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## FEMALE CROSS-DRESSERS

An interesting phenomenon that is currently happening in the women's movement is the justification of transvestite practices by women in history. Two outstanding examples of this are Deborah Sampson, currently being sold to children as "our first woman soldier" and Doctor Mary Walker, an Assistant Surgeon for the Union Army in the Civil War. Both are justified in their cross-dressing practices by ascribing patriotic motives to them that transcend their flouting of conventional appearance. Neither of them are termed "transvestites" by apologists, although this is indeed what they were. Both women present rich opportunities for further psychological introspection, but let's take a closer look.

Deborah Sampson was born in Massachusetts in 1760. Her first recorded instance of cross-dressing was motivated by nothing more than "a craving of adventure" when she was 20 years old. She made forays into distant towns dressed as a male and was curtailed only by a meagre income. For her efforts, she was excommunicated by the local Baptist church on the strong suspicion of "dressing in men's clothes". She could have cared less, for by this time, she had enlisted in the Continental Army as a male. When, after 3 years of military service, her female gender was confirmed, the army simply provided her with garments for either sex, leaving her free to choose. She chose to continue to wear her uniform. Discharged, she continued to wear male garb and worked as a farmhand, until her marriage, when she suddenly took to wearing skirts. At this time in society, the issue was not one of complicated sexual speculation, but

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## Papers Presented On F-M TSs

"TRANSSEXUALISM AS FLIGHT FROM THE FEMALE ROLE", Dr. Sharon Satterfield

The following is the abstract of a paper presented at the sexology conference in Boston last June:

Although feminists have suggested that transsexualism is a choice, a reaction to society's artificial determinator of sex roles, most therapists of transsexuals reject this notion of etiology in the "true transsexual". In four female-to-male applicants at the University of Minnesota's Program in Human Sexuality, difference from the general population is present in that a severe history of sexual abuse in childhood was noted in the intake process. Three individuals remembered at some point consciously fleeing from the female role. These four cases have been carefully studied with psychometric testing and with psychotherapy. Only one individual has returned to the female role and continues to have vivid fantasies of herself as a male. We postulate that if the transition process has continued to the point of actual cross-living, psychotherapy is unlikely to reverse the process. \* \* \* \*

In a second paper, presented at the conference, "COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH AND TREATMENT IN A GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM", Dr. Sharon Satterfield notes that the findings of a study of the one hundred patients who have entered the comprehensive treatment program at the University of Minnesota's Program in Human Sexuality between 1979 and 1983 indicate that "biological females are not necessarily more psychologically stable (than gender-dysphoric biological males) as reported in other previous studies, and a high incidence..

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of chemical dependency and sexual abuse has been noted in this group." Chemical dependency has been shown to be the most serious prognostic indicator of unsuccessful outcome (program dropouts). These factors indicate that criteria for surgical candidates should be re-evaluated.

### Siamese Twin's Sex-Change

In a 12-hour operation performed at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, on July 28th, Dr. Robert Filler headed a 43-member medical team which surgically separated 2½-year-old Siamese twins Lin and Win. Born in Burma, in Feb. 1982, the twins were joined at the pelvis and shared a common third leg, part of a liver, intestine, urinary tract, large bowel, some blood vessels and boney skeleton--and one male sex organ. Both twins were males genetically and hormonally and were reared as boys. But now, Win has become a girl since surgeons constructed female genitalia for "her".

Dr. John Money, director of psycho-hormonal research at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, believes conditioning is more important than biology and is cautiously optimistic about the twins' futures as he thinks a male can be raised as a female fairly easily if the decision is made early enough and if there is appropriate support.

Milton Diamond, a biologist and researcher at Hawaii University, disagrees that conditioning can override biology and rejects the idea that a boy without a penis should be raised as a girl. Instead, he thinks that a baby born with an abnormal penis but intact male biology should be raised as a boy with the necessary counselling and surgical help.

Dr. Tom Mazur, director of psycho-endocrinology at Children's Hospital in Buffalo, counsels children undergoing sexual re-classification, and is hopeful counselling will help Lin and Win overcome many of the difficulties. (Toronto Sun, July 29, 1984)

### MMRF Notes

At the July 21st Board Meeting, a Balance Sheet for the fiscal year (August 3, 1983 - June 30, 1984) was submitted to and approved by the directorship. This balance sheet is attached to the back of the present issue. The Constitution and By-Laws will be circulated to all paid-up members together with the October (or, at the latest, the December) issue of the newsletter.

