

# Demos' chances outlined Kulongoski: Glenn is best bet

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In the 1984 presidential elections, Democrats must make the decision that their number one priority is who can beat Pres. Ronald Reagan, says Ted Kulongoski, a gubernatorial candidate in 1982 who is now working for presidential candidate John Glenn.

Kulongoski and Republican Dave Cargo, 1984 candidate for Oregon state treasurer, spoke Friday as part of the Robert A. Taft Institute of Government seminar at the University, sponsored by the political science department.

While the race will be close, Kulongoski concluded Glenn has the best chance of winning.

"I think the (Democratic) candidate will be John Glenn," he said.

Each Democratic candidate will win some states, so he predicted the convention will make the final decision on who the candidate will be.

Kulongoski stressed the importance of the Democratic coalition.

"In the end, no Democrat will be able to win the presidency without the

South," Kulongoski said.

Glenn has a chance at that because he is a former astronaut, and the two major industries in the South are cotton and the aerospace industry, he said. Also, the military is important in the South — Glenn is a retired colonel in the Marine Corps.

Neither former Vice President Walter Mondale nor Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., will do

If Reagan is rejected for being on the far right, someone on the far left will not be selected, Kulongoski said.

Instead, voters "will pick someone stable, in the middle" — a "good, American hero" like Glenn.

The Democratic candidate should do well in the South and the Northeast, but will fair poorly west of the Mississippi, he said. Winning four of the

states in the West will be doing very well, he said.

Democrats can no longer depend on women and minorities to support their candidates, Kulongoski said.

"If Democrats want to get the votes of the women, it's on the economic issues.

That's the issue they're worried about." It's not social issues, like abortion, he said.

The economy and foreign policy will be the two main issues of the campaign, Kulongoski predicted. The ability of the Democrats to address these issues will decide their success in 1984, he said.

Reagan's lack of a set economic policy will make it more difficult for Democrats to challenge, he said. Democrats need to tell the people "they care."

Part of the reason Reagan was able to win the 1980 presidential election was because "the Democrats did too good from 1930 to 1980," Kulongoski said.

"We were too successful because we made a middle-class that became too affluent, and this is what Reagan made his greatest strides into." With increasing inflation, they were "no longer getting ahead," and even their wage increases were no longer helping them keep pace.

Reagan accurately assessed the middle-income group as frustrated and no longer willing to pay taxes to help others. He appealed to people's self-interest and won, Kulongoski said.

Now, the "greatest danger in 1984" will be when Reagan says: "Are you better off now than you were before 1980?" Some 40 percent of the nation — the ones with good jobs — will say yes. About 30 percent will say no — the minorities and low-income people, Kulongoski said.

