

Founder Buckley Minimizes YAF Split on Future Policy

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 29 (AP)—William F. Buckley Jr., passed off a dispute within the conservative Young Americans for Freedom Thursday, saying, "I've never know an organization that didn't have internal tensions."

The debate within the organization is between two fac-

tions, the Libertarians and the traditionalists. The Libertarians want to decentralize the organization, tone down its anti-left emphasis and place the stress on promoting student freedoms, said Donald Ernsberger, head of the Libertarian caucus.

He said the Traditionalists,

which includes national officers of the organization, seem "to be making a crusade" about combating the left. "Libertarians are probably more consistently anti-left," Ernsberger added.

Buckley, editor of the conservative National Review, said "I'm not surprised that there should be factions, but I'm not here either to comment on them." Buckley, who helped organize YAF in 1960, received a rousing welcome from about 1,000 delegates during a speech Thursday night.

At a news conference earlier, Buckley, citing San Francisco State, said he thought some colleges face destruction.

"It seems to me that any college where order is maintained by the National Guard is at least on the brink of destruction," Buckley said. "But by destruction I mean, of course, a situation in which the people one feels most about leave."

He explained he meant the migration of 20 or 25 key professors who leave during demonstrations.



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Members of Young Americans for Freedom get into shouting match over the seating of a California delegate.