

Students offered three options for future LTD funding

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Students will be given three choices for the future of their Lane Transit District bus service on the ballot this week.

Two of the three options deal with the amount of fees that will be charged depending on whether or not the fees would be refundable to those who do not wish to use the bus service.

The first option proposes that students pay about \$6.42 per student, per term, to generate approximately \$324,000 for unlimited bus service within the transit district.

With this option, any student who does not want to use the service would be refunded his

or her fees.

The second option would not make the fee refundable. Instead, about \$6.16 would be charged in incidental fees per student, per term, for bus service.

Bus service without the option for a fee refund is cheaper because the cost to LTD is less, said LTD Finance Administrator Tamara Weaver.

Refunding the fees increases administrative expenses for LTD, Weaver said.

The University requires that LTD advertise the refund as well as employing people to administer the refund at the University, she said.

The third proposal — "nei-

ther" — would eliminate the unlimited bus service for students. No fees would then be charged for the bus service next year.

Approximately 4,200 students board the LTD busses every school day, according to LTD statistics. University students make up about 16 percent of LTD's total rider ship.

A regular LTD bus pass costs \$23 per month, or more than \$60 per term.

Currently, University students pay \$6.20 in fees per term for the unlimited bus service and the fee is refundable. No more than 200 students request a refund per term, Weaver said.

If students voted to make the

LTD fee non-refundable, the cost of bus service would be less than what students are paying now.

The University and the transit district have had a "group" agreement since the 1987-88 school year. Last year, the University and LTD won a national energy award because of their transportation partnership, Weaver said.

While other universities in the nation have similar programs, students typically pay \$9 to \$10 per term, she said.

An LTD bus service measure is on the ballot measure every year because of increases in the cost of bus service, said ASUO Executive Coordinator Cheryl Hunter.

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- **WHAT:** OPTION A
Incidental fees charged for students to use the unlimited Lane Transit District bus service would continue to be refundable.
■ **Cost:** \$6.42
- **WHAT:** OPTION B
Incidental fees charged for bus service would no longer be refundable.
■ **Cost:** \$6.16
- **WHAT:** OPTION C
Unlimited LTD bus service for University students would be eliminated.
■ **Cost:** No cost to students.



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Senate may gain voting options for budget

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A measure that would give the Student Senate line-item veto power over the ASUO Programs Finance Committee's budget recommendations with an 80 percent senate majority will be put before students on the University's general election ballot.

Under the current system, the Student Senate must "vote to approve or deny the budgets recommended by the ASUO Programs Finance committee, the EMU Board, and the AD Budget Committee," according to the ASUO Constitution. The senate has the power to reject entire budget packages, and can recommend budget changes to the appropriate committee.

Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Fisher, who helped organize the measure, said the current system is flawed because the senate's options are too limited. The senate's only options are to either reject the finance committee's full budget based on a few programs, or to pass the budget package even if there are

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individual budgets the senate disapproves of, Fisher said.

"Neither of those solutions seem like very good ones," Fisher said. "This way, if there is a problem, the senate could send everything on, except for a single program."

If the ballot measure is approved, the senate would be able to deny any part of the finance committee's budget recommendation "by a vote of 4/5 of the filled seats." The finance committee allocates money to student groups that receive incidental fees.

Campus ballot offers measure for finance committee elections

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A proposal to stagger the election of the two at-large members of the Programs Finance Committee will be put before students on the upcoming campus ballot.

As it stands now, both of the two-year at-large positions are elected simultaneously, and subsequently vacated simultaneously. The ballot measure proposes staggering the election of the seats so the committee would always have an at-large member with a year of experience.

Finance committee chairman and student Sen. Joey Lyons, said the measure is simply a matter of student government housekeeping and will make the finance committee more efficient.

On other student government bodies, such as the Stu-

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dent Senate and the EMU Board of Directors, corresponding two-year seats are elected in a staggered fashion to ensure each year there are open seats, while experienced members remain on both bodies.

If the measure passes, the person elected to at-large seat one in 1996 would serve only a one-year term, and seat one would be placed on the ballot for re-election in 1997.

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MEETINGS
ASUO Program Finance Committee will meet today at 5 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 346-0623.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance women's drop-in group will meet today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid St. For more information, call 346-3360.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Alliance will meet for a Pride Week planning session tonight at 7 in EMU Cedar Room E. For more information, call 346-3360.

Student Senate will meet tonight at 7:30 in the EMU Fir Room. For more information, call 346-3749.

RELIGION
Newman Center will offer a Catholic Bible study and fellowship today at 3 p.m. in EMU Century Room A. For more information, call 346-4468.

MISCELLANEOUS
Career Center will accept resumes today for interviews with the following organizations: Windmill Inns, Automated Office Systems, Office Depot, K-Mart, BiMart, Northwestern Mutual Life, Black & Decker and Material Flow. Sign up is available in Room 244 Hendricks. For more information, call 346-3235.

Career Center will offer an office orientation today from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in Room 221 Hendricks. Sign up for the workshop is available in Room 244 Hendricks. For more information, call 346-3235.

Sun Valley Resort will be in EMU Century Room C today, interviewing for summer employment. For more information, call 346-3235.

U.S. Peace Corps will be in the EMU Walnut Room and the EMU lobby today from 12 to 1 p.m. For more information, call 346-3235.

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• Tues., April 25, noon-1PM
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