We are privileged to welcome to our Board of Professional Advisors two notable specialists: DR. TOM MAZUR--Director of Psychoendocrinology at The Children's Hospital of Buffalo, and, DR. LEAH C. SCHAEFER--President of the Eastern Region of The Society For The Scientific Study Of Sex. Dr. Mazur works with children and adolescents who have hormone and/or growth disorders, and/or sex-related problems and issues (including gender identity confusion). Dr. Schaefer counsels transsexuals and others through her private practice in New York City. Both participated in the Combined Annual Meeting of AASECT and SSSS held in Boston last June.

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## PHALLOPLASTY: MY EXPERIENCE

Regarding phalloplasty, all of the articles and reconstructive work that've been printed in the METAMORPHOSIS Newsletter, have dealt with once anatomically-normal males. I hope that this hasn't given our 'brothers' false hopes about this surgical procedure. Reconstructive surgery on a once-normal male is quite different from phalloplasty performed on the female-to-male transsexual. If you talk with a urologist, he will explain that there is quite a difference in the two anatomies, especially with placement of the urethra, which is where our biggest problem exists in creating a penis. Believe me, I've been through a hell of a lot for what I have got!

I will explain my experience with phalloplastic surgery for the benefit of your F-M TS readers. Some people have called it a 'horror story' and I've probably had better results than many others have had.

I had the first stage of the surgery in September 1980. I spent 16 days in the hospital: 14 of which were spent in bed without being able to get up at all. I developed an infection and had a temperature of 104° F for 11 days. I had to walk with a cane for three weeks after I was discharged, and almost lost the abdominal tube pedicle flap completely.

After each surgery, I had an infection of one sort or another. With each surgery one has, there is a danger of losing everything that already been done.

The second stage took place in November 1980 and the hospital stay was for 11 days. The third stage was done in February 1981, with a hospital stay of 13 days and doctor visits of three to four times per week for two months after the surgery. The fourth stage took place in August 1981 and the hospital stay was for 11 days. The fifth stage was done in December 1981, with a hospital stay of 8 days. The sixth stage took place in September 1982 and...

the hospital stay was for 6 days. The seventh stage was done in May 1983, with a hospital stay of 5 days--and it's still not completed.

I have at least two more surgeries to go in order to complete the phalloplasty--and that's without moving the urethra. This is not functional at all, at this point, but looks very real and natural. Other than being much larger than a normal penis, there's little difference in appearance.

The hospital bills alone have been in excess of \$60,000.00. This figure does not include the doctor bills, the traveling expenses, the dressings and medications needed at home, the time lost from work, etc., etc., etc. I had to travel 125 miles one-way to see the doctor. Now, he has moved to a hospital over 200 miles away. I've also had to hire an attorney to deal with the insurance company and file a law-suit against them for payment. His bill is now over \$10,000.00 for all the work he has done.

In spite of all this, I'm happy with the results I've had. I hope that, one day, I'll be able to complete the phalloplasty and be able to use it for sexual intercourse as any normal male would be able to do.

Readers, if you'd like more information, please feel free to ask questions. I think my 'brothers' need to know what is involved with this type of surgical procedure and perhaps, I can compare notes with others and share experiences.

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## DEAR RUPERT

I've been reading some of your articles in FACT's newsletter, "GENDER REVIEW". I'm presently incarcerated in the Prison for Women in Kingston, Ontario. I realize you're very busy as Executive Director of the METAMORPHOSIS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION, but I would appreciate your help if you could pass my name on to your male members--both pre-op and post-op female-to-male transsexuals. You see, I'm involved, very much so, with a F-M TS for the past two years and we plan a future together. He has been released on a day parole to the half-way house here. I refer to him as "he", because, to me, that is what he is. He has no macho-ness about him, but is rather a gentleman. I've accepted his transsexuality and now need the help and support that all those involved in any type of a relationship with transsexuals need.

I still have 13 months to go until I'm eligible for a day parole and it's not too easy to talk to people in here--even the professionals--on this topic as they know relatively nothing about transsexualism. It's not too easy to get related material I had to literally "bug" the prison librarian just in order to get the subscription to "GENDER REVIEW". Therefore, any help I can get from you and your male counterparts would be extremely useful. Before I went with Lee, I was heterosexual--and still consider myself to be. I also need help in understanding what he is going through, and what we, as a couple, will be going through, as I have full intentions of spending my future with "my man".

