

# Expanding Sixth Wave rolls right past students

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In expanding its bus services, the Sixth Wave Bus Tours accidentally stranded a handful of passengers last Sunday.

The mistake was the result of a "miscommunication" about the buses' Oakbrook Mall pickup site, which had moved from Marshall Fields to the Sears Auto Center.

About six people were stranded, said Mark Deen, junior in LAS and president of Sixth Wave Bus Tours. The company had failed to notify its passengers of the location change. The company did post the change on their Web site, but not until the Wednesday before the departure.

Deen said that the company had recently expanded its suburban drop-off sites. New sites included the Matteson Holiday Inn, Old Orchard Shopping Center and Northbrook Court, adding on to its original sites of Woodfield and Oakbrook malls.

Deen said Sixth Wave is expanding its services in order to match those of its competitors.

Sixth Wave's bus trip last Sunday involved a sub-contract with College Shuttle, in which Sixth Wave and College Shuttle passengers would ride the same bus.

However, the bus drivers were not notified that there would be Sixth Wave passengers, and the drivers told all passengers that the bus was strictly a College Shuttle bus.

"It was a communication problem ... it was partially our fault," Deen said.

Nicholas Guerrero, senior in LAS, was angered that the mix-up inconvenienced him. His mother had to drive him to Champaign from Oakbrook on short notice. He also complained that the bus drivers were not courteous to him and his mother.

"Sixth Wave Tours was supposed to be 'courteous and efficient' and 'the substitute without the dispute.'



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**Students wait to board a bus bound for the suburbs. Many students depend on bus lines for transportation to and from their homes in the suburbs of Chicago.**

However, Sixth Wave Tours was "neither," Guerrero wrote via e-mail.

Deen said that the mistake was a combination of complications that arose during the company's expansion. Regardless of whose

fault it was, Deen says that the company refunded the stranded passengers' tickets and apologized for its mistakes.

"I like to say that the passenger is always right," Deen said.

## Former math teacher faces trial for Bosnia war crimes

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — One prisoner was kicked, pounded with a truncheon and locked in solitary confinement for giving an extra slice of rationed bread to a hungry man. Others were tortured and beaten nightly by Bosnian Serb soldiers and guards until they were broken and bloodied. Dozens died.

Now, a former elementary-school math teacher who prosecutors say commanded the prison — one of the largest prisons in the former Yugoslavia during the Bosnian war — is going on trial before the U.N. war crimes tribunal.

The trial for Milorad Krnojelac, 60, was to begin Monday. Krnojelac is charged with war crimes, crimes against humanity and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions for the crimes witnesses say were committed by men under his authority.

Krnojelac, who held the rank of captain first class in the Yugoslav army reserves, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted. He has pleaded innocent.

During the 1992-1995 war in Bosnia, about 1,000 Muslim and Croat men were separated from their families and held in the KP-Dom prison in Foca, a city purged of nearly all Muslim inhabitants — about half its population — at the outset of the war.

"The men were subject to inhumane living conditions, beatings, arbitrary punishment, torture, forced labor and in some instances even death," prosecutors wrote in their pretrial brief.

Some victims were singled out for torture because they were accused of lying to interrogators, possessing weapons or belonging to an anti-Serb political party, prosecutors said.

Almost every day, "in concert with political leaders or military commanders," Krnojelac drew up lists of detainees to be assaulted "with all sorts of weapons, including batons, rifle butts, knives and tools," the indictment says.

Prosecutors Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff of Germany and Peggy Kuo of the United States have sub-

mitted a list of 29 detainees confirmed dead. But they noted that "countless detainees simply disappeared and are presumed dead."

The prisoner who was punished for his generosity and spent four days in solitary confinement is expected to testify against Krnojelac. Under the tribunal's witness protection program, he is identified only as witness No. 54.

While the men were abused, their mothers, wives and daughters were held in a local high school, a motel and private apartments. Dozens were systematically raped.

Three other Bosnian Serbs involved in the Foca atrocities already are standing trial — the first case of wartime sexual enslavement before an international court. Victims have described being gang-raped at gunpoint and held as soldiers' personal sex slaves. Some were as young as 12 or 13 at the time.

Krnojelac is one of 40 war crimes suspects in custody at the tribunal, established in 1993 in response to the bloody "ethnic cleansing" campaigns of the Bosnian war. Fourteen Serbs, Croats and Muslims have been convicted.

Krnojelac's case will be significant for any trials of the chief suspects still at large, including former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic and Bosnian Serb leaders Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. Prosecutors are asking the tribunal to judge Krnojelac against tough precedents already established on command responsibility, a legal principle followed in trying Nazi leaders.

"Although he did not physically participate in the beatings or torture," prosecutors said, "he was complicit in all these criminal activities by virtue of the ongoing and egregious nature of the crimes, his daily presence at the facility and his recognized authority as the commander of the guards."

Last March, judges rejected Croat Gen. Tihomir Blaskic's claims that he was ill-informed about his soldiers' brutality. The court sentenced him to 45 years in prison, the tribunal's harshest punishment yet.