Bethlehem Steel must pay fines for work hazards

The Bethlehem Steel Corp. has agreed to pay $27,000 in fines imposed by Maryland safety officials for hazards discovered after a steelworker became tangled in a wire machine and was killed last June.

In addition to paying the fines imposed by the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the state's largest private employer pledged to install safety cages around all wire drawing machines at its Sparrows Point Plant.

Bethlehem said the cages, to cost about $100,000, wouldd be installed within six months of signing of settlement, expected to be completed within two weeks.

Steelworker Robert E. Hall, 29, was killed June 16 when his left hand was caught in a moving part of the wire machine. He was thrust head-first around a giant spool and into a metal die box.

A MOSHA investigation concluded that emergency stop switches were inadequate to prevent similar accidents, and that a safety switch was not activated until Hall had passed through a large part of the machine.

MOSHA investigators said 34 of 84 wire drawing machines were not guarded at the time of the accident.

Bethlehem earlier had contested the fines based on the 34 "serious" safety violations cited by MOSHA.

David Wilson, president of Local 2609 of the United Steelworkers of America, said the company's decision not to appeal the case was "extremely significant."

"This is the first time, to my knowledge, that Bethlehem has not contested citations by MOSHA," Wilson said.

The formal agreement will require the concurrence of Bethlehem Steel and the union.

THE IVEY LEAGUERS — Candidate for the Senate in the 40th Legislative district, Western Ivey is shown with some of his campaigns from left: Ms. Carolyn Finney, Ms. Jaki Hall, Ms. Cee Cee Stokes, Wes Ivy, Mary B. Adams, former councilwoman, Ms. Avalon Jackson, Ms. Jean Williams and Ms. Betty Browne. This picture was taken last Saturday just before the group went on a massive door to - door campaign.

Officials say most phone users favor directory assistance charge

Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. officials and the state Office of People's Counsel agree that a majority of telephone customers favor a plan to charge for directory assistance calls.

But the company and Office of People's Counsel, which represents state consumers in utility rate cases, disagree on whether the proposal is supported by low-income families.

C and P Tuesday requested Maryland Public Service Commission approval for a plan under which residential telephone customers would be charged 20 cents for each directory assistance call they made above 12 a month. The first 12 calls would be free.

Business telephone customers would be allowed only three free calls a month.

Both C and P and the OPC agreed that a majority of telephone customers support the plan.

But C and P said 85 percent favored it, while the OPC said 62 percent found the plan acceptable.

No charge would be assessed for directory assistance calls made by handicapped persons, calls made outside Maryland or calls made from mobile telephones, hospitals, hotels, and motels.

The utility said it would save $3.2 million a year on its information service costs under the plan.

The savings would result in a 30-cent a month reduction in home telephone calls, C and P said.

Michael Fine, president of a New York market research firm that conducted a survey of Maryland families, said the C and P proposal is more acceptable to families with annual earnings under $5,000 than to households with larger incomes.

"My study found that it was the higher income respondents (those with incomes of at least $20,000 a year) who are the least likely to accept the plan," Fine said.

However, the OPC said its findings indicate low-income families would reject the directory assistance charge proposal by 57 percent to 43 percent.

C and P said the state office's findings were inaccurate because they were based on poor demographic assumptions and did not include opinions of people with unlisted telephone numbers.

Fine also disputed the People's Counsel findings that only 50 percent of telephone customers above age 60 favor the proposal.

"This conclusion is in sharp contrast with my study findings, which demonstrate that there was practically no difference in reaction to the plan between people of various age groups," he said.

Statistics indicate the plan to charge for more than 12 directory assistance calls a month would affect only 6 percent of all C and P residential customers.

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"You can rest assured that if they don't respond to us, there will be trouble in the capital, because we will not give up," Welcome said.

After a succession of 10 residents gave reasons why the bus garage should not be located in Park Heights, Hoyer said Intemann was not looking at the Park Heights area anyone.

"I know the governor has talked to Secretary Intemann," Hoyer said. "And I know Intemann has backed off. As a result of your effort, MTA has backed off.

"Secretary Intemann has indicated that his initial response is that he is not looking there. Although the study will take three months, we're going to try to get a more definite answer for you this week."

Still, the Park Heights residents and other northwest Baltimore residents could not walk away from the meeting with Hoyer as if they had been given something concrete.

Why did he have to go back to Blair Lee, if Lee was aware of the situation before Hoyer met with the residents. Also, since the second study concerning the location of the facility would take another three months to complete, the primary would be over and many residents fear that commitments to Park Heights would no longer be necessary.

In a fact sheet prepared by the Park Heights Community Corporation, the residents listed why they do not want a bus depot at Park Circle in Park Heights:

— We need Park Circle for new businesses for jobs for us. Park Heights Community Corporation and the city are planning new businesses.

— The city needs the taxes that it can get from private businesses and more employment to pay for better services to the people.

— The rest of this area cannot burden Baltimore City and Park Heights with giving them services.

— A bus depot or garage will force property values to go down.

— The wear and tear of one - third of all the buses coming through our streets will tear up streets and cost the city more money.

— These buses will weaken the foundation of our houses.

— The buses will wake up our children at all hours of the night.

— The buses will pollute the air, the water at the reservoir (filtration plant), and create more trash and refuse in our community.

— We already have trains, a subway and trash trucks concentrated in our community; we don't need buses.

— We are tired of people dumping everything in our black communities.

