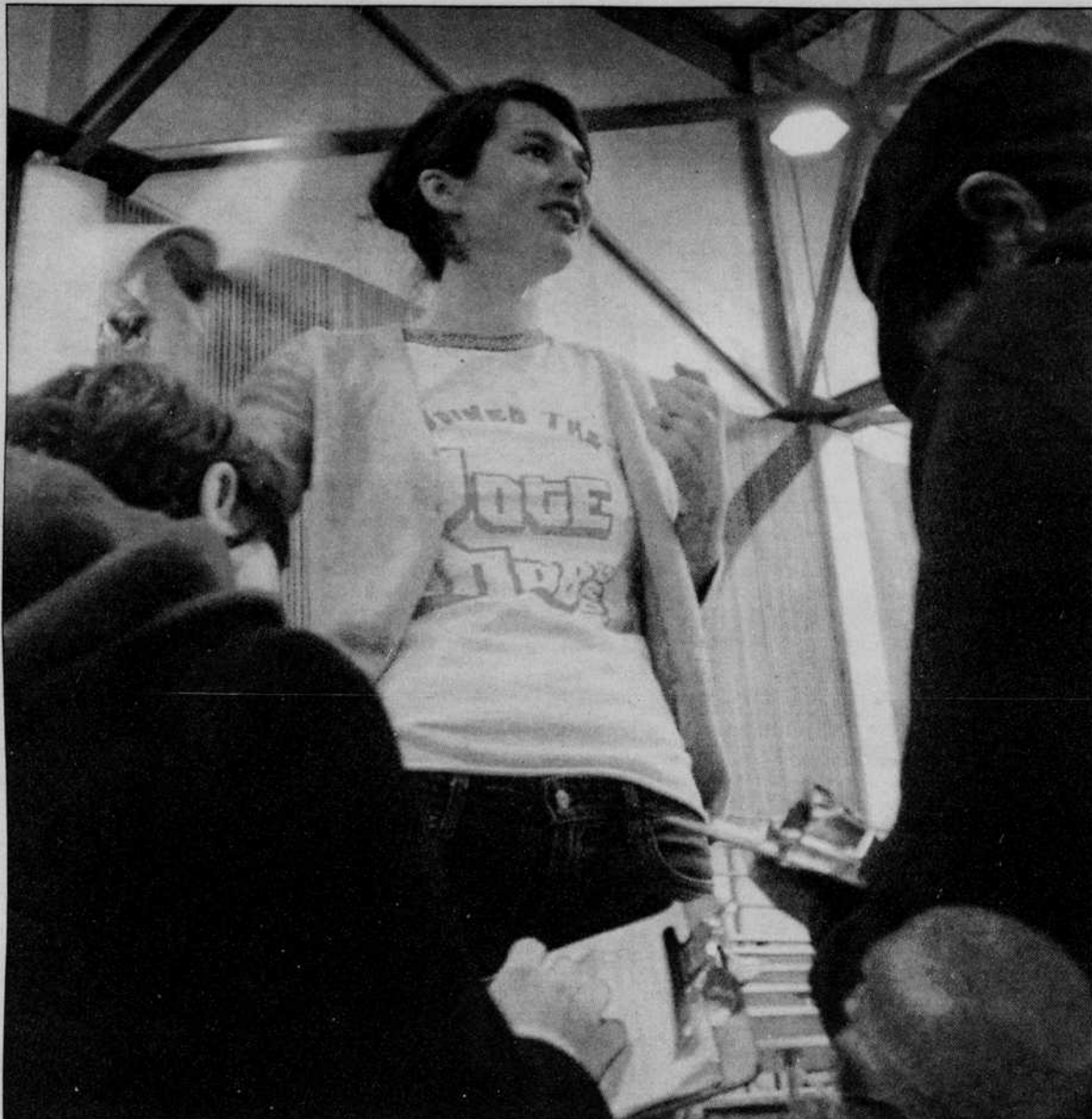




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South Eugene High School student Nicole Lavell is doing her part during election season by volunteering for VoteMob.org and encouraging people to volunteer their time.

