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**GREATER BOSTON TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP**, designed to provide important social contact among transsexual women and men. They meet on the fourth Thursday of each month in Boston. For more details, write to GBTSSG c/o Outreach Institute, Kenmore Station, Box 368, Boston, MA 02215.

**TIFFANY CLUB:** The Tiffany Club is a legal, non-profit corporation whose objective is to provide a social and service organization for transvestites, transsexuals, their families and friends. The Club is designed to satisfy the needs of our members through the use of private facilities (currently located in North Hampton, NH, with expansion planned for Greater Boston), social activities, educational programs, a network of professional services and commercial businesses, and interesting and informative newsletters. The intention of the Tiffany Club is to project an image of feminine pride and dignity, and to provide an atmosphere of friendship, peace of mind, and an opportunity for personal growth.

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**M/J SEMINAR**

the biological changes that relate to sexuality in both older females and males. Their studies indicate that the myths related to the sexual needs and practices in older people are just that. In older males it takes longer to get an erection but this does not necessarily imply impotence or infertility. In both older females and males there is an increased libido and therefore an increased sexual interest. They advocated a widely disseminated program of understanding these drives in older people, for sex educators and therapists.

The session on Homosexuality and Heterosexuality in Perspective dealt with comparative sexual behavior patterns between selected heterosexual and gay populations, as studied by Masters and Johnson over a period of about ten years.

Using as a basis for this study masturbation, committed couples' interaction, partner stimulation, fellatio/cunnilingus, assigned partners' interactions and post-orgasmic behavior, they compared the "functional efficiencies", for both male and female heterosexual and gay populations. While the techniques for measuring these variables are complicated, they were able to conclude the following from their longitudinal studies:

- There is no statistical difference in the functional efficiencies of gay and heterosexual males. In other words, both of these groups were sexually satisfied, using the techniques of masturbation, partner manipulation, and fellatio for gratification.
- There is no statistical difference in the functional efficiencies of gay and heterosexual females. In other words, both of these groups were sexually satisfied, using the techniques of masturbation, partner manipulation and cunnilingus for gratification.
- There is a significant statistical difference in the functional efficiencies of heterosexual males and females. This would imply that, to quote Dr. Masters, "there are problems in how heterosexual males and females interact during coitus." He hints that this may be due to social and cultural pressures in our society.
- Females in both study populations are polyorgasmic while males are generally not.

Space does not permit detailed discussion of these important findings.

In another session dealing with Sexual Fantasy Patterns for both gay and heterosexual study groups, the context and function of sexual fantasy was discussed.

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**FATHER, SON, . . .**

about my own experience as a crossdresser. I spoke of the anguish, sorrow and pain that I had experienced, as a crossdresser, with no one around to share my feelings and perhaps give me some good advice. I, specifically, told him to avoid further involvement with this behavior, if he could, and that I would be available to discuss and advise and help him regardless of what decision he made. I thought that a strategy of discussion and mutual sharing of feelings would be much more helpful, rather than scolding or ridicule.

Within a month of our conversation, he proceeded on his own course of action. He threw himself into school athletics, so that he did not have idle time to fantasy and crossdress. He asserted himself more, with girls and gradually grew from a nervous shy state to being more comfortable with and enjoying female companionship.

Three years have elapsed since our talk and he has completely stopped crossdressing. In a recent chat with him, he indicated that it was no longer a problem.

I'm not sure that he will never crossdress later in life, but, he will do so with the knowledge that someone close to him is around who cares about him and will understand.

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To fulfill these objectives, the Tiffany Club is working cooperatively with and in support of these organizations: The Outreach Institute, The International Alliance for Male Feminism, Tri Sigma, The 20 Club, and The Kay Mayflower Society.

For further information write: Merissa Sherrill Lynn, c/o Tiffany Club, Box 426 North Hampton, NH 03862; or call (603) 964-8668 (Tuesday evenings between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.).

## A CALL FOR ARTICLES

For subsequent issues, we would like to invite our readership to submit articles, either professional or personal, about some aspect of the paraculture, to the editors, which you would like to share with others.

