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SU College Republicans : “The Best Party on Campus”

“A Message From The Chair”

Again, we come upon the end of another successful year with the SU College Republicans. However, this year has been different from the rest. We played a part in a hotly contested congressional race, hosting the first of three congressional debates, and we invited two very prominent and controversial conservative speakers on campus.

Not only did we bring political activism to campus, but our membership has doubled. We have had high retention rates and have very active freshman members. This has led us to become the most prestigious club on campus other than the Student Government Association. We are very proud of this and hope to continue building the club in order to prepare ourselves to fight the liberals of Chris Carney and Hillary Clinton/Barack Obama. We are looking forward to winning these battles.

The confidence that we have gained this year, and the increased events and activism we so proudly obtained does not go

without thanks. If it were not for our steadfast supporters in the community, we would be nowhere near where we are today. That being said—Thank You to everyone who has contributed their time, money, or energy to this club.

We realize that the battle is not over yet. We are still members of a liberal campus, welcoming graduation speaker “Fast” Eddie Rendell. I believe it has been 12 years since we have welcomed a conservative speaker of any sorts to speak at graduation. In the case of SU, or the community, it takes unification in the party to fight these liberals—I look forward to working with all aspects of the Snyder County GOP’ers in the fall.

Sincerely,

Mike Ubbens ‘09

“10th Congressional District Debate”

On March 17, 2008 the College Republicans hosted the first of the three debates for the 10th Congressional district primary race. Candidates Chris Hackett and Dan Meuser participated in the one hour event held in Issacs Auditorium. Three moderators presided over the event; one from the Daily Item, one from WKOK, and our own advisor Dr. Mann. The debate was simulcast on WKOK as well as Eagle 107.

Mr. Hackett and Mr. Meuser fielded a variety of questions about their backgrounds, platforms, and solutions. In what has been a very tight race, the debate helped to highlight some differences between the candidates and inform voters. Both Mr. Hackett and Mr. Meuser expressed their thanks for holding the event at Susquehanna University. The debate was extremely successful, and we hope to see Hackett back in the fall to discuss the issues with Congressman Carney.

-Spencer Johnson ‘09, Vice President

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“SUR Attends State CR Convention”

As a member of the SU College Republicans, it sometimes is easy to lose sight of a few of the club’s main intents. Aside from meeting candidates, promoting conservative values, and hosting lectures and attending events, College Republican chapters exist to aide in grassroots efforts in election years. The concept of a state-level organization is often absent from many members’ minds, but the state federation contributes to our individual effectiveness and coordination between chapters. The year 2008 is shaping up to be an election year where much is at stake for the nation, and the cooperation between state and chapter levels of College Republicans has to be strong.

On March 28, a group from our chapter traveled across the state to the University of Pittsburgh for the state caucus of College Republicans for executive board elections, exchanging ideas and consolidating our efforts in this important election year. Following the election of the executive board, the state-level offices are occupied by a very capable group of leaders with the vision and commitment to grow College Republican organizations in Pennsylvania, both in size and effectiveness. These leaders also include our own chapter president, Mike Ubbens, serving as co-chairman. The Susquehanna University College Republicans are already amongst the strongest student organizations on campus and now hold an amazing privilege to have a voice in the state organization. In a few months, when the fall semester opens and the College Republicans here and across the state return to campus, there is much to be excited about and will ultimately prove to be our chapter and our state’s most successful year ever.

-Eric Sweeney ‘11, Webmaster/Photographer

“A Freshman’s Perspective”

As the daughter of a die-hard Republican, I felt hesitant to join SU College Republicans at first, fearing that the members would be just as conservative and stubborn as my Dad. Growing up I often debated political views and ideas with him. Sometimes our arguments became rather heated, especially when he would oppose me just for the sake of an argument. Knowing that students who align with a political party are accustomed to defending their views and generally enjoy debates, I did not want to join an organization where I would have to enter into the same type of arguments with my peers. During the first semester, I noticed that the SU Republicans appeared to be rather active on campus, and I knew a few freshmen that became involved, so I finally started going to meetings.

