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Kulongoski announces new education initiative



Ted Kulongoski

Gov. Ted Kulongoski's four-objective initiative is meant to address some of Oregon's higher education problems

By Ayisha Yahya
News Editor

Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski appointed former Gov. Neil Goldschmidt to the State Board of Higher Education and unveiled a new post-secondary education initiative Thursday in an attempt to

rejuvenate the state's role in higher education.

Amid the reshuffling of state priorities, board President Jim Lussier, Vice President Leslie Lehmann and board members Kerry Barnett and Phyllis Wustenberg also resigned from their posts Thursday. According to a press release from the governor's office, the resignations were offered to allow Kulongoski to appoint members who can focus on the new initiative.

Kulongoski said in the press release that the state has not adequately invested in higher education and suggested the new initiative will create a new era of

economic vitality.

"I want to renew Oregon's social compact with its citizens by providing a post-secondary educational opportunity to all its citizens and growth to the economy through investment in education," Kulongoski said in the release.

Kulongoski's plan involves meeting four objectives: providing an opportunity for every Oregon citizen to attend a college or university, focusing on programs that create a demand for Oregon



Neil Goldschmidt

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CIGARETTE CLEAN UP



ASUO President Maddy Melton and Vice President Eddy Morales pick up cigarette butts in front of the Knight Library on Thursday as part of Campus Health Action on Tobacco. CHAT is a five-year study funded by the National Cancer Institution. It involves 30 colleges in Washington, Idaho and Oregon, and offers free gum and patches to help students quit smoking. The collected butts will be presented in a jar in the EMU on Nov. 20 as part of the Great American Smokeout. Prizes will be given to the individual who makes the closest guess as to how many butts are in the jar.

Lauren Wimer
Photographer

Ken Kesey to be honored during three-day event

Near the two-year anniversary of his death, Kesey will be memorialized with a statue in Downtown Eugene

By Jared Paben
News Reporter

On Nov. 10, 2001, Eugene writer Ken Kesey died. Three days later the renowned author of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Sometimes a Great Notion" was put to rest with a memorial service. That was two years ago today.

Starting this morning, speakers from across the

nation will honor and discuss the author's body of work with a three-day symposium at the University. A bronze statue of Kesey will also be unveiled in Downtown Eugene.

The symposium begins today at 7 a.m. and will last through Sunday afternoon. Experts from across the nation who have worked with Kesey or his work will give speeches and presentations in the EMU Fir Room throughout the three-day event.

The highlight of the event will be a visit by Ken Babbs, a close friend of Kesey's who co-authored "Last Go Round."

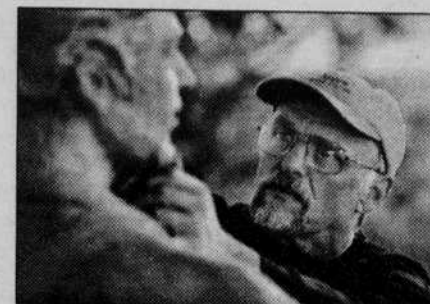
"They are the top names in the field," said Bennett Huffman, who will deliver a paper exploring

Kesey's final novel, "Last Go Round" at the symposium on Saturday. "The experts on him are a handful, and they're all going to be here from Friday to Sunday. It's extremely exciting for me to count myself among them."

Huffman, a literature professor in the Robert D. Clark Honors College, was once a student of Kesey's when Kesey taught a creative writing course for the master's program at the University. In that course, Huffman, Kesey and the rest of the class wrote a novel together titled "Caverns."

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Artist Pete Helzer works on a statue of Ken Kesey.

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