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1000-57-126 **Ryan D Budney\*** (rybu@math.rochester.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-122. *Topology of knot spaces*.

This talk will briefly survey some recent results on the topology of knot spaces in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for  $n \geq 3$ . For n = 3 there is a conjectural classification of the homotopy type of the knot space, while for n > 3 the Goodwillie Calculus is beginning to shed light on the homotopy type. (Received August 21, 2004)