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## Candidates For Student Congress Debate

### Haley and Raso Face-Off for Presidency of 39th Congress

by Sean P. Sweeney

The *Cowl* sponsored a debate between Michael Haley, '89 and Michael Raso, '89, candidates for the position of Executive Board President of the 39th Providence College Student Congress, on Wednesday, March 9th in '64 Hall.

Panelists for the debate presented *The Owl*, the Student Congress, and the faculty. Jim Freeman, '88, Managing Editor of *The Owl*, Margie Hennigan, '88, President of the class of 1988, and Fr. James Driscoll, O.P. served as the panel.

Haley, dressed in a blue blazer, a white shirt, and a red tie stressed his presidential experience during his opening statement. He is currently president of the Off-Campus Residence Organization and is a former president of the Residence Organization. He is also the current chairman of the Clubs and Organizations Committee of Congress.

Raso, dressed in a blue blazer, white shirt and a yellow tie stressed his experience as vice president of Student Congress and his experience with the B.O.P.. In addition to being vice president, he is also chairman of the Subcommittee on Elections. He is also a member of the Joint Committee with the Faculty Senate and has been asked to serve as a regional representative of the National Student Roundtable. He is a past class representative as well.

The two candidates expressed a fundamental difference in philosophy early on in the debate. Haley expressed a desire to motivate rather than enforce while Raso stressed a need for enforcement in the office of the president.

This philosophy was apparent when the two discussed the use of a page in *The Owl* as a means of informing the student body.

Fr. Driscoll raised the issue of promoting unity on campus despite the fact that the new apartment complexes will give rise to a new group on campus. He explained that there would be the on-campus dormitory group, the off-campus apartment group, and the on-campus apartment group. Neither candidate answered the question directly.

Raso stressed the need to sell the buildings in terms of an appeal and believes that the different regulations will help to accomplish that goal. He recognized the problem to which Fr. Driscoll was alluding and admitted that he had no specific solution. Haley also denied that there is a concrete solution and he spent most of his time discussing a quad approach like that of McDermott, Aquinas, and Meagher as a method of promoting unity among the apartment residents.

Both candidates discussed the



Michael Haley, '89

Photo by Joseph E. Guines



Michael Raso, '89.

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idea of the Time and Space Management Committee currently in existence. Raso feels the idea is a good one and will work but stressed that events should be planned a year in advance. He pointed out that Providence College is one of the only schools around which doesn't have its events planned a year in advance.

Haley expressed a problem with this plan. He explained that elections of many of the clubs in the fall make this type of advanced scheduling impossible. He noted that changes in the current election process would have to be implemented.

Where this issue was concerned, both candidates recognized the need for a strong authoritative person to run this committee. Haley stressed the need for this person being given the authority to enforce the plans of said committee.

The social atmosphere of the college was an issue of prominence during the debate. Both candidates recognized the problem of dry events not drawing student support and participation. Raso raised the issue of liability and stressed his work formulating release forms with the school's lawyer in order to free the school from liability and ease some of the administrative worries.

Haley immediately challenged those release forms and said that he has inquired with two lawyers who explained that the releases don't "hold water." He proposed putting the responsibility on the establishment that holds the event and re-opening the Rat for those over 21 years of age. Raso cited the need to bring back Blind Dare Balls, DWG parties and the like in order to maintain many of the social traditions.

Fr. Driscoll raised the question of what the biggest issue that the president should address would be. Haley stated that there is a dual problem at PC. He acknowledged the social atmosphere problem but stated that it should not be addressed until the problem of racism on the campus is dealt with. He proposes the use of seminars with SOAR (Society Organized Against Racism) and the major organizations on campus.

Raso agreed that racism was the biggest problem to address and cited a need for white students to make an attempt to recognize the existence of racism. He suggested three steps to improving the racism problem on campus. His plan involves incorporating material in the curriculum about the problem, pressing for more minority involvement in areas like orientation counselling, and finally, he suggested that minority students strive for equality.

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# EDITORIALS

## It's Your Vote

You have probably heard this too many times already and it may get repetitious here but that should not stop you. All students should find a need and impetus to vote in the upcoming elections within the next month.

Typically students figure that the same people run, the same people win, and that their vote means very little. In general they believe that students who are running would probably get very little accomplished as PC is resistant to change and reluctant to even see potential progress.

