



Shuttle Bus Driver Hailed as a Hero

When Driver Melvin Washington stopped his shuttle bus in front of Peabody Terrace during the early morning hours of January 29, he never imagined he was about to save someone's life. However, that's exactly what he did and why he was recently honored for going above and beyond the call of duty.

That frigid morning, Melvin was dropping off a passenger around 1:30 when he noticed a person lying on the sidewalk. He and the passenger approached the victim and discovered the person was unconscious. After calling 9-1-1, Melvin and his passenger quickly carried the man on-board the bus to warm him up. Harvard University Police Officers were the first to arrive followed by the Cambridge Fire Department.

"When HUPD arrived, it was clear this victim had been in the cold for far too long and time was of the essence," said HUPD spokesperson Steven Catalano. The victim, who it turns out had consumed a large quantity of alcohol, was placed in an ambulance and rushed to the hospital. Thanks to Melvin and his passenger he's doing just fine.

To honor Melvin, Harvard University Deputy Police Chief James Claiborne, Acting Vice President for Campus Services Tom Vautin and others gathered on Monday, February 22 at Blackstone South. Melvin received a letter of commendation, a medal, and several other gifts.

This was not the first time Melvin's keen observation has benefited the Harvard community. Last February, Melvin called HUPD after

noticing an altercation between several men near the Malkin Athletic Center. Just a few days later, he scared off a suspicious person who was tampering with a lock and climbing a fence at the Harvard Recycling Center.

"Being out on the street, I see everything," said Melvin. "I'm just glad I was able to make a difference." He didn't just make a difference, he made a difference between life and death. Congratulations to Melvin on a job well done.



Transportation Director John Nolan thanks Driver Melvin Washington for his selfless actions



HUPD Deputy Chief James Claiborne presents Melvin with a letter of commendation

Renew Your Parking Permit

Beginning March 3, employees can renew their annual parking permits by visiting the new Parking Services renewal website at: www.uos.harvard.edu/transportation/parking/renewal/. Permits must be renewed by June 30.

If you're looking for commuting alternatives, *CommuterChoice* has a number of new options including more flexible car-pooling, bike-sharing, and improved financial support for van-pools. For more information, visit www.commuterchoice.harvard.edu.

UOS, Harvard Lose A Friend and Valued Employee

FMO Plumber Bill Hart lost his long and courageous battle with cancer on February 16 at the age of 53. He worked at Harvard for nearly 20 years and at the Law School for the last 13 years. "Bill was a great friend and a truly kind person," said FMO Supervisor Tony Cobuccio.

"We worked together for 8 years and I'll always remember that when I first started here at Harvard, Bill was always willing to help me when I needed it. He was a very special person."

Bill's "giving" spirit extended beyond his duties here at Harvard. Every summer he volunteered at Camp Fatima in New Hampshire which provides services for special needs children and young adults. Bill also volunteered countless hours with the Special Olympics.

Just a few weeks ago, hundreds of friends and family gathered to have a "beer and a smile" with Bill at McKeon Post in Dorchester. The overwhelming turnout served as a visual reminder of the positive impact he had on so many people.

Bill is survived by his wife, five daughters, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Donations can be made in Bill's Memory to the Dorchester Special Olympics, c/o 569 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester, MA 02124, or Camp Fatima E C Week c/o Mike French, 55 Winter Hill Rd., Goffstown, NH 03045.



William "Bill" Hart