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PENNSYLVANIA LESBIAN/GAY SUPPORT NETWORK

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PLEASE PUBLISH, POST, AND PASS ALONG THIS INFORMATION

PRIDE '79, the annual Pennsylvania Lesbian/Gay conference, will be held the weekend of October 19, 20, 21, 1979.

PRIDE '79 is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Lesbian/Gay Support Network, and will take place, this year, in Pittsburgh - at the Airport Holiday Inn.

Following is the tentative schedule:

- FRIDAY, October 19:** Evening - registration and reception; Exhibit area for Lesbian/Gay organizations and businesses will be open all weekend
- SATURDAY, Oct. 20:** Morning & Afternoon - workshops
Evening - banquet & presentation of Community Service Awards
Entertainment by local Lesbian & Gay performers followed by
"Conversations with Pat Bond" commentary and reminiscences by the wacky ex-WAC from the film "Word is Out".
- SUNDAY, October 21:** Morning - workshops, followed by the regular monthly meeting of the Lesbian/Gay Support Network

Other activities are sure to be added as further details are worked out. Suggestions for workshop topics and other events are more than welcome.

PRIDE '79 is open to all Lesbians, Gays and their friends in Pennsylvania and adjoining states. Child care and sign language translation for the deaf will be provided.

The Pennsylvania Lesbian/Gay Support Network and the **PRIDE '79** planning committee are committed to the full involvement and consideration of the needs of Women, Third World, Handicapped, Young and Older, and other minority Lesbians and Gays in all aspects of planning and operation of **PRIDE '79**. Recovering alcoholics will have full consideration, and vegetarianism will be allowed for in meal planning.

In order to protect the anonymity of the conference participants certain rules governing press coverage have been adopted. Details of these rules are available upon request.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PRIDE '79, CONTACT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REGIONAL COORDINATORS

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PENNSYLVANIA LESBIAN/GAY SUPPORT NETWORK

TO: ALL EDITORS

SUBJECT: PRESS REPRESENTATION AT PRIDE '79

PRIDE '79, the annual Pennsylvania Lesbian/Gay conference, recognizes the needs for anonymity and free exchange of ideas within our community. To protect these basic needs, we have adopted the following rules:

1. Press representatives (including reporters for organizational newsletters) must obtain press credentials, which will be available at the time of registration, for admittance to the conference. Press identification is to be worn at all times.
2. No cameras will be allowed on the conference site. (This rule applies to individuals as well) Arrangements for picture-taking sessions with speakers, workshop leaders or performers may be made with **PRIDE '79** media liasons.
3. Interviews with any confernece participant may be conducted only with the consent of those interviewed. Press representatives must make it clear which publication or communication medium will be carrying the interview.
4. Audio tape transcriptions of workshops or meetings may not be made unless the prior consent of the workshop leader is given. If any participant of a workshop, meeting or other conference session objects, audio tape transcriptions will not be allowed.
5. Names and or addresses of any conference participant may not be published without prior consent of those participants.

PRIDE '79 will have media liasons available, at all times, to assist the press in covering the conference. It is the intent of the Pennsylvania Lesbian/Gay Support Network to open **PRIDE '79** to as many of our Sisters and Brothers as possible. To insure that they will not be subjected to unwanted harrassment by family or empolyers, we have instituted the above regulations. We hope that someday such rules will not be necessary, but we believe that our friends in the Lesbian/Gay press will understand these present needs.

Questions about **PRIDE '79** or about the above rules are welcomed. Please contact the Network at:

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TONI JONES
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Public Affairs Director;

We would like to have the following Public Service Announcement aired on your station between October 10th and October 18th, 1979. This activity is being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Lesbian/Gay Support Network which is a non-profit organization. We are a commonwealth-wide group of Gay men and women active in education of the homosexual and general communities.

We would appreciate receiving confirmation of the broadcast dates for this announcement. If you have additional questions, please contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,

Joe Burns

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*WAMO/WYTZ will broadcast during
the above dates.*

Toni Jones

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OPERATIONS MANAGER

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Press Release

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(PHOTOGRAPHY will be allowed only in limited areas of the conference. Media Liasons will be available to assist the press with this and other matters.)

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"PRIDE '79", the annual Pennsylvania Lesbian/Gay conference will be held the weekend of October 19, 20, 21, 1979 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Pittsburgh. The conference will feature many workshops, well-known speakers and popular entertainment. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Lesbian/Gay Support Network, "PRIDE '79" is an extension of our programs of outreach to, and education of, Pennsylvania's nearly one million Lesbians and Gays. The Pennsylvania chapter of The National Organization for Women, the Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities, C.H.O.I.C.E., and other groups and individuals have officially endorsed the conference.

Pat Bond, star of the film "Word Is Out", will be the specially featured performer on Saturday night. Also appearing will be locally well-known entertainers - Pink Debbie, Joni Geiser and Hank Baron. Dixie White, president of Pennsylvania National Organization for Women. and Tony Silvestre, Chairperson of the Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities will keynote "PRIDE '79" on Saturday morning.

The workshops will focus on issues of personal adjustment and community growth. Topics include: Coming Out; Alcoholism; Women's Poetry & Music; Gay Life in Rural Penna.; Gay Men's Health; Grassroots Fundraising; Racism; Self-Defense; and more than 25 others. Two dozen or more Lesbian/Gay organizations and businesses will be represented with displays and booths.

The conference organizers expect four to six hundred participants from Pennsylvania and adjacent states.

People wanting further information on "PRIDE '79" should contact their local Lesbian/Gay switchboard or write to: PRIDE '79, P.O. Box 10741, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15203.

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I would appreciate a response in either event.

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