Aviation Series: Come Fly With Me

At any given moment there are 5,000 commercial airplanes in the sky over the United States, shuttling 1.7 million people daily from home to work or vacation. Each day brings surprising stories about unruly passengers, extra fees, smaller seats, and more recently, the TSA staffing shortages due to the government shutdown. What’s worse is what you DO NOT hear – such as how aircraft maintenance is outsourced to El Salvador, where FAA inspectors rarely visit.

Hear the real stories about the airline industry from the author of the best-selling non-fiction expose, “Attention All Passengers.” A graduate of the MFA Writing program at Columbia University, William (Bill) J. McGee writes for Consumer Reports, USA Today and Conde Nast Traveler Magazine. He has testified before Congress on the aviation industry, appeared on NBC with Josh Mankiewicz, and recently hosted a press conference with Senator Chuck Schumer.

“Air travel these days seems less like an adventure and more like a battle,” said McGee, a former airline operations manager for Pan Am and FAA-licensed aircraft dispatcher.

Wednesdays, January 30 to February 20, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 4 Sessions, Fee: $100. To register call 516.299.2580 or visit webapps.liu.edu/HuttonHouse.

Man’s Best Friend: The Science Behind the Human-Animal Bond

As the nation celebrated the extraordinary life of George H. W. Bush, his service dog, Sully, captured our hearts. A photo of the yellow Labrador Retriever stretched out in front of the president’s flag-draped casket reached all parts of the world. The relationship between Sully and his master exemplified the special connection that exists between humans and animals, one that can be traced back to ancient relationships, evolution and science.

LIU Post’s Hutton House Lectures is pleased to announce the “Human-Animal Bond,” two-part lecture series taught by Dr. Robin Sturtz, president of the Long Island Veterinary Medical Association and director of the LIU Veterinary Technology Program, and Grete Eide, Chief Canine Care Officer of the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc. and America’s VetDogs. Ms. Eide hails from America’s VetDogs in Smithtown, which is the organization that trained Sully as a service dog for the 41st president of the United States.

The lectures will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Lorber Hall on Wednesday, January 30 and 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13 at the Krasnoff Theater in Hillwood Commons. The two-part session is $60. Live animals will be at the second lecture and we advise those with allergies to call if they have questions at 516.299.2580.
From time to time, this column will feature the iconic buildings and landmarks that are located along the ride to Lorber Hall, home to the Hutton House Lectures. No matter which campus road you select to travel on, you will eventually come to Gold Coast Road, which takes you directly to Lorber Hall.

Along the drive, you may have noticed the beautiful domed building on the west side of Gold Coast Road. The stately structure is the Interfaith Center and serves students in the residences halls for religious services and club meetings. Built in 1969 at a cost of $1.5 million, the chapel was Long Island’s first interfaith chapel with services for people of multiple faiths to not only attend services but also to be married. The chapel was designed by architects Alfred Shankis and Peter S. Von Bloem, who also created Pell Hall/Life Science building. E.W. Howell was the chapel’s contractor who also constructed a wing on Winnick House in the mid 1930s. Brides and grooms are invited to book the 250-seat chapel for marriages. In 1987 the LIU Post chapel was deemed by The New York Times as the most popular location for interfaith couples to marry. The facility is still a favorite and anyone who would like to book a ceremony should call Conference Services at 516.299.2783. LIU Alumni who wed in the venue receive a discount.

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