Shuttle System Offers Safety and Convenience to Campus Community

Editor's Note: This is the second of a three story series on campus security.

"Leave the driving to us" is a slogan which has worked effectively for Greyhound, but not, alas, for the newly inaugurated WU Commuter Shuttle instituted this semester.

Providing regular service (Monday-Friday) to the DeMun and University City areas every half-hour during early mornings and late afternoons (7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and 3:30 to 6 p.m., hourly service the rest of the day, and a shorter schedule on Saturday-Sunday), the lumbering buses rumble faithfully along their prescribed routes (see map, p. 3). Unfortunately, however, only a comparative few of the campus community have opted to hop aboard.

These half-empty vehicles are a big disappointment to those who dreamed up the system, and most especially to director, Gary Sparks, is understandably discouraged because he needs to sell 500 passes each semester to break even financially. So far, he's sold only 25 at $55 for the semester.

Initially, that $55 may look like a formidable sum, but Sparks says it breaks down to $2.75 a week, or 39 cents a day, or 19.5 cents per ride if using the service twice a day. Because schedules and passes were slow to arrive, Sparks let users ride free the first two weeks of this semester, and now he's offering a $5 pass good for 10 rides as an inducement for trying the new Commuter Shuttle Service. He's also prepared to sell the $55 passes on a pro-rated system for the rest of this semester, which means a substantial reduction for all those who try it.

Market surveys show that 2700 members of the WU community live in the University City area, and 1000 in the DeMun Area, but, so far, they have, for the most part, shunned the Commuter Shuttle Service.

Perhaps winter weather and inflated gasoline costs, will, in time, help fill up the seats on these commuters. Hailing one of the buses would seem much easier than parking on the periphery of the crowded parking lots, and then sloshing through snow drifts to arrive at class or campus office. According to Sparks, there are 3,379 parking spaces on campus. Switching to the commuter would make more of them readily accessible—improving traffic patterns and tempers,

Learning the law and helping indigent clients are combined for WU law students who participate in the University clinical law program. Here Patricia E. Rousseau, acting director (left), works with Kelly A. Whitaker, third year law student, on preparing a case.
Legal History is a Publishing First; Sheds Light on Salem Witchtrials

Over a period of five years, David T. Konig, WU associate professor of history, has spent thousands of hours bent over some 20,000 manuscript pages which constitute 173 years of court proceedings of Plymouth County, Mass. "With silverfish to keep me company," he explained recently, he has painstakingly edited these handwritten legal documents preserved at Plymouth and in Boston with the aid and encouragement of William E. Nelson of the Yale University Law School.

This fall, the first seven books of this 16-volume compendium entitled The Plymouth Court Records, 1686-1859 have been published with nine more scheduled to go to press next year. The largest legal publication series in American publishing history, this opus magnum has been hailed as "an invaluable and welcome editorial and publishing achievement" by Stanley Katz, professor of legal history at Princeton University.

Simultaneously, Konig is also bringing out another book—this one a narrative on Law and Society in Puritan Massachusetts, subtitled Essex County, 1629-1692. Published in association with the American Society for Legal History by the University of North Carolina Press, "this book," Konig writes in a perceptive preface, "examines law and society in Essex County, Mass., from the granting of the first Bay Colony charter in 1629 to the arrival in Boston of its second charter in 1692."

Although predominantly a rural community which never numbered more than 2,000 adult males between the years 1672 to 1686, Essex County managed to bring an average of more than 200 cases a year to the county court during this 14-year period. Konig views this phenomenon as proof that "the law and legal institutions helped to create a new paradigm for the establishment of stable community life. Gradually people came to recognize that litigation was a useful agent of orderly and desirable social change."

As most students of early America know, Essex County includes Salem within its boundaries, and Konig has a great deal to say about the witchcraft hysteria there. He believes that he is "the first scholar to study this phenomenon from both a legal and anthropological perspective at the same time," and he proposes a new explanation "for that peculiar course of events."

During this period of witchcraft as a "confrontation between those who held more modern ideas about social relationships and others who supported medieval communal notions."

