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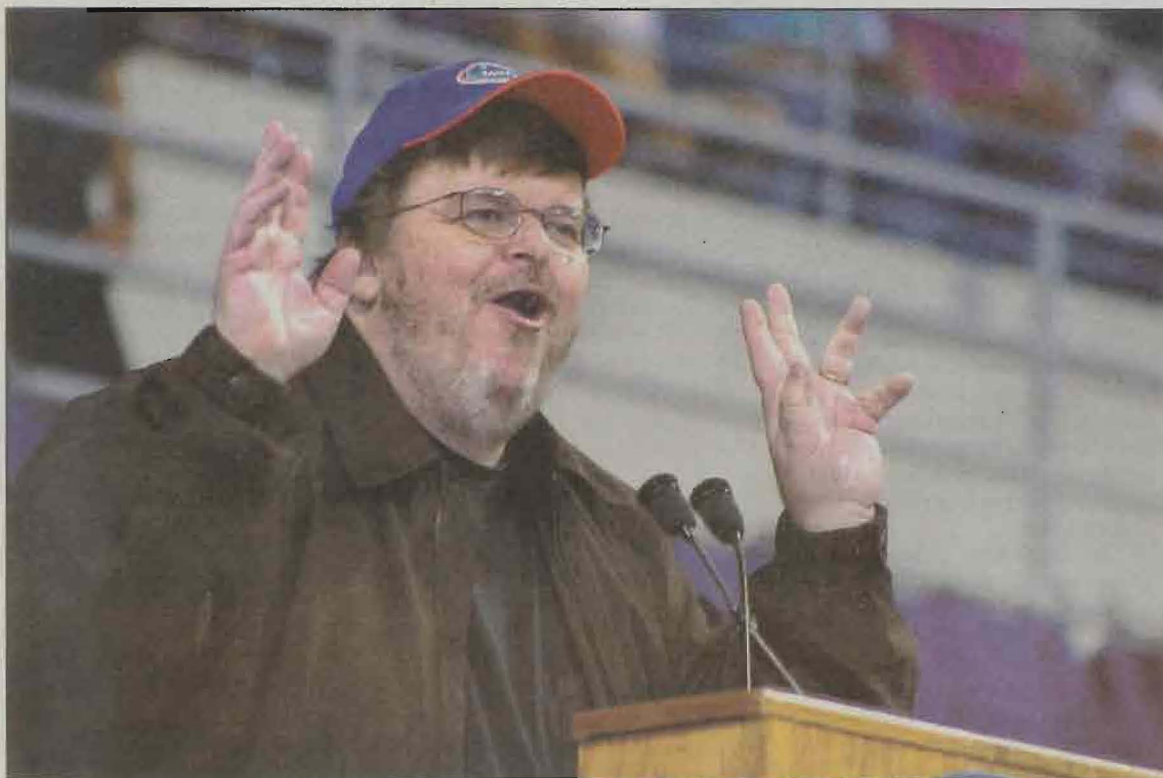
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Moore encourages voters to choose Kerry



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Before roughly 14,000 spectators at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center, author and filmmaker Michael Moore rallies support for Sen. John Kerry and the Democratic Party on Monday evening.

12,000 spectators attended

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Propelled by filmmaker Michael Moore, packets of white underwear, Ramen noodles and "Fahrenheit 9/11" DVDs sailed over students' heads as part of the controversial speaker's tactics to encourage the nearly 12,000 attendees last night to register to vote before Monday's midnight deadline.

Moore, in his Accent-sponsored speech at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center, rallied the student-dominated crowd to support Democratic nominee John Kerry, decrying President Bush, presidential candidate Ralph Nader and conservatives.

But Republicans received some praise from Moore, which he would follow with jabs and insults.

"They are committed, deter-

mined, disciplined, relentless," Moore said of Republicans. "Like sharks who never stop."

Moore said Democrats need to drop the apathy and pick up a ballot.

"We never see the crack of dawn unless we've been partying all night," Moore said. "Uh, the sun's coming up. Maybe we ought to go to bed," Moore said in a groggy imitation of a Kerry supporter.

Republicans have to be more outlandish and outspoken than Democrats, Moore said.

"They know that America has become a liberal country," he added.

Moore went on to say that it was an "incredible magic trick" that Republicans were able to take control of all three branches of the government while not representing the majority of Americans.

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