The student leaders, and ultimately the student body, will possess enormous influence with each other and with the PC community. PC is at the crossroads right now. It is in a period of transition, a period of enormous change is about to occur. It seems that the 1988-89 student leader will exert an influence on PC that will be felt for many years. Just look at the change.

New dorms or suites will add a new flavor to the on-campus life. How will these new places fit in, how will they be governed, how will they alleviate the off-campus problems?

If the new Time and Space Management Committee is ever christened and launched it will immeasurably change student activities. For the first time competing programming events will be brought to a central group which hopes to neutralize animosity between student groups. Will it work and will it solve problems for all student groups?

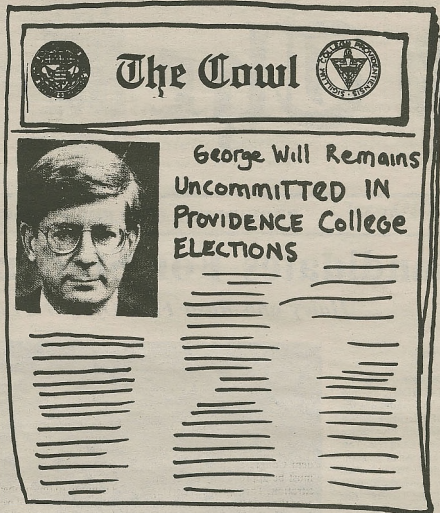
This year the racial question became public and will continue to be at the forefront of affairs at PC. Will new reforms be administered and what student leaders are prepared to tackle the situation.

Questions will be raised about education, the neighboring community, the administration, sports, and hosts of other topics affecting virtually every student. It is all happening now with a hint of urgency behind it. Students can make a difference.

We urge you to vote as it is one of the few times that the masses of students can contribute to make a difference. When students who are nominated come around to doors and make speeches, be courteous and ask questions and give input. Judge for yourself and choose the best candidate based on merit, not whether the candidate has a good smile or promises a case of beer.

Over 50 different positions are up for election in nine different organizations. The elections are broad and deep. Seniors are allowed and encouraged to vote. The Committee on Administration position and Student Lobbyist positions (2) are appointed once the Student Congress executive board is elected. We hope you read over all the descriptions, interviews, and stories. Listed below is the tentative schedule of all the elected positions. Go and vote for the choice that is the best for you.

- March 8.....Student Congress Exec. Nominations
- March 16.....Student Cong. Exec. Elections, BOP Nominations
- March 21.....Student Congress Class Nominations
- March 24.....BOP Elections, Corp. Elections
- March 29.....Student Congress Class Elections
- April 6.....Residence, O.C.R.O., BMSA, IAB, Commuter Nominations
- April 14.....Residence, O.C.R.O., BMSA, IAB, Commuter Elections



## Endorsements...

The Cowl was open to endorsements for all presidential candidates.

**JIM VALLEE**, Present Student Congress President: As a close friend of Michael Raso's over the past three years, I would first like to state that this endorsement is in no way a reflection upon my feelings for Mike as a close personal friend in anyway. I have known Mike to be a dedicated member of Student Congress over the past two years. However, I feel that Michael Haley has the qualifications; progressive attitude; and desire to make an excellent Student Congress President and hereby endorse his candidacy.

**GLEN DEEGAN**, Present Student Congress Treasurer: I feel Michael Haley possesses the experience, commitment, and communication skills to fulfill the position of Student Congress President. His record as Residence Board President and O.C.R.O. Present reflects a series of successes and a receptiveness to new ideas which are essential to progress.

**CHRIS MURPHY**, Present Class of 1991 President: I wholeheartedly endorse Mike Haley for President. This is based on the merit of his accessibility, presidential experience, and his willingness to listen.

**KIM RAINIS**, Present Editorial Page Editor of *The Cowl*: I hereby endorse the candidate, Michael Raso, for the office of President of the Student Congress Executive Board. As one of the only Juniors ever to be elected to the position of Vice President of Student Congress, Raso undoubtedly has established himself as a school leader who works for the sole benefit of the student body, initiating many progressive and innovative ideas. His leadership skills and strong commitment to the school are obvious reasons why Raso would constitute a reliable, energetic and powerful leader.

