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## LTD strike freezes bus service across county



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Jonathan Hunt, Amalgamated Transit Union Division 757 vice president, announced Sunday night that union members will strike effective 12:01 a.m. today.

*In a 188-9 vote, bus drivers rejected LTD's offer after months of negotiations*

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Bus service across Lane County was paralyzed Sunday night when Amalgamated Transit Union Division 757 voted against Lane Transit District's latest contract offer 188-9 by secret ballot and declared a strike effective 12:01 a.m. today.

"This is a sad day for Lane County," ATU Division 757 Vice President Jonathan Hunt said. "We are out on strike and we will stay out on strike until we can get a fair contract."

A county-wide bus driver strike has been a looming possibility for almost two months, and University officials have secured options for additional parking and alternative transportation.

The Autzen Stadium parking lot will be open free of charge from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday for the duration of the strike, and parking spots will be

available around campus for car-poolers only. Permits can be obtained for free from the Department of Public Safety. Carpool information is available on the LTD Web site and at rideshare.us.

A Laidlaw bus shuttle open to PeaceHealth employees and University students, faculty and staff will be leaving the Lane County Fairgrounds at 796 W. 13th Ave. and will be arriving at Sacred Heart Medical Center, 1255 Hilyard St., every 10 to 20 minutes from 5:20 a.m. until 11:30 p.m.

The Assault Prevention Shuttle will be operating at its usual hours of 6 p.m. until midnight, Sunday through Thursday, and 6 p.m. until 2 a.m., Friday and Saturday.

ASUO Community and Housing Coordinator Scott Lu said Thursday the ASUO is looking for volunteers to help provide security for the Autzen Stadium parking lot and the walkway to campus, but the ASUO will not intervene in the dispute because of the politics behind it.

The union was to hold its first strike rally at 5:30 a.m. today at the Fairgrounds to greet the Laidlaw bus shuttle and

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## Paving the way for growth

*The University's expansion into the East Campus area has caused mixed sentiment*

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University officials admit it: The University is landlocked but land hungry. Like so many other campuses across the country, the room for expansion is limited, but the need to do so continues to increase.

The University's recent purchase of the Williams' Bakery site near Franklin Boulevard and the University of Oregon Foundation's current effort to acquire the vacant car lot just blocks away from the site are attempts to build a land bank for the University's future.

"You can't tell what you're going to need 25 years from now," University Planning Director and Architect Chris Ramey said. "If you leave your successors with more choices, more land, at least they're better off than if they need more land."

Land acquisition and development have occurred since the University opened in 1876, resulting in the formation of what University officials and neighborhood representatives say is a love-hate relationship between the institution and the neighborhood — a relationship that has gone through rocky times but thrives on positive conversations and open dialogues.

"People are not comfortable with change," Ramey said. "That's why our profession exists — we're here to manage change."

Ramey and the rest of the Campus Planning Committee, established in 1969, are currently in the process of updating the Long Range Campus Development Plan for the first time since 1991. That plan, along with the recently updated East Campus development plan, are the University's answers to questions that have emerged over the years concerning the nature of expansion and its effects on the surrounding neighborhoods.

The Long Range Campus Development Plan focuses on controlling the University's development so that it follows a clear and organized implementation process, whereas the East Campus plan aims to create a buffer zone of low-density single family housing between University-owned land and the



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 2000, University of Oregon InfoGraphic Lab

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The colors on the map correspond with the dates of major University land purchases.

surrounding neighborhood while allowing for high-density development on the property closest to the University.

### Working relationships

Ellis Lawrence, an architect who designed all campus buildings constructed in the 1920s, developed the first campus plan in 1914. In 1973, The Oregon Experiment was introduced, initiating the University development concept of continual planning rather than site-set planning.

It was not until the 1960s, when the University began purchasing houses in the neighborhood east of campus, that neighborhood relations began to take center stage.

University Vice President for Administration Dan Williams said University-neighborhood relations are similar now to how they've always been in that "you're balancing off between wanting to be a good neighbor with being sure that we protect the long-term interests of the University."

Williams said the process of working with the East Campus neighborhood is one that must center around openness and honesty while still maintaining all-around authority over the land the University rightfully owns.

Williams said most East Campus residents have not been in the neighborhood longer than the University, and although it is still crucial for them to openly express their concerns, they should recognize the inevitability of University expansion.

"Anybody that moved into the neighborhood with the idea that there wouldn't be some change is, I think, a little naive," Williams said.

Both Williams and Fairmount Neighborhood Association co-chair Jeff Nelson said a "love-hate relationship" exists between the University and the East Campus neighborhood, which is inevitable in any university-community relationship. But both also agreed that with openness and

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*The Pioneer Cemetery was once a hot spot for the University's property development plans*

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The land neighboring the south side of Gerlinger Hall and across from McArthur Court has been home to Pioneer Cemetery since 1873. The cemetery was the subject of controversy for many years as former University administrators looked to build on the property, while the families of those buried there advocated for its preservation.

University Planning Director and Architect Chris Ramey said the University's quest for cemetery ownership went all the way to the state Supreme Court, which ruled that the University did have a right to buy the cemetery, exhume the graves and develop on the land.

The University's efforts at relocating the cemetery were met with such great opposition that Ramey said former University President Robert Clark made a promise when taking office that the University would leave the cemetery forever untouched.

Ramey said Clark's promise came after several years of conflict between University officials and area residents regarding a January 1963 plan that suggested building elevated structures over the cemetery to allow for

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### TIMELINE OF DEVELOPMENT



**1914** — The Board of Regents employs Ellis Lawrence to establish the first University campus plan.

**1924** — In a biennial report to the governor, the president of the Board of Regents warns that the University's need for more land may soon result in it "being forced to buy and destroy brick blocks near the campus in order to find sites for necessary buildings," which was being done at universities in the Midwest.

**1930s** — The Public Works Administration begins funding buildings, including Esslinger Hall.

**1960s** — Gerlinger Annex, Autzen Stadium and residence hall construction begins; plans are formulated for Pioneer Cemetery; the University begins purchasing property in the East Campus neighborhood.

**1972** — The Fairmount Neighborhood Association is formed.

**1973** — The Oregon Experiment is finalized.

**1976** — The city requests neighborhood refinement plans; Fairmount neighbors begins discussion with the University.

**1982** — The 1982 Fairmount/University of Oregon Special Area Study is finalized and approved by the city.

**1991** — The Long Range Campus Development Plan is drafted.

**2002** — Talks concerning an update to the 1982 plan begin between the Fairmount neighbors and the University.

**2004** — Eugene City Council unanimously approves the updated East Campus plan.

**2005** — Updates to the Long Range Campus Development Plan are expected to be complete; the Williams' Bakery site is purchased.