

# Kulongoski, to bear the Democrats' banner

He's often been called a "savvy" politician who can navigate the maelstrom of the Legislature, deftly tacking between Scylla and Charybdis, usually coming into port in full sail and unscathed. Ted Kulongoski has outdistanced other gubernatorial hopefuls Jerry Rust and Don Clark and affirmed his position as the clear choice for Democrats in the primary election Tuesday.

Kulongoski has the strongest political background among the contenders. He has been in the Oregon Senate since August 1977. Prior to that he

served two years in the House of Representatives. Much of what is called Kulongoski's political "savvy" is really the depth of his experience in the House and Senate. Neither Clark, currently Multnomah County chief executive, nor Rust, at present a Lane County commissioner, can claim as complete a knowledge of the workings of the Legislature.

Kulongoski is a candidate who stands in a more moderate posture than his opponents. His ideas, especially dealing with the circumstances

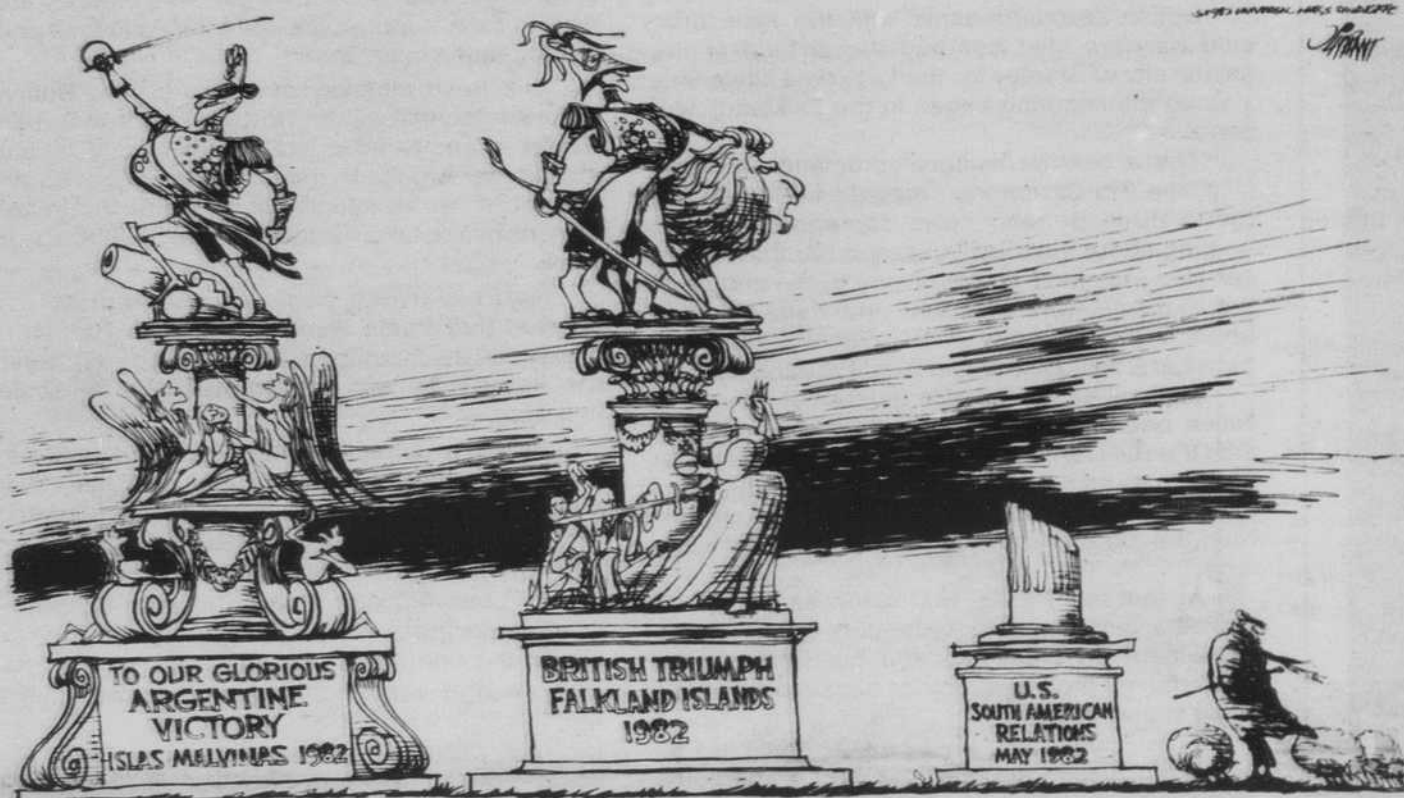
of the state's economic recovery, are not too far removed from the possibility of implementation. He would not mire his campaign in the difficult and occasionally futile task of tackling Oregonians' attitudes on issues. Kulongoski reflects the established, but cautiously progressive attitudes Oregonians are noted for.