Lee Bowman, associate director of the Park Heights Community Corporation, has worked hard in opposition to MTA's initial plans for the garage in Park Heights and on April 4 he wrote to Walter Addison, director of MTA.

"We have major problems with the quality and intent of the Site Selection Study prepared by the Baltimore Transportation Associates Inc., which suggests Carlin's as a very high priority site," Bowman says in the letter.

He continues: "We are concerned that there was no black representation on that task force. We have no knowledge of those real estate companies contacted or the extent of their involvement."

The site selection study, issued in October, 1977, was criticized by many Park Heights residents as being very biased.

One such example of bias was the reports evaluation of the Greenspring Avenue property, located southeast of Northern Parkway, in its relation to the Carlins Drive - In property.

"The site is quite close to Sinai Hospital, which would be a very strong deterrent of the construction of a bus-facility in the area," the report says.

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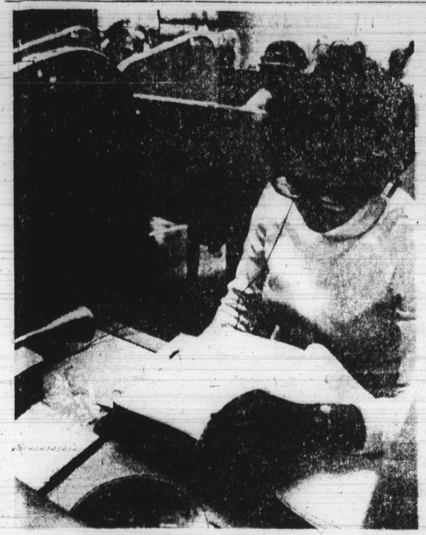

FOREIGN LANGUAGE LESSONS — Notre Dame College has programs for all ages, both men and women. Here, a Continuing Education student gets some practice in the language lab.

Weekend College registration thru Sept. 1

The Weekend College at the College of Notre Dame provides employed adults, both men and women, a chance to work for a degree or take courses on a schedule that suits their needs.

It is a new approach to learning for people who have responsibilities such as jobs and families in addition to their studies.

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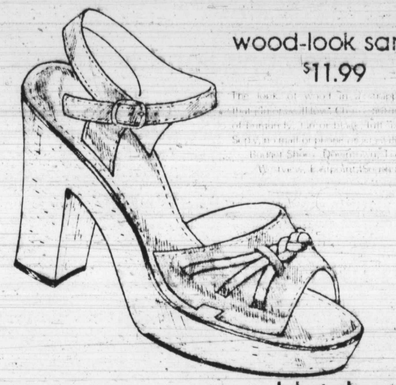
The actual amount of time spent in class is less than with traditional college courses; students do much independent study outside of the class and can adjust their study to their own schedules.

Weekend College students can earn a Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in business, communications or human services.

Not all Weekenders are earning a degree; some register as special students to take course that are job-related or for personal enrichment.

This fall the Weekend College is offering courses for students at several different points in their college careers.

Students may register for fall classes at the Weekend College by mail or in person through Sept. 1.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PSC looks at fuel bills

The Public Service Commission has ordered electric companies to prove the necessity of separate customer charges to recoup the increased costs of fuel in monthly bills.

The Commission, which must establish new guidelines for reviewing utility bills, said it will examine "the continued need for a separately stated fuel rate."

Currently the fuel rate adjustment charge is included separately from electric rate charges; however, the 1978 General Assembly ordered that the Commission establish new procedures for utility bills by Oct. 1.

James Biddison Jr., a lawyer for Baltimore Gas and Electric Co., said the new regulations "may cause problems for us in the recovery of fuel costs and will probably result in more base rate cases.

"As for abolishing the fuel rate, I don't think that under the statute they are allowed to do it," he said. "The law clearly contemplates a separate fuel rate."

Under the new law the PSC must hold public hearings on utility requests for fuel cost increases of more than 5 percent.

The Commission said it will require evidence concerning the necessity for the fuel rate adjustment from the Baltimore Gas and Electric Co., The Delmarva Power and Light Co., The Potomac Edison Co. and The Potomac Electric Power Co.

If the separate billing formula is ended, the utilities would include fuel costs in their periodic applications for across-the-board rate increases, which also would require public hearings.

Gary Alexander, a special counsel for the Consumer Advocate's Office, said the Commission's decision signaled "a very tough stance, a get-tough attitude to benefit the consumer."

Education Department gets TV grant

The Maryland State Department of Education has received a federal grant of $300,448 for the development of an environmental education instructional television series.

Topics to be included in 10 programs will include meeting future energy needs, the quality of life, renewable and nonrenewable resources, and looking at technological, social and aesthetic concerns inherent in environmental issues.

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Watkins can study past reports

Attorneys for Deputy Police Chief James Watkins will be allowed to study 19-year-old investigative reports of charges against another policeman that were levelled by the same man whose testimony produced Watkins' indictment.

Criminal Court Judge Robert Kerwacki said Tuesday Attorney General Russell can study the report of a police internal investigation of charges by Rufus Tate that Officer Elmer Moore was involved in drug deals.

Russell said Moore was exonerated of involvement in drug dealing and the report will tend to clear Watkins.

Watkins, a lieutenant colonel, was indicted on charges of bribery, extortion, misconduct in office, perjury, obstruction of justice and malfeasance in office in connection with Baltimore area drug trafficking.

Watkins is accused of accepting $1,000 in bribes from Tate who was found dead Aug. 7 in a Milwaukee apartment where he had been secreted before testifying against Watkins.

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