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12 **THE FIRST SUMMER CARDPARTYPICNICOOKOUT**

You liked them during the spring, you'll love them in the summer (we hope!) The card parties which were popular this spring have been expanded somewhat. In fact, you may not know exactly what's on until you get there. In any case, you should come equipped with something to eat (snacks, beverages, etc.) a chair (if you're so inclined) and a card table (if you have one). And be assured that whatever goes on during the course of the evening will be lots of fun.

WHEN: Friday, June 12, 6:30 PM

WHERE: Home of Ray M.

CALL FOR INFORMATION/DIRECTIONS: Ray M. (469-7309)

16 **VOLLEYBALL**

What needs to be said about Dignity's Tuesday night volleyball has probably already been said at some point during the last two and a half years. We'll risk redundancy, though, and tell you once again that it's lots of fun, good for you and only costs a buck. So be there! 'Nuf said.

WHEN: Tuesday evenings, 6:30 PM

WHERE: PAL Building, 1110 North Third Street, Harrisburg

CALL FOR INFORMATION: John B. (233-8105)

17 **DIGNITY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

D/CP's Executive Board meets this evening. All interested persons are invited to attend.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 PM

WHERE: Friend's Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Harrisburg

CALL FOR INFORMATION: Jerry Brennan (232-2027)

21 **A SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION**

Yes, today's the first day of summer, not to mention the longest day of the year. And we plan to make use of some of those sunlit hours by joining with our friends of the Metropolitan Community Church for a picnic at Susquehannock State Park. As usual you should bring food, beverages, plates and utensils; charcoal and lighter will be provided. And if you're not familiar with the new rainout policy, see June 4th; it applies today also. So, barring a thunderstorm, or a burned casserole, or a dead battery, we hope to see you there.

WHEN: Sunday, June 21, 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

WHERE: Susquehannock State Park

CALL FOR INFORMATION/DIRECTIONS: Jerry Brennan (232-2027)
Gary N. (238-3746)

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GAY PRIDE DAY-NYC-ABOARD THE MAGIC BUS

Well, maybe not magic, but if it gets us there and back, that will be good enough. The D/CP sponsored bus trip to New York for the Gay Pride Parade costs \$15.00, leaves at 6:00 AM from behind the State Capitol, and leaves New York at 7:00 PM that evening. It's a cheap and fun way to take part in what is always a memorable experience. Join your friends and come along! Reservations must be in by June 19th.

WHEN: Sunday, June 28; Leaves Harrisburg at 6:00 AM
WHERE: Bus leaves parking lot, rear of State Capitol Building,
Harrisburg
CALL FOR INFORMATION/RESERVATIONS: John B. (233-8105)

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CITY ISLAND AGAIN . . .

The second island picnic figures to be very much like the first, except that it will be occurring approximately one month later (droll, eh?). Remember the food, the plates, your favorite drink, your favorite fork, and the rainout policy. You should be all set!

Tonight we'll also begin observance of a new rain policy. Should the weather remain inclement 1 hour after the posted starting time, in tonight's case, 7:00, the picnic is officially cancelled. This policy will be observed for all City Island and Pine Grove Furnace picnics, as well as the Outing at Susquehannock State Park. Naturally, we hope we don't ever have to cancel a picnic, but at least we'll know now when one is officially called off. Hope y'all got that. See you at the picnic, under clear skies.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 1, 6:00 PM
WHERE: City Island, Harrisburg
YOUR HOST: Steve L. (232-6517)

