

Students

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The students also claim the five Wilkes-Barre men involved in the altercation were at McCauley Walsh Hall before they stopped at Alumnae Hall. While at McCauley-Walsh the youths broke windows and were chased out by the resident advisor the students said. The students claim that security was called at that time but did not take any action until the fight broke out at Alumnae Hall.

Last Friday a telephone was pulled from the wall in McHale Hall by a male visitor. Security was called but did not act, the students said.

"Almost anyone can enter and sign-in to the dorms and not be questioned. The security is lax here and students are afraid for their safety," said a Misericordia student who said that security practices have not changed since the night of the incident.

The resident assistant from Alumnae Hall will press charges, according to the students.

Wall said that College Misericordia increased its staff of security guards at the beginning of this school year and plans to reevaluate its current security system to see how it could be improved and to avoid a similar occurrence in the future. She said that there is a security guard present in each dorm and in the student center every night, as well as a security person that monitors the campus.

"The administration realizes that there is a natural reaction of fear when something like this happens, but there is no reason for students to feel unsafe" said Wall.

An effort will be made in the next week by Misericordia administration to educate the students about security methods, and how to work together to provide effective protection. Wall said she could not specify concrete plans as to how the educational effort would take place, but that it definitely would occur.

Buses

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lem before certification to operate is granted.

The bus transportation coordinator for Dallas school, Susan Farr, acts as the liaison between the bus contractor and the schools. The school, contractor and each bus are connected through the use of a two way radio. The two way radio system makes it easier for bus drivers to report any problems such as mechanical failures, delays or discipline problems.

Dallas resident Liz Lloyd, who has three children in the Dallas elementary school systems, feels that Emanuel buses are on time and the system works well.

"I think all parents put their children on the bus with a wary eye. Nobody takes the safety of public school buses for granted," said Lloyd.

Lloyd is president of the Dallas Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and, said that at a recent executive board meeting the field trip coordinator presented extensive research on which bus line to use for school field trips. She said in that instance, "negative publicity did influence the decision process."

The Lake-Lehman school district uses three bus contractors for the public school buses: Sutton & Slamak, McManus and Emanuel. The responsibility for handling complaints and any potential problems that could occur in the district lies mainly with the transportation coordinator, Barbara Ross.

Ross said that Lake-Lehman buses don't have two-way radios, but in case of an accident the school and contractor would be notified immediately. The transportation coordinator said there has never been a situation where a complaint had to be addressed more than once.

Lake-Lehman school board member Liz Sickler said that the transportation coordinator is free to ride the buses at any time without prior warning to determine the safety of the system.

Back Mountain resident Charles Gordon has a 9th grade son in the Lake-Lehman school district, and he thinks the administration and the school bus contractors have done an admirable job of running the school job system.

"I have no fear for my son's safety on the school buses," said Gordon.



Lake-Lehman National Merit Scholars

Lake-Lehman has been notified by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation that Erin Brady and Karen White have been designated Commended Students in the 1988 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Erin Brady, daughter of Mrs. Mary Beth Brady of Mountain View Drive, Lehman, is a member of the field hockey team, track team and is part of the Student Council. After she graduates, Erin plans to go on to college.

Karen White is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph White, Pole 61, Harveys Lake. Karen is the co-captain of the field hockey team. She also participates in basketball and softball, and has a place on Student Council. Karen will also be attending college.

Both are seniors who placed in the top 50,000 of more than one million participants and will receive a letter of commendation in recognition of outstanding academic promise.

Left to right, Erin Brady, Karen White, Mr. John Zaleskas, high school principal.

Dallas employees have new pension plans

BY CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

The first reading of a new Dallas Borough Road Disability and Pension Plan and the amended Police Disability and Pension Plan were read and approved at the October 18 meeting of the Dallas Borough Council.

The road pension plan is the first plan that has been passed for the borough road employees and although there had been a pension plan for the police prior to the one approved at the October meeting, it had no provision for disability for the police nor for their spouses.

The amended plan for the police now includes provisions for the employee as well as his or her spouse included in the police fund.

The new road pension plan also includes disability payable to the employee or his spouse. The plan is effective immediately with the employee contributing for three years, and after that the money coming from the state.

