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HOW Calendar:

- Dec. 5: HOW monthly business meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave's, 955 Louisa.
 Dec. 11: HOW rap session, 7:30 p.m., Jeff and Joe's, 505 West Central Ave., South Williamsport (entrance is on the left rear of the house).
 Dec. 23: Social, Ernie's, 1032 West Southern Ave., South Williamsport, 9:00 p.m. (See note #1).
 Jan. 2: HOW monthly business meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dave's, 955 Louisa.

Note on HOW Calendar: Our thanks to Ernie for inviting us to his annual Christmas social (he has taken up where Rene left off -- enough said!). Ernie's apartment is at Wedding World, upstairs. The front door will be open.

Projects for the Future:

Besides a program for expanding membership HOW does have several other ideas in mind. They concern public speaking engagements in the city of Williamsport for the purpose of educating the obviously unaware citizens of the needs and rights of lesbians and gays. We are looking for a speaker (preferably a woman) for March or April and a speaker of statewide stature for June. These speakers must obviously come from outside the area. HOW is very willing to pay transportation costs and find lodging for the night for any visitor if necessary. If you would like to help in this project, contact HOW as soon as possible.

We hope to co-ordinate the June speaking engagement with activities throughout the state for that month which will culminate in a march in Harrisburg during national Gay Pride Week. We will be there! Also, along with one of the speaking engagements HOW would like to experiment with a coffee-house. If anyone would be interested in setting up the coffee-house and determining its format, please contact HOW by mail or speak to one of its officers. This type of event would provide an alternative to the one and only local bar as an opportunity for gays to meet and socialize in a more relaxed setting. We are all aware of the evident shortcomings of the local bar as a place to meet people, and we have all at one time or another bemoaned the lack of suitable occasions and places for socializing. Well, this is your chance to substitute some positive action for negative complaints. If the experiment is successful, HOW would definitely sponsor similar coffee-houses on a more or less regular basis. We would, of course, have to line up some entertainment for these coffee-houses, such as guitarists, vocalists, or even a well presented disco evening. What we need now, however, is a show of hands of those who would help to work to create the first of these coffee-houses. You have nothing to lose but your boredom.

Landmark of the Week

While campaigning in Washington, D. C. at a gay disco on November 28, Governor Jerry Brown of California stated that if he were elected president, he would immediately issue an executive order stopping all discrimination against gays in federal employment. Right on !! We hope that the other candidates for that office will follow suit and make public their stand vis-a-vis gay rights.

An Important Announcement from Dan:

With much regret I must tell all our readers and friends that I have been driven out of my residence at 659 Beeber Street. The attacks upon the house became so severe and malicious that I felt I had no alternative. The attacks included those on Halloween when windows on all four sides of the house were hit with numerous objects and those in November when the front door was broken in with cinder blocks which were lying on the livingroom floor when I entered the house. I cannot return to the house to live for if I do, the attacks will start up again. I have been out of the house for a week now and in that interval the house has sat untouched. Relatives have given me temporary refuge; I may remain a vagabond for quite a while. Pat may let me stay in her place for two weeks in December while she is away. I wish publicly to express my gratitude to Mike D., Richard, and Wayne in the local gay community for their help and support. Others in the local gay community have ignored my problems, especially those at the bar.

I am afraid my troubles have affected the organization directly as the people seem unwilling to venture to new addresses for meetings and functions. There will be no more functions at 659 Beeber Street !!! Will there be a HOW ???

BULLETIN

Just before press time Dan was physically attacked after leaving Kelly's one night; four stitches were required to close up the gash on his head. Dan feels this attack is not related to the attacks on his house; several others that Dan knows of have been similarly attacked. Is there no end to the sickies?

A Timely Reminder: Dues!

One way all of you can help HOW to survive and to grow is to renew your membership and newsletter subscription now. Dues are still \$1.00 per month minimum, and the newsletter is \$3.00 per year for non-dues paying members. Your expiration date is on your envelope this month. Many memberships and subscriptions do expire at the end of the year. We trust you will know if you have been a voting member or not. Won't you take a minute right now and sit down and mail us a check? Checks should be made payable to HOW. HOW's future depends on it!

To spur us on, HOW has declared January to be new member month. The person responsible for bringing in the most new members that month will win a subscription to OUT, a new gay monthly magazine for the state of Pennsylvania. Also, new members joining between January 1 and February 14 may ask for a discount membership rate of \$10 for the year.

HOW is not responsible for opinions expressed in this newsletter. Any correspondence can be addressed to HOW, P.O. Box 1072, Williamsport, Pa. 17701