**SEAN SIMPLE**, I endorse Mike Haley because he has an ear for input and knows how to delegate authority.

**BETH MURPHY**, Present Class of 1990 Secretary: Working with Mike Raso I know he has what it takes to be a good president. He is involved not only with PC but with community and national events. He can do a lot for PC.

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On the subject of academics, Haley suggested the school seek instructors with more work experience as he feels that would improve classroom teaching. Raso desires to restructure the Development of Western Civilization program. He also suggests the implementation of a strong internship program. Haley also spoke of a coop type program similar to that at Northeastern University in Boston.

The issue of off-campus problems was raised and the two candidates agreed that more on-campus events could help alleviate the problem. Raso pointed out that much of the problem is related to the candidacy of the mayor. He believes PC students are used as political tools during such elections.

Haley cited his work in producing the booklet, *Student Guide To*

*Off-Campus Living*, and his other work with O.C.R.O. as examples of his commitment to the off-campus problem. Raso explained that he hopes his work with the release form will help to bring events back on campus and assuage some of the tensions that exist in this area.

Questions from the audience were fielded by both candidates. On the question of what either candidate would bring to the office, both candidates stressed experience. Raso cited his role as a replacement for Jim Valle during his absence while Haley stressed his presidential experience with O.C.R.O. and the Residence Board.

Jeff Winsper asked Raso about a number of his responses during the debate which seemed to suggest a lack of specific knowledge about Student Congress. Raso defended himself by explaining his respon-

sibilities as vice president and as a member or chairman of a number of committees. He stressed his lack of sufficient time as a reason for his deficiency in factual specifics.

In their closing statements, both candidates reiterated their earlier comments with Raso stressing his Executive Board experience and his accomplishments. Haley discussed his ideas on motivation and leadership responsibility and stressed that he was not a politician, but rather, a worker. He further explained his desire to be accessible to the Congress and to formulate a mission which the Congress could strive for as a unified entity.

The debate lasted two hours and was attended primarily by Congress members and representatives from *The Cowl*, but there were a handful of interested students. The debate was video taped and will be available for viewing in Slavin Center on Monday and Tuesday.

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# ESSENTIAL LITERATURE

Interview by Sean P. Sweeney

## Q. What qualifications and experience will you bring to the office of Student Congress Executive Board President?

Haley: I have been President of both the Residence Board and the Off-Campus Residence Organization. In addition, I am currently chairman of the Clubs and Organizations Committee. I believe that this demonstrates a great deal of leadership responsibility. I am well-versed in dealing with an executive board and I am a firm believer in building in participation from an organization's members. No other candidate has presidential experience!

Raso: I am presently the Vice President of the Executive Board of Student Congress and this is my third year on Congress. I started off with my class and last year I was the first junior to be elected to the Executive Board for four years (Tim Haxton, '85). Having served a full year on the Executive Board, I feel that I have the experience that is necessary to make a good President. Not only do I have the experience of being a member of the Executive Board but I have the experience of being President. This year, I acted as President in the absence of the President (Jim Vallejo) in over 15 percent of all the meetings and other presidential obligations.

## Q. How do you perceive the other three Executive Board positions in terms of function and how do you perceive the relationship between the President and those other positions?

Haley: A President is only as good as those with whom he works. In my experience as a President, I have found that every member of the Executive Board should communicate his or her position on different issues. A President must respect other's opinions and be able to admit when he is wrong. They have their specific day-to-day jobs, and a President should always listen to their opinions and insights.

Raso: Starting with the Vice President, I know personally that the President relies heavily upon the Vice President to act in his absence or when he is too busy with other obligations. The Treasurer's position is very important as well. That person is in charge of (along with the finance committee) the allocation of funds to clubs and organizations as well as the classes.

This year the Treasurer's position has become even more important with the increase of over 100 percent of our budget. The Secretary's position involves many different jobs ranging from the typing of the minutes all the way down to ordering paper and markers for posters. The relationship between the President and the other three members should be one where the President is informed of what each member is doing and then be able to proceed and grant an approval. But, most importantly, the four members of the Executive Board should work together. This year, we held Executive Board meetings and this was where most of our ideas and decisions came from. This turned out to be very productive.

## Q. What is the relationship between the Student Congress and the Residence Organization?

Haley: The Administration should value the knowledge and insights that the Student Congress brings to them as the representative body of the students. I think John Sweeney (Chairman of the Administration Representative) has done a excellent job of giving the Congress a straightforward look at what the Administration decides and wants.



