

## COMMUNITY

# Boehnke says University needs better public relations

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The University of Oregon needs a better public relations department, said George Boehnke, Republican candidate for District 40 representative.

"This university is known throughout the United States for having one of the finest math departments in the nation for undergraduates," Boehnke said. Three of his relatives graduated from the University with degrees in mathematics.



Boehnke

Boehnke suggested that state universities use private busi-

nesses more, for example, in things like printing, especially if that would be cheaper than using an in-house print shop. He also said universities should rely less on graduate students as instructors, and that professors needed to teach more classes as well as do research and work with graduate students.

"When I was going to school here, I never saw a graduate assistant except in a lab or giving me a test," he said.

Boehnke said there should be

**'The problem is, if we would blow our horn, we would get more grants. Michigan has so many they hardly send any money down from the state.'**

George Boehnke

Republican candidate, State House of Representatives

as little duplication of departments between schools as possible, citing Oregon State University's business school as an example.

"There wasn't any reason in the world Oregon State had a business school. We should have kept the business school here," he said.

"The University also lost the engineering school in the state years ago, and I'm not saying we should get it back. Let them (Oregon State) be the technical school. Let Oregon have the business schools, the architecture schools, the sciences we have here," Boehnke said.

However, he said the biggest problem with funding higher education in the wake of 1990's Measure 5 has more to do with how property tax money is distributed than with how much property tax is raised.

He said the amount of money the state collected from property tax, personal income tax and corporate income tax, has increased slightly.

From 1989 to 1991, the biennium before Measure 5 passed, the state collected about \$9.08 billion in property, personal income and corporate income taxes combined. In the two-year period following the 1991 passage of Measure 5, from 1991 to 1993, the state collected nearly \$10 billion in taxes.

These figures do not reflect inflation or the increased state population since 1989.

"What we need to do," he

said, "is take Measure 5, if there's anything good about it, keep it, but then amend it so there's better distribution, and that more of that property tax goes to public schools," he said.

Until that happens, Boehnke said the state should temporarily collect a "bridge tax," like an income tax, until "we can clear up the bad parts of Measure 5."

"I would say that bridge tax should go to the schools. I don't like dedicating funds, because it gets very touchy," he said.

Furthermore, Boehnke said the state's budget problems could be helped if Oregon owned more of the timberlands currently owned by the federal government. Oregon cannot profit as much from timber sales on federally owned lands as they could if the lands were owned by the state, he said.

Boehnke suggested consolidating state organizations, for example, combining commissions on women's rights, Hispanic rights and African-American rights into one statewide civil rights commission.

He also said the same could be done with state employment agencies; rather than having separate employment agencies at different locations, the state should combine them into one large agency.

Boehnke is a former print shop owner who has been active in the Lane County Republican Party since 1955. He is running for Carl Hosticka's vacant seat.

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