

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Digital Library Collections

This is a PDF of a folder from our textual collections.

Collection: Blackwell, Morton: Files
Folder Title: Students for a Better America
Box: 24

To see more digitized collections visit:

<https://reaganlibrary.gov/archives/digital-library>

To see all Ronald Reagan Presidential Library inventories visit:

<https://reaganlibrary.gov/document-collection>

Contact a reference archivist at: reagan.library@nara.gov

Citation Guidelines: <https://reaganlibrary.gov/citing>

National Archives Catalogue: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>

Join In America: A Celebration of the Volunteer Spirit
University of Colorado, Boulder
November 15-19, 1983

to Reg

Students for a Better America)- file
University of Colorado
Campus Box 207
Boulder, CO 80309
(303) 492-8608

October 6, 1983

The Honorable Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

I very much enjoyed attending the press conference with Ambassador Rivas-Gallont several weeks ago. We had the good fortune of having him address the 1983 Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems this summer. He is an excellent representative of his country.

I write also to thank you for your efforts to inform President Reagan about Student Magazine. Enclosed is a copy of his letter to me which has just recently reached my desk.

For your information, in November Students for a Better America plans a week-long conference which will focus upon community service on the part of individuals and coporations. On November 19th we plan to host a banquet honoring 10 of the most outstanding volunteers at the University of Colorado. Enclosed is a copy of a letter to Edwin Meese, III asking him to participate as the banquet key-note speaker. As you can see, the letter fully outlines our plans for the conference.

Morton, we have great hopes that this conference will encourage students to turn away from government programs as the sole answers to society's needs. We sincerely hope that Mr. Meese will be able to participate.

Given all of the battles you have waged throughout your career in politics, Morton, we would very much appreciate any suggestions you might have regarding possible speakers at this conference. I will keep you posted as our agenda develops.

Sincerely,

Stephen
Stephen R. Edelen
Chairman

Hosts: Students for a Better America • Student Magazine

Sponsors: Gates Foundation • Petro-Lewis • University of Colorado Student Union •
U.S. Industrial Council • Institute for Educational Affairs •
Arts and Sciences Student Government

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 6, 1983

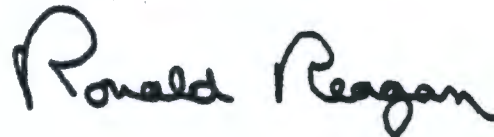
Dear Mr. Edelen:

I have seen the May issue of Student Magazine, and I was most impressed by it. Both the content and the style of the magazine are very professional.

Of course, I especially appreciate your support for what we are trying to accomplish in Central America. The people who live in those countries want the same things we Americans want. They want to be able to live in peace, earn a living, raise their families and vote in free elections. If we do not help them maintain their freedom when it is under assault, our own freedom will be threatened as well.

With best wishes for future success,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mr. Stephen R. Edelen
Executive Publisher
Student Magazine
University Memorial Center
Boulder, Colorado 80309



Students for a Better America
University Memorial Center
University of Colorado
Campus Box 207
Boulder, CO 80309
Phone: 492-8608

September 27, 1983

The Honorable Edwin Meese III
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir:

Our nation faces serious challenges at home and abroad. Many of President Reagan's efforts to revitalize America stem from his desire for a return to individual entrepreneurship. Few young people, however, fully realize the need for individual community involvement or the strength of corporate philanthropy. In order to educate outstanding college students of these vital issues, we will sponsor Join in America! A Conference for the Responsible Citizen at the University of Colorado. We ask that you join us in this effort by serving as the key-note speaker at a banquet on Saturday, November 19th. The banquet will honor 10 outstanding community volunteers.

Students for a Better America was founded in 1981 with the help of Bill and Joe Coors, and Senator Bill Armstrong. SBA was launched in response to the apathy of students toward defending this country's heritage and vital interests. Our efforts are guided by a dedication to limited government, individual and economic freedom, and a strong national defense.

Since our founding, SBA has brought over a dozen important speakers, sponsored a defense conference with Senator Bill Armstrong and Major General Boverie, journalism conferences, and began to publish a state-wide pro-American magazine for students. SBA has chapters in Colorado, California at Pepperdine University, Arizona, Kansas, Indiana, New Hampshire, and North Carolina.

Enclosed are copies of Student Magazine. In our first issue we featured an interview with U.S. Attorney General William French Smith. In our October, 1983 issue we will feature an interview with U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater.

As SBA has grown during the last two years, so has our enthusiasm. George Will has written of the need to develop "conservatism with a human face." We agree wholeheartedly. In order to educate young people of enduring American values, we must appeal to their hearts as well as their minds.

Mr. Meese, corporations and individuals donate substantial funds and efforts to improve our nation. Only rarely does the media recognize this fine and vital community service. Your participation as the key-note speaker of the 1983 Join in America! Conference would be instrumental in focusing young people's attention toward these important issues.

Join in America! will begin Monday, November 14th with the distribution of Student Magazine to 20,000 students throughout Colorado. This issue will be dedicated primarily to community service and volunteerism on the part of business and individuals. A special section will be devoted to profiles of the 10 most outstanding volunteers at the University of Colorado. This will include students, faculty, and university staff.

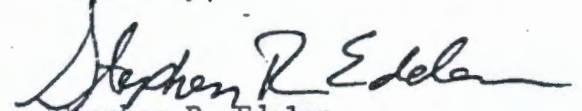
Following the distribution of Student Magazine, the week will include several lectures and debates which focus upon individual and corporate responsibilities in society. Mrs. Carol Russell of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute is helping us prepare an outstanding conference agenda.

The conference will culminate in a grand finale on Saturday, November 19th with a banquet honoring the 10 most outstanding volunteers which were recognized in Student Magazine. We are confident that with your involvement, Mr. Meese, and the successful completion of this conference, it will become an annual event.

Participation in the conference will be open to all students. Special efforts, however, will be made to recruit promising student leaders by contacting university honor councils, members of the dean's list, and student business associations. Select students will be invited to a pre-banquet reception in their honor on Saturday, November 19th.

Mr. Meese, it is our strong hope that you agree there is a need to develop community responsibility among college students...our nation's future leaders. With your participation we can demonstrate to young people that government cannot and should not be the sole answer to all of society's needs. Your participation as the key-note speaker at the Join in America! Awards Banquet on November 19th would enable us to educate college students in Colorado of this important principle.

Sincerely,


Stephen R. Edelen
Chairman


John K. Carson
Conference Director