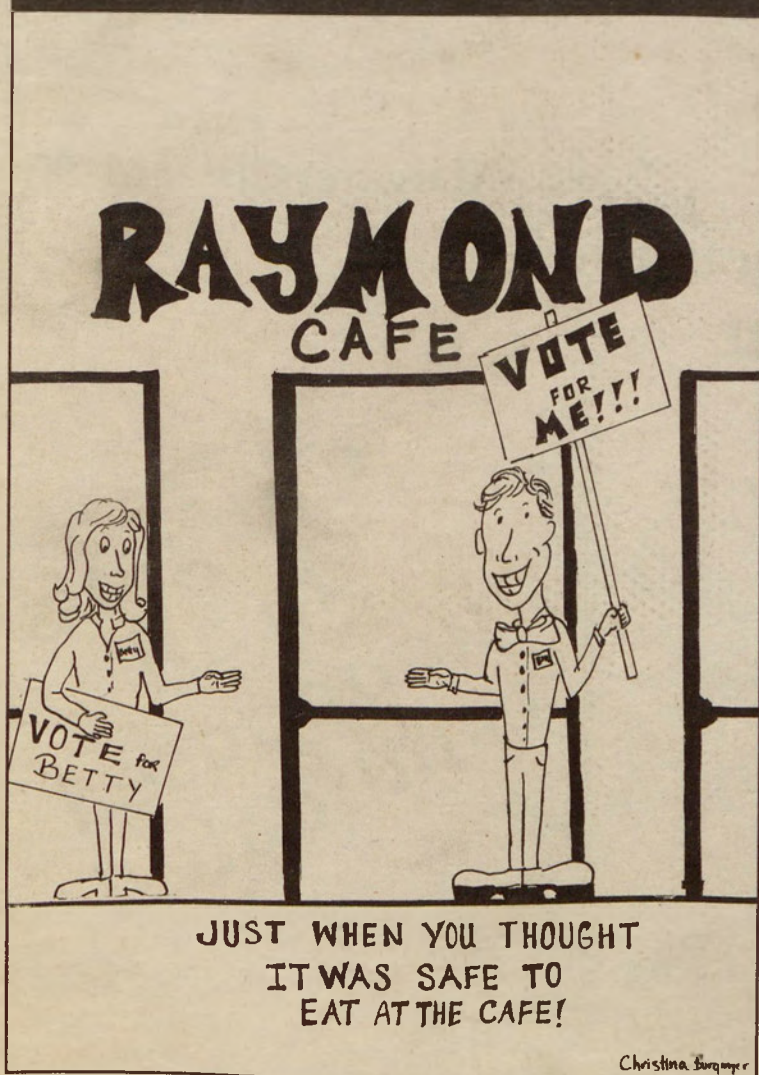
Only half the people here will vote for their student body president among the other very important positions. This attitude is not necessarily a bad one if you really do not

student concerns, or the organization of Intramural Sports.

I urge you all to take this election very seriously. The people you are putting in office will

AM to 4 PM. Class elections will follow on April 18th. Stay tuned for details, especially concerning a debate among those running for class officers.

VOTE THIS
THURSDAY,
MARCH 28, ALL
DAY IN SLAVIN!



Congressional Reform at PC

by Mary M. Shaffrey '97
News Editor

Monday, February 12, 1996 Student Congress met and voted on several important issues that will affect the upcoming elections for student-held office.

According to Mike Walsh '97, Elections Committee, Congress almost unanimously supported a resolution to broaden the rules which confine candidates wishing to seek office. As *The Cowl* reported several weeks previously, Congress was debating loosening the rules, and during the week of February 12 they did.

"These actions needed to take place. They are not only for the good of Student Congress, but for the entire PC Community as well," Walsh explained.

Under the new legislation, candidates can now spend up to \$50 on publicity, distribute handbills, stuff mailboxes, have unlimited posting, and begin campaigning as soon as they turn the required number of signatures into the Student Congress Office. This gives candidates as many as four days extra for campaigning. Those seeking office will also be able to receive endorsements from clubs on campus, and a public debate will be held for the candidates to address questions from those who will

elect them - the student body.

