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Teachers accept contract

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At the regular monthly meeting of the Lake-Lehman School Board last Tuesday, few questions were raised about the recent settlement of the teachers contract.

The negotiations, which were handled by the district's solicitor, Atty. Peter Savage, for the board and Walter Glogowski, for the Lake-Lehman Education Association, were started in January and settled during the first week of March.

The contract accepted by the teachers is for four years and the projected cost to the taxpayers over that period of time could be an increase of 20 mills or five mills per year.

The district's business manager, Raymond Bowersox, explained the increase would be less than that, depending on the district's reimbursement from the state each year and annual revenue from residents. Bowersox indicated that the Lake-Lehman District's rate of reimbursement has increased over the past number of years, thus leaving the district in good financial condition and allowing them to estimate high tax increases that may have to be imposed.

A mill in taxation is approximately \$20,000 in revenue, according to Bowersox' estimate.

Although it was announced that the agreement represented a 7.9 percent increase, not all teachers will receive a 7.9 increase. According to Bowersox, the largest rate of increase will be to teachers in their first, second, third and fourth years. Starting salaries will increase from \$12,600 to \$17,990 in the fourth year. Blue Cross and Blue Shield benefits will remain the same, but teachers will get a second opinion on recommended surgeries. Life insurance coverage was increased.

Robert Emory, taxpayer, asked Attorney Savage how many sessions were necessary in negotiating the contract and how many proposals were submitted. Savage replied there many, many proposals submitted and, although at the beginning of the negotiations both sides had agreed to two hour sessions, the sessions sometimes ran longer in order to conclude phases of the proposals.

Board president Joseph "Red" Jones commended Savage for the outstanding job he did in the negotiations.

In other business, the board approved the appointment of Cheryl Travis as assistant softball coach for the 1984-1985 season at a salary of \$855 per negotiated contract. The board also approved an hourly rate of \$7.60 per hour for the 1985 summer program.

The 1985-1986 school calendar with
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Run for the money

The above photograph is being published in today's edition of The Dallas Post as an entrant in a worldwide contest entitled "Run for the Money" and sponsored by the Eastman Kodak Company. Entries are judged on the basis of accurate reproduction of the original. Judging criteria includes registration, color saturation, color match to the original, and pressmanship. Contest judges will include authorities from the graphic arts education field, the printing industry, and the American Newspaper Publishers Association Research Institute.

Replacement named

Dallas Food Director quits

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Mary Reistetter Ehret, Food Service Manager of the Dallas School District, resigned last week, just a few days after the P.P.S.P.A. negotiations committee sent her a telegram informing her of their decision to implement a selective strike in the district.

Ehret told her employees (members of the union) last Thursday that she had some "good news and some better news." The good news, Ehret said, was that she was terminating her employment with A.R.A. and the better news, according to Ehret, was that A.R.A. had an immediate replacement for her.

A.R.A. representative David Flaherty believes the reason for Ehret's resignation at Dallas are because of her interest in dietetics in a hospital setting. He claims she (Ehret) has already received a job offer, however, Ms. Ehret was unavailable for comment on that matter.

Ehret had been employed by

A.R.A. in the Dallas District for the past four years.

The P.P.S.P.A. strike issue was born last Monday evening when A.R.A. failed to move on any points the workers had been asking for.

The cafeteria workers have been in negotiations with the A.R.A. company since August of 1984, when they received notification that their hours were to be cut and, in many cases, their locations of employment changed. A.R.A. re-established some hours, but did not re-establish the total contract.

Efforts to reach A.R.A. for comment were unsuccessful and neither President Joseph Newbaur of A.R.A. nor Thomas Bellinger returned calls.

As to the reasons why A.R.A. has a deficit, enrollment may be one problem, offered Sandra Vidlika, business manager.

Former board committee chairperson Barbara Mead had said that perhaps it was a rebellious type of thing with the kids. Enrollment may be one problem, however, less than half the students are currently
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PSU / Wilkes-Barre plans renovations

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The fund-raising campaign for the construction of a Center for Technology at the Wilkes-Barre Campus of Pennsylvania State University will not be conducted until January of 1986, John N. Conyngham III, chairman of the campus' advisory board, explained at a news conference last Wednesday at Genetti's Best Western Motor Inn in Wilkes-Barre.

In accord with a request by the Community on Economic Growth, the local campus agreed to wait until 1986 to conduct its campaign, but Conyngham explained the plans for the new Center will get underway as early as this month.

A committee comprised of students, faculty members, alumni, employers and potential future employers of graduates, as well as other members of the community will be organized to help with the planning of the Center.

Dr. James Ryan, executive officer at the local campus, said plans for the new Center for Technology are a result of Penn State's desire to meet the needs of the community in connection with the CEG marketing plan to encourage and hold industry

in Wyoming Valley, as well as needs for expansion at the Wilkes-Barre Campus.

The proposed Center will include laboratories with state-of-the-art equipment for those students majoring in engineering and engineering technology, and for use by the community in continuing education seminars and by school groups.

Dr. Ryan foresees part of the facility as a living-learning lab for use as a community resource and compared it to a "mini-Epcot."

The local campus has a long history of educating students in engineering and engineering technology, but the telecommunications program was singled out because it is the only one in the nation producing graduates and because it relates to the industry which CEG considers the Number One prospect for this area. CEG is marketing the Wyoming Valley area to telecommunications firms and has requested Penn State to continue its efforts in this field and in its other technical areas.

More than half of the current 800 students at the local campus are majoring in engineering or technology.

Dr. Ryan emphasized the good job placement record of the Wilkes-Barre
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Women in business

She's busy, but successful

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the final part of a six-part series, entitled "Women in Business" which takes a look at Back Mountain women who are functioning in what used to be a man's business world.)

When Karen Brown of Muhlenburg started to work part time at First Eastern Bank while a student at Dallas High School, she had no idea it would become a full time position after graduation.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kern of the Back Mountain, Karen is married to E.J. Brown, self-employed.

When she first started to work at the Dallas Village Office of First Eastern Bank, Karen was a teller, but soon started working full time and moved into the loan office at the Dallas office.

Later, she was named a platform assistant and, in a relatively short time, moved to the Crossroads office of the bank where she worked with loan applications, credit ratings and such.

Karen's next promotion was to the loan department in the main office of the bank in Wilkes-Barre, where she worked until she was appointed personnel assistant.

In her present position, Karen does recruiting, interviewing, placing of applicants, hiring, making recommendations on the employment laws, regulations, etc.

Karen enjoys her position and the work that goes with it. Her ultimate

goal is to get to the top. Her more immediate goals are to continue her education, maintain a sense of humor, self motivation and more customer contact, willingness to

take risks and make decisions and considering and taking action on new ideas.

"In the banking world, one has to
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PSU Campus

The Wilkes-Barre Campus of Penn State's original administration and classroom building, above, the renovated Students Common, and the computer science building will soon be joined by a Telecommunications Center and new modular classrooms in the planned expansion of the ever-progressing campus program.

Dallas Fire Co. serves township

In a story that appeared in the March 13 issue of The Dallas Post, it was incorrectly reported that the Kunkle Fire Department is the only fire department currently servicing Dallas Township.

Bob Besecker, fire chief of Dallas Fire and Ambulance, Inc., has reported that the Dallas Fire Company serves more than half of Dallas Township, as well as all of Dallas Borough.

The Dallas Township Board of Supervisors recently donated \$5,000 to the Kunkle Fire Department but also makes periodic donations to Dallas Fire and Ambulance, Inc.

The Dallas Post regrets any inconvenience this error may have caused to its readers or any members of either fire companies.

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