



# Community News

SU College Republicans

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## SU College Republicans : "The Best Party on Campus"

### " A Message From The Chair "

This year, the SU College Republicans have the opportunity to focus more on promoting our Republican values than on elections. The young club is very excited to work towards our goals of hosting well-known speakers once a semester to share their wisdom on particular issues.

We have encountered some obstacles last year, as conservative students, and we plan on facing them using the resources we have available. One way of doing so is our "Paint the Campus Red Campaign" in which each day of the week will highlight a particular Republican value. So far, we have a "Social Security day", a "Support the Troops day," "Pro-Life day," "PETA BBQ," and a "Red-Out" dance party. This week is a way for us to promote the club, while also promoting the values in which we believe in. It's also a great way for all of the club members to get to know each other better.

We also plan on strengthening our ties with the community. Hopefully, you received an invitation to our Fall Barbecue on October

28. We want to show our appreciation to all of our supporters this fall and introduce our new members to everyone.

In strengthening our ties with the community, we must become more knowledgeable in terms of the 10th Congressional District Race. In order to do so, we are inviting each candidate to come speak with the club in our "Meet the Candidate Series". This is a new home for many of our club members, so it is important for them to know the politics of this area. We are also planning on having a primary debate between these candidates in the spring.

This year brings forth many opportunities which we hope to share with all of the community. Please be sure to check our website for any updates. Hope to see you at the picnic!

**Best,**

**Mike Ubbens, Junior**

### " A Freshman's Look Ahead "

Freshmen year is a time of new and exciting beginnings. Each one of us is thrown head-first into a great pile of new opportunities and adventures that will shape what our life will be like during the next four years here at Susquehanna University. Through joining clubs and organizations such as SU Republicans, we get to meet with not only fellow and upperclassmen that share our common interests and goals, but with community leaders and sponsors that will hopefully become trusted friends and mentors in the future.

In only being here at Susquehanna a little over one month I have met so many wonderful people and learned more about politics than I ever think I have before. During the course of this year, I look forward to attending Republican Conventions, meeting with our generous sponsors for the first time, and having luncheons with the ladies of the Snyder County Women's Republicans that I have heard so much about. I cannot wait to help out with all the activities that our executive board has planned for this school year, such as Paint the Campus Red Week. Its going to be a great year and I cannot wait to get started!

**By: Nora Olsewski, Freshman**

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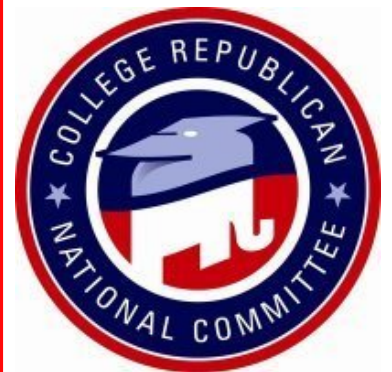
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# " Hot Topics on Campus: Affirmative Action "

Last spring on Susquehanna University's campus quite a debate erupted over the issue of Affirmative Action. Issues of race and diversity had been brewing for sometime, however during a short span in the spring semester these issues all came to the forefront.

A disciple act of vandalism was found in a restroom on campus depicting racial and ethnic slurs. The University's office of Multicultural Affairs responded resoundingly and hosted a variety of discussions on the issues facing the campus. Another significant event occurred when a female student wrote a letter into the campus newspaper, *The Crusader*, raising questions about diversity and affirmative action on campus. The office of Multicultural Affairs reacted very strongly by plastering images of the student across the campus and lambasting her as a bigot.

In response to this hotly debated subject the College Republicans are trying to ask their own questions and make sense of these events. Next semester we are working very hard to get a major nationally recognized speaker to come to campus and address these and other issues surrounding affirmative action and its impact on today's society. In the mean time I encourage everyone to remain informed on the topic and engage in healthy conversation about an important subject.

**By: Spencer Johnson, Junior**  
**Vice-Chair**

## " PETA BBQ? "

"SU Republicans are hosting a PETA Barbeque?" That is right, as part of the Paint the Campus Red Week to be held November 12 through 17 we will be hosting a People Eating Tasty Animals barbeque on the lawn around the Degenstein Campus Center. There will be a variety of barbequed meats being grilled throughout the afternoon, and not only will this be a great (free) alternative to cafeteria food, but also a unique way to promote the SU Republicans organization throughout campus. We are hoping to draw attention to the issues of the Republican Party, as well as recruit new members for our growing organization.

Although this is a fun way to get SU Republicans' name out to a wider variety of people, we expect to meet some opposition. Those who disagree with the idea of the barbeque are still welcome to come out, voice their opinions, and discuss them with the members of the SU Republicans. We look forward to using this as a unique opportunity to draw attention to our organization and what we stand for while having a fun-filled afternoon.

**By: Morgan Rhinehart, Sophomore**

## Upcoming Events:

October:

- October 28: Fall BBQ with Community
- TBA: Visits with 10th District Candidates

November:

- Nov 6: Election Day!
- Nov. 12-17: Paint the Campus Red Week



Spencer Johnson and an SU grad with Former Senator Rick Santorum

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## “Pro-Life Event”

As a part of our “Paint the Campus Red” week, we thought it was important to include a day dedicated to pro-life. I’m very passionate about the issue of abortion, and I feel like our primarily liberal campus is very much in the dark on this topic. As a result, we’ve decided to try and make this day as much of a success as possible. One of the ways we felt we could reach out to college students is by having someone come to campus and give a personal story about the issue.

We found Betty Smith, who had an abortion in 1970 under the impression she was pregnant with one child. However, after aborting the child, she still felt kicking and realized that she was pregnant with twins. Sarah Smith, her daughter, survived the abortion. They live in California and travel all around the country speaking about the pain abortion brings to an individual and to a family. We’ve contacted them about coming to speak to our campus; however, with our current budget we are unable to afford Betty and Sarah Smith.

As my committee and I have begun planning, we’ve run into a few financial boundaries. Although our organization is the only politically active organization on campus, we don’t have much of a budget allotted for events such as this. We would greatly appreciate anything anyone could donate to help us spread the word about abortion, and more importantly, possibly save a life.



SU College Republicans with Senator Specter



By: **Liz Rhoads, Junior**

**Executive Director**

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

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## "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!