The March 9th debate as it was getting underway.

Photo by Joseph E. Gormes

I believe Student Congress must improve the communication with the Administration in order that the desires of the students are best recognized.

Raso: To get things done on Student Congress, almost everything must be approved by the Administration. Through my experiences over the past three years, the Congress has had to respect the Administration and their positions and has had to compromise on occasions because as anyone who has ever worked with the Administration knows, they are very conservative in their views.

## Q. What steps can be taken to improve the lines of communication between Student Congress and the Administration?

Haley: I think that more members of the Administration must take an active role in Student Congress. We are supposed to be the representative body of the students and the Administration should listen more closely to what the students are saying. Since our Moderator, Fr. Smith, will be leaving us after this year, I would like to see Fr. McMahon rejoin Congress as our moderator. This would strengthen the critical lines of communication between the Congress and Student Services. We could then pursue the same goals and better represent the students.

Raso: The biggest step that can be made would be to have a member of the Administration present at all our meetings. This past year, we tried exactly that and several of our meetings were attended by Father Cunningham as well as other members. On the other side, we do have a member of Congress at all the Administration meetings and this has proven to be very effective. We must also realize that the Administration does not always want the students to know about everything that goes on.

## Q. What single issue facing Providence students do you feel should be addressed by the Student Congress President, first and foremost? Why?

Haley: I believe the greatest issue facing Providence students is racism. This problem must be addressed because this kind of problem deteriorates all areas of life. We can begin to solve this problem by making the leaders of the Administration more aware. This could be done by inviting SOAR (Society Organized Against Racism) to run a seminar for groups such as Student Congress, The Board of Programmers, the Fraternity Club, and The Cowl. Their dynamic presentations and helpful event ideas will have a very positive effect for all students in the long run.

This is one of many constructive ideas that can be used to begin to alleviate the problems and tension.

Raso: The issue I feel should be addressed first and foremost is the whole issue of Blind Date Balls, DWG parties and Stag Bashes being dry. I am presently working on a solution to this problem. I, along with the help of Paul Nelson (President, 1990) and the Congress lawyer have put together a new release form and have put clauses into the contracts with establishments where events are held. Hopefully, through these efforts we will be able to reach some compromise with the Administration. So far, we have been very successful in our efforts.

## Q. Residence life is rather structured at PC. Since the majority of off-campus life is of major concern to the Student Congress, give your understanding of what steps are being taken to address the concerns of these students and your expectations for the coming year.

Haley: Speaking as President of the Off-Campus Residence Organization, I believe we have made great strides to address the concerns of off-campus students. We have increased the number of students on crime watch to help keep an eye on student's and resident's homes. We produced a twelve page booklet concerned with student's rights. We had a lawyer come and address the problems and concerns of off-campus students. I have also come up with a new idea of a student-resident forum to help communicate both sides of the off-campus situation. My expectation for the coming year is to see these programs continue and to further heighten the levels of communication.

Raso: The first step that was taken was the building of the three new apartment buildings which have more lenient rules. They were built to try to keep the upperclassmen on campus. Socially, the off-campus students should become more involved with the school. This can be done through the Off-Campus Residence Board. They could run events for these people. For example, an Attitude Adjustment in Slavin. They could also encourage more community work. Administratively, the college must improve and build up the Off-Campus Housing Office.

Q. The raising of the student activity fee was a major accomplishment last year. How did that change the function of Student Congress? Assess the current use of the activity fee and discuss your priorities as far as future use.

Haley: The function of the Student Congress no longer had to be

concerned with fund raising. Now, we could simply concentrate on best representing the students and their lives at PC. Currently, the activity fee is used to fund the B.O.P. with about 35 percent of the money. Other money goes to the classes, clubs, and organizations, the club football team and some liability insurance for rugby and football. For the future, I think the B.O.P. should continue to get a large percentage of the money in order that they can program an increasing amount of quality events. This could help alleviate off-campus problems by keeping students on campus. I also hope that the Administration will approve the new liability insurance plan put together by the committee on club sports. This will eliminate the need for the rugby and the football teams to get their own insurance policies. The money used for insurance could be better used in more constructive areas.

