

Weekend bus customers face cut in service

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Reduced bus service and employee layoffs announced by the financially ailing Lane Transit District last October will take effect Sunday, according to LTD marketing administrator Ed Bergeron.

Extensive service cuts and layoffs of 19 bus drivers and a handful of staff employees were necessary to combat a projected \$340,000 budget deficit, says Bergeron.

The remaining LTD staff also will lose one work day each month to help further trim costs.

And Bergeron warns that another 6-to-8 percent service cut will be required in September to avoid continued deficit spending.

"There hasn't been any talk as to where those cuts will be made," Bergeron says, "but we can't deficit spend."

Service cuts that go into affect Sunday are:

- Reduced service frequency from 30 minutes to 45 minutes on Saturdays.
- Elimination of the 6:25 a.m. and 7:10 a.m. Saturday departures. First Saturday departures now will leave the Eugene Downtown Mall at 7:55 a.m.
- Elimination of the 10:55 p.m. and 11:40 p.m. weekday and Saturday departures. The last Eugene Mall departures will be at 10:10 p.m.
- Reduced service frequency

on Sunday from 45 minutes to 90 minutes on routes Harlow 12, Centennial 14, West 18th 33, Campbell-Bethel 42, Four Corners 45, Santa Clara 51 and Oakway 61.

- Elimination of Sunday service on route Park Avenue 50.

The service cuts mean Saturday buses will stop at the University every 45 minutes instead of every 15 minutes. The last bus making the 10:10 p.m. downtown connection will be LCC via Harris at 9:59 p.m. at the 13th and Kincaid bus stop.

In addition to service cut-backs, LTD also is busy readying 18 new buses to replace several old models prone to breakdowns. Although the dis-

trict had planned to begin using the buses in March, Bergeron says LTD has put one or two new buses in service because of continued breakdowns of some 1947 models still being used.

"This shows just how close we have come in getting the new equipment," Bergeron says. "The old buses just rolled over and died and we can't get parts for them."

About half of the new \$104,000 buses have been equipped with wheelchair lifts for handicapped persons, and Bergeron says lifts will be installed in the remaining buses by March. Cost of the wheelchair lifts is about \$8,000 apiece, he says.

Prisons chief may satisfy reduction order

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's prisons chief said Wednesday he thinks the state may meet a judge's Jan. 31 deadline for lowering inmate population by 500, but he is pessimistic about the order to remove another 250 inmates by March 31.

Robert Watson, Corrections Division administrator, said progress had seemed slow until figures released this week showed substantial improvement.

"The 500 looks possible now," Watson said. "I wouldn't bet much money on it, but there's a reasonable hope of making the deadline. There are so many variables in the picture, it's hard to make an absolute statement."

U.S. District Judge James Burns ruled last August that Oregon's male prisons were unconstitutionally overcrowded. He ordered a reduction in prison population of 750 inmates by March 31.

The state has appealed the decision and requested the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to stay Burns' order. Scott McAlister of the attorney general's office said he still thinks the state will fall about 75 inmates short of the Jan. 31 quota. The state's motion claims that rushing the release of inmates is a danger to public safety.

Watson said his new optimism about reaching the 500 quota by Jan. 31 "is consistent with the request for a stay. Meeting the January deadline is no guarantee we will be able to sustain" the reduced population level.

SEARCH...WINTER COURSES

The following is a list of SEARCH courses offered Winter term. All courses can be added through the same add procedure as other University courses. Descriptions of the courses can be found at the SEARCH office in the EMU Suite 1 or by calling 686-4377.

Course	TLN	Dept	Time	Place	Credits
Food/Hunger Macroanalysis Seminar	8039	Soc 400	Mon/Thurs 15:30-16:50	260 Con	3
Women, Men, Love and Violence	8032	Soc 400	H 14:30-17:20	313 Allen	3
Contemporary Israel	8043	Geog 400	U 19:00-21:30	101 Gil	3
Student Earth Week Projects	8024	CSPA 200	H 19:00-21:00	102 Gil	3
Beginning Jujutsu	8033	Cpe 200	UH 19:00-20:50	71 ESL	1
The Philosophy of the Rabbis: Early Sages	8031	Rel 200	U 12:00-13:30	330 Con	2
Urban Agriculture and Appropriate Life-Styling	8027	LA 400	U 12:30-2:30	266 Gil	2
Introduction to Esperanto	8022	Ling 200	W 19:00-21:00	166 LA	
Arabic Pronunciation and Writing	8028	Ling 200	UH 09:30-11:00	205 DEA	3
Introduction to Finnish	8019	GL 200	MWF 14:30-15:50	137 ED	3
Beginning Dutch	8023	GI 200	MW 15:30-16:50	206 FR	2-3
Modern Hebrew Intermediary	8037	CL 200	MW 19:00-20:20	310 Gil	3
2nd Year Hebrew: Biblical and Liturgical	8038	CL 400	M 12:30-14:30	261 PLC	2
C.S. Lewis and Friends	8025	Eng 400	U 12:00-13:50	234 Gil	3
Medical Terminology	8041	Bio 200	M 19:00-21:50	254 LA	3
Introduction to Hebrew Modern	8036	CL 200	W 15:30-17:20	177 Lawr	2
Mechanisms for Funding Social Science Research	8042	Geo 400	H 10:30-12:50	319 All	2
Finnish Folklore and the Kalevala	8021	GL 400	H 19:00-21:00	160 Con	2
Religion — Modern German	8020	GL 400	UH 15:30-16:20	206 Fr	2
The Theology of Ministry	8030	Rel 200	H 13:30-15:20	118 Fr	2
Contemporary Non-Fiction Books	8026	J 400	H 11:00-12:20	***	1
Introduction to Persian Language	8040	Ling 200	WF 10:30-11:20	319 ALL	2
War in the Nuclear Age	8017	SOC 400	MWF 08:30-09:20	248 PLC	3
The Twilight of Western Thought: A Christian Response	8035	Soc 400	UH 14:00-15:20	133 Gil	3
Beginning Folk Guitar II	8018	Mus 200	UH 11:00-12:20	138 ED	3
Gay and Lesbian Culture	8048	Wom. St. 400	UH 18:00-19:30	74 MUS Sch.	3
Kung Fu	8034	CPE 200	U 19:00-22:00	TBA	3
Cycles of Fertility: The Ovulation Method	8029	HE 200	MW 19:00-20:50	71 ESL	1
Exceptional Friendship	8044	SPED 400	W 19:00-21:00	348 Ger	1
Fundamentals of Sports Officiating	8047	CPE 200	W 14:30-16:20	138 ED	2
Kalevala in Finnish	8045	GL 400	UH 12:30-13:50	TBA	3
			UH 16:30-17:20	233 Gil	2

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