I would like you to put my name on your correspondence list and possibly help me to get in touch with F-M TSs in this area. I really do need your help as I do not know where to turn. I would eventually like someone from your Foundation to come in here to talk with me. (There's also another pre-op F-M TS in here. The "men" going through this transition need help--support and understand-

ing--but so do people like me, and I do need help. I need someone to talk to and to correspond with.

I am sorry that I am unable to subscribe to the "METAMORPHOSIS Newsletter" from within these walls or give a contribution to your Foundation. If I could, I certainly would. I appreciate your consideration and possible assistance. If you wish to use this letter in your publication, you may, but please withhold my name for the time being. Thank you.

*(Readers, please send your letters of support to the very last name in the Confidential Contacts Directory, or, write to "J" c/o METAMORPHOSIS, and be sure to enclose a blank envelop bearing your return address, and a 32¢ CANADIAN postage stamp, or, an international reply coupon worth 32¢--available from the Post Office.--Editor).*

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DEAR RUPERT (cont'd. from p. 4)

I had the opportunity to see the "PHIL DONAHUE SHOW" with Jude Patton and the two male-to-female TSs. I was quite please with what I saw. The audience was very accepting of these guests on the program. I was proud to be represented by Jude. I felt that he did a superb job of informing everyone about the female to-male transition. He came across as a very pleasant, intelligent, witty person that broke down the stereotypical view that most people seem to have about the TS individual. I'd like to say "thanks" to him for a job well-done! I only wish that they could have dealt with more specific problems about insurance, job harassment, family, support groups, etc. Perhaps another time.

I also saw part of the movie with Robyn Douglass, "MY LIFE AS A MAN". I enjoyed what I did see and felt that many of the problems that are presented to us, as transsexuals, came across very well. An example of this was when they were talking about which restroom she would use-something most people would take for granted. I felt the movie was well-done, and even though it wasn't specifically about a TS, it did represent certain aspects of the TS and his plight.

Thanks for the information about the American Civil Liberties Union-TRANSSEXUAL RIGHTS COMMITTEE in Southern California. I hope they can be of some help to me as anything I can save on expenses, at this point, would help immensely.

--T.C.B., Indiana

Because of your wonderful newsletter, I've found a friend who shares much of my interests and we have a lot in common. He's a member of the MMRF and resides in North Carolina. I recently moved from there and it is nice corresponding with someone who can relate to me on many subjects. It's rewarding to find such a friend in this sensitive young man.

I had the mastectomy on April 9th. I'm so happy! It's the happiest feeling I've ever felt and was the best day of my life.

My ladyLove and I are getting along much better since the surgery and my attitude and outlook is so much better now. We've been together for 8 months now and we're hoping to get engaged next year.

I'm working for a company as a male and it's terrific! I'm going to save money like crazy for the other operations. I'm having trouble with legal matters but am hoping something breaks. Any information on this subject will be helpful.\* My lawyer insists that I need all the surgery before my sex can be legally changed to male. Any suggestions?\*

--Rhon [REDACTED] Pt. Pleasant, N.J.

(\*Contact Joanna M. Clark--author of LEGAL ASPECTS OF TRANSSEXUALISM (\$25)--at: 31815 Camino Capistrano, Suite L, San Juan Capistrano, Calif. \*\*Yes, a pan-hysterectomy would be required by law but I don't think a phalloplasty is legally necessary.)

I am glad that your presentation was well-received at the sex conference in Boston. My appearance on WGRZ-TV in May in Baltimore went extremely well, and afterwards, people called Dr. Money's office to say how thankful they were that someone like myself had talked openly about genital deformities on the media. The TV station is recommending me to their affiliate stations, so possibly, I may appear on TV, in the near future, in: Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and San Francisco.

I am amazed at how you are able to publish your top-quality newsletter on the limited budget you are forced to work with, given the small size of your membership. So, I am enclosing a small donation to help you to carry on your important work.

--Daniel Herzog, M.S.W., Prof. Adv.

Crossdresser wants to correspond with F-M TSs on true sincere basis.

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# Fun is a drag for Phyllis

## Male bastion falls, as Diller crashes Friars

ANOTHER male bastion fell this week, as madcap comedienne Phyllis Diller, dressed in drag, slicked down her frizzy hair and crashed the Friars Club men's-only roast for Sid Caesar.