Raso: The raising of the student activity fee forced a drastic change in the function of the Congress. The Congress went from a fund raising organization to a legislative organization with the main concern of maintaining the welfare of the students. This past year was, most definitely, a transition year. We on the Executive Board had to change the structure of the classes, and we pushed for the classes to run more class unity events rather than fund raising events. The senior class is a perfect example of this with the many activities they ran.

Currently, we have around \$360,000 in our budget which is allocated to the clubs, organizations, and classes. I personally pushed for the lowering of bid prices. This year's JRW was half the price of last year's. If it's cheaper, more students will be able to attend which promotes a better school.

## Q. What effect do you see this new financial structure having on the relationship between Student Congress and the B.O.P., and how does it help to define their respective roles?

Haley: I think the new structure can only help relations between Congress and the B.O.P.. The B.O.P. has to submit a detailed budget for approval each year. By giving more money to the B.O.P. they will be able to improve their organization and thus improve the social atmosphere at PC. The role of the B.O.P. will then be better defined as "the" programmer of events. The Student Congress can therefore concentrate more on what we meant to do: represent the interests of the student.

Raso: This year we (The Executive Board) allocated the B.O.P. around a 25 percent increase in the

budget. This allowed them to run more events and at a cheaper price to the students. This has proven to be very effective in most of their events.

Over the past four years their has been a lot of tension between Congress and B.O.P.. The B.O.P. is a board on the Student Congress. They are not equal to, or over, the Student Congress. This year I became the first member of Congress to sit on and have a say on the B.O.P. this has improved the relationship substantially between the two and I'm happy to say that we are working towards the betterment of the student-body.

## Q. How do you intend to create student awareness of Congress activities at PC?

Haley: The Cowl is read by most of the students here at PC. Therefore, it is the best way to make students aware.

The Congress page in the newsletter will keep us on current issues and let the PC community know that we are representing their best interests. Secondly, I had the idea of creating a giant calendar that would be located in Slavin and would have all the events that would occur. This would of course include the B.O.P.. In this way, at a glance any student could know exactly what is going on on any given day.

Raso: Again, another policy which we started this year was an active publicity committee. We take a full page in every issue of The Cowl to try to inform the students in relation to the things and materials posted around the school. This committee was a beginning this year and we must improve it because student awareness is very important in running an effective Congress.

## Q. What does Congress offer the individual student?

Haley: Congress offers the individual student, most importantly, a voice. This voice is represented in the people that they vote for. Many times students have voiced a problem or complaint to me, and I would bring it to Congress for discussion. The important thing is for Student Congress not to lose touch with the people we represent. Any student can voice his or her opinion on any issue at our Congress meetings. Students should always feel we are here to help them.

Raso: Congress offers the individual student a chance to be heard, a chance to make a change, or just to voice their opinion. Every congress meeting is open to all students and we try to encourage students to come and tell us what they feel.

## Q. What are the strengths of the current Congress? The weaknesses? Possible solutions?

Haley: Some of the strengths of the Student Congress are its membership and the different opinions and insights into issues. Student Congress can use this to get the best cross section of the PC community opinion. Another strength is the power the Congress commands. We can get a lot accomplished in the interest of the student. A weakness of Student Congress has to be communication to the PC community and to the Administration. I have already spoken on some ideas I have to improve communication.

Raso: The strengths of the current congress are the fact that more has been accomplished this year than in many years. We have a group of motivated people who want to do and change things. On the other hand, there are a few members of Congress who could care less what happens. We also have an Administration that is very conservative but I don't see that as a problem, but it is as an obstacle that we must overcome and make



# More Student Elections

## Student Congress Board of Programmers President

The President of Student Congress retains a wide-ranging array of duties and powers. First and foremost, the President directs the activities of Student Congress and presides at weekly Congress meetings. He is also responsible for appointing committee chairmen for the various Congressional Committees. In addition to these appointments, the President also appoints students as members of various standing committees of Providence College, such as the College Bill of Rights Committee and the Budget Review Committee. The President also is an ex-officio member of all committees of Congress.

The President of Student Congress possesses many powers in the day to day execution of Congress business. He, of course, maintains the ability to veto any legislation which has been passed by Congress subject to a two-thirds majority vote of Congress. He also reserves the right to exercise such powers he deems necessary and proper for the performance of his duties under extenuating circumstances. The President of Student Congress is also a key point of contact for other organizations both within the structure of Providence College and outside the College.

