

LTD considers route changes

■ **REVIEW:** LTD is holding public hearings on proposed route changes as part of its annual route review

By Jennifer Schmitt
Community Editor

Bus service to and from the University next fall may increase, but other routes may be deleted.

Lane Transit District is in the middle of its annual route reviews and is conducting public hearings to get input on proposed route changes, said Cosette Rees, LTD marketing representative.

One of the changes being considered is to have an express bus that would go from east Springfield to the University and downtown Eugene.

"This bus would take [Hwy] 105," Rees said. "It would be competitive to the time it takes for a car to travel the same route."

Routes 16 and 71 may be cut because of low ridership in those areas. Route 16 was a new route that covered the Springfield Mall area.

"Productivity has been really bad," Rees said. "There are other places we need the buses like Kinsrow."

Rees said the buses that travel the Kinsrow route are consistently too full, and most of the riders are "almost exclusively going to the University."

"It is typical to have a bus pull up to a stop and have 150 people waiting to get on," she said. "And that is not an exaggeration."

Route 71 covers 24th Avenue and Agate Street up to the Hendricks Park area. Route 71 is up for deletion again this year. It was slated to be deleted last year, but students appealed it and saved the route.

"Students got us to keep the route last year," Rees said. "It just shows how important student input can be."

Service between W. 18th Avenue and the University may be redesigned with increased frequency around W. 18th Avenue and Arthur Street.

"It would increase the number of trips from Westmoreland to the University since a lot of students

live out there," Rees said.

Another proposed change is to increase the time between buses on routes from W. 18th Avenue to the University. By increasing the amount of time between bus trips, planners are hoping they will be able to offer more time options.

"Feeder-loop" routes may be started in West Eugene neighborhoods. The feeder-loop buses are smaller buses that service the neighborhood streets and then "feed" into the larger routes such as W. 18th Avenue, Rees said.

The feeder loops will decrease neighborhood complaints about the large buses on neighborhood roads.

"There really is no reason to have the large buses going into the neighborhoods," Rees said. "It is part of our long-term plan to have the smaller 30-foot-buses going into the neighborhoods, and then people would transfer at the bigger routes. It should be a painless transfer."

The first public hearing meeting is tonight at 7 p.m. at 3500 E. 17th Ave. in Glenwood.

Posner explains brain exploration in lecture

■ **RESEARCH:** Posner told how each body function is managed by a different part of the human brain

By Laura Pallin
Freelance Reporter

Professor Michael Posner gave a lecture called "Educating the Human Brain: A View from Inside" on Tuesday afternoon.

Posner, head of the psychology department, is one of three recipients of the Distinguished Professor Award. Established in 1986, the award requires recipients to give lectures about their specialized work.

"The award honors Posner, along with collaborator Marcus E. Raichle, M.D., for pioneering the use of neuroimaging and developing it into a credible, versatile tool for understanding human cognition and solving clinical problems," said Ross West, science writer for the Office of Communications.

Posner described neuroimaging as "methods that allow us to localize [to find out what parts of the brain are active] and discover the time course of that activity in normal people while they carry out various mental activities."

Posner's lecture outlined his work on brain mapping, the study of cognitive functions of the human brain.

Posner explained how every activity that the brain is engaged

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—Michael Posner
Head of UO Psychology Department

in, whether it is reading, working with digits or recovering from a brain injury, involves different parts of a brain.

For example, thinking hammer and then saying pound involves only a certain area of the brain, he said. Brain mapping can distinguish which area of the brain it is, thereby pinpointing the "hammer spot."

"We now have many mental and emotional processes mapped in the human brain," Posner said.

Posner co-authored the book *Images of the Mind* and received the 1996 William James Book Award.

Posner has been a professor at the University since 1965. He will hold the position of head of the department of psychology until 1998. He was formerly director of the Institution of Cognitive and Decision Scientists.

In their future research, Posner and his colleagues hope to investigate the effects of learning, recovering from brain injury and being treated for pathologies or normal development.

Ban proposed on same-sex marriages

■ **LAW:** Opponents say the proposal is an example of discrimination

The Associated Press

A push is about to get under way in the Oregon Legislature to ban same-sex marriages.

"We want to establish a public policy that this state would only recognize the marriage of members of the opposite sex," said state Sen. Marilyn Shannon, R-Brooks. "The focus of our legislation is to protect marriage between a man and woman."

Shannon is one of four lawmakers who have drafted legislation, called the Defense of Marriage Act, that would define matrimony as a bond between a man and a woman.

Mark Schwier, a board member for the Coalition to End Bigotry, said the proposed legislation is another example of discrimination against gays and lesbians.

"People say we don't have family values, and then they don't allow us to get married," said Schwier, a Salem resident and chairman of the city's Human Rights Commission.

No state permits same-sex marriages. However, a pending Hawaii court case has some states rushing to outlaw it.

So far, 20 states have taken action specifically to prohibit gay marriages. Washington state's Legislature last week overwhelmingly passed a bill to ban same-sex marriages, but it could face a veto.

Taunting: Some disagree with ASUO's plan of action

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country, but this is a mark they do not want to have on their record. ...We're sending a message to the masses that student government does not feel this is proper behavior."

Alexandra Berwick, one of the MultiCultural Advocates for the ASUO, said she was "not surprised one bit," that an incident like this could happen at the University.

"Kris [Johnson, the UCLA player who said fans were using racial slurs] said people were calling him names last year, too," Berwick said. "Why would he make it up again this year? I've been to games, and I've heard the racial slurs."

"People are focusing on this as a negative thing. They think 'Oh, we're losing 300 seats' rather than 'Look what we did to those players.'"

"The loss of some tickets is such an insignificant thing compared to the issue of humanity," Banfield said.

Emily Lerma, a co-director of MEChA, called the plan "completely ineffective."

"Changes need to be made in curriculum and other areas. Publicity is meaningless unless it leads to something," Lerma said.

One student who has plans of attending Thursday night's game agrees the plans by the ASUO is the wrong course of action.

"It's the wrong message to send. If [the ASUO] wants to better control the crowd, maybe they need to spend more money on security," said Joe Calderon, a sophomore majoring in business. "If one of the security people were to go up and grab a student and throw them out, it would

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Oregon center

make a better statement to the people sitting around them."

Oregon men's basketball player Rob Ramaker believes the absence of fans could be a factor in Thursday's game against Arizona.

"If this place is packed it is still going to be loud and going to be energized," he said after Tuesday's practice. "But as far as the enthusiasm of the students being on the floor, that is a big advantage for us. It is always nice to see them [rooting] against the other team."

Yvonne Stubbs, a member of the Black Student Union, supports the ASUO proposal. She feels the action is "the loudest statement they could make. When you're in a crowd and somebody yells something, you turn around and can't see who said it. You just see a bunch of people looking innocent."

Other options the ASUO considered were passing out fliers or having someone from the team or administration speak to the crowd. The ASUO will be passing out fliers, but Banfield said the ASUO felt words wouldn't be strong enough.

Banfield said the athletic department has been extremely helpful in orchestrating what the ASUO wanted, but emphasized the athletic department was not a part of the decision-making process.



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