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Convention attempts to restore political faith

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PHILADELPHIA - Eager for students long soured on the state of American politics to get involved and make important changes, some pretty big names are headlining "We the People 2000," a national convention expected to draw thousands of students from campuses throughout the United States to the City of Brotherly Love.

This year's three-day convention, to kick off Friday in Philadelphia, is sponsored by The Foundation for Individual Responsibility and Social Trust, also known s FIRST. Scheduled speakers include Arizona Sen. John McCain; Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's De-

· April 8

served subject in-

side stadium during

event without

proper tickets. The

Subject was intox-

icated with an odor

of an alcoholic

beverage on his

breath and person,

was unsteady on

feet and had slurred

speech. The sub-

ject was arrested

· April 7

for disorderly conduct and transported

to Richland County Detention Center.

The search incident after arrest revealed

a pair of vice grips and a steak knife,

which were taken into safekeeping and

Solicitation for prostitution, McMas-

ter's College. The responding officer

was in plain clothes and at the incident

location when the officer was approached

by the subject. The subject asked if the

officer was working, and the officer said,

"yes." The subject said he didn't have

any money. He then drove off and con-

tinued to circle the block for several

minutes. He then approached the offi-

cer again, and the officer got in the car

placed into evidence locker.

fense Fund; hip-hop artist Chuck D. and Wendy Kopp, president of Teach for

Student delegates from campuses across the nation are expected to endorse a "Generational Action Plan" designed to restore young people's faith in the democratic process. Participants also will discuss a variety of issues of concern to today's college students, including ethnic diversity; technology management; increasing population and dwindling natural resources.

The convention embraces all types of politically active youth, from conservative to liberal, and works to re-shape Generation X's idea of politics.

and asked what the subjected wanted to Disorderly conduct. Sarge Frye Base- do. He said he had \$5, and the officer ball Stadium. The responding officer obagain asked what he wanted to do. The

subject said he wanted oral sex. The investigation continues. Evidence was placed in a locker.

· April 6 Simple possession of marijuana. The responding officer investigated a report of a possibly

ject making threats near Columbia Hall in a red Plymouth Neon. The officer observed the suspect vehicle on Greene Street and stopped the vehicle at the incident location. The driver stepped from his vehicle and produced his S.C. driver's license and registration. The officer observed, in plain view, a plastic bag containing a green plant believed to be marijuana in the driver's door. The driver was arrested and when advised of his rights, he said he understood. The first subject was cuffed and transported to USC Police Department and then to RCDC. The other suspects weren't

found to be connected to the crime and

were released. The evidence was placed

armed male sub-

Anti-sweatshop group causes campus concern

COLLEGE PRESS EXCHANGE

New York - Several university officials said they were pleasantly surprised by last week's first meeting of the Workers Rights Consortium, a new anti-sweatshop group pushed primarily by students and labor groups.

At the same time, university officials from 33 of the 44 institutions that have agreed to join the consortium questioned the proposed structure of the organization's governing board. University officials said they feared the board's makeup - which now stands at three students, three university officials and six members who mostly represent labor unions and labor-rights groups would weaken university input.

School officials also pressed for a broader base from which students would be chosen to serve on the board. Under the current proposal, student board members would come from United Students Against Sweatshops, a group that works in association with the consortium. University officials said they would prefer to see students outside the organization also qualify to serve.

Despite their concerns, many university officials at the April 7 meeting said they were impressed with all of the planning and work that has been contributed to the consortium.

"They really are sincerely committed to collaboration with the universities," Damon R. Sims, associate dean of students at Indiana University, told The Chronicle of Higher Educa-

The consortium has been operated from a one-room office in a New York church while two recent college graduates have traveled to campuses across the country to rally student support. Their work has been driven in part by opposition to the Fair Labor Association, another anti-sweatshop group that evolved from talks with the U.S. Labor Department. About 130 colleges and universities have joined the association, which many students have criticized as being too corporate.

New comic features Latino hero

BY SUSAN PARROT ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS - Baldo, the subject of a new nationally syndicated comic strip that makes its debut today, is like a lot of teenagers: He longs to be noticed by the prettiest girl in school. He enjoys a good game of soccer. And he's building his very own

He's also Latino. And the car he's piecing together is a low-rider.

Cartoons depicting mostly Hispanic characters are rare.

"There certainly has been a dearth of strips in that area. It is something we have been looking for and when we saw Baldo, we knew it was the one," said Lee Salem, vice president and editor of the Universal Press Syndicate, which is launching the strip in English and Spanish versions in nearly 100 newspapers.

Only three other Universal Press Syndicate comics have started out with higher numbers, Salem said: "For Better or For Worse," "Calvin & Hobbes" and "The

"It's a combination of defined market need and a good strip with characters that have a lot of humor potential," Salem said.

The daily cartoon is written by Hector Cantu, an assistant features editor at The Dallas Morning News, and drawn by Carlos Castellanos, a free-lance artist from West Palm Beach, Fla.

Cantu said he had wanted to create a cartoon since he began reading Mad magazine as a child. He said he found little that resembled his own Mexican-American heritage in the cartoon books and

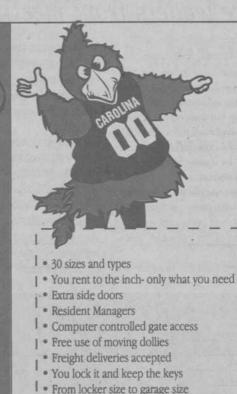
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longer students kept their scholarships, the less likely they were to let their GPAs slip. At USC-Columbia, loss rates fell

from 48 percent for rising sophomores, to 26 percent for rising juniors, to 23 percent for rising seniors.

"Clearly, once you've established yourself at your own institution, you're more likely to retain it," said Char Davis, USC enrollment manager.



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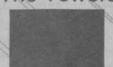


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