



# COMMUNITY NEWS

Susquehanna University College Republicans



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*SU College Republicans : “The Best Party on Campus”*

## “SU Remembers 9/11”

For the past three years, the SU Republicans have placed flags to commemorate the lives that were tragically cut short on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, in the lawn outside of Degenstein Campus Center. The act of placing the flags has become a tireless tradition in the club. At night on September 10<sup>th</sup>, our club members gather to plant the miniature American flags and each year, the support from the campus and surrounding community is overwhelming. Passersby, friends and strangers often stop to offer a hand in placing the flags. The next morning, the campus awakes to see the somber and moving memorial in the lawn they frequent every day.



The most remarkable aspect of this event – and why it is my personal favorite of all the things we do throughout the year – is the help and positive feedback we receive from the Susquehanna University community. Even though the SU College Republicans are focused on grassroots efforts, supporting Republican candidates, and politics in general, it is very refreshing to take part in what proves to be a memorable event year after year. While the flags themselves may be striking and powerful symbols of our freedom and duties to remember the fallen, the support we receive from the community when undertaking this event is the true embodiment of American ideals.

**- Eric Sweeney ‘11**

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## “SUR Meets Dick Morris”

On Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, a fundraiser was held by Dr. William Bruce and his wife at their Lewisburg home to raise money for the campaign of Tom Marino, who is currently running for Congress. The request was sent to the SU Republicans for volunteers to help staff the event and I happened to volunteer to be a valet for the guests. The key note speaker of the event was the former Clinton advisor and acclaimed author and political commentator Dick Morris. As I staffed this event, I was given the opportunity not only to meet Dick Morris and Tom Marino but to have my picture taken with these famous conservative Republicans. As an active member of my political community it was quite an experience to get to witness all the time and effort that goes into a single campaign fundraiser, much less an entire political campaign. It only goes to show all the time and effort that we as citizens must be willing put toward the act of self government that we are granted by the Constitution, especially if we wish to affect change in the political atmosphere of our district, state and nation.



Pictured above: Tom Marino, John Poling, and Dick Morris

**- John Poling ‘13**

## “Corbett Parade in Ephrata, PA”

As an incoming freshman, I couldn't help but have feelings of anxiety and apprehension. The atmosphere is completely different and you are finally on your own. I had many questions running through my mind the first week of school: How can I do well in my classes? What clubs and organizations are at Susquehanna that I could join? What do I really want to do with my life? Being brought up in a Republican household, I knew that the Susquehanna Republicans organization was a club in which I definitely wanted to be involved. After joining the SU Republicans, I finally felt like a part of the Susquehanna community. Every member is extremely involved, and our organization as a whole is always looking for new ways to become involved in all levels of politics. As the upcoming elections are nearing, our members have been very busy helping with various Republican campaigns.

My first SU Republican event was on September 22, when I had the pleasure of walking in the Ephrata Fair Parade with the Republican candidate for governor, Tom Corbett. A few other members of the SU Republicans and I walked with Tom Corbett, his campaign staff, and many other volunteers through the streets of Ephrata holding signs, handing out campaign materials, and demonstrating our overall support for his campaign. "Our participation in events (such as the parade) demonstrates our purpose as a club. We strive to promote grassroots involvement. Even though it may seem crazy to drive two hours to a parade on a Wednesday night, that's what our club is about," said Shannon Dewees, a senior member of the SU Republicans who also attended the Ephrata Fair Parade. My first experience as an SU Republican was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I will never forget, and I am extremely excited to become more involved in the organization throughout my remaining years at Susquehanna University.

**-Morgan Klinger '14**



Morgan Klinger '14, Shannon Dewees '11 and Morgan Specht '11 with Tom Corbett in Ephrata, PA.

## “A Fresh Perspective”

I joined SU Republicans because I was informed about it through a friend. Initially I was hesitant to join, because I consider myself a moderate Republican and conservatives make me nervous. But I went to the first meeting and gave it a try. Contrary to what I thought, there were not debates every meeting on why Republican opinions are right, and why Democrats are wrong. It is geared more towards getting candidates recognized and helping them with their campaigns. There are also events that are done with the Democrats, such as the 9/11 movie that was shown in Charlie's.

I am impressed with the few meetings that have been held so far. There are plenty of opportunities to get out in the community, not just as a Republican, but a college student trying to show others, "Yes, I do care what happens to our country and I am going to make an effort to do my part."

I highly recommend anyone who is a Republican, on either end of the spectrum, to come to a meeting and see what it is like. SU Republicans serves as a good opportunity to be involved with an organization that works to help people, not just Republicans, but the whole community.

**-Miranda Killian '12**

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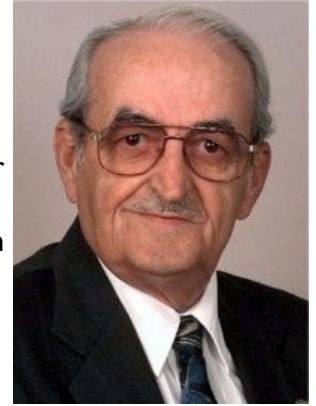


Rep. Russ Fairchild

## “A Note From Russ and Merle ”

Dear friends,

On behalf of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, we offer you our deepest personal appreciation for your efforts in becoming involved in our democracy. We believe it is never too early to begin involvement in government and in public service. Together, we have dedicated nearly a half century of service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and during that time, we have spoken to thousands of our residents, hoping to instill in them how important our American democracy is.



Rep. Merle Phillips

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We are grateful to you and your members for your passion in American politics. After all, every issue that we debate and vote upon, whether in Harrisburg or Washington, D.C., affects each and every one of you and your futures. Each legislator enters the historic House chamber with the hope that Pennsylvania's future generations will benefit from the work done there.

The experience that you will gain from being a part of this organization will benefit you in ways you cannot yet imagine. The lessons you have learned and the lessons yet to come will strengthen your character and make you better citizens. And better citizens make better communities.

As we retire and leave our legacy to the annals of history, we challenge all of you to further that goal and to make our Commonwealth better for our future generations. Good luck and best wishes,

Rep. Russ Fairchild (85th District)  
Rep. Merle Phillips (108th District)

## “ A Note From Fred Keller”

Best wishes to Russ Fairchild and Merle Phillips as they retire from public service. They deserve our sincere thanks for their service to our community and state. Both have represented us with distinction and honor and created a standard that we all should strive to achieve as we serve our communities.

Your help and support of the Republican Team in 2010 is greatly appreciated. Included is a brief statement about me and my priorities for the 85th District and Pennsylvania.

I am running for State Representative to take our values to Harrisburg. I am dedicated to family, our community and the values of honesty and hard work. After 25 years of manufacturing experience, 10 years at Plant Manager at Conestoga Wood Specialties and my time running my own small business, I know how to create jobs. I will use my business experience to revitalize our economy and create jobs for Pennsylvania-supporting policies that attract new businesses and help existing businesses expand. To learn more about me, visit [www.votefredkeller.com](http://www.votefredkeller.com).



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*A special "thank you" to all those who have contributed their time, money, or energy to the club.  
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Please email the club, Eric, or Shannon with any questions or comments!



Members of the SU College Republicans who attended CPAC: Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, D.C. earlier this year.