

Officials to increase campus lighting

Bishop gives approval to campus bus shuttle service

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A proposal for improved and greatly increased campus security lighting was approved yesterday afternoon by the University's Capital Improvements Committee.

The University has also obtained use of two buses "on an interim basis" to be used for a new shuttle bus service, Chancellor Charles E. Bishop told his undergraduate advisory council yesterday.

Bishop also revealed that five security officers have been hired this week, and three will probably be hired next week.

Specifics of the approved lighting plan were not released by the committee.

However, committee chairman Robert E. Kendig, also director of facilities planning, said the proposal included installation of new lighting and replacement or improvement of already existing lighting.

He said it will cover parking areas, such as lot 1, that already have some lights as well as areas currently unlit.

Specifics on the lighting plan will be released sometime this afternoon pending circulation of the approved proposal among committee members including the four vice chancellors and George O. Weber, director of physical plant, according to Kendig.

Although specific facts concerning the plan were not released yesterday, Kendig characterized the proposal as "massive" and said it was among the biggest lighting proposals approved during his five years at the University.

He said the approved plan is a part of a long range proposal to increase security lighting on campus. The specific lighting proposal

originated last year he said and is not a response to demands for improved security lighting arising from a recent wave of rapes and armed robberies on campus.

He said the proposal needed to be circulated among committee members because there had been many changes and additions to the plan during the meeting and he wanted to check them out before releasing any specific information.

Last week, Edmund P. Shrewsbury, University lighting engineer, said lighting proposals then out for bids included lighting for parking lot 00 behind the new undergraduate library, and lot P, between the engineering buildings and Rt. 1, as well as floodlights on Patterson hall and Tawes fine arts building.

Lighting was also slated for Lehigh Road behind several dorms to parking lot V.

Shrewsbury said these specific proposals originated last year, but since the capital improvements committee did not say which lots were covered by the lighting plan he is unsure if the plans approved yesterday included any of the lots mentioned.

Kendig said the committee would like to "move faster and put up more lighting" on campus. But he added that the lack of funds restrains committee efforts.

Prince Georges County agreed to lend the University the use of the two school buses for the dawn to dusk shuttle service, Bishop explained, after University purchasing "ran into red tape" trying to buy buses.

It's possible the service could be in operation Monday, but two drivers are needed. Bishop explained he hoped two students could be certified as bus drivers.

The commuter affairs office is working to plan routes from McKeldin library and the undergraduate library to points of high population concentration on the campus, the Chancellor noted.

The new security officers are part of the student force being formed to patrol residence halls areas. They will not carry pistols, Bishop said. He added the University could hire three or four commissioned policemen next week.

Bishop announced he sent a memorandum to all deans, directors and department heads requesting them to "review security conditions in their areas and suggest improvements in the security systems for the laboratory and classroom buildings"

Bishop said he preferred to rent buses from the county for a short time rather than wait four to five

months for buses to be built to order for the University.

He couldn't say how long the interim arrangement would last.

In a related action, University Program Board director Mike Hession said the UPB is starting a concert shuttle bus service.

The UPB buses would begin running one hour prior to show time and would end one hour after the end of the show.

Starting from Ritchie coliseum every half hour, the bus would travel to the three high rise complexes, Cole fieldhouse, the chapel, the Maryland book exchange on Rt. 1 and back to Ritchie.

There is no charge for the service, Hession said.

The first shuttle will be Nov. 13 for Buffalo Bob, and the second Nov. 17 for the Sky Cobb show.

Crime prev

Escort service st

by Joan Jacobson

A night escort service on campus run by dorm night receptionists and subsidized by the office of resident life, will begin Friday on a two-week trial basis.

Ralph Scheffacker, director of the night receptionist staff, said the service, to operate from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., seven days a week, is starting because of recent requests from women after three rapes were reported on campus in the past month.

The service will work out of Garret hall at 454-4649, Schef-

fenacker said, and will give priority to female dorm residents.

The priority is given for dorm residents because the escort program is being funded by the resident life office and because escorts and funds are limited, he said.

However, accommodations will be made for female off campus residents as well as any male wishing the service when the manpower is available.

The program will have three men working each night, all of whom are part of the night receptionist staff, Scheffacker explained.

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