After I started attending meetings and becoming involved in SU Republicans, I learned that the group focused more on promoting political awareness and creating discussion about various topics. By bringing speakers to campus and publicizing the events, the organization adds to academic atmosphere on campus. Angela 'Bay' Buchanan's speech created a lively discussion about abortion, and Joseph Phillips increased conversation regarding affirmative action. Not only do SU students attend the events, but the local community also comes to our events, as we saw with the Chris Hackett and Dan Meuser debate. Helping with these events makes me proud to be part of SU Republicans. Knowing that we are a very capable group of students and can rely on each other to put forth effort into promoting our events, I look forward to the next three years.

-Shannon Dewees ‘11



University of Pittsburgh: The Location of the PA CR Convention

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Spencer Johnson, Vice President, welcomes a full house to the first 10th CD Debate.

“Joseph Phillips Speaks at SU”



Joseph Phillips takes a question from the audience.

On Friday April 4th at 7:30 p.m. in Stretansky Hall, the Susquehanna University College Republicans hosted Mr. Joseph C. Phillips. Mr. Phillips delivered a speech entitled “Affirmative Action in the 21st Century.” Mr. Phillips is an actor, writer, lecturer, and social commentator best known for his role on *The Cosby Show* as the character Denise’s (Lisa Bonet) husband, Lt. Martin Kendall. As a writer and social commentator, Joseph’s work has appeared in *Newsweek*, *Los Angeles Daily News*, *Essence*, *Upscale*, and *USA Today*. His weekly column, “The Way I See It,” appears in newspapers around the country.

His first book, *He Talk Like a White Boy*, is Phillips’s reflections on faith, family, politics, and authenticity. We were extremely excited to have Mr. Phillips speak here at Susquehanna University. I hope that students were able to learn from Mr. Phillips’s experiences and that Mr. Phillips was able to convey a new perspective that many students on this campus were not familiar with.

Mr. Phillips primary subject matter of the night was racial preferences. Phillips was determined to make sure the audience knew that there was a distinction between affirmative action and racial preferences. He cited Texas A&M as having an effective affirmative action program where they turn academics into a competition and go into neighborhoods seeking prospective students. On the other hand, Phillips firmly disagrees with racial preferences. He stated that there is no evidence that racial preferences is moving this society forward and believes that it heightens racial tensions. After his speech, Mr. Phillips took questions from the audience and then afterwards joined members of the SU College Republicans at BJ’s for dinner.

-Erin Dinsmore ‘10, Executive Director

“SUR Launches New Website!”

The SU College Republicans recently launched “SUR Infinity,” the latest edition of our website. We decided that it was about time for a complete revamp of our old site in order to make it more useful for our members and our community supporters. There are several new features that we’d encourage you to explore!

Please check it out: www.susqu.edu/su_republicans

Many Thanks Go Out To Eric Sweeney

Our VERY Talented Webmaster!

Congratulations to our newly elected officers:

- **President:** Mike Ubbens ‘09
- **Vice President:** Eric Sweeney ‘11
- **Treasurer:** Morgan Rhinehard ‘10
- **Secretary:** Nora Olsewski ‘11
- **Public Relations:** Shannon Dewees ‘11



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**If interested in donating to the cause of the club, checks can be made out to "SU College Republicans" and sent to the above address.*



We're on the web!

www.susqu.edu/su_republicans

A special "thank you" to all those who have contributed their time, money, or energy to the club. Your donations are very much appreciated.

"Reagan Revolution" T-Shirts for Sale!



The SU College Republicans are trying out a new fundraiser. For only **ten dollars** you can get your very own "Reagan Revolution" t-shirt. Forget those "Che" knock-offs, this is the real deal. Reagan has inspired us all in one way or another, so why not celebrate this true leader with a great shirt?

The shirts are red, as the picture shows, with an image of President Ronald Reagan on the front. On the back, in black lettering, it says: "SU College Republicans" above "Join the Revolution". We have sizes S, M, L, and XL. Shirts are available to the campus members and anyone in the community who wants one.

If interested and you are off campus, email us with your name, size, and address and send a check or cash to the address indicated above and we'll be sure you get one. We had 30 shirts to begin with and we already sold 10— so don't wait too long!