Nobody caught on, not even her good friend Buddy Hackett, roast master of the event in New York City.

"Women? There were no women at the roast, they're not allowed," said Buddy. "There was a time when they weren't even allowed into the club."

Well, Buddy, have we got news for you! Not only did Phyllis (aka Phillip Downey) crash the roast — she took care of some private business in the Sheraton Center men's room.

"I've always wanted to



Dressed in drag and leaving the men's room at the Sheraton Center in New York City is comedienne Phyllis Diller, who crashed a Friars Club men's-only roast for Sid Caesar undetected. At right is the way she usually looks.



AP photo

eavesdrop," said Phyllis. "It was the funniest, dirtiest thing I ever heard in my life. Of course, I had already heard this language before, because I once ran into a truck."

Club management didn't catch on to the stunt until a photo of Diller in drag appeared in the New York Post yesterday. It was the first time a woman crashed a Friars roast

since it started in 1904.

"It was done without our knowledge," club director Jean-Pierre Trebot said. "The event was for men only." He said the club would increase security for fu-

ture events.

Phyllis spent a month having an expensive boy's suit painstakingly altered by a tailor in Los Angeles.

"It cost a bundle," she said. "The real high of all this was when they were putting on my mustache and I sniffed the glue."

Now Phyllis is heading straight for Paris, before her little joke "hits the fan."

It was the evening of my thirteenth birthday. It was not, by any means, the first incident that I can recall which was caused by the pains of my transsexuality, but it was certainly one of the most vivid.

I remember that the air on that evening was crisp and so cold that it nearly rendered me breathless. And, the weatherman had issued threats of a coming blizzard. It was mid-February, 1974. And, though the wind outside blew cold and chaotic, inside I felt warm and elated. At home, I was doomed to be recognized as "Cleo": a little girl, the second of my mother's daughters. But, I had come to the realization that I was male. No one could tell me otherwise because this was something no one else could know unless they were me --unless they were inside my body and had fought emotional battles with me as I, myself, had done!

And so I was, that evening, on my way home from the newspaper office at which I worked as a "go-for" in downtown Washington, D.C. I had taken a little of the money I'd earned and purchased from a thrift-shop what I considered to be the "treasures" of my masculinity: undershirts, briefs, even a pair of boys' sneakers. I mounted my bicycle, taking home my illicit apparel to hide in the box beneath my bed where I kept the rest of my "real" clothes. I felt a sense of contentment: now, in the midst of the weather's turbulence, and recently, in the midst of the constant disorder surrounding me at home.

When I had arrived at our building, and had wheeled my bike inside, to take into our apartment, I was checked by voices coming through our apartment door. My mother's voice was soft and pleading: I could not understand what she was saying, but my father's voice boomed behind the door like a big bass drum. He was obviously angry and as I listened to him curse and rage, I realized that he was just about always angry:

a great black tower with clenching fists and blazing eyes. (As a young child, I had assumed that he must have been born angry--in just that way--and this had seemed such a sensible conclusion that I'd left it at that, questioning it no further). But, at that moment, why he seemed to be always angry was not very important. What did matter was that, he was, at that instant, storming full-force in our home--reminding me more than ever of how terrifying he could be at such times.

Unable to plausibly postpone it any longer, I opened wide the door and began pushing my bike into the clutter of our small domicile, focusing all my attention on the bike's wheels in order to avoid my father's eyes. But, when I had closed the door and had turned to see why it was suddenly so quiet, I saw before me something that caused my stomach to take a dive and my breath to catch in my chest: My box of boys' clothing was overturned in the center of the livingroom floor and all of my prized possessions lay scattered about in a tattered mess. I nearly screamed, but when I met my father's eyes, I was incapable of uttering a sound. His eyes froze me in my tracks.

"We found these under your bed", my mother said in that tone she used to keep my father's fury in check. "Will you tell us what they were doing there?"

I opened my mouth but nothing came out. I couldn't decide what to say, for at the time, I was terrified of my father's wrath and yet, angry myself at the destruction of my cherished clothing.

"Has some boy been sneaking into your room at night and leaving his clothing there?" she prodded.

"No Ma'am", I croaked, glancing at my younger brother, who knew only too well the story behind the once-hidden box of garments. He looked as frightened as I felt.

