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A CHALLENGE

Like the statisticians of traffic fatalities who predicted that 700 deaths would occur on the highways over the Christmas weekend, so we present a less morbid but nevertheless alarming forecast to you. This year we predict that 35 percent of the student body of 1300 will vote (or *Bulletin* will happily eat crow).

The fact that there are so many candidates for Undergraduate offices is evidence enough that Barnard does have the necessary energy and resources to have a powerful student government. As must have been said a thousand times before this, a student government is not effected simply because there are willing people to take the offices. Unless a strong link exists between the members of the student government and the students, the job of the officers becomes frustrating and even unnecessary.

Your endorsement of a particular candidate means that you approve of her proposals and general approach to the office for which she is running. At the voting booth you will have a chance to read the candidates' platforms leisurely — in case you were knitting at the assembly. These proposals are surely worthy of being read and many concern issues which touch upon all of you — such as suggestions concerning problems like the snake-like registration lines.

If our predicted figure of 35 percent proves correct this year, then we can look ahead only to a dismal future of progressively declining voting percentages. By Thursday noon, we should be able to estimate, much in the manner of the traffic experts, the accuracy of our forecasted figure. Perhaps we will be surprised just as the Automobile Association hopes it will be each time a holiday weekend rolls around.

Two Presidential Candidates Stress Government Revisions

Lyons and Platzker Offer Platforms At Assembly



Margot Lyons



Doris Platzker

The two nominees for the position of Undergraduate President, Margot Lyons '58 and Doris Platzker '58, stressed the need for further improvement of student government in their platforms yesterday.

Emphasizing the issue of student government revisions, Miss Lyons said, "I would be guided by Barnard's tradition of daring experiment, of deliberate action, but also by a desire to retain all that has made our student government the model for so many others throughout the country."

Miss Lyons recommended that the reevaluation of student government branches, such as Honor Board, National Students Association, and Student Council be extended to the end of this year. Another one of her planks supported the idea of a two-day reading period.

The candidate was freshman co-chairman of Greek Games,

Voting for Undergraduate President will be held today on Jake from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dormitory students may vote outside the Herwitt dining hall between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Elections for all other Undergraduate officers will begin next Thursday, February 28 and continue through Friday, March 1.

Nomination Addresses Cite Student Government Plans

Margot Lyons and Doris Platzker, of the class of '58, were nominated yesterday for the office of President of the Undergraduate Association. Under the constitutional revision recently passed by Representative Assembly, the names of all candidates were submitted without the traditional nominating speeches and nominations for Honor Board Chairman and Athletic Association President were added to the assembly.

For the office Undergraduate Vice-President, three members of the class of '58 were nominated: Hannah Razdow, Dee Wiley, and Myrna Ziegler.

Sally Beyer '59 and Marcella Chesney '59 are candidates for the office of Undergraduate Treasurer.

The three freshmen nominated for the post of Undergraduate Secretary were Adina Charry, Isabel Marcus and Jean Rosenberg. Citing a "growing lack of contact" between resident students and commuters, Miss Charry advocated joint social functions for the two groups.

Miss Marcus told the assembly, "As a member of Student Council and Representative Assembly . . . I am firmly committed to the principle of more student representation in student government. In her address, Miss Rosenberg recommended a revision of the eligibility system.

Nominees for Honor Board Chairman are Anne Hendon Bernstein, Jane Peyser, and Deborah Stashower, all juniors. In her platform Mrs. Bernstein said, "Instead of a board which merely 'sits in judgment' I would make ours one which attempts to ease the pressures which lead to violation."

Possible changes in the handling of cases by Honor Board such as having a faculty appeal board were considered by Miss Peyser. Miss Stashower pointed out that the new Honor Board would be responsible not only for maintaining the system but also for "conducting a program that will make every member of the college aware of exactly what the Honor System entails . . ."

Yvonne Goseil and Joanne Morgan were nominated for the position of Athletic Association President.

sophomore president, and chairman of Freshman Orientation. She has served for three years on Representative Assembly and has been a member of the Theatrical Productions, Constitutional Revision, Curriculum and Library committees.

Miss Platzker defined student government as essentially "a creative instrument, alert to the ways in which it can contribute to the fuller development of the student body." She recommended more informal student-faculty communication through academic group teas, a winter lecture series in order to acquaint the student with the African-Asian peoples, and greater use of the Town Meeting for "debate and discussion on matters of interest to the entire student body."

Miss Platzker held the positions of vocational committee chairman, chairman of the Freshman Orientation picnic, business manager of the freshman class social committee, entrance chairman of Greek Games and is a Junior Proctor.

Both candidates urged the adoption of a committee system in Representative Assembly to streamline the work of that body and to insure that the representatives would be better informed about the proposals. The platforms of the two candidates also contained a plank calling for the return of an integrated Freshman Orientation program with provision for the overnight stay.

Nominees for Vice-President Recommend Re-examination of Clubs' Council Program



Dee Wiley

Miss Wiley has served as entertainment chairman of the junior class social committee and as a transfer sponsor. She was on the dorm social committee and the sophomore class social committee and was in Greek Games Entrance and Athletics.

I would like to see a thorough reexamination done of the organization of Clubs Council. There should be more cooperation among the various clubs through the Council.

In the past a printed handbook of college functions was made available to student leaders of clubs and classes. This survey of information has been very useful as a clear and concise reference and should be brought up to date and redistributed.

The Vice President must serve a dual role as a member of Student Council and Representative Assembly and as Club Chairman. She is a link between the various organizations on campus and student government.



Myrna Ziegler

Miss Ziegler has been Greek Games business chairman and transfer orientation chairman. She has also served on the Greek Games business, costume, and athletic committees and on the curriculum and vocational conference committees.

As a member of the student curriculum committee and as transfer orientation chairman, I believe that I have developed insight into the varied problems that exist on campus in relation to our clubs. The lack of enthusiasm on the part of the student body may be converted into interest in the following ways:

1. by instituting closer relations between many of the clubs throughout the university and the varied functions in Barnard.
2. by increasing faculty participation in student activities.
3. by developing a more thorough orientation program.



Hannah Razdow

Miss Razdow has held the following positions: social committee, publicity chairman, Social Chairman, Representative Assembly delegate, Freshman Orientation dance chairman, Foreign Students chairman and Junior Proctor.

As Clubs Council President, I would try to make the carnival as successful as it was last year. I would suggest additional publicity about the Carnival, especially to freshmen.

I would see about the possibility of conducting a study of why some clubs have a large membership and others do not. It might be possible for certain clubs in similar fields to consolidate their activities or at least to hold some meetings jointly.

As a member of Representative Assembly and Student Council, I would make it my policy to encourage students to make suggestions and I pledge to consider carefully each one.