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# Frontlash political workshop provides practical information

By Jacquie Long Of the Emerald

Summer may mean relaxed vacations and sunny beaches to some, but for Scott Seibert, ASUO's coordinator of state affairs, the warm days bring no rest from politicking.

Among Seibert's ASUO activities this summer was his recent attendance at the Pacific Northwest Training Institute, a workshop sponsored by a national political organization called Frontlash. He described the three-day workshop, held in organized political groups.

Guest speakers are brought in from all over the nation. Seibert described the speakers as a "key group of people," union leaders and political figures from several states.

The seminars last all day and if attendance is low, as at the workshop Seibert attended, much of the work is done on a Frontlash one-to-one basis. organizers were able to help with several of Seibert's specific problems concerning ASUO activities, he said.

"It's the first workshop that I've attended and have come away with organized, step-bystep notes. It was all practical information too, stuff that I really think I can use in the future,"

Among Frontlash goals are some of the same held by ASUO coordinators: increased voter registration and awareness, building of coalitions, better communications among campus and community organizations, and more effective lobby-

Increasing voter registration has been a particularly successful aspect of Frontlash's work, though the group often uses somewhat different techniques than those normally seen.

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waiting outside the doors and talking with concertgoers. The group is part of Frontlash, and they're targeting young voters in a new way. "They just ask people if they're registered to vote and

attended a Crosby, Stills and

Nash concert recently has pro-

bably noticed a group of people

get them registered if they're not," Seibert said, adding that the program has been surprisingly effective.

'They've registered several thousand voters this way, so it seems to work very well," he said.

Seibert expressed some doubts as to whether many of the concert-goers now registered would actually vote. But he said Frontlash will continue to work at the concerts, in conjunction with Crosby, Stills and Nash, as long as the program is effective. No concerts by the group are scheduled in Eugene, Seibert said.

"I really think Frontlash is a worthwhile organization though," Seibert said, adding that the group is not as wellknown as he would like.

"We're always short on people who are politically aware. It would be great to see more students attending workshops

like these," he said.
Frontlash holds its workshops throughout the year, in all regions of the United States. The next two workshops will be in early August, held in Sperryville, Va.

Those interested in Frontlash, or who would like information about other political workshops, can contact anyone in the ASUO office.

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