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Preston to stay

Board's plans botched due to that decision

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Staff Writer

It is claimed that if Dr. M. David Preston had acted as members of the Lake-Lehman School Board expected, the board majority had plans.

Those plans included appointing Anthony Marchakitus, currently assistant to the superintendent, to the position of acting superintendent until such time as a new superintendent was found by the district during 1987.

Reports made to The Dallas Post indicate that the board majority now in power expected that when his contract was not renewed, Preston would either tender his resignation or request a leave of absence at the end of this year.

When asked if he intended to resign, Preston said he had a contract which expires on June 30, 1987 and he intends to honor that contract.

Board members voted not to renew Preston's contract and to open the position to other applicants at its regular monthly meeting last week.

Since The Dallas Post released the information in its December 17 issue about Preston's contract not being renewed, district administrators, faculty members, parents and students have rallied in support of the superintendent.

Several district taxpayers, who requested that their names be withheld, said they believed that all taxpayers of Lake-Lehman should be made aware of how members of the new board majority are using their power to avenge personal grudges. They believe it is time that parents of students, as well as former students, who are now in college, come forward in support of the superintendent.

"These board members are using Preston to 'get even,'" said one individual. "One

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Council reinstates boro police officer

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

Dallas Borough police officer Chris Purcell was reinstated to the department last week after an internal investigation concluded that he acted properly in his handling of an alleged underage drinking party at a private residence in November.

The decision was announced last Tuesday at the borough's monthly meeting.

Council members making up the committee which investigated the incident were Tim Carroll, Byron Gieves, Bill Berti and Mayor Paul Labar. The committee interviewed Miller, his daughter, Purcell

and one other student.

Solicitor John Fine said that, based on information obtained from interviews conducted, Purcell acted in a proper manner and that the council's investigation is now complete.

The inquiry stemmed from a written complaint filed against Purcell by Arthur Miller, New Goss Manor, who contended that the officer illegally entered a house on 84 Norton Ave., owned by Miller.

The incident took place on November 1 and involved approximately 20 Dallas High School students, one of whom was Miller's daughter who was having a slumber party at the house. Several students were

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News you need

Township receives dump truck

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors recently accepted delivery of a new 1986 Four Wheel Dump Truck from Allegheny Trucks of Altoona at a bid price of \$15,090.

Township Manager Fred Potzer noted that the truck will be the Township's last capital expenditure from the Federal Revenue Sharing Program.

Holiday traffic period begins

The Christmas and New Year's Holidays mean families and friends will be gathering for dinners and parties throughout the period and the Pennsylvania State Police want to remind everyone - Do not drink and drive.

Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) provides extra patrols on the heavily traveled interstate system through federal funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation's Center for Highway Safety.

For statistical purposes, the Christmas Holiday travel period will begin Tuesday, December 23rd at 6 p.m. and end Thursday, December 25 at Midnight. The New Year Holiday period will also be 54 hours, beginning Tuesday, December 30 and ending Midnight January 1, 1987.

Franklin First makes donation

Franklin First Federal Savings and Loan recently made a major contribution to the Campaign for the Center for Technology at Penn State Wilkes-Barre with a donation of \$25,000.

Elmer J. Klimchak, President and CEO, Franklin First Federal, made the presentation to Dr. James H. Ryan, campus executive officer, Penn State/Wilkes-Barre Campus; and Penn State campaign chairman Atty. Michael Hudacek.



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Santa's coming!

Santa Claus, shown here in the lobby of the Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas, is getting ready to make his annual visit to the Back Mountain area. Rumor has it boys and girls have

been behaving very well lately in anticipation of getting what they asked for from the jolly old man. (For Letters to Santa Claus, see page 9).

Dallas Borough Council passes budget

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

Dallas Borough Council unanimously passed its final adoption for the 1987 budget at its monthly meeting last week of \$320,543.

The amount is an increase of approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000 over last years figure and also represents an increase of five

mills from nine to 14.

Voting to accept the budget on a 4-0 decision were Ted Montross, Tim Carroll, Byron Gieves and Russell Stone. Board members Harold Brobst and Bill Berti were absent.

In other action, the board: — Re-instated part-time officer Chris Purcell who had been suspended last November until an internal investigation by council could be completed con-

cerning his handling of an alleged underage drinking incident at a private residence at 84 Norton Avenue.

— Awarded a high bid price of \$953.50 from Harry Wesley on the borough's grater. One other bid, submitted by James Kurchock, came in at \$252.00.

— Heard complaints from Ron Alishusky, 40 Luzerne Avenue, about a water runoff problem he and other neighbors have been

experiencing. They say the runoff has washed away one driveway and is also going into other yards.

— Added William Haggenbaugh and Howard Kocher as part-time policemen. Board president Donald Shaffer said council will probably receive Jim Tupper's resignation by the end of the year. Tupper was one of two policemen injured in a June 7th shooting incident.