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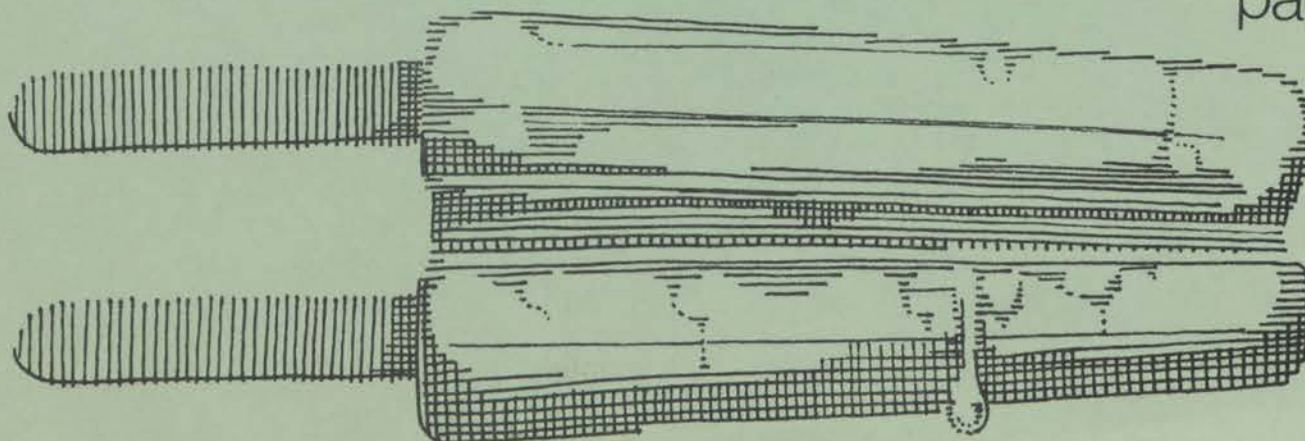
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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS - STATE COLLEGE, PA

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A "THANK-YOU, MEMBERS" SWIM PARTY

Think of it . . . long, smooth, well-tanned legs, curvy figures alluring in snug designer swimwear, fluid, graceful movements, hair tossed by a gentle breeze . . . and the women will probably look OK, too. Well, it may not be Beach Blanket Bingo, after all, but it is the Chapter's way of thanking its members for their support. Yes, gang it's a swim party and it's a little complicated so read s-l-o-w-l-y and carefully. First, D/CP members will be admitted free; the charge for their guests will be \$3.00 per person. Members must make reservations by June 30; guests must purchase tickets by June 30. Members will be admitted (you guessed it!) with their tickets. Whew. I think that's everything except that swimming will begin at 8, dressing rooms will be available, food will be provided and the raindate is Saturday, July 11th. Over and out!!

WHEN: Friday, July 10, 7:30 PM
WHERE: Village of Pineford, Middletown, PA
CALL FOR INFORMATION/DIRECTIONS: Steve M. (944-2230)

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Refer to Tuesday, June 18 for details.

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DIGNITY/CP SIXTH ANNIVERSARY MASS AND SOCIAL HOUR

It seems like just a matter of weeks ago that we celebrated Dignity's milestone 5th Anniversary, when, lo and behold, it's time to celebrate another one. It certainly is fortunate that we don't age that quickly. Hm.

The Sixth Anniversary will be observed with a Mass celebrated by Fr. Sawdy, and will be followed by a social to which you are requested to bring a special little snack. In some parts of the civilized world these are known as hors d'oeuvres. Seriously, though, an anniversary is always a time for celebration and reflection, and that this organization has weathered six years of good and bad times is surely an achievement worth celebrating and reflecting upon. Do plan to be there.

WHEN: Friday, July 17: Mass 7:30PM; Social 9:00PM
WHERE: Friend's Meeting House, 6th & Herr Streets, Harrisburg
CALL FOR INFORMATION: John F. (652-6570)

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ANNIVERSARY PICNIC AT PINE GROVE

An annual event that is always one of the most well-attended and enjoyable is the anniversary picnic at Pine Grove Furnace State Park. There's swimming, eating, games and of course, just sitting around chatting or enjoying the beautiful surroundings. And whatever you choose to do, you can always find someone who'd like to do it too. By now you know what to bring and what to do if it rains, so gather up that gear, cook what you may, hop in that jeep and show up! See you at the Grove.

WHEN: Sunday, July 19, 12:00 Noon
WHERE: Pine Grove Furnace State Park
YOUR HOSTS: Barb N. (234-7364) and Rich H. (236-8104)

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THE SECOND SUMMERTIME CARD PARTY AND IN-HOUSE GALA

You realize of course that the titles of these events are, let's say, embellished a little. I mean, it does sound better than "card night", right? Well, this evening's gathering will be hosted by the lovely and talented Deb, so its sure to be a real swell time.

WHEN: Sunday, July 26, 6:30 PM

WHERE: Home of Deb L.

CALL FOR INFORMATION/DIRECTIONS: Deb L. (234-3483)

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PENNSYLVANIA GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN SHOW AND SALE - FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE, LANCASTER, PA

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Pardon my French, but the time has come to pack those smart little wicker baskets (which you bought for a song on sale at Bloomingdale's last time you were there, even though the wicker was frayed on one corner but no one really notices and it hasn't gotten any worse) with whatever goodies you can scrounge up (those Bloomie's charges mount up, don't they?) and head for the island. Remember what all you'll need, the rainout policy, and come on over!

