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SEXOLOGY CONFERENCE

The combined 1984 annual meeting of the SOCIETY FOR THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF SEX and the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SEX EDUCATORS, COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS took place in Boston, Mass. from June 6-10th.

This year's theme was: "FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW: PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH IN THE SEXUAL SCIENCES".

A number of papers, symposia, workshops and seminars were presented, dealing with various aspects of sex and gender, including the following:

"A DISCUSSION OF TRANSVESTISM AND TRANSSEXUALISM FOR COUNSELING AND RESEARCH" (Leah C. Schaefer, Ed.D.)

"WHY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BOYHOOD FEMININITY AND ADULT HOMOSEXUALITY?" (Richard Green, M.D., William Simon, Ph.D., Joseph Harry, Ph.D.)

"GENDER ISSUES IN THE 1980'S" (Ariadne Kane, M.Ed., David McWhirter, M.D., Virginia Prince, Ph.D.)

"CROSS-GENDER BEHAVIORS AND THE HELPING PROFESSIONS" (Ariadne Kane, M.Ed., Neila Miller, M.S.W.)

"TRANSSEXUALISM AS FLIGHT FROM THE FEMALE ROLE" (Sharon Satterfield, M.D., re: four female-to-male transsexuals)

"MASCULINIZATION, DEFEMINIZATION, AND THE BRAIN: THE PSYCHO-SOCIO-BIOLOGICAL THEORY OF THE HUMAN GENDER TRANSPOSITIONS" (Richard Pillard, M.D., James Weinrich, Ph.D., Michael Baum, Ph.D.)

"COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH AND TREATMENT IN A GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM" (Sharon Satterfield, M.D.)

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DR. WOLLMAN RETIRES

Dr. Leo Wollman--now 70 years old--has decided to go into retirement after undergoing a recent coronary by-pass operation last March.

Dr. Wollman is a medical practitioner who has treated thousands of transsexuals, trans-



vestites and homosexuals in his Brooklyn office in New York. His areas of medical specialty included: psychiatry, endocrinology, gynecology and hypnotherapy. He graduated from Columbia and New York Universities and Edinburgh Medical School.

Dr. Wollman worked with Dr. Harry Benjamin for a number of years and is one of the founding members of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association. And, he has also served on the Advisory Boards of several organizations: the Erickson Educational Foundation, CONFIDE: Personal Counseling Services, and the Metamorphosis Medical Research Foundation.

Dr. Wollman appeared in the movie, "BORN A MAN, LET ME DIE A WOMAN"--a docu-drama about (M-F) transsexuals. He also wrote numerous scientific articles on sexuality, including the following:

"TRANSSEXUALISM: Gynecological Aspects", Transactions of the New York Academy of Sciences, Series II,

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DR. WOLLMAN RETIRES (cont'd.)

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"SURGERY FOR THE TRANSSEXUAL",
Journal of Sex Research, 3(2):145-
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tish Journal of Medical Hypnotism,
15(3)"2-4, 1967a.

"CROSS-GENDER IDENTITY (TRANSSEXU-
ALISM)", Journal of the American
Society of Psychosomatic Dentistry
and Medicine, 15(3):84-87, July '68.

"OFFICE MANAGEMENT OF POST-OPERA-
TIVE MALE TRANSSEXUALS", Transsex-
ualism And Sex Reassignment, Rich-
ard Green & John Money (Eds.),
Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, '69.

On behalf of the MMRF, the editor
would like to express his heartfelt
thanks to Dr. Wollman for his sym-
pathetic understanding and invalu-
able assistance given to his trans-
sexual patients over the years.
Thank you Leo!

(A similar tribute of thanks will
be paid to Dr. Harry Benjamin on
the front page of the February 19-
85 issue in honour of his one-hun-
dredth birthday on January 12, 1985).

MMRF Notes

Corrections: The front-page article
on testosterone, in the last issue,
was a sequel to one that appeared
in the April (not February) 1983
issue of the newsletter. The Board
of Advisors' listing of Dr. Fried-
man's first name (on page 2 in the
last issue) was in error and should
read "Theodore", not "Thomas".