A plot plan submitted by developers Flack, Wallach and Moreck to build one house on Machell Avenue was approved by the council and the Deer Meadows plans will be reviewed

Machell Avenue resident still challenging Deer Meadow

Joan Hiller, who lives on Machell Avenue, Dallas Borough, has not let her opposition to the planned Deer Meadow development die. At last week's Borough meeting, Ms. Hiller raised several points in an attempt to prove that the Borough's approval of the rezoning needed for the development was conducted improperly. In addition, she has researched some of the documents used in the application and review of Edward Nelen's request for the rezoning of the property from conservation to residential and found what she feels are discrepancies between what has been presented to the public and the actual circumstances of the plan. "I just want the public to be aware of the facts in this matter," said Hiller on Monday.

One document that Hiller believes illustrates this inconsistency is a letter from Nelen to Drew Fitch, Dallas Borough zoning officer, dated February 29, 1988. In that letter, a copy of which Hiller said was given to her by Borough officials, Nelen states that the parcel of land that he wishes rezoned contains "29.51 acres, +/- and is located in part of

by the Borough's engineer for his approval.

John Bergevin of 330 Huntsville Road, Dallas, reported that there was a zoning violation by a neighbor in his area. Bergevin, in a statement to council, said that a resident was conducting a business from his home in a residential area. The council requested that the borough secretary write a letter to the zoning board's solicitor Atty. Robert Opel asking him to investigate the allegation.

Robert Brown, borough manager, told council that since borough solicitor John Fine was unable to attend the October meeting, there was no word on the Hearthstone Pub building.

Brown also reported that the Jackson, Parrish and Moffit Streets project was completed, bringing to a total six streets in the borough (12,000 feet of roadway) finished and the Jackson Street storm sewer that have been completed. Brown also listed the remodeling of the borough building, purchase of a new truck and a new cruiser, all he said accomplished for a total of \$160,000 with no increase in taxes.

Brown said that \$110,000 was spent by the borough and the balance of \$50,000 by a grant and hopefully, the borough council will

be able to do the same next year.

Council announced that the borough will conduct a leaf collection beginning October 24 and continuing until all leaves are collected. The leaves must be bagged and left by the curb.

Brown announced that the new council chambers should be ready for the November meetings. The council approved a motion that the contractor construct a new table or tables for the new room and the purchase of new chairs.

Dennis Dobbinnick was hired as a new part time officer to fill the position left vacant by the discharge of William Hagenbaugh.

A special meeting of Dallas Borough Council will be held November 9, 8 p.m., for preparation of the 1989 budget.

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Harveys Lake Council discuss growth issue

by SARA J. LUNDBERG
Managing Editor

The Harveys Lake council members discussed several issues important to the borough at the monthly meeting last week such as setting limits on development, monitoring the environmental status of the lake, and the future of the only public beach property in the area, Sunset Beach.

A motion was passed to put up signs on the main roads around the lake stating that the borough is a zoned, residential community. Council member George Gwilliam said that the signs would serve as a warning to builders that they could not do construction without the proper building permits.

Lake resident Robert Zimmerman questioned the availability of quality water in the watershed, and said he felt that a study should be done regarding maximum safe yield of water used from the lake before additional development takes place.

"Should we stop all future building at the Lake until we can assess the studies that have been done?" said Joseph Sgarlat, a council member.

Dave Abod, a council member who is involved in the Lake EVAC committee (Environmental Advisory Council) said that the inflow level of the lake is regularly monitored and information is built into a computer software program which will help

assess the water table in the years to come.

Abod urged residents to attend the EVAC meetings and said he has been disappointed at the turnout and said it would fall as an educational forum for residents without their support.

The future of Sunset Beach, the only public beach at Harveys Lake, was also discussed.

"We want to know if people want the beach," said Chairman Kehler.

Kehler said that most of the people who visited the beach were from outside of the area, and the beach can't stay open without the financial support of Harveys Lake taxpayers. The maintenance of Sunset Beach had been financed by state government grants and private donations.

"Let's not let the Sandy Beach area go down the drain, we worked hard for it," said resident Rhonda Scofield.

In other business residents discussed road maintenance and drainage problems on Ridge Avenue and the Sandy Beach area. Council member Ed Kelly announced that the borough recreational center should be open soon. Chairman Kehler outlined changes in the garbage removal contract including a minimum of once a week collection, and the specification that only household trash will be collected in the future.

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