## Student Congress Vice President

The Vice President of Student Congress is responsible for performing the duties of the President in his absence. He also serves as acting President or the Freshman class until class officers are elected. The Vice President shares his input on the various decisions made by the executive board. He serves as a major source of support to the President in matters of policy.

## Student Congress Treasurer

The Treasurer of Student Congress is responsible for the negotiation of all financial transactions of the Congress. He is automatically the Chairman of the Finance Committee of Student Congress. In this capacity he is responsible, along with the President of Congress, for the allocation and administration of the Student Activity Fee amongst the B.O.P., clubs, and the classes. Functionally, the Treasurer must ensure that student organizations remain financially sound by monitoring and processing their requests for disbursement of funds. Once again, the Treasurer provides input to the decisions made by the Executive Board. He is responsible for keeping the Executive Board aware of the financial standing of the Student Congress and to assist the other members in carrying out their duties. The Treasurer is held accountable to the Student Congress and Student Body for all of his decisions and actions.

## Student Congress Secretary

The Secretary of Student Congress is responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings and to provide all Congress members with said minutes. He or She is also required to post the agenda of all meetings and to provide copies of the agenda before each meeting. He or She must also understand the correspondence and keep all records of Congress and notify members of the forthcoming meetings. He or She also possesses any and all executive rights and privileges.

## Residence Board

The Board of Programmers is the official student organization that governs all extracurricular and co-curricular activities. The B.O.P. is a subsidiary of the Student Congress and is financed by a portion of the student activity fee. The B.O.P. will hold its school-wide executive board elections on March 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Slavin Center. The three elected positions will be for president, vice-president, and treasurer. The elections are open to all students including seniors.

The president of the B.O.P. is a multi-faceted position which requires strong communication with the student body and administration of the college. The president is a voting member of the Student Congress, the Board of Programmers, and the Board of Programmers' Advisory Board.

Overseeing the operations and development of Providence College is a critical part of the office. This year there is a new position for the president: the president now chairs the newly formed Time and Space Management Committee of Congress. The most important duty of the president is to maintain a good rapport with the administration, student body, board moderator board members and the other members of the executive board.

## The Corporation

The Corporation is at the pinnacle of Providence College's administrative hierarchy. Its purpose is to enact, maintain, and approve policy for the best interest of the College. The decisions to admit full-time women undergraduate students, the implementation of the mandatory development of Western Civilization program, and more recently the approval to construct the three new living complexes were all made at the Corporation level.

Presently, the Corporation is composed of fifteen Dominicans and fourteen laymen. Amongst the laymen are two students from the undergraduate body.

The student representatives have a unique role on the Corporation. Their duty is to present the views of the entire student body in regard to issues discussed at the meetings. Therefore, not only must the student representatives be sensitive to the opinions of his peers, but also must be able to address these views in a way which would benefit the entire Providence College Community.

According to the bylaws of the Corporation, only junior or senior students in good academic standing may be considered for membership. The selection process is as follows:

First, qualified students must run in a full student body election. Past practice has been to invite the top four vote getters of this election to a formal interview conducted by the Corporation's Standing Committee on Nominations. After interviewing each candidate, the Corporation recommends two of the four students for a full Corporation election. Once selected, the students serve a one-year term.

Granted, this process is intricate, but in order to select the student who can best represent the entire undergraduate body with regard to policy decisions, it is necessary to conduct a thorough screening.

Students who wish to become representatives on the Corporation must file their nomination papers with the Student Congress Elections Committee between 23-25 of March in order to be placed on the general election ballot. The election date is March 31.

## Intramural Athletic Board

The Residence Board of Providence College represents and promotes the particular interests and goals of the members of the student body who reside on campus. The Residence Board encourages an atmosphere in the dormitories that is conducive to the intellectual and social development of the students.

The Residence Board organizes many campus-wide events such as the following: Battle of the Dorms in the Fall and Spring, which is an olympic-type battle for the dorm champions; Blind Date Balls, when you trust your roommates to get you a date for the evening; Tuck-in Service, when you have a member of the opposite sex tuck-in your roommate; and Siblings Weekend, when you have your brother or sister age (13-20) experiences one of the campus of Providence College.