At the last Board of Directors Meet-
ing, on May 12th, the first part of
the MMRF Draft By-Laws was approved.
The second part will be approved at
the next Board Meeting, on July 21st
and will then be distributed to the
membership together with the August
issue of the newsletter.

MMRF Directors Rupert Raj and Susan
C. Huxford and Professional Advisors
Vern L. Bullough, Alise Martinez,

Neil G.L. Masters, John Money and
Roger E. Peo were in attendance at
the combined 1984 annual meeting of
the AASECT and the SSSS, held in
Boston, Mass. from June 6-10th. Mr.
Raj, Miss Huxford and Ms. Martinez
participated on a discussion-panel,
"THE TRANSSEXUAL EXPERIENCE". Reg-
rettably, Professional Advisor Jude
F. Patton--one of the originally
scheduled panelists--was, at the
last minute, unable to attend. Dr.
Bullough moderated the plenary ses-
sion, "SEXUALITY AND HEALTH RESPON-
SIBILITY: MEETING THE AIDS DILLEMMA".
Dr. Money presented a paper on pe-
diatric sexology, "HE OR SHE? DEC-
LARATIONS OF SEX AT BIRTH IN CASES
OF AMBIGUOUS BIRTH DEFECTS OF THE
SEX ORGANS".

To date, we have 30 paid-up members
(15 American, 13 Canadian, 1 Singa-
pore, 1 New Zealand), 11 paid-up
newsletter subscribers (7 American,
4 Canadian), two paid-up advertisers
(both American) and two contributors
(1 American, 1 Canadian)--a grand
total of a mere 45 people who are
financially supporting the MMRF.
We urge the remainder of our readers
to please do your part to help sup-
port our efforts. Thank you.



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DEAR RUPERT

I've gotten several letters in response to my appearance on the "Phil Donahue Show"--mostly folks seeking information. As far as I know, none of the staff where I work found out about me. I really don't care that people find out--just don't think I want 25-30 people all finding out at one time, by watching the show on the T.V. in the clinic waiting-room!

I'm planning to hold a gathering for F-M men at my house on June 3rd --will send you a flyer later. I'll be showing videotapes of surgery. I've gotten permission from a F-M friend to film his clitoral reconstruction into penis-type surgery by Dr. Laub (but haven't cleared it yet with Laub).

I'm trying to build up a videotape library of shows, films, programs, etc. which feature cross-dressing, sex-change, androgyny, homosexuality and other issues. I taped a series of musical tapes on cable T.V. of androgynous singing stars--everything from Little Richard to Michael Jackson to Boy George, and I just got a copy of "Lady Oscar"--a British film about a woman who cross-dresses as a man. I also want to copy a Spanish film called "My Dearest Senorita". I just read a book called "WHAT A DRAG: Men As Women And Women As Men In Films".

Speaking of books, I agree one-hundred per cent with your review of Lothstein's awful book. I hope someone gets a decent book published. Every review I've read has turned Lothstein's ideas. It's too bad he approached the subject as an illness of pathology. I've enclosed a heterosexual questionnaire that I love. Any half-aware person can read it and see the misconceptions held by "straights" toward gays and other minority groups. Turning the tables on them points out their stupidity.

--Jude F. Patton, PA-C, M.A., Director, Gender Dysphoria Program

of Orange County, San Juan Capistrano, California

(Read Jude Patton's personal memoirs "WHY DID I DO IT, OR WHAT THE SURGERY HAS MEANT TO ME"--chapter 18 in FRONTIERS OF SEX RESEARCH, by Vern L. Bullough, Ph.D., Prometheus Books, 19 , pages 177-187).

I'm a Chinese living in Singapore and am like any of you out there, only that I haven't undergone surgery yet. I need help through your Foundation for surgery.* This is most urgent for it is my uttermost wish to become a man in 1984. I've been waiting patiently and anxiously since 18 years of age and, to date, nothing has been done yet. I am 25 years old now and would not like to waste further time. I want things to get done hopefully by this year. I'm plagued by so much emotional and mental torture 'cause my plans have not been realized and fulfilled yet. Will you help me? Please do. Do you think your Foundation can provide me hormone treatment, etc.?* Your testimony and Foundation have given me a glimpse of hope in my life. My spirit has lightened since reading your life-story.