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MY REAL LIFE (cont'd. from p.7)

"What then?" she asked me patiently. "I'll tell you what!" Dad bellowed. "She's the one's been storing these things!" He kicked at a pair of briefs lying near his feet. "She's been walking around here acting like a boy. I told you something was going on Mama! She hangs around with that gal, Doree, too much and now she's probably picked up this mess from her. She's aiming to be a lesbian already!"

Doree was my best--and only--friend who lived two bloccks away from me. My father hated her because she was White and he blamed everything he thought was bad on the White race. He resented my not sharing his enmity.

"Here!" he said, gripping my arm and pushing me towards the empty box. "Throw all that mess in the box and come with me."

I stood trembling in the middle of the floor, longing to explain that I was no lesbian, longing to tell them that I was a boy--that a mistake had been made which I couldn't abide. But I knew no way of conveying my situation. I did not even know what my situation was called!

"Pick it up, dammit!" my father yelled, so furious that he shook. "We're going to have us a little bonfire! And then, you and me's got a few things to get straight!" His voice cracked like a whip and my eyes suddenly filled with tears as I dropped to my knees. And the feel of the white cotton seemed to sear my hands to the very bone.

*(to be continued)*

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## THE BEAUTIFUL MAN:

### A NARCISSISTIC NOTION

I adhere to the ideal of "THE BEAUTIFUL MAN". But do not let this statement cause you to minimize my full meaning of the word "beautiful"!

To be a F-M man and a narcissist is perhaps a phenomenon within a...

...phenomenon. Narcissism is a word derived from the name "Narcissus"-- a beautiful youth in Greek legend who fell in love with his own image in water and was later metamorphosed into a flower. The American College Dictionary defines narcissism as: "self love; erotic gratification derived from admiration of one's own physicia or mental attributes". If one is transsexual, is there any basis for narcissism?

Being transsexual is having been born with inappropriate physical attributes: a state capable of causing mental-emotional havoc. So, as a F-M man myself, I certainly do not speak of narcissism in its usual sense. To surmount mental-emotional negativity, such as self-contempt and worthlessness, which is often evoked by transsexuality, is a great feat indeed. To me, it has been a challenge--a goal I set for myself. And the beginning of my personal victory was a change in attitude, the dissolving of a negative outlook of myself.

The first and vital step toward my self-love was the realization that, although I am transsexual, all is not lost unless I allow it to be lost. That is to say, I can acknowledge my physical state, lock myself in my skin and curl up to die, or I could, after acknowledging my condition, move on with my life, discovering ways to live and excel as the man I am. I chose the latter, and once having done so, I disregarded all except my determination to convey my masculinity. The views of society were inconsequential, opposition from my family did not stop me. Even the sense of solitude in my personal quest for masculine recognition did not alter my course. I am a man in my own eyes, I told myself, in my knowledge and cognizance of myself. Now, I will be a man in the eyes of the rest of the world, as well.

So, I donned attire fitting for a male and I took care of the body I have. For though its composure is not appropriate, it houses my spirit..

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## THE BEAUTIFUL MAN (cont'd.)

...and my character, it houses ME! I lovingly nurtured my outward masculinity, being particular of my appearance and my manner and style. And I came to love, instead of despise, what I saw in the mirror or reflected in store windows as I walked the streets. I had begun my pursuit of becoming a "beautiful man"--a person who, despite his defect, could value his life and accept the challenge to convey his masculinity against all odds.

I have found this pursuit meritorious, and this challenge on-going. And in a very extraordinary way, Narcissus and I have become as one.

--Khalil [REDACTED]

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I am interested in setting up a TS Rights Organization on the American east coast similar to the one in California. I would like to hear from any interested, dedicated persons, especially those with special skills in setting up such a group. We've got to get better organized and allow transsexuals the freedom they deserve and all the rights of other individuals with other medical disorders, regardless of the level of understanding of the disorder. Write: TS RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, c/o METAMORPHOSIS, P.O. Box 5963, Station A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1P4.

