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(as of 1st July 1983)

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THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVE ALLIANCE OF AMERICA -- AN INTRODUCTION

The American republic's greatest untapped resource is her youth. Hundreds of thousands of American college students support the principles of conservatism. However, they have not, as yet been organized, or even contacted by an effective, youth-oriented organization. This latent conservative sentiment was evidenced recently at the University of Florida in Gainesville, when the Student Government Association placed a nuclear "freeze" resolution on the student ballot.

No advance warning was given that the "freeze" resolution would be placed before the students, and the only publicity on the issue was in the student newspaper which was strongly supportive of a "freeze". Despite the lack of any organized opposition, and the lack of any advance notice, some 1,700 votes (out of 7,000 cast) were in opposition to the "freeze".

If these students, and the legions of others like them could be contacted, organized, educated, and mobilized, a new and potent voice for basic American values would come into being. By organizing on campuses, and giving a voice to conservative principles, the untapped resource of American youth can make an important contribution in the war of ideas. Moreover, they can move to assume leadership in the opinion molding fields of teaching, broadcasting, the law, journalism, and the clergy. Experience has taught that a dedicated group of idealists, working practically and effectively as part of a unified effort can work wonders.

The purpose of the Young Conservative Alliance of America (YCA) is to create just such a cadre -- to identify and organize activists on every major college campus in America, and to assist them in bringing America home.

YCA is not designed to be an electoral adjunct to one of the major political parties. It exists to create a constant pressure from below for the conservative principles that are the essence of basic American values. It is not intended to supplant existing conservative organizations, but rather to augment their efforts. We have no illusions that we can lobby more effectively than our seniors. We do, however, believe that we can bring to the war of ideas an effective, nationwide youth organization that can join in pursuing America's agenda.

YCA -- PRINCIPLES:

The principles for which the Young Conservative Alliance stands are embodied in "The Four Foundations of the American Republic":

We hereby affirm these central truths, which are the life and hope of all America:

I. AMERICANISM: Integrity, self-reliance, and respect for reason and ability -- the essential elements of the American Pioneer Spirit -- remain the firm foundation on which our society is built. As ordained by God through the nature he created, in the sanctity of the individual, the family, and the community, do men find the greatest expression of their highest values. These values, enshrined by our forefathers in our institutions and our way of life, command our allegiance not just because they work, but because they are right.

II. INDIVIDUALISM: The advancement of the individual under God is the essence of the American Dream. Freedom, as embodied in the Bill of Rights, including Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, and Freedom of the Press, among others, stands vigilant as the guardian of that Dream. Socialism, in all its various forms, is that Dream's most powerful enemy. America will be safe only when men recognize that freedom is the tonic of the brave, and socialism is the cancer of the envious.

III. FREE ENTERPRISE: A nation remains just to the extent that it remains free. Religious freedom, the first and highest of all freedoms, can survive only so long as there is political freedom. Political freedom, the greatest goal of any just government, can be nourished only by an economic system of free enterprise. Free enterprise, unbound from governmental restraints and privileges, can alone ensure the survival of a free America.

IV. MILITARY STRENGTH: Any value worth living for is worth fighting for. Military strength is the vital safeguard against those who seek to oppress the free. America must always be a faithful friend to those who hope and dream as Americans, and a sworn enemy to those who seek the destruction of our ideals. To those who live and work and fight for our freedom and our future is reserved the title of "America's Best".

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This statement enshrining the New Right ideals of limited constitutional government, free enterprise, traditional values, and strong national defense, provides the ideological glue which binds young conservatives together.

YCA -- INSTITUTIONAL GOALS:

YCA exists "not to meet, but to do!" The entire organizational structure is geared toward unified centrally controlled political action. The most valuable resource of any group is its people. Our goals include the nurturing of well-trained, dedicated, capable leaders. Our people must be motivated into every sort of political action. No one believing in our principles and wishing to join our movement should be ignored. Every member will be carefully screened and evaluated in order to be directed toward the achievement of their highest usefulness.

In order to secure both discipline and continuity it is our intention to eventually put in place a full-time paid field staff in every state. This staff would work under the direction of the National Office and the direct supervision of the State Chairman. Despite the fact that YCA will initially consist primarily of college students, the leadership will be drawn from among young professionals who have achieved some credibility and/or community prominence. Such a State Chairman would for example, be better able to speak on behalf of YCA to the Legislature than even the most competent college student.