Enclosed is \$25 for membership fee and \$12 for the 1982 newsletter issues. Do approve my membership as soon as possible and send me all my membership benefits. Your prompt action is most appreciated. I will be very very grateful to you for your help to make it through.

--Jamie Lek, Singapore

(*Regrettably, the MMRF can not afford to pay for members' sex-reassignment surgeries or sex hormones. Nor, can it perform operations or prescribe or procure hormones. It is solely an educational, research organization which also provides counselling, information, referrals, and peer-support to its members).

Thanks for the latest issue of METAMORPHOSIS. I particularly liked your review of Lothstein's book...

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DEAR RUPERT (cont'd. from p.3)

...and the article, "MY LIFE AS A MAN". I'd also like to pass along a little anecdote I wrote (on p.8)

--John Daniel, Peterborough, Ont.

I'm still in Virginia Hospital. I had phalloplastic surgery (first stage) on Feb. 14th and (second stage) on Feb. 26th. My blood supply wasn't good because my hysterectomy was done horizontally instead of vertically, and my blood vessels I need for good blood supply are missing. So, I lost 80% of my first phallus, and was in the hospital from Feb. 14th through March 21st. I was released for one week so that I could go back in on April 1st and they could start over. I went back in on April 1st, had surgery on April 2nd, and my blood supply was not good again, so, I had to have surgery again that following week, and they removed a little bit of the new phallus.

It's been very hard on me emotionally, but thanks to you printing my last letter (in the February issue) and people writing me from everywhere around the world, I am going to "make it" because I have great friends and the support that I so desperately need.

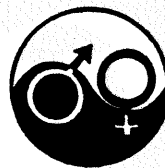
This past week I went in for repair of my chest, to hide scars, and for extension of my new phallus. Everything is doing O.K. now. The doctor let me out of the hospital for a couple of days and he will tell me when my next surgery date will be.

Please print in your next issue, for anyone having the hysterectomy, to make sure it is done vertically, instead of horizontally. That's why I've had problems but it's going to be alright. Please let everyone know this and also, that I'm O.K. Thanks to everyone for writing and supporting me. I will correspond as soon as all the surgery is behind me and I feel better. If anyone has questions, don't hesitate to write and ask and I'll do my best to help.

Rupert, you are really great! So many new friends have written and helped me so much. I need it so badly. Thank you so much for your newsletter. I am going to write more letters for you to print. I am slowly but surely forgetting my ex-fiancee thanks to my friends who wrote to support me. I can't thank you enough! I am feeling so much better about myself--knowing there are other handicapped people like myself who know and understand how it is. I am hurting now but will write soon. I'll let you know my next surgery date. The doctors say it will take 6 months to get everything completed.

The newsletter and letters help me forget the pain and keep my spirits high. If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know. I needed support and I got it. It has helped me so much. Thank you. Keep up the good work! A friend for life,

--Robert King, 138 Rose Street,
Cary, North Carolina 27511



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A TRANSSEXUAL EXPERIENCE

I would like to relate my most recent experience with transsexual surgery, with some background, so all this will have more meaning. I am a 36-year-old, post-operative female-to-male transsexual by definition, but now feel I am totally a man.

I am a physician by trade, in particular, a surgeon still in training to be able to do genital reconstructive surgery for both males and females. I will be starting my specialty training this July 1984 for the next three or four years.

I was born an anatomic female with a slightly enlarged clitoris and a very strong gender identity of male since the age of three. At six months of age, I developed bilateral inguinal hernias, or so they were called. I never received surgery for these and they finally just went away. I had a very stormy childhood and adolescence and was seen by numerous therapists at the request of my parents. During all this, however, I was able to maintain academic excellence at school in my studies. I was forced to dress and live as a female until Tenth Grade when I finally had all I could take. At this time, I was placed in a private high school and dressed as a male with only my teachers knowing any different. I completed my undergraduate school and my graduate school at two separate universities.

As soon as I reached the age of 21, I consulted a team of physicians who started me on testosterone--which relieved much of the anxiety but still left much to be desired. Therefore, I was counseled for a period of six months, after which time it was arranged for me to have a bilateral mastectomy. Shortly after this, I was scheduled for a vaginal hysterectomy with a first-stage phalloplasty. This involved only release of the enlarged phallus from the labia with a V-Y advancement to lengthen the clitoris.