## TRANSSEXUALS IN TRANSITION

*There is a group of people  
Who are living on this earth  
And they seem to be wondering  
Exactly what is their worth.*

*They live and breathe, laugh and cry  
And they sit and wonder why  
They seem different from the others.  
Aren't we all sisters and brothers?*

*They sit and think that  
"This is really a mess!"  
They try to express an identity  
The one that feels the best.*

*The whole world is all confused  
And these people most of all.  
This world seems to pass them by.  
A friend they hope will call.*

*Amid the torment of their minds:  
"Am I really one of a kind?  
I am all alone, help me please.  
Is there no-one to help appease--*

*This tearing feeling in my heart?  
But wait again, let's make a start  
To make my life whole again.  
I'm not crazy; I am sane.*

*In this world, I'll make my place.  
It will transcend this rat-race.  
I'll build the pieces, one by one  
And though my work has just begun--*

*I will make it!!!"*

--Cheli

## FEMALE CROSS-DRESSERS (cont'd.)

of simple decency in conforming to one's gender appearance. It's also a fact that women of this period often resorted to wearing men's clothing to participate in some military way or acts of banditry against their fellow citizens.

An hundred years later, Dr. Mary Walker, born 1832, in Oswego Town, New York, gained fame as an Assistant Surgeon, for the Union Army. She wore men's clothing during her time of service and continued wearing them after her discharge. Walker began her cross-dressing at 16, the reason being given that "she scorned confining female clothing". Like Sampson, she went on the lecture circuit to justify her actions; however, here takes place a curious departure of comparative behavior. Presuming that, after her marriage, Sampson wore skirts during the day, and donned her military uniform to lecture in the evening, Walker wore men's clothes during the day, and full evening dress (female) for her lectures.

At a time when society was given to a simpler setting, Deborah Sampson's masquerade was given a plain interpretation, and she was accepted for what she was, a person who simply preferred the clothing of the opposite sex. Although social disapproval was registered by her ex-communication, she was not actively reviled or punished for her choice of appearance. An hundred years later, Dr. Walker was rotten-egged, publicly insulted and arrested many times for "masquerading in men's clothes". Both women openly declared their preference. Moreover, it must be noted that Walker's involvement in other affairs caused great resentment towards her, apart from her cross-dressing.

The point of this essay is to demonstrate that the basic motivation to cross-dress is present in both men and women, in spite of what altruistic motives are attributed to them. One must note that Sampson began to

cross-dress because of "a craving for adventure" long before she became a soldier, while Walker was "scorning female clothing" at age 16. From this we may conclude that cross-dressing is not peculiarly gender-motivated, being a signally male disorder as we think of it today, nor does it appear to be a matter of social turbulence, as has been theorized. Perhaps by taking a closer look at those who cross-dressed in history, we will conclude that individuals of both sexes see in their opposites, opportunities for experience that are desirable. Perhaps, after all is said and done, the basic motive to cross-dress is simply this and nothing more. When our present-day society sees this as the reason for a person's cross-dressing, without the embroidery of needless psychological complication or underlying deceit, we will all be totally free to appear as we wish. It is that simple.

--*Germaine Hahn (reprinted from the TVIC JOURNAL, Vol. 6, No. 69, December 16, 1978, and GENDER REVIEW, No. 4, March 1979, by permission).*



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CONTRIBUTIONS*	7.36
ADVERTISING*	22.78
LOANED BY R. R.:	125.00
<u>A/C OUTSTANDING:</u>	<u>1.39</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 674.03

EXPENDITURES

POSTAGE:	\$ 28.10
NEWSLETTER:	101.22
PHOTOCOPYING:	12.44
OFFICE SUPPLIES:	122.18
INCORPORATION:	135.75
LOGO:	60.00
<u>BANK CHARGES:</u>	<u>15.47</u>
TOTAL:	475.16
CREDIT BAL.:	<u>198.87</u>
	\$ 674.03

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INCOME

TRANS. (A/C #658723):	\$ 198.87
MEMBERSHIPS*	855.50
SUBSCRIPTIONS*	166.81
SAMPLE NEWSLETTERS*	9.92
INFORMATION PACKETS*	113.83
CONTRIBUTIONS*	128.75
ADVERTISING*	46.49
INTEREST:	6.39
<u>A/C OUTSTANDING:</u>	<u>.40</u>
TOTAL:	\$1526.96

EXPENDITURES

POSTAGE:	\$ 226.79
NEWSLETTER:	177.28
PHOTOCOPYING:	104.68
OFFICE SUPPLIES:	46.86
POST BOX RENTAL:	16.96
PRINTING:	345.22
LOAN REPAYMENT:	125.00
BANK CHARGES:	28.68
<u>A/C OUTSTANDING:</u>	<u>.04</u>
TOTAL:	1071.51
CREDIT BAL.:	<u>455.45</u>
	\$1526.96

\*Includes exchange on U.S. funds