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EVALUATION OF FACILITATORS - PRIDE '79

PROBLEMS SOME FACILITATORS DID NOT APPEAR AT PRIDE '79 HAVING VOLUNTEERED EITHER TO ME ^{PERSONALLY} OR BY REGISTRATION.

FACILITATORS WERE ORIGINALLY ASSIGNED TO RESPOND ONLY TO REQUESTS BY ME FOR ERRANDS. IN REALITY, THEY RESPONDED ~~BY REQUESTS TO ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ALL~~ REQUESTS BY CONFERENCE OFFICIALS. THIS LATTER WORKED WELL.

~~AT TIMES, FACILITATORS COULD NOT BE FOUND~~

IT WAS DIFFICULT AT TIMES TO DISTINGUISH FACILITATORS BECAUSE ~~SOME REGISTRARS ALSO~~ GREEN BADGES WERE ^{WORN} ~~AT TIMES~~ BY REGISTRARS AS WELL. ALSO, SOME ~~OTHERS~~ WERE WORE BADGES OF OTHER COLORS BECAUSE THEY WERE WORKSHOP HEADERS ^{OR} COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THE CONFUSION IN THIS SEEMS MINIMAL.

4. A BARRAGE OF NEWS RELEASES PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE AND SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT THE LOCAL PRESS WOULD HELP. FOR INSTANCE: A STORY ON "LOCAL ~~THE~~ GAY ^{PEOPLE} GROUP PREPARED STATE CONFERENCE FOR LESBIAN/GAYS." "MS DIXIE WHITE PRESIDENT OF PA NOW TO APPEAR AT STATE LESBIAN/GAY CONFERENCE" ~~THE WHITE~~, ~~ACTIVE IN~~ LET THE ARTICLE FEATURE DIXIE OR TONY RATHER THAN THE CONFERENCE, SPECIFICALLY.

5. WHAT IS NEWS WORTHY IS WHO WILL APPEAR IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT REASON TO ^{CARE} ~~KNOW~~

6. THE GROUND MUST BE PREPARED WELL AHEAD OF TIME BY MAKING THE LOCAL

7. GAY GROUPS. NEWS THOUGH CONSTANT & CONSISTENT EFFORT, ~~THAT~~ IN SHORT WE MUST BELIEVE WE COUNT IN ORDER TO CONVINCE OTHERS ^(THE PRESS) WE DO.

7. A PUBLIC ACTION SUCH AS ~~THE~~ OF THE MEMORIAL MARCH AT THE NOW. ^{VENTION} CONFERENCE IN ALLENTOWN. ~~RIGHT~~ MIGHT BE A GOOD MARCH EVENT. IN HARRISBURG, AN ACTION INVOLVING THE CAPITOL BLDG. WOULD BE A NATURAL.

8. SECRET IS GAINING US NOTHING. EXCEPT MORE INVISIBILITY.