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## HERE'S HOW

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### HOW CALENDAR:

- Oct. 19, 1978: Rap session, Jeff and Joe's, 1025 1/2 Tucker Street, 7:30 PM.
- Oct. 28, 1978: How anniversary--cancelled.
- Oct. 21, 1978: Pa. Gay Support Network, Friends' Meeting House, Sixth and Herr Streets, Harrisburg, 1:00 PM.
- Nov. 1, 1978: How regular monthly business meeting, 7:30 PM., Dan's, 659 Beeber Street. \*\*\*See article below.
- Nov. 2, 1978: Now, Williamsport Chapter meeting, 7:00 PM., Court and Willow Cafe.
- Nov. 10, 11, 12, 1978: NOW statewide conference, Genetti-Lycoming Hotel, Williamsport, open to anyone. Registration is \$15.00. Weekend pattern is similar to conference at Delaware Water Gap last April; band and hospitality, Friday; speakers, workshops, and band; Saturday, workshop and resolutions session-Sunday. HOW attendance is encouraged. (We may have a table to sell "Our Right TO Love")

### Co-ordinators Corner: Dan.

This is not a pleasant story, but it has to be told (for those who don't know it already). As a result of my speech at the Bloomsburg Fair Rally last month, parts of which were televised on channel 28, I have been subjected to continuous harassment from a teenage gang in my neighborhood. Every night its tomatoes and/or eggs thrown against my porch, doors, windows, etc. The police have been called many times and no one has of yet caught anyone.

When they finally broke a window out of the storm door, my living in fear turned to living in terror. This absolute living nightmare in my life caused, for the first time, a cancellation of the HOW business meeting on October 4 as only 3 other officers were willing to show up. I was in no frame of mind to conduct business anyway, but I regret the inconvenience caused HOW by this. However, no one else seems willing to host the business meeting( as this address must almost assuredly be published in the newsletter.)

Therefore, the scheduled meeting for Nov. 1 is questionable. Hopefully, by then this whole incident will be over. You should check with an officer or write to HOW to ascertain the place. Do this approximately 1 week before the meeting, as I will make the decision by then as to the meeting place. Hopefully.....

I want to take the opportunity to thank those who have voiced support to me, from Williamsport, HOW and its members, from letters as far as State College and telephone calls from far away as Allentown. I don't know what I am going to do next as I don't know what is going to happen next, but I feel since it has affected HOW, you all have the right to know.

### Bloomsburg Fair Report:

I feel that the rally at Bloomsburg was a success. We had seven good speakers, not all gay, that were heard by at least 200 people in Town Park. The courage of those 50 people who walked is to be admired. I'm sure our efforts had an effect on the community of Bloomsburg and on the 10,000 or more people who saw and heard us on the fairgrounds.

While I may not agree, I can understand those who said earlier that they could not be at Bloomsburg. To those many who said they would be at Bloomsburg and did not go, I say you are showing a complete lack of responsibility and total disregard for your fellow gays. The next time you ask why this or that isn't being done, you shouldn't have to look too far for an answer.

Gary

## Gary's Farewell Message

It is with great anticipation that I bid farewell to start a new life elsewhere, but with just a bit of sadness that among the good things I leave behind is HOW. HOW has been my baby for two years. The experience of starting a gay organization and working with you have been one of the greatest experiences of my life. I will miss you; both the members of HOW and others around the state.

It is my hope to leave HOW with some kind of positive message. There is no secret formula for gay organizations. First it is alot of hard work. Second, it is a group effort. A third point I might add is that enough people have to be open to make the necessary public contacts and to educate.

The group as a whole has two years experience. In October 1976 we started with just an idea and made it a reality. Everyone of you will make HOW what it will be tomorrow, by what you put into it.

Best wishes to all the members of HOW

GARY B. Norton  
Founder of HOW

YOU CAN WRITE TO HOW C/O P. O. BOX 1072, WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA, 17701.

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Reprinted from a newspaper clipping submitted by Barb Trowbridge for publication in Here's HOW:

Dear Abby,

Since statistics show that 98.3 percent of all child molesters are heterosexual, I'm organizing a crusade to prohibit heterosexual teachers from instructing children of the opposite sex.

I don't want my daughter molested by a heterosexual male teacher, or my son seduced by a heterosexual female teacher. I'd appreciate your comments.

CONCERNED PARENT

Dear Parent: Your statistics are correct, but banning all heterosexual teachers on the chance that one might molest a child is unfair. However, if you proceed with your crusade, be sure to enlist the help of Anita Bryant--since she wants so desparately to "save" our children.

### BLOOMSBURG FAIR REPORT: DAN

I just want to take the opportunity to publicly thank the other speakers at the rally. Mine may have made the airwaves because it was first, but I hardly considered it the best. There were Chet Jones' words of faith and love from the Metropolitan Community Church in State College. There were words of encouragement and support from Dixie White, President of Pennsylvania NOW. There was a future political candidate there for us to support in the future, as Naomi Birman of the Socialist Party would work for our rights. There was Mary Nancarrow, speaking as a representative of the Governor's Council for Sexual Minorities. There was a man whose name I'm sorry to say has slipped my mind who related the story of the Muhlenberg Five. But the most inspiring of all, to me, were the rebel rousing words of April Collier of The Pittsburgh Committee for Human Rights. Her words and spirit gave us the necessary courage to go on with the walk at that point when we were considering cancelling it because we weere smaller in numbers than anticipated. My thanks to all.