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Commuters board the Route 714 southbound on the north side of the Berg Instructional Center.



Bob Bajek of Naperville studies on his way to school. Bob boards the bus at the Edward's Hospital stop and like many other has no other way of getting to class. Photos by Russell Augustine

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## A ride on the college's new Pace bus route

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No matter who you talk to it's the same; an hour, an hour and a half. That is the amount of time many commuters to and from the college are saving thanks to the new Pace Bus route, 714.

For those who commute by train from certain suburbs, they used to have to take the train to Westmont and then take the 715 route which could take about an hour to reach the college, not including the amount of time the student spent on the train.

For students who use to have to go out of their way like this to get to campus the new route is a huge relief.

"It saves me an hour off my commute. I used to take the train to Westmont and take the bus from there but now I can just get off in Naperville," said George Sandoval 21, of Naperville.

Mike Rodriguez, also of Naperville, said the new route is "a great thing. It's saving me an hour and an half easily."

Some students don't know any other way of getting to campus. For Katherine Muthler, a first year student, the new route is her only option.

Others take the bus by choice. "This definitely saves me money on speeding tickets," says Matt Leifhert of Glen Dale Heights. "And plus, with gas prices the way they are right now, this probably saves me money on gas too."

Leifhert not only uses the bus to get to class but it also takes him to work at

a car repair shop off Ogden Avenue in Naperville.

Driver Orlando Potton, who has been driving the route since it first started, said that it has been very well received not only by students but the other commuters as well.

The new route stretches all the way from the Wheaton Metra Station to Edward's Hospital in Naperville stopping at the Berg Instructional Center (BIC) and West Campus.

Route 714 is in service Monday through Friday excluding holidays and makes stops at the campus starting at 7:01 am and running all the way through 10:10 pm for northbound buses and 7:21am to 10:05 pm for southbound buses.



George Sandoval (left) and Katherine Muthler (right) both take the new route to and from the college.



Student Matt Leifhert (left) and driver Orlando Potton(right). Orlando has been with Pace for 21 years.



People leaving work share the commute with college students.



A student exits the bus off Ogden Avenue in Naperville. For some students it's their only option for getting home.