With his focus on the economic problems for small- and medium-sized businesses, Kulongoski shows his understanding of those who are experiencing the brunt of this "recession." Kulongoski's idea for a regional program aiding small- and medium-sized businesses is both realistic and quite workable.

Equally realistic is Kulongoski's outlook on attracting diverse industry to the state. Rather than leaping into competition with 49 other states vying for the major — high employment — industries, Kulongoski contends the state's economy would fare better with smaller "high-tech" industrial plants with 50 employees. Certainly, this would make for a stronger industrial-base if economic difficulties persist.

Both Rust and Clark have contributed valuable issues to this primary race. Rust's stands on environmental and energy issues are important. His concept of creating jobs by establishing a state bank is interesting and plausible. Clark wants to form an Oregon Employment Corps and a Young Adult Employment Corps which, he believes, could employ 20,000 workers on public works projects. He's unjustly suffered slurs due to the resemblance of his plan to the National Recovery Act. These are extraordinary times — Gov. Vic Atiyeh has said it's a 50-50 chance there will be yet another special session of the Legislature this summer. An Oregon Recovery Act makes more than just a little sense.

But it's Kulongoski who is the only Democrat with the experience, voter recognition, and issue orientation to challenge Atiyeh in November.



## letters

### Refreshing

You in Lane County are fortunate to have Jerry Rust as a public servant. I hadn't known him outside of legislative hearings until his decision to run for Governor. Now, he and I and Rep. Margie Hendriksen have sponsored an initiative to help develop Oregon's vast renewable energy potential and I see more of Rust here in Portland.

Rust's depth on the key issues is rare and refreshing. You will be proud to know that Rust has mounted a solid grassroots campaign in Portland, one that is right on the issues.

Rust has the only specific economy recovery program to lead Oregon out of this depression. The program stems from Oregon's Constitution, is based on developing our renewable resources, and has the support of the Democratic party. Our initiative (11-D) and the formation of a state bank are the cornerstones of Rust's proposals, and

I urge you to study them closely. We have much to gain by moving forward with them at this time.

Less than two weeks remain until the election and I'm sure Rust is counting on his friends to help him both here and down in Lane County. The campaign he is running deserves all the support we can give. When people ask "Can Rust win?", I tell them this: The polls show he can, but only if we help now. I hope you can find time to help both his campaign for Governor and our 11-D initiative. Both actions will benefit Oregonians greatly.

**Wally Priestley**  
State Representative

### For Sowards

Students who live in the dorms, or in the area east of campus and around Hendricks Park, have an interesting choice in the election for Eugene City Council. This race is between

Susan Sowards, a local businesswoman and aide to Representative Margie Hendriksen; and Dick Hansen, the general manager of Valley River Center. I'm supporting Sowards because she has a better knowledge of the city and of the University area.

Sowards is a member of the City Budget Committee, and lives near campus on Moss Street. She has often come to campus to meet with student and University leaders, and she helped register students to vote at Spring term registration.

C.J. Balfe, Kevin Kouns, Rich Wilkins and I all urge you to support Susan Sowards for Eugene City Council. She's best for Eugene.

**Alan Contreras**  
Senior, political science

### Myers' support

I would like to explain to your readers why I support Don Clark

for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Clark is an experienced public official and manager who has solid, detailed plans for Oregon's future.

His economic recovery program has been praised by political writers as "imaginative, daring and carefully-constructed." I agree. His plan would provide 23,000 jobs now for Oregon's unemployed — in their home communities on projects of long-range importance to local economic growth. His plan for an Oregon Job Development Corporation is especially appealing, because it would focus state economic development tools on Oregon's 60,000 small businesses.

Last week he proposed a much-needed \$25 million housing program — again using existing resources — to stimulate construction of 500 new houses and \$15 million in new wages for Oregonians.

I think his State Health Plan is especially necessary during these times of high unemployment. It would provide comprehensive health coverage for every Oregon resident — whether employed, unemployed or retired — and would cost less than what we currently spend on health care. In fact, it would save more than \$200 million annually, including nearly \$30 million in savings for business.

Clark's strong record in fiscal management in county government cannot be overlooked. As Multnomah County's elected executive he has demonstrated an exceptional ability to stabilize his government despite high inflation. I think he can do the same job as governor.

Clark, in summary, is a leader with the experience and vision these difficult times demand. I hope your readers will join me and vote for him on May 18.

**Rep. Hardy Myers**  
Speaker of the House

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