

Local students join in theater workshop at Misericordia

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Don Hopkins, Dallas faculty member and drama director at the high school, is pleased at having recruited seven Back Mountain high school students for this year's College Misericordia Theatre Workshop.

"This is the first year I have been able to get high school students to participate," Hopkins said. "It should be a great experience for them because they will be able to work with professionals. It will also give them an idea of the difference from high school drama. This year's 'Theatre on the Green' cast has professionals from Washington, D.C.," Hopkins said.

"I was successful in recruiting David Crake, David Zachary and Shelby Naperstack from Dallas; Carrie Ramp, Hunlocks Creek and Megan Kozemchak, a Lake-Lehman student," Hopkins explained. "Their participation will help encourage future community involvement."

The students worked at different tasks prior to the "Theatre on the Green" production, such as setting up props, doing costumes, working behind stage or doing the lights.

David Crake, who was giving cues to the actors during a dress rehearsal said, "I'm learning more about the technical aspects of



STUDENTS IN DRAMA - Several local students were recruited for College Misericordia's Theatre Workshop "Theatre on the Green". Above, from left, are Dave Zachary, Dallas student; Don Hopkins, Dallas faculty member and David Crake, Dallas student. Both students just completed a day's work behind the scenes at a dress rehearsal. Absent from photo are Carrie Ramp, Megan Kozemchak, and Shelby Naperstack. (Post photo/ C.M. Denmon)

drama which I couldn't do in high school. We had a planning session with Jim Metosa, drama director, which was excellent."

Dave Zachary works the board and felt the experience was worthwhile. "I'm learning a lot which will help me when I enter Elizabethtown College this Fall where I will study

drama," Zachary said.

Crake said he will attend Wilkes in the Fall and hopes to become involved in some of their dramatic presentations.

The girls are doing the props and costumes and work all phases. The students were to continue in the workshop until this week.

Complaint night at Borough meeting

Neighbor scores Davenport St. house

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Complaints were the order of business during the opening minutes of the Dallas Borough Council meeting last Tuesday night at the Borough Building.

Ed Buckley told the Council that the house next door to him on Davenport Street was falling apart and was a disgrace to the neighborhood.

"The windows are coming out, the chimney is down to the porch and there's always bags and bags of garbage on the porch. The police have been there a number of times but they can't get anywhere with them. The chief finally got them to get rid of 12 bags of garbage and now there are four more bags on the porch. The dog is put out from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is barking all day," Buckley said.

"The borough used to be a community in which residents were proud to live, but it's not anymore. It's beginning to be an embarrassment," Buckley said. It's a health hazard. Your ordinances don't hold up."

Council president Tim Carroll told Buckley he would have the police chief look into it as well as look up the ordinance on barking dogs.

In a recurring theme, Jonathan Valentine told Council he was there to again complain about the rumble strips installed on Route 309 near Weis Market.

"The last time I was here I thought we were going to get some cooperation, but we have six months of playing this game. I'd like to see some action. This hot, humid weather makes the noise tremendous. I'd be glad to have you come over to my house and hear the noise they make; you wouldn't like it either. The acoustic problem is too great and the noise pollution is too great. Tom Ochal of PennDOT said it was the borough who wanted the rumble strips," Valentine said.

Dr. James Stallone then read an article from The Dallas Post which stated PennDOT was waiting to hear from the borough council. Borough manager Milt Lutsey was then requested to contact PennDOT to see what their plans are about the strips.

In a separate matter, Regina Bogdon of Machell Avenue asked what the borough is doing about water runoff from the new construction at Deer Meadow.

Carroll told her that a ditch

Complaints were made about a run-down house, rumble strips and water runoff

leading from the property will be paved and the overflow will be run through a pipe. In answer to Bogdon's question about having the lower part of Machell Avenue paved, councilman Don Shaffer said it would be paved when Dallas Township was finished with their paving.

Councilman Jerry Machell told council that Ray Kern of Kern Bros. Beverage wanted a white strip painted across Route 309 at the entrance and exit of the Dallas Shopping Center and a sign designating "Keep This Intersection Open". Kern said traffic backed up while waiting for the light there prevented access to the center. Council approved the request 6-0 and will send the motion to PennDOT.

Borough manager Lutsey told the council that Commonwealth Telephone was willing to lend the borough a lift to use in painting the borough's 40-foot flagpole, but since the recent news about men being electrocuted on a flagpole, he thought it advisable to contract the work out. He received a bid from Flagpole Maintenance for \$120 plus 80 feet nylon halyard and two brass snaps for a total of \$146. The bid was approved 6-0.

Commonwealth Telephone Company sent correspondence to the borough stating that there was illegal filling along the creek in the

rear of the company's Lake Street property which was choking the creek and other debris is causing erosion of the company's land.