Moore: Students respond to documentarians' speech

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way to pull this off is first of all to hope that the 50 percent that don't vote, don't vote. Because, who are the non-voters? ... They're the poor, the working class, the single moms and especially the young people."

Moore said "slackers" who have not voted before can help get Kerry elected.

"If they vote, the Republicans are doomed," he said.

Moore also blasted Oregon write-in presidential candidate Ralph Nader. Moore said Nader is right on the issues, but will take votes away from Kerry.

"We're facing a nightmare here and we've got to remove George W. Bush from the White House," he said.

"Didn't your parents tell you when you were 14-years-old that five minutes of feeling good has lifelong implications?" Moore asked.

Moore said Kerry and the other candidates from the Democratic primary "aren't everything we want them to be," but said Kerry is more "progressive" than 2000 Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore.

"There's a reason they call him the number one liberal in the senate," Moore said. "That's because he is the number one liberal in the senate."

Moore also said he believes the media are partially responsible for the war in Iraq for not investigating evidence the Bush administration used to support the war.

"There's blood on the hands of our media," he said.

Moore also took aim at the pharmaceutical industry, the target of his next documentary. He read a "secret memo" he said was released by Pfizer, the maker of Viagra, that warned employees to be on the lookout for a man

with his description. He gave the audience the number of a hotline he said was set up to handle pharmaceutical employees' reports of his activities.

"They're in for an asswhooping," he said.

Many students traveled to the fairgrounds to see Moore. Freshman Jessica Matthews said she wanted to see the filmmaker in person.

"He has an amazing ability to get through to the masses," she said.

She said Moore's desire to use civil disobedience to protest voter fraud is all right "as long as it stays in the peaceful realm."

Matthews said she can see why Moore said the Republican Party has become extreme, although she doesn't completely agree.

"I definitely agree that the Republican Party doesn't represent the majority of people," she said.

Sophomore Jordan Crucchiola also came to the show to support Moore, saying "he's honest about his positions."

"People, mainly conservatives, criticize him for being un-American, but I think he represents what America stands for," she said.

She said Moore's point that Democrats need to "stop rolling over" was particularly strong.

Senior Aaron McCool said he is a long-time Moore supporter.

"Like any documentary maker, he has his own beliefs and does play to that, but it's all truthful," he said.

Although the event didn't draw an organized protest, College Republicans from around the state traveled to demonstrate at Willamette University for Moore's show there Monday night.

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IN BRIEF

Oregon voters eager to turn in ballots

A record number of Oregon voters began receiving their ballots in the mail on Friday. And while every registered voter has until Nov. 2 to cast that ballot, some early birds couldn't wait to fill them out and drop them off over the weekend.

Their reasons for doing so were as varied as the federal, state, county and city candidates and issues appearing on the ballot.

Julie Novkov of Eugene said her motive was to get her name removed from get-out-the-vote phone bank calls.

"I want to make certain my vote is in and counted because this is such an important election," Novkov said.

She deposited her ballot at a drop box outside the Lane County Annex in downtown Eugene.

Novkov, a political science professor at the University, said she cast her vote for Sen. John Kerry in the presidential sweepstakes.

Meanwhile, across town, Jim

Callahan was running a few errands when he decided to drop off his ballot at the box outside the Sheldon branch library in north Eugene.

"I was ready to vote and the last-minute commercials weren't going to make me change my mind," said Callahan, who cast his vote for President Bush.

Bush supporters Tony and Joyce Marr of Veneta are leaving on vacation soon and decided to deposit their ballots before catching a Sunday matinee.

"We had (the ballots) in the car so we decided to get it out of the way," Tony Marr said.

University student Eliot Jenkins said he couldn't wait for his ballot to arrive in the mail so he could cast his vote for Kerry.

"I'm a Boston lad and (Kerry's) all right in my book," said Jenkins, a business major.

Nancy Pottker of Eugene, meanwhile, had her own motive for casting her ballot early.

"I work at the Election Board and I know how much of a hassle it is when the ballots come in late," she said.

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