Congress is still debating more modifications to the election process. Under current law, only an active member can run for the Executive Board, and any student regardless of whether or not they are a member of Congress can be appointed to the position of Parlia-

the "Semi-Formal" Dance from the JRWs of the Class of 1999 and successive years. Many members felt it would be unfair for them to set in stone what future classes can and cannot do for their JRW celebrations based on the experiences of recent JRWs. Some members have said that Fr. J. Stuart McPhail,

... for many the days of overly restricted campaigns for Student Congress are over.

mentarian. Congress is debating changing these laws to say that any current member of Congress, whether active or inactive, can run for Executive Board. Also, the position of Parliamentarian would only be open to a person who has served at least one year on Congress, and would not be appointed by the members of Exec. Board, but rather voted on by the entire Congress. These issues are currently being addressed.

In other news that week, Congress refused to officially eliminate

Vice-President of Academic Administration, has threatened to drop the Semi-Formal if Congress does not. Fr. McPhail would not confirm this report, but commented by saying, "I am waiting for Congress to completely close the door on the issue and give them the opportunity to deal with it. I am not going to comment on it further until they resolve it amongst themselves."

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Introducing the '96 - '97 Candidates

Student Congress Executive President

"As President of Student Congress I would work towards increased student participation in administrative decisions. Providence College is at a major turning point on issues such as curriculum review, faculty student relations, campus activities, Providence in Europe program, and Food System changes and it is important that students help guide these changes. I believe it is important that these students have a say in decisions that will affect our lives. I believe I have the experience to help lead these changes for the Providence College of the coming year."

- Bill Ewell



#1 - Bill Ewell '97



#2 - Mike Walsh '97

"I am running for Student Body President to ensure a greater voice for the students of Providence College in relation to the administration. I will work for you in building up PC Pride! I will further work on instituting a 24 hour computer lab, establishing an on-campus pub, and acquiring outside basketball courts. We as students pay close to twenty-five thousand dollars a year to attend PC. Do you truly believe you are getting the most for your money? Elect me as your president,

and I will fight to ensure that you receive the most for your money. Developing an equitable meal plan system and making a student-friendly study abroad program are just some of my goals. I will represent the interests of PC students and GET RID OF THE DOG as our mascot. I look forward to serving you as Student Body President. Thank you." - Mike Walsh

Student Congress Executive Vice President



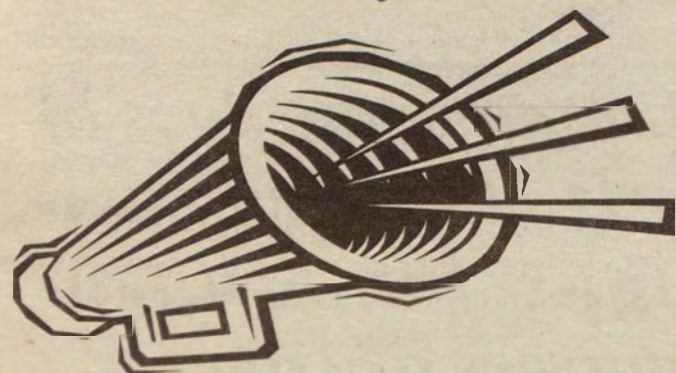
#1 - Maureen Lyons '97

"I have confident that I would do a good job as Vice-President of Executive Board of Student Congress. I have had the experience of an elected position, class Representative for the Class of 1997, as well as possessing the enthusiasm to improve PC as a community."

- Maureen Lyons

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#2 - Margaret Clifford '97



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Congress Executive Treasurer

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#1 - Cathy Olendar '97

Congrats
to all
unopposed
candidates!

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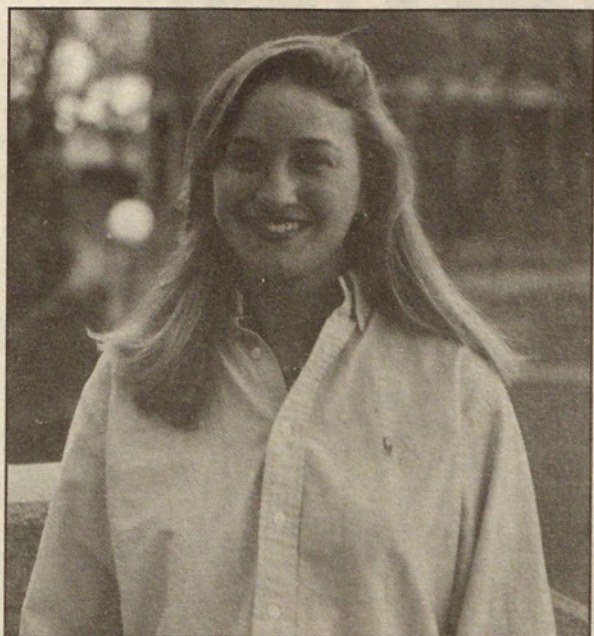
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Student Congress Executive Secretary