Two former borough managers have filed unemployment compensation claims against the borough. Solicitor John Fine said that the borough office had received claims from Gary Allabaugh, who left without notice and was thought to have misappropriated borough funds. However, the borough did not press charges against Allabaugh. In a past meeting, the solicitor was requested to meet with the police chief to take care of the Allabaugh matter.

The second claim was filed by Kathryn Strosnider which Fine said was returned with the notation Strosnider's leaving was voluntary due to council's refusal of her request for an increase in salary.

Solicitor Fine also told council that the Hearstone Pub situation would not come up until September since there was no court in July and August.

Council agreed in concept on using DAMA as a recycling authority following a presentation by Kingston Township Manager Jeff Box. They also discussed using DAMA as a Back Mountain Water Authority, but agreed to wait until receiving a resolution from the water commission or the authority which could be studied by the borough solicitor.

The council also approved the installation of high pressure Sodium lights and added one new light at the base of Church Street following assurance by UGI representative Paul Malak that the changes in lighting will increase illumination by 30 percent. Electric service charges will increase \$18 per month.

Strips

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specialists.

"We also offered to relocate the traffic box in that area at PennDOT's expense if the borough paid the expense for replacing the light. The borough did provide us with catalog cuts from Kuharchik which our department approved. We sent that approval to the borough who has said the replacement light has been ordered. These lights sometimes take a while to be shipped," Ochal explained.

"We are here to cooperate with the people and we are going to fulfill our commitments, but the

borough has to cooperate by sending in the application we sent them," Bonacci said.

In the meantime, residents and business owners in the area of the rumble strips on Route 309 are becoming more disgruntled with the noise pollution.

"Traffic may be noisy," Jonathan Valentine told the council at last week's meeting. "But it is quiet compared to the continuous noise made by wheels going over those strips; nor does the traffic ruin your tires or car."

Chiefs to air comm center gripes

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It may be another month before the Back Mountain Communication Center begins the simultaneous dispatching of paramedics and ambulance crews. But during that time there is generating debate about the recent decision of the center's executive committee to begin the policy.

Some area fire chiefs met last week to discuss the decision and their concerns about it. Although not much is being said about that meeting, the chiefs say they want to meet with the comm center's executive board.

"We want to sit down as a group with the entire board and go over a list of problems we have with the communication center right now," said Dallas Fire Chief Ted Wright. Wright has been vocal about his opposition to simultaneous dispatching, saying that the communication center is trying to run the day-to-day operations of the fire and ambulance crews.

Wright said the meeting with the center's board will deal with simultaneous dispatching and other concerns the fire chiefs have. Kunkle fire chief Jack Dodson said that not all fire and ambulance crews are against simultaneous dispatching. "They are unhappy with the way it came about," said Dodson. "Nobody knew about it."

Paul Sabol, president of the communication center's board and Kingston Township Police Chief, said that the board took a long look at the situation before deciding to go ahead with simultaneous dispatching. "We talked with hospitals, EMS crews and attorneys

before making the decision," said Sabol.

He added, "We aren't telling them (the emergency crews) what to do, we are just taking every step we feel is necessary."

Sabol said that the board expected some complaints about the decision. "Whenever you do something it is tough to make everyone happy, but you have to do what you think is best," he said. "There are two ways of thinking and I

believe that they are just nit-picking now."

Sabol said that the communication center is also in the process of hiring a new chief dispatcher. After that is done the dispatchers will all be trained on simultaneous dispatching and then the policy will begin.

"We are not rushing into this," said Sabol. "If we get this running right it will last a lifetime."

Wagner calls for separate paramedic dispatch center

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The Dallas Township Supervisors have voted unanimously to give Kunkle Fire Company \$10,000 toward the purchase of the former Dallas ambulance, tanker truck and building.

The supervisors also issued a warning that grass clippings, branches and such debris should not be dumped on vacant lots but should be brought to the township where maintenance men will dispose of them.

Also at the July 17 meeting of the board, supervisor Frank Wagner went on record that he believed the paramedics should have their own dispatching center.

"There are other hospitals

wanting to come into the Back Mountain with their units and I believe they should have their own dispatchers. What happens if the paramedics go out on a call with one of the ambulances and it is only a minor injury and a call comes in where a medic unit is needed for someone with a severe heart attack or massive stroke? Will the liability come back at the township?" Wagner said.

Following the supervisors meeting, the planning and zoning board met with only one request submitted by Eddie Rome of Overbrook Road, Dallas, who applied for a one-lot subdivision. The request was granted pending Rome's obtaining a roadway permit.

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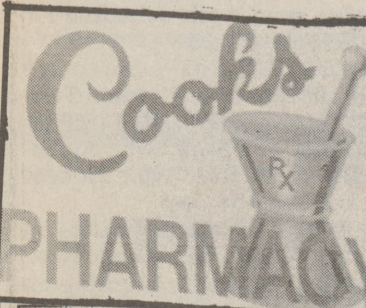
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