The Residence Board oversees the dormitory officers, which consists of a president and treasurer. The primary duty of the dormitory officers is the maintaining of good order and the programming of social events for the residents of their dorms. The Residence Board also consists of an executive board which includes a secretary, treasurer, vice-president, and president. The secretary is in charge of taking minutes at the weekly minutes and all other clerical duties. The treasurer negotiates all financial transactions of the Residence Board and is the chairperson of the Finance Committee. The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in case he is absent and in charge running Colones' Corner. The president presides at the weekly meetings of the Residence Board, directs all activities and performs all parliamentary duties. The president shall also represent the Residence Board at the Student Congress, providing them with weekly reports. The president has the authority to set up committees and appoint various chairpersons to organize student activities.

The election is scheduled for the four executive positions on April 14.

## Off-Campus Residence Organization

The Off-Campus Residence Organization is the student organization geared toward improving relations with the community and caring for the interests of the off-campus students. The President of O.C.R.O. supervises all of the committees including housing, crime watch, food, publicity, and special events.

The President has a voting seat on student congress and meets with members of the community, police, security, administration, and mayor's office periodically to discuss improving relations. The President and the organization as a whole should assist students in solving any off-campus problems. The main objective of the O.C.R.O. President and the organization itself are one in the same. The objective is to make off-campus life at Providence College the best possible experience for all involved.

## Board of Minority Student Affairs

The Board of Minority Student Affairs serves to facilitate the interests of the minority students on campus. They work on levels of the PC community including

academics, athletics, cultural, religious and the social aspects of PC.

The election is open to a president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. The president sits as an active member of Congress and presides over their own meetings. The election is tentatively scheduled for April 14.

## Intramural Athletic Board

There are two offices up for election in the Intramural Athletic Board Elections: the president, and vice-president.

The duties of the president include overseeing the entire intramural board and the 15 leagues it operates. The Intramural Athletic program boasts an involvement rate of 85 percent of the student body.

The role of the vice president of the Board is to assist the president in all endeavors and to fill in for the president when he or she is unable to perform any of the duties.

The nomination is tentatively scheduled for April 6 while the election is tentatively scheduled for April 14.

## Commuter Board

The offices of president, vice-president are available within the Commuter Board for election. This organization strives to represent the commuting population on campus. The organization addresses issues such as snow removal, school cancellations, parking, as well as

planning events for commuters. The organization offers a social atmosphere for commuters. This enables them to stay on campus throughout the day so they have a better feeling of the Providence College.

The Commuter Board is looking for active commuters to take the positions of power to offer the commuters leadership and direction. The President of the Commuter Board has voice and vote on the Student Congress. The election is scheduled tentatively for April 14, 1988.

## Class Officers and Representatives

Nine positions are available for each of the four classes, a total of 36 positions representing the classes. These positions consist of president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and 5 representatives.

The job of these 36 people is to represent their classes respectively as well as work toward legislation to benefit the student body. They are also responsible for planning events such as JRW & Commencement. People who take part as a class officer or a representative position should be ready to work for their class in planning as well as working within the framework of the Student Congress for the benefit of Providence College.

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**Q. What makes Congress such a powerful organization?**

**Haley:** Congress is powerful because, if pulled together as one entity, we can influence the decisions of the Administration. Without students, the Administration and this school could not exist. If the members of Student Congress all work together, which should be a main objective of the President, the Administration must listen. Student Congress represents all students. If the goals and desires of the students are not pursued by the Administration, then the Student Congress will protest. We are here to serve the students and the school, and the Administration knows this.

Raso: Congress can have a large

amount of power if it is delegated correctly. We have a say in almost everything that goes on in the school. We have one member on the committee on Administration, two members on the Corporation and numerous other members involved in other decisions that are made. Recently we have formed a joint committee with three members of the Faculty Senate, two other members of Congress, and me. We hope to implement a minor program for students. This would be a first for Providence College and it would be a great asset to the students to be able to get a minor degree in some field of their interest.

I feel that the key to running a successful and powerful Congress is to work together with the Administration for the betterment of the entire school.

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**MIKE**  
**HALEY**  
**FOR PRESIDENT**  
**OF YOUR STUDENT CONGRESS**

\* CURRENT PRESIDENT OF O.C.R.O. \* PAST PRESIDENT OF RESIDENCE BOARD  
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**AND THE QUALIFICATIONS**  
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**He was this years Vice President!**