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limit was broken. How do you think the spending limit issue should be addressed?

DF: I've said that I believe it should be modified to reflect modern-day economic realities in light of our experiences.

But I wouldn't abolish it altogether because I think that's an open invitation to a reaction from the polls and I'd just as soon avoid that kind of revolt.

ODE: You said a larger chunk of the general fund should go to higher education. Giving money to higher education means taking it from some other programs. What do you propose to cut?

DF: I've had some experience in cutting and trimming back budgets. I was able to do that without reducing services or laying off employees. That doesn't mean that there's a huge pile of fat that's sitting out there someplace, but I think every program is going to have to justify itself first.

If there are some things that we do that we ought not to be doing anymore because we can't afford them, then I think we need to be surgical about it. (We can) say we won't do this, or we'll let some other institution do it or we will phase out of this program ... This is much tougher to do than to say, but

I've talked to university administrators and they recognize it.

ODE: In many governors' elections around the country, abortion has been a pivotal issue. What is your stance on abortion?

DF: I favor a woman's choice, and I think the law ought to leave them alone.

ODE: How do you think this issue should be decided in Oregon?

DF: I think it probably will be decided by the people, depending on whether initiatives get on the ballot. But in some sense we've already decided it and voted on it in the past when the issue of public funding for abortion came up.

To me, choice means counseling, education and adoption as well as the termination of a pregnancy, and prevention. To that end, I think that there is an ultimate common ground, but I'm afraid there will be a lot of brutal politics before the issue is resolved.

ODE: What is your proposal to solve the divisive timber crisis between the environmentalists and the industry workers?

DF: It is divisive, and that's critically important in Oregon because we don't make much progress as a state with the kind of conflict that we've

seen. One of the themes of my campaign is our need to build an internal consensus — north and south, east and west, Republican and Democrat.

It's not easy to solve because many of the issues lie in federal hands to decide. A common basis of scientific fact that we can trust is one. Second is someplace we have to factor in the human factor — not easy.

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 suddenly become impoverished overnight because all forest harvest comes to a halt.

I don't think people have really looked at how the cycle could work. Suppose the spotted owl is designated (endangered). That could lead to the potential of a court injunction that could shut down all forest planning because you have to start over. Every piece of planning we've done, no matter how meticulous or careful it is of the environment, is in the ash can because it won't have considered that.

So, that means new environmental impact statements, new forest plans. The Forest Service and the BLM (Bureau of Land

Management) don't have a clue how to do this.

We know from the early 1980s that when the wood products industry gets a cold, Oregon gets pneumonia. Higher education paid a price then, too ... I don't use the word price lightly, but it is far beyond the issue of spotted owl habitat and what portion of the old growth ought to be saved.

We all know that we are in a transition between an old-growth and a second- and third-growth economy. We all know that other sectors of the economy are still growing.

ODE: Do you see this transition taking place through enticing more businesses to Oregon?

DF: The right kind of businesses. I don't want more smokestacks. We have tough environmental regulations, and I think we need to have the kind of growth of economy that is consistent with the kind of livability that we treasure.

We need to create a business climate here that causes existing businesses to expand. All of Oregon's job expansion, all of the economic growth in the last four years, has come from the expansion of existing businesses that were here.

ODE: How do you feel about the possibility of a ban on log

exports?

DF: I voted for the ban on log exports from state lands, and I support congressional legislation to make that a constitutional reality. But that only solves a very small part of the problem.

That's been oversold as a solution because most of the logs exported from the Pacific Northwest go from Washington, and they would not be of massive assistance to the Oregon mills and communities who need it.

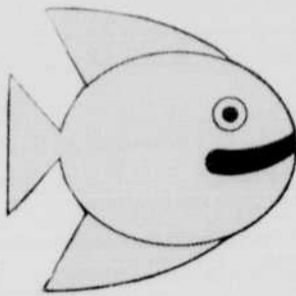
ODE: There 18,000 students at the University who are of voting age, and most of them will be eligible to vote in the May and November elections. Why should they vote for you?

DF: Because I care about the education and quality of life that they get. I want to make sure we have the best possible future in the state of Oregon.

Because I involved myself in higher education for a whole decade of my life, and I gave a lot in the classroom and I want to give a lot more back.

I want to build a future in this state so that my kids and their contemporaries can enjoy the same quality of life that I knew in Oregon when I grew up and caused me to come back and live in this state.

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