The articles should be two 8½ × 11, double-spaced, typewritten pages in length. They must be submitted at least one month prior to the date of publication of the newsletter. The dates of publication are April 30, July 31, and November 30.

The editors reserve the right to edit all materials or publication, to conform with space requirements and standards of good taste.

## BOOK REVIEW

She proposes that actualized, mature, competent, self-esteeming people could be very masculine, very feminine, or androgynous.

She supports her contention with a good cross-section of studies done by competent researchers.

Much of the content of *In Transition* deals with the quest to sort out the relevant issues for women in the United States today. She has taken pains to measure the costs and benefits of feminism, sexual liberation and the human potential movement, and how these have affected our commitments in the realm of work, sex, family, marriage and child rearing.

To all of us struggling with the dilemma of finding stable values in a universe of change, this book offers a thought-provoking framework for better understanding.

NOTE: *In Transition* by J.M. Bardwick is available through the Outreach Book Service.



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## M/J SEMINAR

## NEWS FROM THE INSTITUTE

## • NEW ADDRESS

In May we changed our mailing address. It is now: Outreach Institute, Kenmore Station, Box 368, Boston, MA 02215.

## • EXPANSION OF PUBLICATION SERVICES:

We are in the process of enlarging the number of publications and reprints now offered to our readership. A catalogue is being prepared and will be available in September. To receive your copy, kindly send \$1.00 to cover postage and handling, to the Institute.

## • NEW OFFICE HOURS

Beginning in September, our hours for staff will be Wednesday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Thursday 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Our telephone number is (617) 277-3454. When not in the office, our friendly, 24 hour, seven day, electronic answering service will take your message and, hopefully, return your call within 48 hours. Please be sure to give a name, telephone number, the date and time you called, and a convenient time to call. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept collect calls.

## • FANTASIA FAIR

The Fifth Annual Fantasia Fair will be held in Provincetown, Massachusetts, October 12-21. This is a nine-day living and learning experience for all who would like to explore alternative gender life patterns in the context of a tolerant and understanding community. For detailed information, please contact the Institute.

## LEGAL ASPECTS OF TRANSSEXUALISM

1979 Edition

**Legal Aspects of Transsexualism** is the most comprehensive and fully documented work ever published on the subject. Revised and expanded for 1979, the manual includes answers to practically every conceivable question that might arise involving the armed services; civil rights; criminal law; family law; health benefits; identity and identification; social security benefits; veterans benefits; vocational rehabilitation; and much much more. The manual is available for a \$5.00 donation by writing:

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The context of sexual fantasy would include curiosity, externally induced fantasies (books, movies, news, etc.), fantasies used to induce arousal, fantasies supplementing arousal, fantasies used to induce orgasm, and solitary fantasies vs. fantasy activity with a partner.

Included in the basic functions of sexual fantasy are a safety valve for anxieties or guilt, the search for self esteem, creative source of imagery and excitement, and personal sexual values.

For the study groups that M/J worked with these are their findings:

- For the heterosexual male or female the following was their fantasy preference:
  - a. replacement of established sex partner
  - b. forced sexual encounters
  - c. recall of past, pleasurable sexual encounters
  - d. sado/masochistic imagery
  - e. cross sex-preference experience
- For the gay male or female the following was their fantasy preference:
  - a. forced sexual encounters
  - b. idyllic encounters with established partners
  - c. cross sex-preference experience
  - d. recall of past, pleasurable sexual encounters
  - e. sado/masochistic imagery

It was pointed out, explicitly, that these results were obtained by private interviews and questionnaires and never were they actualized. From their studies in this area of human sexuality M/J consider the gay experience as a very natural mode of human sexual experience and not a perversion or deviancy.

Throughout the two days of intensive sessions, I was impressed with the rigorous and scientific approach that M/J applied to their studies. They were very careful not to embrace or to offer any "catch all" theories of human sexuality. They humbly admit that their research is but the "tip of the iceberg" in a vastly complex aspect of human behavior. The integrity of their findings is a hallmark of constructive understanding in certain areas of human sexuality. To gain deeper insight into the many implications of their studies, I recommend reading their published works.

NOTE: Books by Masters and Johnson are available from the Outreach book service.