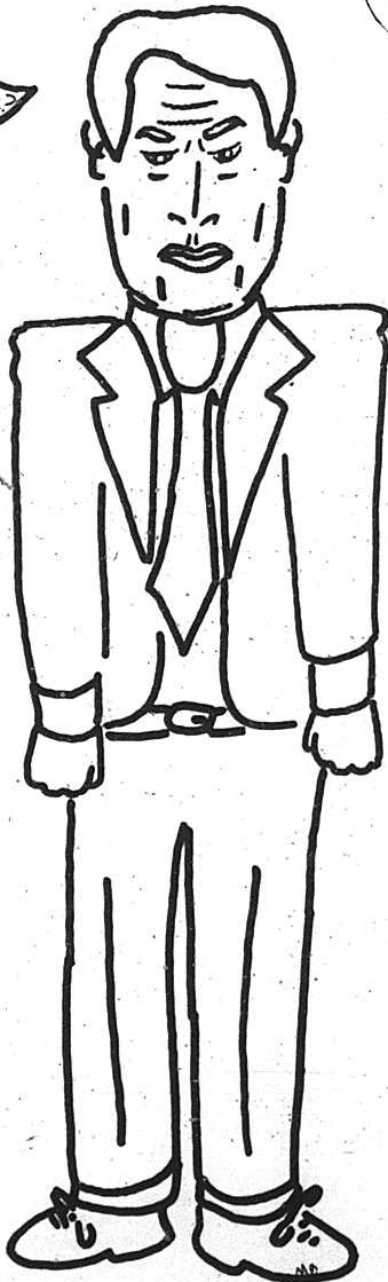


Campaign 2000

Do I look uncomfortable?

GORE

- Would rather provide funds for medicare
- Will spend \$115 billion over ten years on education with \$25 billion to build and modernize schools.
- Will pass \$250 billion tax cut over next ten years
- Supports gun control and wishes to establish a state-run system of photo licensing for handgun purchases
- Negotiated the Kyoto Protocol and supports cuts to greenhouse emissions
- Will devote all surpluses to paying down the national debt
- Is an advocate of a woman's right to choose



Election



RCHS students not upcoming

BY MINDY BULLOCK

The presidential campaigns are in full force as November 7 steadily approaches. Many Americans are tuning in and reading up on the two candidates: Bush and Gore. However, do students at RCHS really care about the political arena?

"No, they're not interested at all," said English teacher Nancy Bussell. "They just don't understand. They haven't been watching the television, they don't read the newspapers...it is not their concern at this point."

Junior Brian Reynolds added, "I think about 20% [of students] are other than that nobody really cares."

Of persons 18-24, 42% are reg-

istered to vote, but about half of that, 20%, really do venture to the polls. With those numbers reflecting the youth of the country some question whether energy is wasted in getting involved. However, others stand firm in their belief that a role in politics is important at any age.

"... In a few short years they will be voting for President of the United States and they need to know what's going on now," said Mrs. Bussell.

The voting age for any U.S. citizen is 18 years old, and because many students are not yet of age to vote seems to dictate how much interest they commit to the political

