

# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Congratulations, Vandals!

From The Editors

Congratulations are in order. Last Wednesday night, at about 10:30, somebody trashed the television lounge in the student center. The furniture was overturned, blinds were ripped out of the wall, a lamp was smashed, the cable was wrenched from the T.V. - damaging the set and the cable, and trash was strewn about. Good job, you jerks.

Vandalism is definitely a problem at this school. This is particularly true of the residence halls. People punch holes in walls out of sheer idiocy. Fires have been set, walls defaced and trash is constantly over turned in the hallways. Community bathrooms are kept sufficiently gross enough by a few "people" to make certain nobody can use them. *Some fun, hey kids!* Not only do we have to live in this squalor, but we have to pay for the damages. Enough is enough. How fun can it be to stuff whole rolls of toilet paper down the john? "Gee look! Water's flowing everywhere! Ha Ha . . ." Good times. Whoever did the number in the lounge, please tell us, did you actually laugh after tearing down a window blind? Ah, a cherished memory to proudly recount to grandchildren - 3rd generation morons, no doubt. If these sub-humans want to destroy things, let them keep it in their own rooms and pay for it out of *their* damage deposits. The rest of us are sick of you.

## Letter Offensive to College Republicans

From The Editorial Staff

A letter that several college Republicans considered offensive to their political beliefs was recently seen posted around campus in the Taft building. It was entitled "Young Republicans In Love," and it made references to young Republicans being racists, greedy, and uncaring about their fellow man. It is the opinion of certain members of *The Columns* editorial staff that this letter was cruel to some young conservatives and that it unfairly stereotyped them.

For example, the letter advertised a movie entitled "Young Republicans In Love." It stated "They're Rich . . . They're Happy . . . They're White . . . They're Young Republicans in Love." It also contained the following statements: "You'll stare in disbelief as they defend all policies that benefit the rich and comfort the powerful," "see it now . . . or see 'em in hell," and "see them worship fame . . . take no blame . . . have no shame." The movie also has a hit theme song entitled "We own the World," and for the first time on screen you can view, "the awesome spectacle of the Young Republicans mating ritual!" which is, "as bizarre as that of the French poodle!"

Some College Republicans are not like this. Many are not bigots, and believe in equal opportunity for all citizens whether they be black, white, yellow, or whatever color they may be. Are we to assume that Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan, Robert Dole, Dwight Eisenhower, Theodore Roosevelt, Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon, or Governor Martin were "rich, happy, and white," and "young Republicans in love" at one time? If one's memory serves him or her correctly, he or she might recall that Lincoln abolished slavery and was a Republican, and that all of these great leaders have believed in equal opportunity for all citizens. These men didn't necessarily believe that

the rich should get big tax breaks. Most just believe that the rich should give the same percentage of their income to the state as everyone else.

Some Young Republicans don't like being portrayed as young, rich, greedy, ignorant racists who are going to "seen in hell". Many consider themselves common, low key, hard working Americans who are not by all means "rich". We at *The Columns* wonder if some of their freedoms they believe in have been taken away by a letter that portrays them as bigots and so forth. This is taking the right to free speech (1st Amendment) a bit too far.

Whoever put out that cartoon should have thought

twice. By circulating this derogative trash that unfairly stereotypes, they are bringing themselves down to the same level of mudslinging as the extremists they themselves attack. Sometimes it makes us wonder.

It's funny, but we haven't seen any conservative students or faculty putting up propaganda against citizens with different political beliefs.

What troubles us with the letter is the "Young Republicans" part. Some of us might consider it funny if that was not part of the letter. Maybe it should have been entitled something else.



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