

Local bus lines offer special cross country rates

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Many people believe the early American settlers ripped off the Indians by buying Manhattan Island for \$24 and bunch of beads. But today you can have the country for only \$50... or see it, at least.

In an effort to inject a much needed booster shot into off-season business, both Greyhound and Continental Trailways are offering their passengers a special \$50 one-way fare that will take a rider coast-to-coast.

Although both national bus companies originally planned to discontinue this promotion in March, the special fare has been extended through the spring. \$50 one-way passes for both bus lines will be sold until May 31 and can be used until June 15.

"Business has increased considerably since the \$50 maximum fare went into effect," said Gene Teeling, director of public relations at Greyhound's national headquarters in Phoenix. "College-age kids and

retired people are frequently taking advantage of this special rate," Teeling said. "Not only is it a great deal from an economic viewpoint," said Sally Vargo, travel counselor at Continental Trailways, "but most people, especially men, love the convenience of not having to drive. It's quite relaxing to just sit back in a big cushioned seat and take in the scenery."

The Greyhound ticket is good for two months and the Trailways ticket is valid until the end of the promotion. Both plans allow for unlimited stopovers on a direct route after a rider is out-of-state.

Is there any difference between the two cross-country buslines? "Not really," said Mike Warso, an employee at the State College bus terminal, which is a commission agency for Greyhound and Trailways. "One company has a big dog on the side of their buses and the other doesn't, but the rates and service of both lines are pretty much similar. Very rarely will one company do



Students going out of state may find their trip a little easier on the wallet: both Continental Trailways and Greyhound Bus Company are offering reduced rate passes to spur winter business.

Photo by Patrick Little

buses who normally don't travel at all," said Mohsenin. Other cut-rate promotions include Greyhound's Ameripass and Trailways' Eaglepass, both designed especially for sightseers who don't want to be hampered by strict travel schedules.

"The greatest advantage to this deal," said Teeling, "is that passengers can freely go where they want, when they want, within the arranged ticket period."

The three travel plans that Greyhound and Trailways offer their sightseeing passengers are almost identical. The rates for both the Ameripass and the Eaglepass are: a 15-day ticket for \$165, a one-month pass for \$225, or for \$325, two months worth of cross-country traveling.

Extra days of travel time can be added onto either pass at the rate of \$11 a day, for up to two months.

A child under 12 can travel with an adult for free on both bus lines.

Greyhound has made its Ameripass deal even more

attractive as the ticket can be used towards discounts at many hotels, restaurants, and sightseeing tours around the country.

Both companies also run hundreds of their own escorted tours to national parks, historic towns and other popular sightseeing places.

Teeling suggests that when traveling long distance via these buses, passengers should anticipate their needs. "Most experienced travelers go light," Teeling said.

He advises wearing loose clothing when taking long distance excursions. "One should also carry a small piece of luggage on board," Teeling said, "so that some personal items would be readily accessible."

Bus passengers are allowed to check three pieces of luggage, about 150 pounds worth, on the buses for no charge. Warso said that it is very rare to find anyone traveling with more than the maximum amount allotted. Although the bus companies

automatically insure checked baggage for up to \$250, there are many items which aren't covered by this travel insurance. These items include cameras, typewriters, radios, and other fragile, expensive equipment. Some passengers purchase their own insurance since the bus lines don't sell any increased coverage.

Warso urges that passengers buy tickets at least one day in advance. "We order our buses according to reservations," Warso said. "In metropolitan areas, all it takes is a phone call to order an extra bus and it will arrive at the terminal in a few minutes. But it isn't all that simple to send an emergency back-up bus to a secluded, rural town such as State College."

Warso recommends that people who plan on traveling cross-country take advantage of the \$50 one-way maximum bus ticket offer while it lasts — because the \$50 maximum bus ticket fee, like a \$24 island, will be but a memory in a couple of months.

Official affirms saccharin risks

SARASOTA, Fla. (UPI) — A top government health official argued yesterday that animal tests are good predictors of human cancer and said it is "highly likely" saccharin can cause tumors in humans.

Dr. David P. Rall, director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, recommended that the widely-used artificial sweetener be barred from soft drinks but said he was not worried about its use by diabetics.

"What I am concerned about is that approximately 75 per cent of the saccharin manufactured goes into soft drinks which are freely available to the population," he said.

"That's what worries me." The Food and Drug Administration last month proposed a ban on saccharin

and the action has stirred a storm of controversy among dieters and others who use the sweetener regularly.

Rall, who also is assistant surgeon general and has a doctorate in pharmacology as well as medicine, said the Canadian rat tests that prompted the FDA ban were, only the latest of a dozen studies linking saccharin with cancer.

He told an American Cancer Society seminar for science writers that when all the test data is put together it indicates that even two bottles of saccharin-containing soft drinks consumed daily for a long time could probably cause cancer eventually in some persons.

"It's highly likely that saccharin is carcinogenic (cancer causing) in man," Rall said. "It's clearly carcinogenic in animals."

Typists helpful to busy student

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It's already Wednesday. You have an Economics exam tomorrow and a computer program due Friday. You've written your psychology paper which is also due Friday, but since two-finger typing is all you can handle, you know you'll never get everything done. You consider heading home while you still have your sanity.

There is another alternative, however.

If you've got some extra dollars, but don't have extra time, you might want to have your paper typed by someone selling typing services.

Many typists in the area said they usually could have a term paper ready the day after they received it. These would take about a week, they said, because they are longer and more complicated.

Marian Mills, owner of Mills Typing Service, said they have been doing work for students for four years. In addition to typing, they also handle printing and copying.

A number of State College typists however, are housewives who type papers as a part time job.

But at the end of the term, State College resident Jean Hoffman said, the typing job becomes very much full time. "I get up in the morning and type until night," she said.

All the typists said they would correct spelling and punctuation errors, but some said they would do more extensive editing.

One typist, who asked to have her name withheld, said she already edits papers, but has just decided to start advertising this service.

She said that if she charges for editing, she goes over the paper thoroughly and takes responsibility for the editing. Otherwise, she said she just straightens out what she can without spending too much extra time.

Mills said she is thinking about editing for her typing service's next project.

However, Hoffman said she only corrects minor errors. "It's a question of who is getting the grade," she said.

Prices the typists said they charge for a term paper varied between 60 and 80 cents a double-spaced page. Some said they included the price of typing paper in their rates, but others said they charged a little extra for it.

For theses, prices ran between 75 cents and \$1.30 per page.

Thesis assistant Rob Rager said there usually aren't many complaints from grad students who are unhappy with the way a paper has been typed for them.

Rager said the graduate school has a file of typists who are available and who already have typed two theses for the school.

Undergraduates also can use the file to find a typist, he said, but probably would not want to pay the higher prices for camera-perfect typing that some of these typists charge.

"I would say that in most cases, the reputation of the typist gets him his work, for term papers and theses," Rager said.



Marian Mills puts her 130-words-per-minute fingers to work on a student term paper at Mills Typing and Printing.

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