The Democratic party fights for that 30 percent, "but they

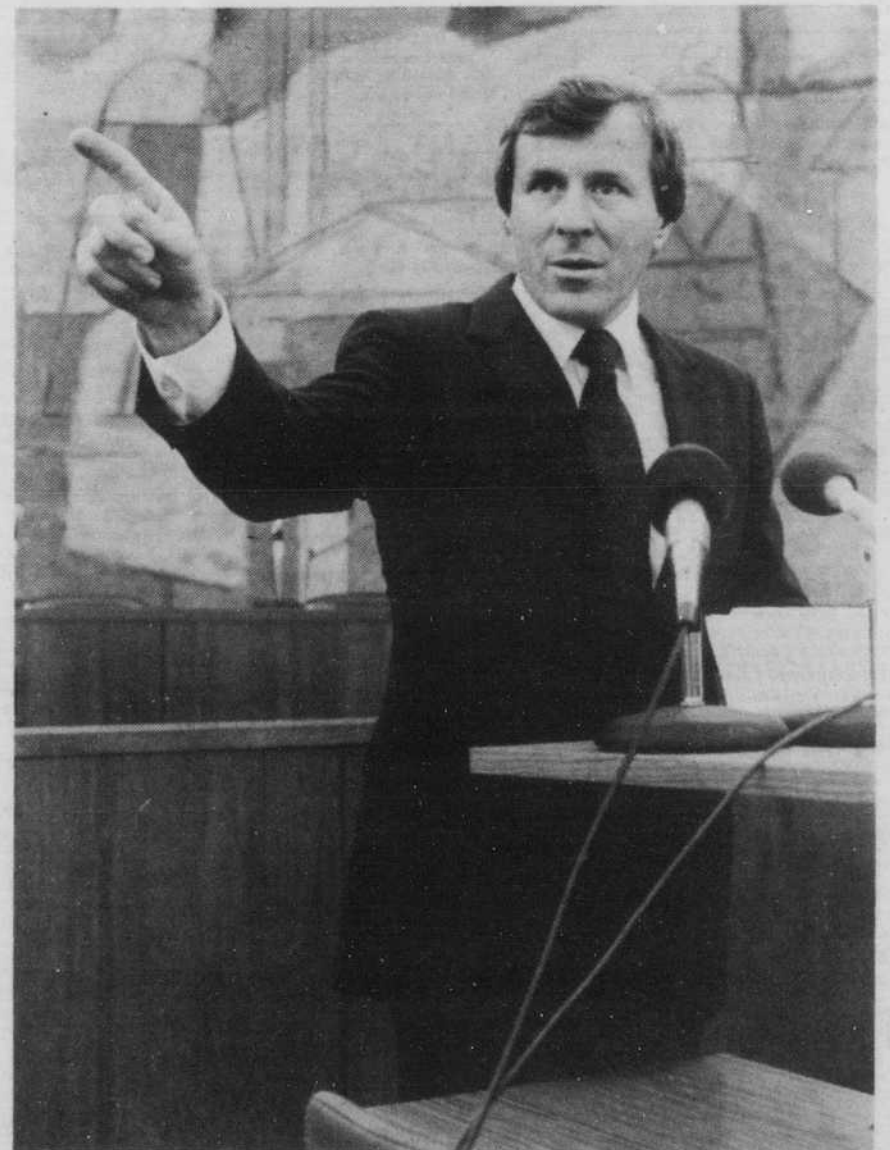
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well in the South, he said.

Cranston has copied George McGovern's campaign strategies, Kulongoski said. "He wants to capture the liberal wing" of the Democratic party, then slide back into the middle of the party and grab the rest of it, he said.

"I don't think it will work."

Glenn, on the other hand, "is right in the middle."



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Ted Kulongoski, Oregon campaign coordinator for John Glenn, stumps for the presidential hopeful, and offers a theory for a democratic victory over the Republicans.

don't get out there and vote." Foreign policy is an issue that "Reagan controls completely," Kulongoski said, but the Middle East is the "Achilles' heel" of the president because he cannot control the situation there.

Reagan's success in 1980 also had to do with his ability to discern what Americans believed with regard to foreign policy. Because of the Iranian hostage situation, he concluded "Americans felt pushed around."

"All Reagan said is: 'Elect me and you won't get pushed around.'"

Kulongoski said isolationism will be a major issue in 1984.

There is "a strong anti-foreign sentiment by blue collar workers," especially in heavy industrial states, he said. It is especially anti-Oriental and anti-Asian.

Reagan's policies on foreign policy and economics are two examples of his perception, Kulongoski said.

"He's reading the pulse of where he thinks the people are at, and he's addressing those issues."

Reagan's flaw is in appealing to "little segments of the population, although it won't mean anything in the long run."

Kulongoski said he is a

believer in platforms, parties and participation.

"If you don't have a strong party system, the strong drift towards dollars will continue. You can offset that by your participation. The only way to bring back the power of the individual is to make the candidate accountable."

Dave Cargo, former governor of New Mexico, commented on the Republican party's chances in 1984.

He said the Republicans will run "a very strong race."

Although Reagan "has a philosophy of a kind of economic Darwinism — the survival of the richest," if the economy is "up" it will be very important in the election, he said.

As part of his strategy, "Reagan will move to the middle on ecology," Cargo said.

Republicans need to be more responsive to the black and Spanish-speaking vote, he said.

"Republicans have written off a lot of the black vote, which is tragic." But blacks are now more open to listen to what the Republican party has to say, Cargo said.

The Spanish-speaking vote is a tremendous reservoir of votes that has not been addressed, but will be very important in the coming years, he said.

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