

# LTD installs new radio system

It also has added nine buses to its fleet; five more will be added by February 1999

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In addition to Lane Transit District's recent opening of the downtown Eugene Station, 1080 Willamette St., communication and aesthetic changes are in the works for new and current buses. LTD is in the process of installing a new multi-channel radio system that will network all buses throughout Eugene.

According to Andy Vobora, LTD manager of service, planning

and marketing, the new system includes two computer-aided radio channels to be operated by a central dispatcher. Vobora said the current system is approximately 20 years old, includes only one radio channel and is failing.

Buses will also be equipped with LCD, or liquid crystal display, message boards to post information about weather emergencies and construction detours. In addition, Vobora said, the dispatcher can use the improved radio system to verbally send news. He said the changes should be complete in five to six weeks.

LTD is also adding 14 new buses to its fleet. Vobora said the bus carrier will add multiple buses

with "low-floor" technology next fall. He said these buses will be without entryway steps and will include new ramps for wheelchair access. He added that nine air-conditioned buses were added to the fleet this past fall and five new buses will complement the fleet by February 1999.

The changes come as part of LTD's fleet-replacement program. Vobora said the new additions are needed because LTD currently operates some buses that are almost 18 years old; the life span for a standard LTD-operated bus is typically 12 years.

He added that no Eugene route or service changes are scheduled for this fall.

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and build no projects. The second option allows for spending only on new library construction. The third option would permit funding for library and downtown projects. The final option would only fund downtown projects selected by city officials. This is also known as the base option.

Each person was given a maximum time limit of three minutes to speak, although few used the whole three minutes.

Robert Hyatt, a Eugene citizen, spoke strongly in favor of the need for a new library and criticized the current building.

"I think the library we have is a bad joke for the city," he said.

Hyatt added that the construction of a new library should not be done by means of the urban renewal project. He said the research park is not totally useful and that further construction would destroy a "unique area."

Calan Taylor, a member of the Oregon Club Sports rugby team, told the council that the University currently has the lowest number of playing fields of any

team in the Pacific-10 Conference. Taylor said eight University teams currently use a field just north of the railroad tracks in the research park.

Rachelle Depner, the captain of the women's ultimate frisbee team, said only three fields are available to club and intramural teams, and all the fields are overused. Depner said the park is the only place University students have available for field recreation.

Mary Ann Holser, a Eugene citizen, told the council the park is "one of the last open spaces in Eugene" and the ratio of parks to people is far less than it should be.

Of the 23 speakers who supported specific options of urban renewal, nine chose to preserve the option only for new library construction; seven felt the option for the library and downtown projects should be used; and two said the option supporting only downtown projects should be used.

Two favored the option for downtown projects only; two said city participation in the riverfront district should be reduced and one said city participation should be discontinued. Fifteen speakers were in favor of terminating the urban renewal district.

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and Cowling. "We're going to work with students to form a grassroots opposition to the Riverfront Research Park, which would take away from the green spaces around campus," Cowling said. Students have twice voted in referendum to stop the project in recent years, Wortman and Cowling said.

Other environmental projects include limiting or stopping toxic chemicals sprayed on campus lawns and advocating for greater use of recycled paper, Wortman added.

Women's health, rape prevention and survival, and student

conduct code education for freshmen are also priorities for the candidates.

"There needs to be more awareness of the code," Wortman said. "We're proposing a week-long, what-it-means-to-you seminar for incoming students."

Involving students of color would be a major focus of their administration, they said.

"Last year, the University was not a major player in programs like the Oregon Students of Color Coalition," Wortman said. "We'd like to change that by working with ethnic student unions to increase involvement."

The candidates plan to work to recruit and retain faculty of

color, something sorely lacking at the University, Wortman said.

Wortman, a Native American who came to the University on the now-defunct Underrepresented Minority Achievement Scholarship, said she will also fight for more scholarships for students of color.

The pair said they decided to run when they realized they had a different vision than most of the other candidates.

"I'll be totally honest — I was scared when I saw the direction others were going," Wortman said. "We want activism, not bureaucracy, and we've chosen the issues we have because they are both important and attainable."

# Johnson: One task will be to hire new police chief

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tor Chris Andersen were the three people in the running to fill the position.

"Warren Wong got things on the ground and got things moving," Torrey said. "I struggled

with the decision."

Johnson will act as the city manager until the City Council goes through the application and hiring process of selecting a permanent city manager. Until then, Johnson will run all appoint-

ments by the council.

"The city of Eugene has had an interesting last year," Johnson said. "I'm looking forward to it. The employees are outstanding, and I am proud to help lead and manage."

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