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YAF Seeks Counter To Student Left

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ST. LOUIS, Aug. 28 (UPI)—A large group of college students occupied a downtown hotel today—not to protest or demand but to “sock it to the left.”

Some 1,100 delegates were registering for the fifth national convention of the conservative Young Americans for Freedom.

The convention slogan of “sock it to the left” is emblazoned on a banner across the front of the Stouffer's Riverfront Inn overlooking the Mississippi River.

The delegates jammed the hotel's corridors and lobby and set up impromptu bull sessions. Their dress ranged from suits and ties to dungarees, from demure skirts and blouses to mod micro-minis.

Jim Wallis of Collinsville, Ill., a student at Southern Illinois University and a member of the suit-and-tie set, said, “We have to find an answer to the New Left, and that's what this convention is all about.”

“Some of our members have talked about counteracting demonstrations on campuses

this fall,” he said, “but that won't stop now these people feel. We have to solve the problem rather than just react to it.”

Wallis' comment on counteracting demonstrations was in reference to the proposal that will probably draw the most heated discussion during the convention. The question is whether YAF members should physically confront demonstrators on college campuses.

Terry Able, a pretty, light-haired girl from Houston, Tex., said, “I don't think we ought to instigate any trouble. But when we're attacked, I thin we ought to fight back.”

Speakers at the convention will include Rep. Barry Goldwater Jr. (R-Calif), Rep. Donald Lukens (R-Ohio) and cartoonist Al Capp.