

Measure will gauge support for LTD funding

If approved, \$360,000 in fees will fund unlimited bus service for University students

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Editor's Note: Students will be voting on six measures during the spring elections on April 21 and 22. Each day the Emerald will feature a profile of each measure.

The sixth and final ballot measure that students will vote on in the spring elections will weigh student support for funding of Lane Transit District service. The ballot measure was submitted and approved for the ballot by the ASUO Executive.

Students currently fund unlimited bus service within the LTD for all currently registered students. Students may at any time during their enrollment use their student identification for valid bus transportation. The measure asks students to approve an incidental fee cost of \$7.06 per student per term to pay for continuing this service. Law students would pay \$10.59 per regular semester and \$7.06 per summer session. This would generate approximately \$360,000 in funds for LTD.

"So many students on this campus use LTD," ASUO Vice President Morgan Cowling said. "It is an opportunity for students to vote on an issue that really affects them."

Cowling also noted that by approving

this measure students receive a much better deal than they would by purchasing a season LTD pass. LTD provides the service for the University at a discounted rate. The cost of a season pass is almost 10 times more than the cost for a student per term.

LTD contacted the Executive the day after the deadline for measure submission to the Constitution Court, but before the deadline for submission to the elections coordinator. The measure was permitted for late submission to the Constitution Court because of an exception in the ASUO Constitution that allows late submission for measures that, if not approved by the court, could have dire economic ramifications for either party.

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son and the grievance filed by Timpany both argued that Chen and Anoushiravani reportedly distributed fliers to the residence halls, which violated elections rules. Chen and Anoushiravani were not given an opportunity to formally respond to the grievance filed by Timpany before the board made its decision.

"If you follow the logic of the grievance, there is no reason why the policy should be pursued," Anoushiravani said.

She also noted frustration that the board did not contact them for rebuttal before they made their decision. She expressed hope that the decision will be reversed.

"I do not think there is any chance the original decision will get overturned," Reid said.

The motion filed by Austin also critiques the ASUO Elections Board's decision.

"This just shows we have a corrupted Elections Board," Austin said.

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Dan Reid
ASUO Executive Candidate

He is seeking the removal of Reid and Swanson from the general election on the grounds that the ASUO Elections Board did not provide Chen and Anoushiravani equal protection under the law. Additionally, Austin is asking that if the court decides in favor of the Elections Board that it place all the campaigns from the primaries on the general elections ballot. Lastly, he requests that a full investigation be launched by the court and that the general elections be halted until Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Austin has four points to his argument. He believes the board cannot make

a decision that affects only the two candidates who received the most votes because the supposed violation affects more than one campaign. Second, Austin argues that the ASUO Elections Board cannot deny any group of students, regardless of the circumstances, equal protection under the laws of the ASUO, the state of Oregon and the United States. His third point is that a campaign cannot be penalized according to the elections rules because the team did not violate the rules, they used a method available to all the candidates. His final argument is that the section 6.10 of the ASUO Elections Rules, which states campaigning done in support of a campaign is the responsibility of the candidates, is not legal according to the protection of anonymous poster by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The logic, timing and decision of the ASUO Elections Board "took all the brain power of a gerbil," Austin said.

The Constitution Court will meet today to discuss Austin's motion.

Today's Events

Tuesday, April 20

■ Franklin W. Stahl, known for his outstanding contributions to the science of genetics, will give a free public lecture, "Genetic Recombination: Evolution of a Scientific Model," at 4 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge in Gerlinger Hall.

■ Henry John Drewal, renowned scholar of the arts, culture and history of Africa's Yoruba people, will deliver a free lecture, "Celebrating Ancestors, Shaping Community: Yoruba Egungun Masquerades in Africa and Brazil," at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bean West Residence Hall. A reception, book signing and sale will follow at the Natural History Museum.

■ Pianist Stephen Hough, one of the world's virtuoso pianists, will conclude the 31st season of the Chamber Music Series with an 8 p.m. recital in Beall Concert Hall. Reserved-seat tickets range from \$8 to \$22, and are available in advance from the Hult Center at 682-5000. Student rush tickets will be sold at the door for \$5 and \$9.

■ The Survival Center is hosting a special event in the EMU Amphitheater to celebrate Earth Week from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■ The Outdoor Program is hosting a video on Tibet on Bike, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in 100 Willamette.

■ The Bucket Boys, 11 a.m. at the EMU Amphitheater.

■ Mary O'Brien and Peter Sorenson, local activists, speak on challenges of localizing democracy, noon at EMU Amphitheater.

■ "What is Environmental Justice?" a dialogue, 1:30 p.m. at the EMU Gumwood Room.

■ "Northwest Issues in Environmental Justice," dialogue, 3 p.m. at the EMU Gumwood Room.

■ Habeneros, eclectic rock, 5 to 7 p.m. at the EMU Amphitheater.

■ John Ryan, local solutions to global warming, 7:30 p.m. at 180 PLC.

■ Erik Nicholson, organizing farmworker unions in the Willamette Valley, 7:30 p.m. at 100 Willamette Hall, followed by "Wrath of Grapes" at 8:30 p.m.

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