As a footnote to history, he explained that Nathaniel Hawthorne took some liberties with the facts in writing of the infamous "Scarlet Letter." No Salem adulteress ever wore one; rather, women accused of infidelity were required to stand in front of a church on Sunday as punishment for their moral transgressions. Konig suspects that Hawthorne was, perhaps, obsessed by witchcraft because one of his ancestors, William Hathorne (who spelled his name without a "w") interrogated those accused of witchcraft before trial.

Konig's fresh interpretation of the witchcraft prosecutions of 1692 seems likely to make his new book of widespread interest. In searching for the truth about this subject, careful readers of his book should come away with the knowledge that "In a New World in which some sector of society would always be witnessing the contests of change, the adaptive functions of law and the legal system would be recognized, for they would be central to the persistent and unremitting transformations of Early American society."

—Dorothy A. Brockhoff

Faculty Members Receive Grants

Robert L. Williams, WU professor of psychology and black studies and director of the Minority Mental Health Program, will be principal investigator of a $60,000 federal Ethnic Heritage Grant to develop reading materials for secondary school minority students.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has awarded a one-year $95,000 grant to Baran A. Szabo, WU professor of civil engineering and director of the Center for Computational Mechanics, to investigate "Application of Adaptive Finite Element Analysis in Integrated Design and Analysis of Aircraft Structures."

Szabo will use a computer-based stress-analysis program to design minimum-weight structures for aircraft and spacecraft.

Eli Robins, MD, Wallace Renuard Professor of Psychiatry at the WU School of Medicine, has received a $6,000 award from the Alan Blumenthal Foundation for Mental Health to study enzyme metabolism in the brain and how it relates to depression and other types of psychiatric illness.

The Alan Blumenthal Foundation for Mental Health was established in February by Morris and Rita Blumenthal of West Monroe, La., as a permanent and living memorial to their son, Alan.

Ad Hoc Committee Needs Input on Tenure

Recommendations and opinions on the tenure system at WU are needed from faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences by the Ad Hoc Committee on Tenure of the Faculty Council, which is charged with investigating the policies, procedures and practices governing tenure decisions with a view to suggesting changes. Comments should be sent to Campus Box 1113.

Dental School Appointments Announced

George D. Selfridge, dean of the WU School of Dental Medicine, has announced the following appointments: They are: William D. Gay, DDS, assistant professor of maxillofacial prosthodontics and chairperson, Department of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics; Samuel V. Holroyd, DDS, professor of periodontics and chairperson, Department of Periodontics; David M. Ivey, DDS, assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery; Farhad Moshtiz, DDS, assistant professor of orthodontics; Guilan Nowrouzi, DDS, assistant professor of operative dentistry; Larry J. Pritchard, DDS, assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery; O. L. Shoemaker, DDS, associate professor of removable prosthetics.
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in the bargain.

Sparks, as director of the new Transportation Department, is also in charge of two other free shuttle services—the buses that rattle to and from the WU Medical Center in the daytime and the vans that make the evening runs to the Delmar Loop, DeMun, and Medical School areas—all of them beginning and ending at Mallinckrodt Center (For schedules, call Ext. 5790).

The Transportation Department experienced another setback last weekend when the automatic parking gate, which was installed a few days earlier at the Ann Whitney Olin Women's Building to assure space for regular users, was badly damaged by vandals. Sparks spoke sadly of this latest blow at his office on the lower level of South Brookings Hall in the Copy Center headquarters' which all of them beginning and ending at Mallinckrodt Center (For schedules, call Ext. 5790).