WHEN: Monday, August 3, 6:00 PM

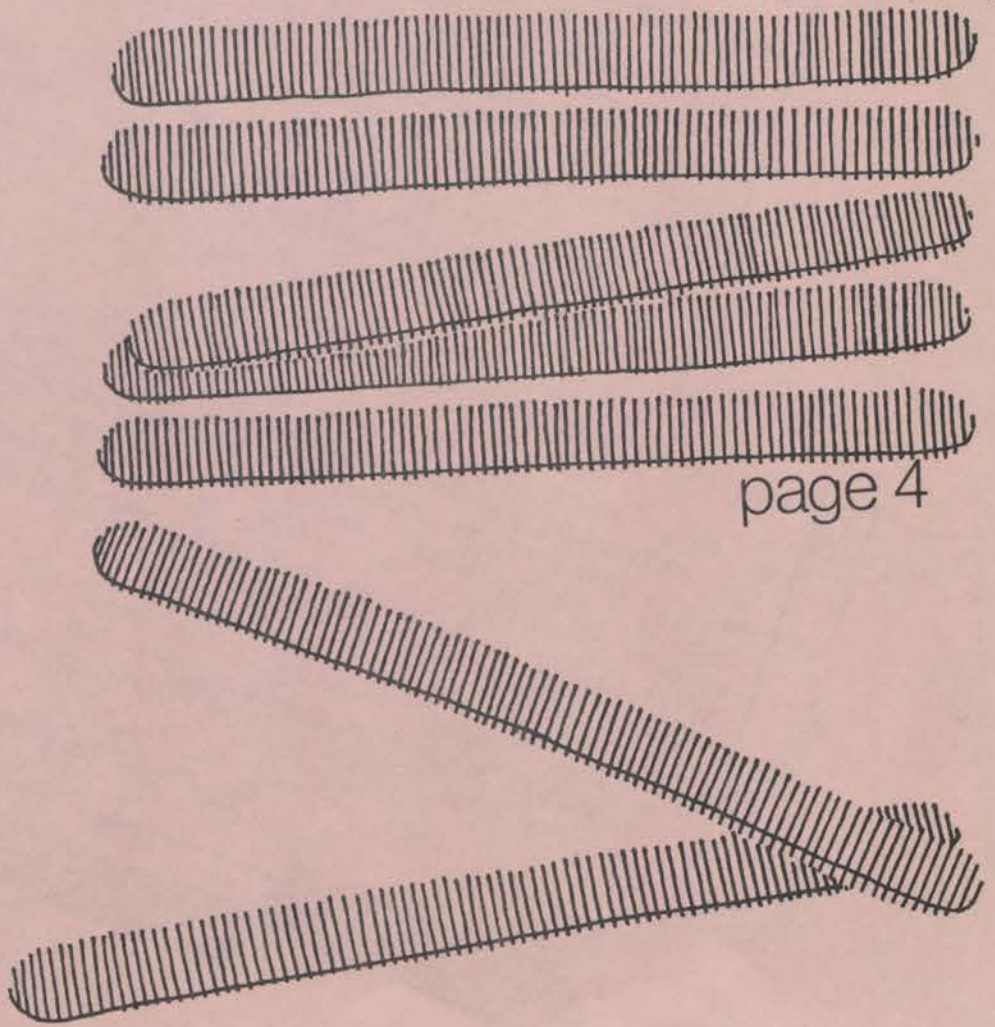
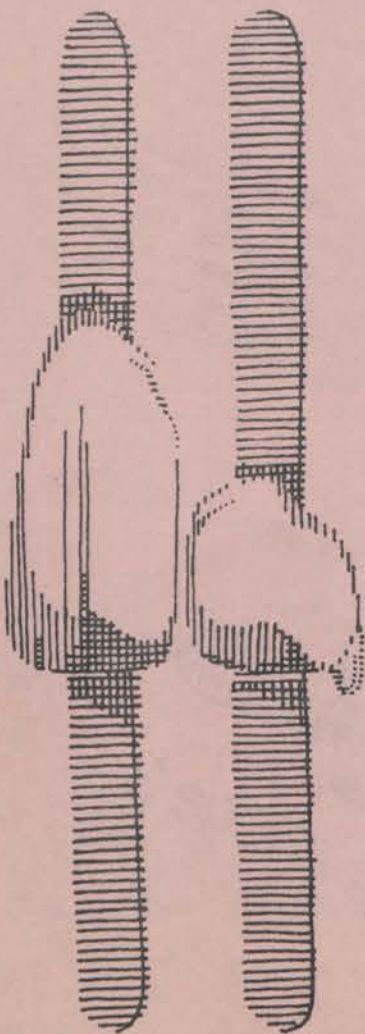
WHERE: City Island, Harrisburg