#1 - Jennifer Azevedo '97

"I decided to run because I'm an organized person so I thought the position would be appropriate. As being Secretary of my class people were very apathetic. So I think Congress should try to do a better job of letting the students know what is going on. I think if the minutes were presented to the students more efficiently they would have a better idea of what is going on. The Secretary is also in charge of attendance. I would like to develop a strict attendance policy for all Congress members because I think its unfair that students elect people to Congress who don't show up to represent them." - Jennifer Azevedo

Intramural Athletic Board President



#1 - Carrie Gardner '97

"I've been on the board since I was a freshman and ever since then I've wanted to run for the President of IAB. I think that I have alot of good ideas on how to improve the board. And I think congress is a great sounding board for IAB and it would be interesting to be on Congress and involved in that process. Aside from my three years on the board, I know I would be very dedicayed to the office. I have a great desire to be President and I'm very excited about running because I know I have alot of ideas to bring to the organization." - Carrie Gardner

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#2 - Michael Scully '97

Board of Programmers President

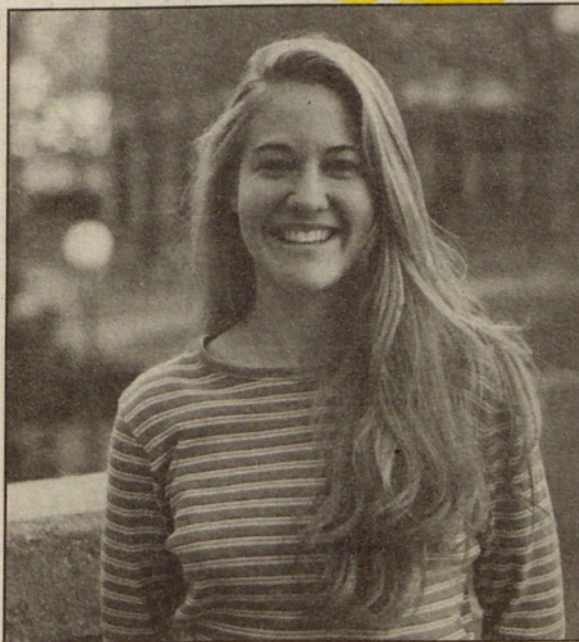


#1 Brian Pettinato '97

"As President of the Board of Programmers, I will continue to provide the leadership and hard work I have displayed over the past two years. I will ensure quality programming for the benefit of the whole Providence College community. I know every student will benefit from my election." - Brian Pettinato

"Ever since I joined BOP, I've thought about running for President. I believe the President is in charge of creating unity for the group; being able to moderate, listen to everyone's ideas and make sure that everyone is heard. As president I would propose to have open meetings each week because their are alot of people who have great ideas but aren't members of BOP. I have plenty of my own ideas but I think the responsibility of the president is not only to represent the board but to allow all ideas to be heard." - Liz Benson

#2 Liz Benson '97

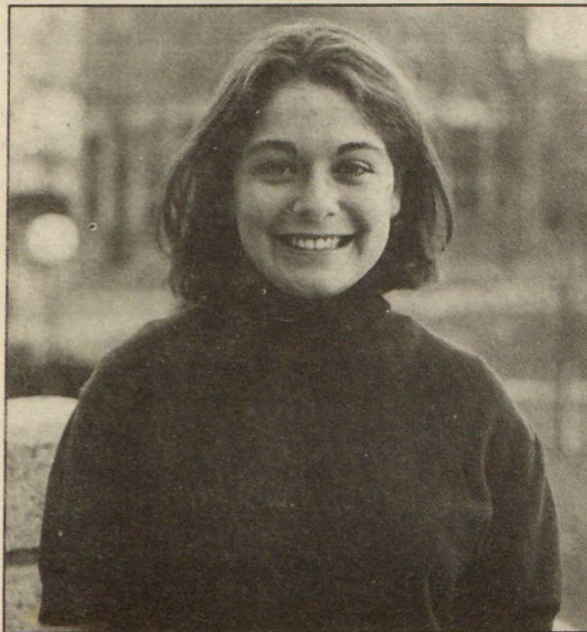


#3 Kristen Rushworth '97

"I'm running for President because I'd like to see what kind of improvements I can bring to the board. I've always thought about running because I've had alot of great experinences with BOP. And as President I'd like to leave a mark, and give something back. And though we're all running against each other, I think whoever wins will do a great job. Personally, I know I've learned alot this year, especially from being on the travel committee. and because of that experience I know enough about the board to run it effectively." - Kristen Rushworth

FIGHT APATHY - VOTE!