A urethra was also constructed in the phallus but connected up to the original female urethra. Several months later, they connected up the original urethra with the urethra constructed in the phallus. Since then, I have been able to void through the tip of my penis in a standing position, with no further difficulties except a few urinary tract infections. At the same time, they removed most of the vaginal mucosa and closed the opening to the vagina. All this surgery took place around 1971-73.

The only complications I had was the development of a cyst in the scrotal area in June 1982 which was removed, and was thought to be something similar to a Bartholin cyst. This probably resulted from cumulated secretions from remnants of vaginal mucosa. During this surgery, a cystoscopy and IVP were performed which were normal and showed a normal male urethra.

After many years of watching progress in this field and reading the literature to determine who was getting the best operative results, I consulted a team of physicians at Norfolk General Hospital.

During the last 12 years or so, my penis continued to grow with good erectile function--enough for vaginal penetration. In addition, in May 1983, I started ejaculating a viscous fluid from my penis with orgasm. This has continued to the present and still remains.

On March 18th, of this year, I went down to Norfolk General Hospital and received another cystoscopy and IVP, which were again both normal for a male. On March 20th, I was taken to the operating room and had my final stage of phalloplasty. I will try to describe the surgery so that a lay person can understand what was done.

They first made an incision on the inner aspect of my right thigh, from my groin area to my right knee. They stripped a portion of my gracilis muscle, leaving a portion of it...

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A TRANSEXUAL EXPERIENCE (cont'd.)

...still in place. At the same time, they performed a procedure called a microphallus repair, where an incision is made around the base of the penis and the corpora cavernosum is pulled outward to lengthen the shaft. They found about six inches of corporal bodies, which are the erectile bodies of a penis. Another incision was made over my left flank in order to obtain a full-thickness skin graft to cover the shaft of my lengthened penis. With the portion of gracilis muscle they had raised, with the neurovascular bundle still intact in my right groin area, they filled a scrotal sac for me about the size of a normal male scrotum. They took the remainder of the muscle and wrapped it around the shaft of my penis--to give me width--on top of which they laid the full-thickness skin graft. So far, all the grafts have taken very well except for some scabs that formed on the tip of my penis and over my scrotum. These have been slowly coming off as I soak in the tub twice a day. There has been no infection. I have been voiding fine, have full sensation, erectile function, and the ejaculation is still present.

My greatest problems, so far, have been pain, which is slowly subsiding, and difficulty identifying with the large mass of tissue now in my groin area, especially realizing that it is part of me. Psychologically, I have had some depression post-operatively, partially because of the long post-op recovery phase, which has included limited motion for a period of at least one month, no sex, and no exercise. Also, the identification problem is hard to deal with, which I am sure will remedy itself in time.

I wanted to share my experiences with others so that no one too hastily has any of the pedicle flap procedures done, which leaves you with a minimum of sensation, no erectile function without a prosthesis, and usually no urethra.

This whole process has taken many years of patience but I am very pleased with the result and hope to get on with the rest of my life after recovery.

If anyone would care to correspond with me, please write to Rupert Raj and he will forward your letter to me. (Please enclose a blank envelope--bearing your return address on the back, a 37¢ CANADIAN postage stamp, or, an international reply coupon worth 37¢--available from the post office--so as not to cause Rupert any further expense). I would be especially interested in hearing from any other physicians but would be glad to answer any letters sent.

- "Anonymous"

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THE MAN IN THE GLASS

*When you get what you want in your struggle for self
And the world makes you king for a day
Just go to that mirror and look at yourself,
And see what THAT man has to say.*

*For it isn't your father or mother or wife
Who judgement upon you must pass:
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life,
Is the one staring back from the glass.*

*Some people may think you a straight-shootin' chum
And call you a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says you're only a hum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.*

*He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest
For he's with you clear to the end.
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
If the man in the glass is your friend.*

*You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reard will be heartache and tears
If you've cheated the man in the glass.*

--E.A.C. (Reprinted by permission).