The paid field staff would be promoted within YCA and into other organizations and the government so that a constant stream of new blood would keep up the level of enthusiasm, channelled by the continuity of ongoing established state chairmen.

Additionally, the integration of YCA members into the power structure would enhance YCA's influence and effectiveness. Our close cooperation with other members of the conservative coalition would not only make this integration possible, but indeed desirable.

YCA intends to identify as many future conservative leaders as possible, especially in the fields of law, teaching, broadcasting, journalism, and the clergy; train these potential leaders in our principles and proven technology, and then launch them into their chosen vocations assisted by our contacts and our colleagues.

YCA -- ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW:

NATIONAL CONVENTION: The highest governing body of YCA is the quadrennial National Convention at which the National Officers and National Committeemen are elected by delegates elected from the states.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE: The National Committee meets at least once each year to elect members to the national Board of Directors and approve the budget. The Committee consists of all State Chairmen and an equal number of Committeemen elected by the National Convention. The Committee may itself elect additional members who by virtue of their position, expertise, or accomplishments would benefit the movement.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors generally manages the affairs of the corporation in conjunction with the National Chairman and the National Staff. It prepares the budget for transmittal to the National Committee, and legislates for the organization when the Committee and Convention are not in session. The National Board consists of the five officers elected by the Convention, seven additional directors elected annually by the National Committee (three of which must be state chairmen), and up to seven additional members elected annually by the Board.

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN: The National Chairman is the Chief Executive Officer of YCA. He is the primary spokesman for the organization, and subject to approval appoints all state chairmen and staff members.

STATE CHAIRMAN: The State Chairman is appointed by the National Chairman with the approval of the State Committee. He is the chief of operations in his state. He appoints the other state officers and state staff.

STATE COMMITTEE: The State Committee consists of all state officers and an equal number of elected committeemen. It approves the state budget and generally assists the State Chairman in the administration of the state organization.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS: Each state shall be organized in descending order into Regions, Districts, Councils and Chapters. This shall be accomplished in such a way so that no one supervises more than eight people.

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Application for Charter Membership

I Statement of Principles: The Four Foundations of the American Republic

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II. Personal Data:

Name _____ Nickname _____ sex _____ age _____

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ best time to call _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PERMANENT PHONE NUMBER _____ best time to call _____

date of birth _____ city, state, country of birth _____

occupation (if student, list school) _____
if student, year or grade: _____ major _____

last year of education completed _____ colleges attended _____

other associations (church, clubs, fraternities/sororities, hobby groups, etc) _____

special talents _____

III. Issues Survey: Rate your level of interest in each of the listed issues as follows:
1 = heavy continual activism, 2 = continual activism, 3 = regular activism, 4 = occasional activism, 5 = no activism.

- ___ Supporting strong national defense to preserve peace and freedom.
- ___ Supporting tax cuts.
- ___ Supporting international freedom movements which oppose communist aggression.
- ___ Supporting a mandated balanced budget.
- ___ Promoting balanced presentations of issues within academic forums.
- ___ Creation of an objective media.
- ___ Promoting deregulation of the economy.
- ___ Defending the right to keep and bear arms for personal and corporate protection.
- ___ Protecting the right to life for the unborn.
- ___ Supporting voluntary school prayer.
- ___ Supporting local parental control of public schools.
- ___ Other: _____
- ___ Other: _____

IV. Activities Survey: Indicate your willingness to participate in the following by:
A = very interested, B = semi- interested, C = not interested

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| ___ distributing literature | ___ picketing |
| ___ attending films and lectures | ___ attending rallies |
| ___ debate participation | ___ writing articles |
| ___ letter writing | ___ membership drives |
| ___ public speaking | ___ attending conventions |
| ___ office work | ___ creating conservative campus publications |
| ___ fund raising | ___ training new members |
| ___ leadership positions | ___ interning in Washington |

V. Affirmations: I have read The Four Foundations of the American Republic and agree with the principles contained therein. I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. I will not promote communism, facism, nazism, statism, socialism, totalitarianism, bigotry, sexism, anti-semitism, racism, or any other anti-American ideology. I promise to obey the rules of this organization. The statements contained herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE

DATE

VI. Membership class and dues: (circle one)

UNDER 40: Student: 1 year - \$5, 3 years - \$10, 5 years - \$15.
Non-student: 1 year \$10, 3 years - \$20, 5 years - \$30.
Married couple: 1 year - \$15, 3 years - \$30, 5 years - \$45.