YOUR HOST: Rich H. (236-1081)

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D/CP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board meets this evening to discuss, among other things, final plans for the Fall Calendar. Anyone interested in attending the meeting is welcome.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 PM
WHERE: Friend's Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts., Harrisburg
CALL FOR INFORMATION: Jerry Brennan (232-2027)

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THE FOURTH MULTI-PURPOSE, BIODEGRADABLE IN-HOUSE PICNIC AND CARD PARTY

That's right, ladies and germs, yet another one. This one's hosted by Jon and Jeff in their spacious yet large home in Harrisburg's large yet spacious Midtown Square. Bring the usuals and enjoy.

WHEN: Friday, August 14, 6:30 PM
WHERE: 1202 Penn Street, Harrisburg
YOUR HOSTS: Jon L. and Jeff D. (234-4550)

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VOLLEYBALL AND PIZZA FOR A SUMMER'S EVE

What could be more romantic? A bunch of people, virtually reeking from three hours of volleyball, crowded into a space probably no larger than twice your bedroom, and putting down pizza like it's our last night on earth. Well, maybe romantic may not be the right word, BUT IT SURE IS A HECKUVA LOTTA FUN! C'mon be a part of it!

WHEN: Tuesday, August 18: V-ball 6:30; Pizza 9:00
WHERE: V-ball: PAL Building
Pizza: La Rose Rouge, N. Second & South Sts., Harrisburg
CALL FOR INFORMATION: John F. (652-6570)

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aug THE SECOND PINE GROVE PICNIC

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These picnics are always such a good time that to have only one per summer is almost a crime. And that's why we have two. Arrangements are the same as for the July Anniversary Picnic, so bring lots of food, drink, games, etc. and watch out for rain!

WHEN: Sunday, August 23, 12:00 Noon
WHERE: Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Newville, PA
YOUR HOST: Alan W. (234-2024)

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Watch for details in the Keystone. We'll give you the information as it comes to us. Pertinent info will also be mailed to members via the national newsletter.

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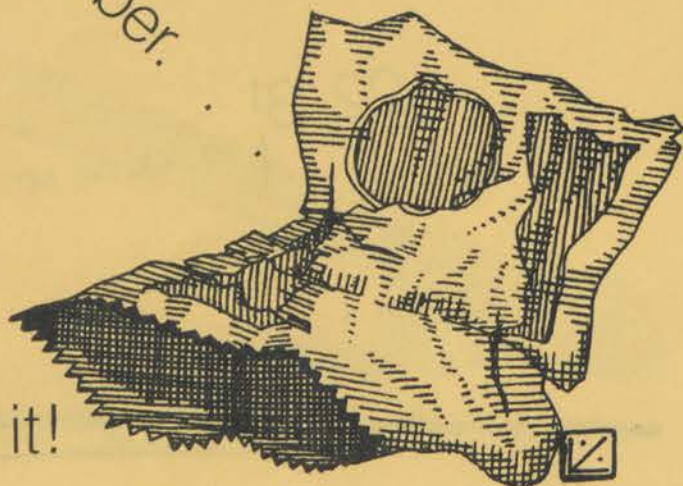
A LABOR DAY THING ON THE GRASS

For all you weary conventioners returning home, and those of you wishing to bid summer a fond good-bye, Richard and Bill will be hosting an informal, picnicky kind of gathering on the lawn of their apartment building. It's going to be potluck, but nothing heavy, just snacks and drinks. So bring along whatever you feel like bringing, and stick around for the fireworks later.

WHEN: Monday, September 7, 6:00 PM
WHERE: Riverview Manor Apts., Front & Harris Sts., Harrisburg
YOUR HOSTS: Bill and Richard (238-0642)

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fall-in with dignity begins in september.



watch for it!