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(Readers, please submit additional names, addresses and phone numbers of specialty stores and services for short and small men)

THE FEAR OF RECOGNITION

We all have our secret fears but I think one fear experienced by most TSs is the fear of recognition. I think this fear is at its height during the period of cross-living prior to commencing hormone treatment. This was, by far, my greatest fear. I spent hours anguishing over what I would do if such an event should occur. One-to-one encounters didn't really pose a threat--rather, it was a chance encounter with an acquaintance from my past, while I was in a group of people who knew me only as "John". Well, my ultimate dread happened.

The cards were stacked against me that day. There was absolutely no way to do what I felt like doing: run away! I tried to remain calm and simply show no acknowledgement to the name used. But the friend persisted, grabbing me by the arm and exclaiming rather loudly, "Hi Sue! How the hell are you?" Inside, I died. Where I got the courage from only God knows. I looked up, totally calm, and said closely, "The name's John." Fortunately, the people around me, who knew me only as "John", came to my rescue with a formal introduction. I breathed a sigh of relief. But still, this was not to be the end. The friend began insisting that I was "Sue", and wanting to know why we were all playing this joke on her. I calmly (but dying inside) explained that I was Sue's brother, and that she was probably thrown by the family resemblance. I don't think that she bought it, but there is a fraction of a doubt in her mind.

Now, the point of this little dissertation is not to pat myself on the back, but rather, to show where the real problem in "passing" lies.

That night, I lost a lot of sleep, convinced my life was over. After all, this is a small town--word will travel like lightning. I'll be the center of public ridicule. Pretty ridiculous thinking, I'll admit. In truth, I live in a "town" of 65,000

residents, and surely, they have better things to do than gossip about me. Besides, who's to say that she didn't buy my story? She doesn't know positively that Sue doesn't have a brother named "John". I have enough of a friendship network to help support my identity as "John". I attend college full-time and have had absolutely no problem over gender.

The moral of this story is best expressed by Montaigne: "A man is not hurt so much by what happens, as by his opinion of what happens."

Other words of wisdom which I have found inspirational come from James Allen:

"A man will find that as he alters his thoughts towards things and other people, things and other people will alter towards him....A man can only rise, conquer and achieve by lifting up his thoughts. He can only remain weak and abject and miserable by refusing to lift up his thoughts."

And finally, from Mother Goose:

"For every ailment under the sun,
There is a remedy, or there is none;
If there be one, try to find it,
If there be none, never mind it."

--John Daniel

TRANSSEXUAL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

I am interested in setting up a TS Rights Organization on the east coast (Stateside) 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.

IN THE NEWS

TRANSSEXUAL DISCRIMINATION: DENTIST FORCED TO LEAVE TOWN, Toronto Sun, May 18, 1984 (M-F TS Dr. Diane Patterson & husband Kris driven from Mattawa, Ontario by small-town clique)

INVASION OF THE GENDER BLENDERS, People Magazine, April 23, 1984 (re: Dr. Renee Richards, Michael Jackson, Boy George, Marilyn, Annie Lennox, David Bowie & Elton John).

DAVID MARTIN, News, March 15, 1984 (British transvestite burglar David Martin, Britain's most wanted man in 1982, found hanged in prison cell).

CALL ME STEPHANIE: MACHO DADDY'S A SEXY LADY NOW, Weekly World News, March 13, 1984 (re: British M-F TS Stephanie Ann Lloyed/Keith Hull).

TRANSSEXUAL FIGHTS SEX CLASSIFICATION, Columbus Dispatch, March 13, 1984 (M-F TS Patricia Michelle Castenada vs. U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service).

I DRESS MY BABY BOY LIKE A GIRL (Dear Doris), Weekly World News, March ? 1984.

WIFE OF TRANVESTITE SHOCKED ON RETURN (Ann Landers), March ? 1984.

GIRLS IN BOYS' BRIEFS: THE UNDERLYING FACTS, U.S.A. Today, March ? 1984 (Calvin Klein's men's briefs & T-shirts re-shaped for women).

VIEWPOINT: BISEXUALITY AND HOMOSEXUALITY by John Money, Ph.D., Sexual Medicine Today, February 1984.

FUN IS A DRAG FOR PHYLLIS, Jan. or Feb. 1984 (Phyllis Diller impersonates a man as "Phillip Downey").

BOY GEORGE REPRESENTS WAVE OF FUTURE, Jan. or Feb. 1984 (androgyny).

