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N. E. P. G. A. NEWS

The regular monthly meeting of the North Eastern Pennsylvania Gay Alliance was held the afternoon of February 28, 1979. The meeting was short due to the fact there was not much new business to discuss. Tom spoke on the lectures he has given at Marywood recently and of the fine response he has recieved from the students and faculty. He hopes that this program will help at least some people who are misinformed understand the Gay community a little better. We cannot discuss all the questions asked of him in this newsletter due to the lack of space, but one question will be answered we hope in a little more detail later on. The only other thing discussed at the meeting was the appointment of a committee to revise the by-laws for the coming year.

One intresting question brought up at Toms lecture was the contents of our newsletter, a person thought it could be more informative in that it does not contain enough information just seems as if its party after party. Let me now just say this our newsletter is sent only to dues paying members and organizations we have agreed to send it to. The newsletter is written by a staff of just three people who are doing their best to keep our own membership informed on local Gay actiities. The cost for printing and mailing the newsletter every month cost us about twenty dollars, we have yet to have on organization offer to help run it off on their machines. We do not have the staff and money to run off what we would like, so it has to deal with local news, this is not the Advocate or the Philadelphia Gay News with staffs of hundreds but remember a staff of just three doing their best.

One last comment is the fact that the Gay community seems to be their own worst enemy when it comes to being united in a cause that is human rights not just Gay rights. We have enough trouble trying to set the straight community straight on the facts of the Gay life style. Just look around and you will see that one person does not want another around because of the fact he or she is either too butch or femme, old or young, color of skin, and now a new one I have just heard about a persons religion. We have Gay organizations all over the country to promote human rights but if we insist on fighting among ourselves we will be self defeated. Its about time we put all our petty problems aside and join together as brothers and sisters under just the Gay Cause. Anyone who disagrees with this article can have the space in the next newsletter to answer.

One sad fact we must report for those of you who do not know is the death of one of our most popular members namely Miss Emmy, always the life of any party she will be missed by all let us not forget our own Miss High Fashion.

Next meeting March 24, 1979 Toms house.

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