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HOW Calendar:

- Nov. 7: HOW monthly business meeting, 7:30, David's, 955 Louisa St. Important - - please try to attend and determine HOW's future and goals.
- Nov. 14: HOW rap session, 7:30, Pat's, 335 East Southern Ave., South Williamsport. See note #2 for directions.
- Nov. 16-18: Pa. NOW Convention, Gettysburg. See note #3 below.
- Nov. 17: HOW social, Richard F.'s, 525 Fifth Ave. (at Memorial Ave.), 8:30 p.m. BYOB or something.
- Nov. 27: Gay health concerns talk, 7:30, Schwab Bldg., 734 West 4th St., 2nd flr. conference room. See note #5 below.
- Dec. 5: HOW regular monthly business meeting.

NOTES:

1. Since Dan's house was not sold last month, meetings are being held at other locales. For the moment the attacks on his house have subsided, but we would still be interested in knowing if anyone would be willing to host a HOW function. We need your help. Write Bx. 1072, Wmspt. 17701.
2. Directions to Pat's for the rap Nov. 14: turn left at first light after crossing Market St. bridge. Proceed east on Southern Ave. At first stop sign turn right, then left, then left again, and finally right to rejoin Southern Ave. which is interrupted for a block at the stop sign. The turns are fast. Pat's apt. bldg. is $\frac{1}{2}$ block down on the left, just before Bubby's Garage and Beavertown Block. It sits way back in. Go to the extreme right rear and up an enclosed stairway to the top floor.
3. Regarding the NOW 1979 Convention in Gettysburg, we urge your support since Pa. NOW is likely to make gay and lesbian rights a priority for 1980 as national NOW did at their conference in Los Angeles in Oct. The featured ^{speaker} in Gettysburg is Eleanor Smeal, National NOW president. For information contact Dan, Sara, or any NOW member.
4. On the Sun-Gazette advertising problem, copies of 3 different letters that have come in will be available to be read at the business meeting. One is the letter from Bob Elion to the Sun; the second is a response from the Sun's lawyers to Elion; and the third is from Elion to us (billing us for \$50). The letter Elion sent did nothing to break the impasse. We will send copies of the letters to the network for their reaction.
5. Pennie Cupp Vanderlin will give a talk on sexually transmitted diseases on Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m. in the Schwab Bldg. at 734 West 4th St., 2nd flr. conference room. Parking is available in the nearby parking lot of the Annunciation Church. This talk is being sponsored by HOW as a public service; please invite all your friends who should know what Pennie has to tell us. A flyer will be distributed later on in the month at the local bar (where gays frequently congregate) to attract as large an audience as possible. Attendance at this talk will not obligate anyone to HOW and will not be taken as an indication of sexual preference.

THAT WAS THE GAY WEEK THAT WAS!

On Sunday, Oct. 14, 15 people filled a van going from Williamsport to Washington, D.C. to participate in the nationwide march on Washington in support of gay and lesbian rights. HOW and NOW members and a few friends and supporters made up our own contingent. It was a cool, partly cloudy, sometimes brisk day, but our spirits were so high that the bite of the cold breezes mattered little as we took our place and marched with the Pennsylvania delegation. The marching and the chanting were

every bit as exhilarating and inspiring as some of the speeches that were given at the rally near the Washington Monument. This rally, one of the largest demonstrations by any minority in this country went extremely peacefully. Estimates of those in attendance ranged from 200,000 to 250,000. The press coverage in the days following did not do justice to either the number of people there or the importance of the event. We have no knowledge how 200,000 people shrank to 50,000 in the media releases. A nifty piece of journalistic legerdemain! But we were there, and we know better! Maybe the 1980's will be the homosexual revolution in this country. We've come a long way since Stonewall in 1969, and perhaps when they write a gay history in the future, they will say, "This was the beginning."

On Oct. 17 HOW celebrated its third anniversary with a party at Jeff and Joe's. We all enjoyed the social and want to give special thanks to our excellent hosts. Guests came from as far as Towanda and Houston (Gary Norton, co-founder of HOW, and Pat Bryan were present). The success of the evening impressed us with the need for more socials, even small ones such as this.

On Oct. 19 seven members of HOW journeyed to Pittsburgh to attend the Pride 79 conference Oct. 19 to Oct. 21. It was a tremendously successful and stimulating weekend. The workshops were hard put to cover everything in the hour allotted to each, but they still produced many thought-provoking discussions. One of the big hits of the conference (besides Gary's S&M workshop, really!) was the entertaining and captivating Pat Bond whose retrospective stand-up routine sent everybody howling! If you ever get a chance to hear and see her, take it. The conference went so smoothly that it finished ahead of schedule. Pride 80 is already being planned for October 1980 in Harrisburg. The network will be looking at Williamsport as a site for 1981 or 1982. Are we ready? Help! HOW has a great deal of respect among network members, as we were mentioned with praise at the dinner and in the workshops. They know of our struggles. As Tony Silvestre said in the "Objectives for the 80's", "In Philadelphia we sit down and plan political strategies, while in Williamsport they're throwing stones at houses of openly gay people."

HOW is pleased to announce the following Community Service Awards made at the conference:

To an individual: Ed Hermanski and Arlene Olshan who run Giovanni's Room, the largest gay bookstore in the country (located in Philadelphia). Ed and Arlene had an impressive array of books in the exhibit area and HOW purchased three paperbacks to add to its collection.

To an organization: the Persad Center in Pittsburgh because of its counselling and hot-line activities and services.

To an individual: Mary Nancarrow, Mechanicsburg, Governor's Council for Sexual Minorities and Central Pa. Gay Alliance.

Staff this issue: Richard, Duane, Dan, Dave.