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HOW Calendar:

- April 25 HOW Rap Session at Jeff and Joe's, 505 West Central Avenue, South Williamsport, 7:30 p.m.
- May 2: HOW regular monthly business meeting, Dan's, 659 Beeber Street, 7:30 p.m.
- May 5: Meeting at HOPS office, State College, 12:00 noon (see announcements for details).
- May 18-20: Gay Health Conference, Hunter College, New York City.
- May ????? Possible social in May; we will contact people later.

NEWS AND NOTES From HOW'S Business Meetings:

March 7: Pennie Cupp from the State Department of Health's local office spoke and answered members' questions about venereal disease and other health concerns (crabs, etc.) for sexually active people. Free blood tests were taken. Ms. Cupp's talk was beneficial and informative. Ms. Cupp left copies of several pamphlets at Dan's for others to obtain (e.g. "For Men: About Venereal Disease;" "Pubic Lice: Crabs;" "HSV-2, a Painful Venereal Disease Puzzle"). Anyone wishing to possess a copy of these pamphlets should write to Dan and he will include it in your next newsletter mailing. The abbreviated business meeting that followed probably set a HOW record - it was over in less than 45 minutes.

April 11: It was decided that two copies of the book The Advocate Guide to Gay Health by R.D. Fenwick be bought for the members' use (one) and one for the Brown library (this one was paid for by Gary Norton of Houston as a donation). Bob Elion, of the law firm of Elion and Wayne, spoke and answered members' questions regarding many legal matters of interest to us. Involuntary sexual intercourse, statutory rape, and the problems arising from the admittance of gay youth into HOW were discussed. Discrimination in the media, in housing, and jobs was explored briefly. We are grateful for his counsel, time, and support. Many members now know that he's there if and when any of us need him and officers have already given his name out for referrals.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. A motion from the floor of the March 7 business meeting is being published in HERE'S HOW this month as it does constitute a charter change. As the charter reads, all changes will be published and voted on at the next business meeting. The motion reads "that the positions of co-coordinator and editor of the newsletter be abolished." The temporary suspension of these positions occurred several months ago. This will be voted upon on May 2. Mail and phone votes will be accepted prior to the start of the meeting. If it passes, the election of officers will still take place June 6 with the positions of co-ordinator (one only), recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer up for grabs. Nominations will be accepted on

May 2 as well.

2. Everyone that has the right to vote is urged to exercise that right both on the charter change and in the upcoming election. Envelopes will be marked with a star after your name denoting right to vote. Two stars mean two voters in your household. Also, we will try to remember to star your newsletter and put on your voter expiration date. Anyone having any discrepancies on this matter should contact Dan or Mike right away.

3. Please note that date of the nationwide gay march and demonstration in Washington, D.C. is now set for Oct. 14 (Sunday); two weeks earlier than we last announced. More information later on, but for now, Dan has a sign-up sheet to hopefully obtain enough names for a busload (it will be cheaper that way). This list is available now to be signed and it will be present at rap sessions, socials, business meetings, NOW meetings, and eventually, even the bar as Dan is determined to get 40 names on it for a bus.

4. The conservative back-lash that has swept the country during the past two years, which manifested itself in Dade County and Minneapolis - has now struck close to home. On Jan. 16, 1979 a bill was introduced in Harrisburg by Sen. Clarence Bell (9th district), the purpose of which is prohibiting the employment of certain individuals in positions designated by the General Assembly and providing a penalty. The first part of the bill defines "certain individuals" as homosexuals, individuals convicted of sex crimes, and sex offenders. The second section begins by overriding any executive order or law "to the contrary" and then prohibits the hiring and demands the dismissal or transferral of any individual fitting in the three categories from most state agencies, such as state police, correctional staff and personnel, all who come in contact with the mentally and physically impaired or handicapped and all juveniles and orphans.

Fortunately, the bill's chances of passage aren't good due largely to its sponsor's not being well respected and not having much clout. Senator Arlene, chair of the senate's Labor and Industry Committee, is expected to be sympathetic. So far, the bill has been lying in committee for three months with no action on it. But, this being Pa. with all its medieval notions, a call or letter to either Sen. Arlene or Williamsport's own Henry Hager (who is on the same committee) to tell them how you feel and to persuade them to kill the bill. Write: The Honorable Senator

Senate of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

5. A very important meeting for our area's involvement in the nationwide march on D.C. for October 14, is to occur at the HOPS office on the Penn State campus, Sat., May 5, at 12:00 noon. Dan, Eric, Richard, Mike, Bob, Dave, and Joe expressed interest in attending from HOW. Others interested should contact one of them soon. One of the purposes of this meeting is to pick two delegates to attend a second planning conference in Houston, Texas on May 20.

6. Nominations for officers received April 11 include: co-ordinator, Dan Maneval; corresponding secretary, Jeff Hampton; recording secretary, Joe Terpolilli; treasurer, David Thompson.

Staff this issue: Dan, David, Jeff, Bob, Eric, Mike. Thanks.