

**Boice**

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"The police can't be expected to do an effective job if they don't feel safe with their own force," she said.

Boice said he has sent a report of the incident and all other pertinent information to solicitor Charles McCormick for advice.

Eaton also asked the council if they are paid to attend meetings.

Council president Ed Kelly said councilmen are paid \$50 for each meeting, whether or not they attend them.

The council voted to permit organizations to hold walk-a-thons, bicycle races and other events using roads in the borough only on Saturdays, with the exception of those already approved for this season.

Ed Dubiak and Todd Brudzinski were hired as part-time patrolmen at \$7.50 per hour.

Councilmen David Abod, Thomas Kehler and Joseph Miscavage and solicitor Charles McCormick were absent from the meeting.

**Lehman**

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percent of the district's budget, while state funding accounts for 47.7 percent.

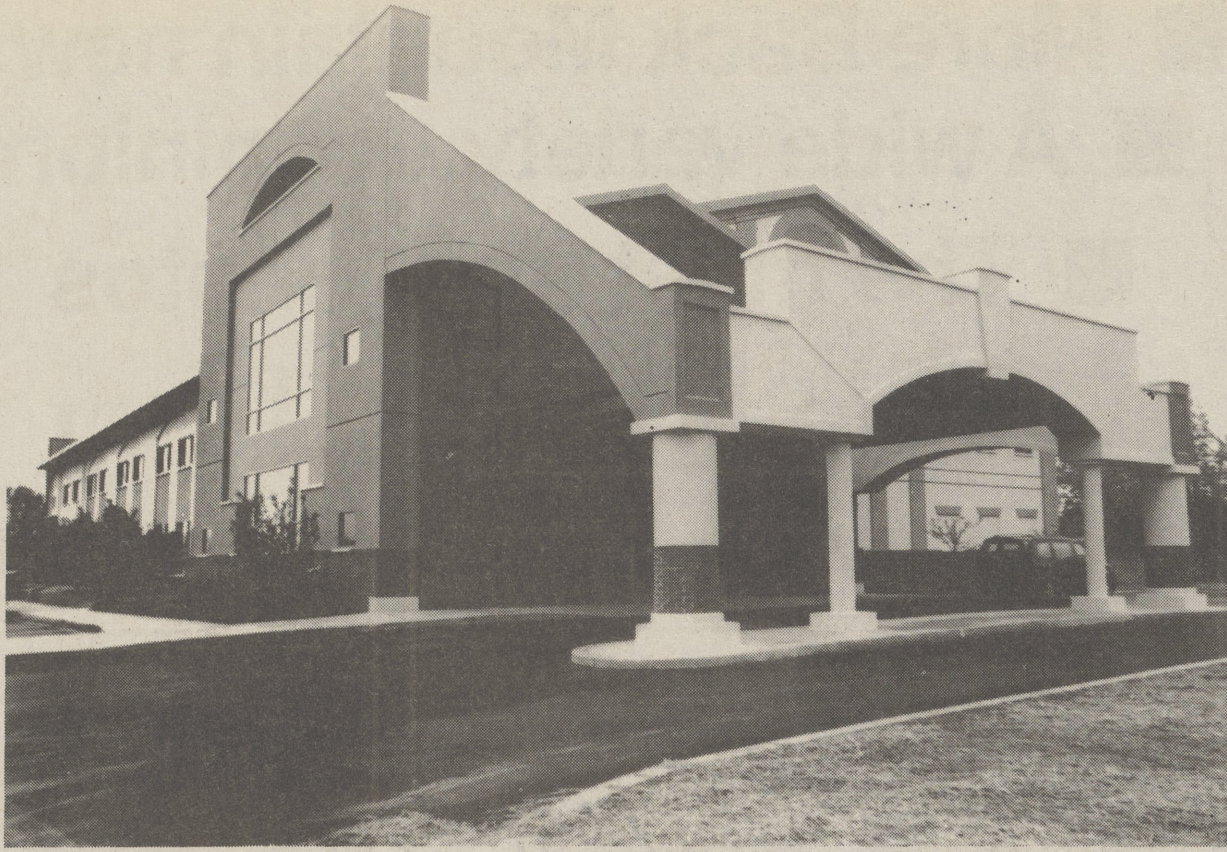
Of the total budget increase of \$935,239, \$491,000 will be paid to the teachers' retirement fund, \$300,000 will pay for teachers' salary increases and fringe benefits other than medical insurance and \$42,000 will pay for medical insurance for all district employees, according to Bowersox's figures. The large retirement fund contribution is the result of a change in the way the state handles the fund, and will be reimbursed later in the year.