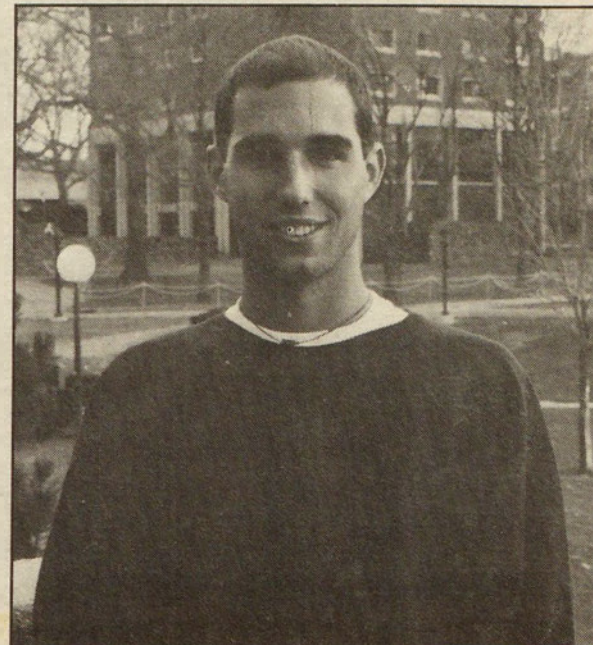
B.O.P. VicePresident



#1 Amy Pettine '97

"I've been a member of Bop since my freshmen year, and I believe that being a member of the Executive Board will give me the opportunity to add more to BOP. I'd like to get the other members of the board as excited as I am, build upon what we have now and work to make it better." - Amy Pettine

B.O.P. Treasurer



#1 Neil Mitchill '97

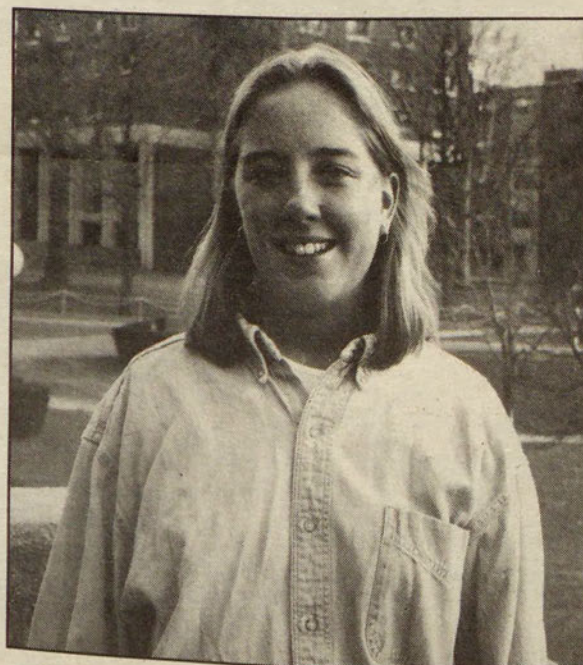
"I decided to run for Treasurer because as an Accounting/Economics Major, this type of stuff is in my blood. And as Treasurer I'd like to see the money allocated for BOP increase. We need more money than what we've been allocated in the past in order to plan better events. Especially since we provide events for the entire student body. When we meet with Student Congress next year I will propose a budget that will demand more money but will be backed by strong events and requests for specific funds." -Neil Mitchill

Board of Programmers Secretary

"For the last two years I have been an active member of the Board of Programmers as a member of the Programmer and Fine Arts committees. I feel I am ready to take on the responsibilities required of an Executive Board member and am looking forward to the challenge." - Bliss Hansen



#1 Bliss Hansen '97



#2 Megan Whiteside '97

"I am qualified for the office of the Secretary of the Board of Programmers. Having served as the Secretary for the Class of 1997 for one year, I have gained the leadership and organizational skills necessary for the office. Be on the "White" side, vote for Whiteside!!!" - Megan Whiteside

Vote this Thursday, March 28 all day in Slavin!

**YOU CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
-VOTE!**