HORRID TALE OF SEX-CHANGE TOT (Dear Abby), Jan. 1984 (source unknown).

SEX CHANGE FIREMAN'S LAMENT: "WHY CAN'T THEY TREAT ME LIKE A LADY?", The News, 1984 (M-F Karen Lea Hall).

RELIGION: JEWISH LAW SAYS IDENTITY CAN'T CHANGE, Daily News, Dec. 11, 1983 (Rabbis may marry TS Jews).

WIFE DIVORCES 'CHANGED' MAN, Colum-

bus Dispatch, Nov. 30, 1983 (M-F TS Michelle Neff, former firefighter).

ALTERED STATE: TRANSSEXUAL RECOVERING FROM SURGERY THAT MADE HIM INTO A HER, Kitchener-Waterloo Record, May ? 1983 (M-F TS Robin Schwartzentruber, FACT Area Representative).

INCREDIBLE PRISON FOR SEX-SWITCH CONS, National Enquirer, March 29, 1983 (24 M-F TS inmates in California Medical Facility at Vacaville).

WORLD'S LARGEST CRUSTACEAN (Male, giant spider crab of Japan--Macrocheira kaempferi--has corkscrew-shaped twin penises) source unknown).

Transsexuals On Radio/TV

Susan C. Huxford--MMRF Co-Director and FACT Executive Director--was interviewed by Tom Bauerle on "EXTENSION 55" (WGR Radio, Buffalo) on February 17th.

Susan C. Huxford and Dr. Diane Patterson--a M-F TS dentist--and her husband Kris appeared on "TOM CHERINGTON" (Channel 11, CHCH-TV, Hamilton) on May 8th.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION TO DR. LOTHSTEIN'S BOOK, FEMALE-TO-MALE TRANSEXUALISM, AND, TO RUPERT RAJ'S BOOK REVIEW (Vol.3, No.2, April '84)?

"I agree 100% with your review of Lothstein's awful book. I hope someone gets a decent book published. Every review I've read has turned down his ideas. It's too bad he approached the subject as an illness or pathology."

"It doesn't sound very good if his treatment is psychological rather than surgical. Does he really think he can talk us back into the kitchen? Not me, boy! Hell no, I won't go!"

"I particularly liked your review of Lothstein's book."

(Readers, please submit your answers to this question for publication in the August issue of the newsletter.--Editor).

SSSS-AASECT SEXOLOGY CONFERENCE (cont.)

"THE TRANSSEXUAL EXPERIENCE" (Susan Huxford, B.A., B.Ed., Linda Johnson, Alise Martinez, R.N., B.A., Rupert Raj, B.A., Robin Schwartzentruber). (The turn-out for this panel-discussion, jointly represented by FACT, MMRF and TS COUNSELING, was very gratifying: a full-house of over 50 people in attendance).

FACT, MMRF and TS COUNSELING also shared a display booth in the Exhibits Room at the conference, together with the OUTREACH INSTITUTE and the TIFFANY CLUB.

Another symposia, of possible interest to our readers, dealt with pediatric sexology (the study of psychosexual differentiation and function in infants, children and adults with various medical conditions) and included the following papers:

"ANDROGEN VS. GONADOTROPIN REPLACEMENT IN HYPOPHYSECTOMIZED MEN" (Richard Clopper, Ph.D.)

"TURNER SYNDROME: PSYCHOSEXUAL DEVELOPMENT IN ADOLESCENCE AND ADULTHOOD" (Anke Ehrhardt, Ph.D.)

"PRECOCIOUS PUBERTY" (Heino Meyer-Bahlburg, Dr., rer. nat.)

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Susan Huxford and Alise Martinez shared a double room in the Park Plaza Hotel (where the conference

was being held). Rupert Raj and Robin Schwartzentruber were guests of the Tiffany House in Wayland, Mass. and would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the members of the household for their gracious hospitality: Merissa Sherrill Lynn (Club Director), Linda Johnston, Kim Schreiber, Dale, Pat.

We hope that our presentation in this year's conference will be the first such of many more to come, and that this might be a milestone in the on-going work of building a network of health care/social service professionals and transsexual/transvestite/transgenderist professionals and peer-counsellors working together for the benefit of all.

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