

Face Off: Kulongoski or Saxton?

Kulongoski will do a lot for Oregon

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Okay, simple question: Who do you want for your governor for the next four years? Do you want a man who is going to deliver results, or somebody who is going to promise you the moon to get your vote and then decide, once in office, what he or she really wants your tax dollars going towards? The first man is Governor Ted Kulongoski, and the second is Ron Saxton, the Republican Party's candidate.

We've seen the same things out of Washington D.C. for the last few years, with the president saying that he's going to have tax cuts for the wealthy, and then that debt and the poor economy are going to work themselves out in the long run. The only problem is that the U.S. National Debt keeps growing. With a war on two fronts, and maybe one coming up in North Korea, can we as a state and a country handle more tax cuts for the top one percent? We have already seen the current policy fail on the national scale; do we really think it is going to work in Oregon?

Ron Saxton has also tried to rally support for Measure 41, which "would cut income taxes by about \$140 a person, [but] would leave the state \$400 million less to spend each year," according to *The Oregonian*. Kulongoski, the article states, is "seeking several new sources of money - a surcharge on car insurance to pay for more state troopers, a big increase in the \$10 corporate minimum tax to provide Head Start to every poor child who wants in, and keeping the corporate

kicker - so that he can use the surge in state revenues to beef up education, from preschool through college, while maintaining other state services."

The article goes on to quote the governor as saying that structural tax reform is unnecessary, "because the economy will keep pumping enough income taxes into state [reserves] to offer more services, plus build a big rainy-day fund."

It seems to me that Ron Saxton is promising things that he won't be able to back up, and Kulongoski is ready to make a change in our economy by using things that will work.

Saxton will bring fresh ideas

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Oregon has given the Democratic agenda a nice long turn; it is now time for the Republicans to have a go.

Most of the gubernatorial ads look very similar. They usually make the same general promises, add that the other guy sucks and mention that, if you elect him, the sun will implode and apes will rule for 3,000 years.

I thought that until I saw Ron Saxton's ad for governor.

In one of Ron Saxton's ads, he mentioned that he will stop the Oregon DMV from issuing drivers licenses to

illegal immigrants if he becomes governor. I couldn't believe that a politician was mentioning illegal immigration. He had my attention.

I normally have a problem with what politicians *don't* say about illegal immigration (both Democrats and Republicans are guilty), and I applaud Saxton for having the courage to not only touch on that subject, but for promising to enforce laws that have been ignored for far too long.

There is a tremendous amount of pressure for all politicians to avoid enforcing immigration laws because they risk angering a certain community of voters, which would have Oregon continue to avoid the subject.

Saxton is showing us that he cares about Oregon's real problems and is looking at the big picture, rather than focusing on a million small things that could be better.

I don't want to spend my time bashing Ted Kulongoski, so I will end this by saying that he has been a very proactive governor and managed not to do anything sleazy or backhanded in his term. The problem is, nothing has really changed for Oregon. Most of the initiatives he took to help Oregon were superficial solutions to deeper problems.

We all know that if we're not moving forward, we're moving backward. Everyone should move out of their comfort zone and take a chance on Saxton.



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The pointless majors: pointless no more

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In a world where knowledge is power, there is no such thing as a pointless major.

There are abounding opportunities for even the most seemingly obscure field of study. For example, majoring in dead and forgotten languages, such as Sanskrit, would on the surface appear to be a fool's errand, but demand for reliable translators for ancient texts is higher than one might expect.

Or look at Cultural

Anthropology. Depending on the culture, a person could be hired as an adviser for companies expanding beyond national borders, as a researcher, or even be called to go on a lecture circuit espousing the greatness of a culture and what society as a whole can learn from it.

Often times, when told that someone is going to be an English major, the only profession that

springs to mind is that of a teacher, but, when studied enough, any language yields

surprising results. While true that English majors can become teachers, there are a number of other possible vocations, such as

becoming an author, journalist, technical writer, speech writer, journalist, or even Nobel Peace Prize Winner.

The field of Linguistics is a rarity for majors these days; however, the need for Linguistic majors in the field of Speech Pathology is so rare that they are highly sought after.

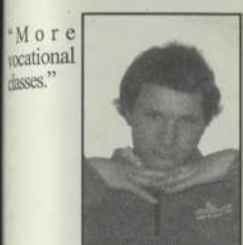
So the old axiom goes, "Those who can; do; those who can't: teach." If a major has no reasonable application, at the very least, the education of others is possible.

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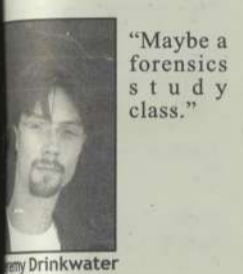


"Fly-fishing!"



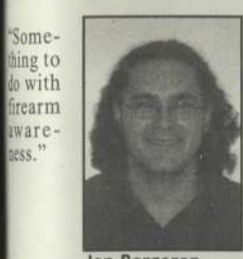
"More vocational classes."

Justin Harlon



"Maybe a forensics study class."

Jeremy Drinkwater



"Something to do with firearm awareness."

Jon Bergeron



"Lots of mechanics classes."

Michael Lavender

This week's poll compiled by Liz Travers

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