Spending for instructional programs accounts for 60 percent of the total budget, or \$9,792,233, while support services makes up 30 percent, or \$4,976,994. Activities and community services comprises 2.6 percent of the budget, or \$423,613.

The district employs 137 full-time teachers and has a total enrollment of 2,251 students.

The budget will be available for public inspection at the central office until June 26, when the board plans to meet at 7:30 p.m. to consider a final version.

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POST PHOTOS/RON BARTIZEK  
Larry Randall, above, of Sordoni Construction Services, attached baseboard to a waiting area in the new Dallas Family Practice building. The entrance is shown at right. There will be an open house Saturday at the facility.



**New medical facility to open**

Wyoming Valley Health Care System will unveil its new Back Mountain medical building to the community at an open house June 3, 1-5 p.m.

Located at 100 Upper Demunds Road, Dallas Township, adjacent to the Country Club Shopping Center, the 35,000 square-foot facility will house the relocated Dallas Family Practice and other diagnostic and ambulatory patient services.

A source of medical care in the Back Mountain for 30 years, Dallas Family Practice presently

is comprised of Irvin Jacobs, MD, Thomas M. Campbell, DO, Diane A. Lowe, MD, Jane E. Durkin, DO, Gary Nothstein, DO, and a skilled staff.

Open house activities will include guided tours of the building's expanded facilities, health screenings for blood pressure, pulse oximetry and body fat compositions; children's activities featuring a house of safety display, informational exhibits and refreshments.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for 1:30 p.m.

The treatment areas and outpatient diagnostic suite at the facility are designed to accommodate the varied needs of patients seeking medical care. The expansion of services will include new programs to better serve the medical, emotional and educational needs of the Back Mountain and neighboring communities.

The public is welcome to attend. For more information call Community Relations at 283-7200.

**Inmates**

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on furlough and their address, which corrections department officials verify. Inmates don't have to check in anywhere while on furlough.

The furlough program is designed to restore the inmate's contact with the community, his family roots and his self-image, Livinggood added. It helps them to make the transition to the community through participation in halfway houses and other programs.

When an inmate fails to return from a furlough or work release, the prison notifies the local and state police, Figmick said. Captured inmates are arrested and charged with prison breach and moved to a higher level of security than they were previously incarcerated in.

"I don't know how they make the Fugitive-of-the-Week list," he said.

Newly-appointed corrections commissioner Martin Horn has made Governor Thomas Ridge aware of the furlough policy, according to Ridge's press secretary, Tim Reeves.

"The governor is concerned about the prison furlough policy

and has directed that it be intensively reviewed," Reeves said.

Figmick provided several statistics on inmates who walk away from weekend furloughs:

Statewide in 1994, of 968 inmates who were granted 2,691 furloughs, seven never returned.

In 1993, of 1,052 inmates granted 3,009 furloughs statewide, six went AWOL.

In 1992, of 1,071 inmates granted 3,134 furloughs statewide, seven skipped.

At SCID, so far this year 18 inmates have been granted 31 furloughs, with no one failing to return.

In 1994, 42 SCID inmates went out on 79 furloughs. Wells was the only one to go AWOL. In 1993, 35 SCID inmates went on 87 furloughs and all returned.

"The number of inmates who skip is a minute fraction of those who return," Livinggood said. "It's a good indication that our screening system works. Of course some inmates fail - this is a risk-management business. We caught a lifer who had been on the run from Graterford for 14 years. He had escaped by hiding in a wooden cabinet he had built."

**Dallas**

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Federal funding has decreased 13 percent, or \$37,789, to \$243,000.

Local income makes up 55 percent of the budget, while 38 percent comes from state monies, Williams said. Federal funding makes up less than one percent.

"The total assessment valuation increased only \$746,000 this year," Williams said. "At one time I saw it increase every year by \$2 million to \$3 million. The tax collectors have given me some very conservative projections of growth for next year."

Sixty percent of the budget, or approximately \$12,141,922, is spent on instructional programs, she said.

Support services account for 27 percent of the budget, or

\$5,463,865, while student activities and community services make up two percent, or \$404,730, Williams said.

Pay increases for teachers account for \$300,000, or 1.4 percent of the budget, with an additional \$65,000 set aside for raises for support staff. The district spends \$8.8 million on employees' salaries and benefits, Williams said.

Dallas employs 154 full-time teachers, 10 part-time teachers, nine administrators and 65 support personnel.

Its enrollment is 2,495 students.

The budget will be available for public inspection at the central office for the next 30 days.

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