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The regular monthly meeting of N.E.P.G.A. was held Sunday March 24 with possibly the largest number of members in attendance. Following the reading and approval of the minutes and the treasurers report the meeting was turned over to Richard our Social Director who informed us of the upcoming Mardi Gras to be held April 28. It was then decided that due to some prior business our trip to Provincetown, Mass. will be held from July 13-15 if that is convenient with everyone.

Tom then proceeded to inform the group on the recent lectures he has given at Marywood and College Misericordia in Dallas, he found the students had some interesting questions dealing with the Gay community which he proceeded to answer to the best of his ability. He has told these students that our group is not just open to Gays but anyone we get calls from people with drug problems, marriage, and those who are possibly contemplating suicide. These are the kind of people he has to deal with in his every day life as Director of N.E.P.G.A.

The final thing discussed was the revision of the By-laws recently a by-laws committee was formed and met in the Susquehanna Room of the Sterling Hotel to go over the by-laws that have been effect the last five years. At the next meeting a vote will be taken on the new by-laws by the membership, they will then take effect June 1, 1979

We also welcome Ron Miller as a new member to the group.

Tom---696-2326

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Birthday Party For
Nancy & Mark April 20-7:00
at Tom's House



San Francisco- In what may be a first an openly Gay couple has been granted the right to legally adopt a two year old boy. The adoption of Robert David Dykes by pediatrician Dr. Albert Dykes and his lover Rev. James Dykes was approved by a Los Angeles court judge on Jan. 12. Since Gay marriages are not recognized by the state of California Dr. Dykes is recognized as the parent while Rev. Dykes is the Guardian. The couple would now like to adopt a little girl.

Philadelphia-Gay organizations from all over the country recently met to discuss a Gay march on Washington to be held in October 1979.

New York City-The Lesbian Herstory Archives has announced the start of a Lesbian photograph drive "to end the legacy of lost faces". The group is urging Lesbians throughout the country to send photographs of themselves, friends, children, homes, pets, and activities to the archives. Interested contact the following John Nestle or Deborah Edel at the Lesbian Herstory Archives, P.O. Box 1258, New York City, New York 1001.

California- In a bit of lighter news State Senator John Biggs who sponsored Prop. 6 the anti-Gay measure in California was recently chased by I.R.S. agents who want to question the man on the tax status of the third party he has established.

MEETING 5 P.M. APRIL 28, 1979

"MARDI GRAS"

APRIL 28

N.E.P.G.A.



6 P.M.

TOM'S HOUSE

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SPACE FANTASIES

ALL WELCOME
CIRCUS

YOUR FANTASY

Obituary

We of the gay community deeply regret the passing away of three of our members, they will be sorely missed. They are Karen Kocher, Tom Williams, and Emerick Michaels.

Miss Kocher was born in Wilkes Barre on July 23, 1957, and lived her sort life in this area. Your correspondent met her a few times, and was impressed by her outgoing personality and joviality, the pleasure of meeting her was all mine. She was the unfortunate victim of a violent auto accident.

Mr. Williams was born in Wilkes Barre, and lived all of his life in the valley. He was a graduate of Wilkes Barre Business College. I have never met Tom, but have heard friends of mine speak highly of him.

Mr. Michaels, fondly known to his friends as "Miss Emmy", is also a native of Wyoming Valley. Emmy was one of those inimitable persons one meets only once in a life time, and whom you can never forget. I have met "Miss Emmy" many times, and each time was like a sudden burst of brilliant sun shine on a rainy day, like a warm Spring day in the middle of a bitter cold winter. It was impossible to be down in the mouth when "she" was around. I think one of her greatest assets was her ability to laugh at herself, a trait we could all do with a little more of. Emmy will always be remembered in my heart and my prayers as will all my friends.

Peter