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S.C. is also concerned about the violence expressed in the spray-painting. "This is not just offensive to the gay community," she said. "It's guys being very violent. It could be violence directed at any sort of group. It's just being directed at the gay group right now."

"It's the violence that needs to be addressed in addition to the homophobia," said S.C. "It's a bad attitude that needs to be shaped up. Anybody with sensibilities wouldn't condone this behavior."

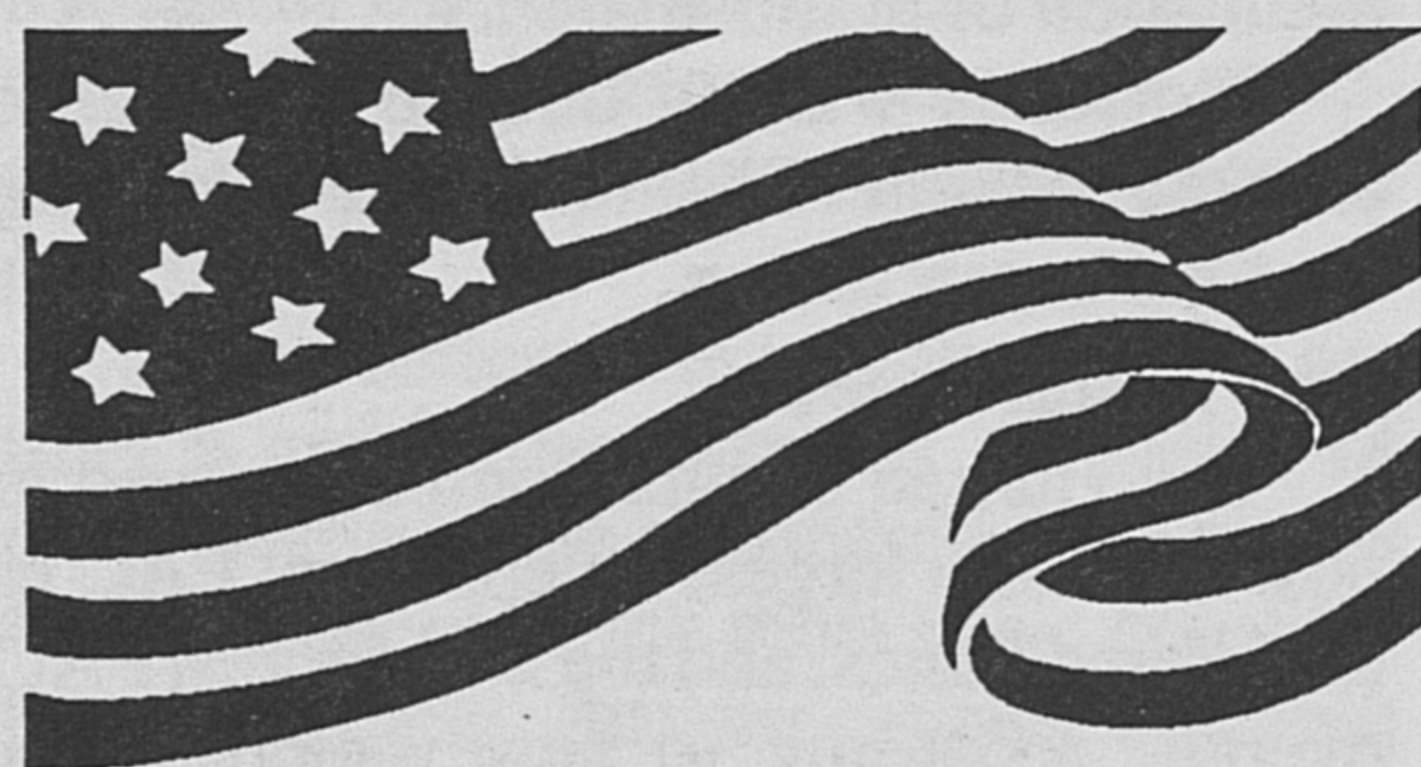
Dean of Students Keith Miser agrees. "It is completely unacceptable to have this happen regardless of who did this and where it happened," he said.

Pat Brown, director of Student Activities, and Lisa Falcone, coordinator of Greek Affairs, are presently looking into what happened and what could be done about it.

One issue that is being considered is possible violation of the non-discrimination clause which includes sexual preference and the policy on sexual harassment. "We are looking at both policies and the boundaries of where they apply and don't apply," said Miser.

However, Miser feels that the policies will not "precisely apply, but it is certainly no way to behave in a campus community." The policies apply to activities specifically on campus, and probably do not include fraternities because they are located off campus.

Editors note: After this article appeared in the UVM Cynic both students received numerous harassing phone calls and the



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NGLTF Surveys the Candidates

Presidential preference: This ranking is based on tallies of 2,347 completed surveys returned by March 31 out of 9700 mailed.

- Jesse Jackson - 36%
- Michael Dukakis - 22%
- Paul Simon - 12%
- Bob Dole - 5%
- Al Gore - 5%
- Dick Gephardt - 3%
- Mario Cuomo - 3%
- George Bush - 2%
- Undecided - 7%
- All other candidates - 5%

(Hart, Kemp, Robertson and write-ins each received less than 1% of the vote)

Demographic information on NGLTF members responding: This information is based on detailed analysis of 1236 of the 2347 completed surveys.

- Registered voters - 98%
- Voted in '84 pres. election - 96%
- Democrats - 69%
- Republicans - 3%
- Independent - 25%
- Contributed campaign \$ - 70%
- Volunteered campaign time - 46%

Top ten gay/lesbian issues: This ranking is based on detailed analysis of 1236 of the 2347 completed surveys.

- 1) Fed. G/L rights legislation - 25%
- 2) Funding for AIDS research - 20%
- 3) Gay/Lesbian family benefits - 12%
- 4) Fed. health insurance for PWA's - 9%
- 5) \$ for AIDS education - 7.3%
- 6) More G/L Gov't appointments - 7%
- 7) Anti-gay/lesbian violence - 6%
- 8) Discrimination legislation - 5.9%
- 9) Exec. order banning disc. - 4.5%
- 10) immigration exclusion of G/L - 3%

Gay Republicans Organize

Statement of Purpose: Republicans for Individual Freedoms seeks to serve two purposes. First to educate Republican office-holders and candidates about the need to be more sensitive to the gay community. Second, to inform the gay community that the struggle for gay rights must be bipartisan and include the Republican Party.

History: Republicans for Individual Freedoms was founded in the winter of 1987 by several gay Republicans in the New York metropolitan area. These voters, of varying degrees of political involvement, had two areas of concern; that the Republican Party was "writing off" the gay voter and that the gay voter was "writing off" the Rep. Party.

Programs: Republicans for Individual Freedoms will keep it's members informed of the positions taken on gay issues by Rep. Legislators and candidates. In turn, GOP officials will be made aware of the views of the thousands of gay Republicans in the northeast on matters of concern such as AIDS funding and discrimination laws.

The National Picture: Republicans for Individual Freedoms is only one of a number of gay Republican groups across the country. Organizations such as ours exist in: Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Orange County (Calif), Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington, D.C. A member of Republicans for Individual Freedoms is on the board of directors of the newly formed United Republicans for Equality & Privacy, a national gay Republican organization.

Membership: Republicans for Individual Freedoms respects the privacy of it's members. The names of members, contributors and the mailing list will never be released to anyone and will always remain confidential. Membership is open to all gay Republicans, their friends & families and support is welcome from all who believe in the importance of a bi-partisan approach.

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