The map above shows the route of the new Commuter Shuttle System (reprinted courtesy of the Washington Times), a project of the WU Transportation Department designed to provide convenient and safe transportation for the campus community.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12


4 p.m. School of Medicine Biochemistry Seminar, "Effect of Membrane Lipid on B-Adrenergic Adenyl Cyclase Coupling," Ernst Helmhreich, prof. of chemistry, U. of Wurzburg, W. Ger. Erlanger Aud. 4570 McKinley. Coffee will be served at 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
6:30 p.m. WU Founders Day Banquet with main speaker Morley Safer, co-editor of 60 Minutes. Stouffer's Riverfront Towns, 200 S. Fourth St. Tickets are $15, $10 for WU students. For reservations call Ext. 5219.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15
2 p.m. Department of Civil Engineering Seminar, "Fatigue Test of a Highway Bridge," James Baldwin, prof. of civil engineering, U. of Mo. Columbia. 405 Bryan Hall.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

12:15 p.m. School of Medicine Cardiovascular Visiting Professor Program, "Pulmonary Hypertension," John H. K. Vogel, MD, director, Santa Barbara Heart and Lung Institute, Calif. East Pavilion Aud., 4949 Barnes Hospital Plaza.

The Beaux Arts Trio, composed of (from left) pianist Menahem Pressler, violinist Isidore Cohen and cellist Bernard Greenhouse, will perform Sunday, Oct. 14, at Edison Theatre, beginning at 8 p.m. See Music below for details.

4:30 p.m. Department of Mathematics Colloquium, "Recent Results on Groups with Finitely Many Automorphisms," K. A. Hirsch, prof. emeritus, Queen Mary Col., London U., England. 199 Cupples I. Tea served at 4 p.m. in 222 Cupples I.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
8 p.m. Music at Edison Series, The Beaux Arts Trio. The program will include works by Haydn, Ravel and Schubert. Edison Theatre. Admission $5; $3.75 for WU faculty, staff and area students; $2 for WU students. Tickets available at Edison Theatre Box Office.

Exhibitions

"School of Fine Arts Centennial Alumni Exhibition," a display of works by over 70 distinguished alumni. The Women's Society of WU will sponsor a gala opening reception Sun., Oct. 14, from 7-9 p.m., in Bixby Hall Gallery. Regular Bixby Hall Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-12 noon, 1-4 p.m., weekdays. Oct. 14-Nov. 2.

"Celebration of Architecture by St. Louis Architects," an exhibit of photographs, architectural drawings and renderings. WU Gallery of Art, Steinberg Hall. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 1-5 p.m., Sat., Sun. Through Oct. 30. Sponsored by the St. Louis Chapter of the AIA.

"Selections from the WU Permanent Collection," WU Gallery of Art, Steinberg Hall. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 1-5 p.m., Sat., Sun. Through Oct. 28.

"Lee Chesney—25 Years of Printmaking," a retrospective exhibit by Lee Chesney, Distinguished Visiting Louis D. Beaumont Professor of Art at WU. WU Gallery of Art, Steinberg Hall. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 1-5 p.m., Sat., Sun. Through Nov. 4.

"Recent Acquisitions," an exhibit of research materials on the history of printing and the arts of the book. Rare Books and Special Collections, Olin Library, level 5. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays. Through Dec. 31.

Performing Arts
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
8 p.m. Performing Arts Area Presentation, Ghosts, by Henrik Ibsen. Herbert Metz, WU assoc. prof. of drama, will direct. Edison Theatre. Admission $3.25 for general public; $2.25 for the WU community and all students. Tickets available at Edison Theatre Box Office. (Also Sat., Oct. 13, 8 p.m., Edison.)

Films
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
7:30 p.m. WU Filmboard Series, "Scenes from a Marriage." Brown. $1.75. (Also Thurs., Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m., Brown.)

Sports
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
3:30 p.m. Women's Tennis, WU vs. Lindenwood College. WU Tennis Courts.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Picnic Outing Oct. 21
The International Office is sponsoring an all-day picnic and outing at Rockwoods Reservation on Sunday, Oct. 21. The event is open to all members of the WU community. To register, call 727-1199.

Kaffeestunde Opens
Everyone is invited to attend the weekly Wednesday afternoon Kaffeestunde sponsored by the Department of Germanic Languages and Literature, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. each week in Room 219 Ridgley.

Researchers Available
The Committee for General Studies invites faculty with ongoing research projects to participate in its Undergraduate Research Assistantship Program. Descriptions of projects needing student help will be distributed. For further information, call Dean Marlene Barrett at Ext. 6806.