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'Think of the number of jobs that are at stake and what that means in terms of consequences to families and communities. I don't want to preside over a state that has become impoverished overnight because all forest harvest comes to a halt.'

— Dave Frohnmayer

tution in the first place is that you're in a better position to draw in federal grants.

There's also tuition, but that's always a wild card because that's always used as a way to fill the gap. And of course we want to make sure higher education in Oregon continues to be affordable ...

Bear in mind that we don't have the sales tax yet. Talking about it and persuading a majority of the Oregon electorate to pass it are two different things.

ODE: How do you expect to convince people that the sales tax is what Oregon needs?

DF: I think we have to convince people that the generations are tied up with each other, that the elderly who are on fixed incomes depend on their retirement being supported by a (future) work force that's in elementary, secondary and higher education today.

ODE: How do you propose to encourage more philanthropy?

DF: I think we have to show people that the future of the state is intimately tied to the success of higher education in the state. Everything from scientific advancement to cultural literacy to our position in the global economy is tied to what higher education in this state

can provide but has not been given the resources to provide.

ODE: Lottery money has gone to higher education in the past. Do you see that as continuing?

DF: Lottery money is gambling money. It's never a predictable source. Certainly there are one-shot projects or capital construction issues where you can make a real clear tie to economic development, and so you look at that as a project-by-project basis.

But for all the lottery dollars in the world, that doesn't begin to support the base budget of a single institution, let alone programs. I think we need to look for more stable sources of funding.

ODE: In the past, lottery money — for example from Sports Action — has gone directly to the athletic departments.

DF: But that didn't happen to work this time because they didn't meet their quota. That's fine, if the people want to support that. If that's an offset of revenues that would otherwise come from the general fund, I don't have a quarrel with that.

ODE: Higher education could get more funds if the spending

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