

GUEST APPEARANCES ON VIDEO TALK SHOWS

In 1978 Ariadne Kane appeared on two television talk shows.

In October she was invited on the Woman '78 program, which was aired by the NBC affiliate in Boston. Sharing the time with Dr. V. Prince, an expert on various aspects of X-dressing and gender role transition, we tried to present an overview of the different components of paraculture behaviors and to give information on where people could write to get help and further information.

In December she was asked to appear on the Joe Oteri Talk Show. Interviewed by Mr. Oteri, a noted attorney in Boston, she shared with him and the viewing audience the joys and problems of living an androgynous lifestyle. The local station in which the interview took place is an affiliate of Field Communications Broadcasting and was seen in San Francisco, Detroit, Chicago and Philadelphia.

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 8½x11, double-spaced, typewritten pages in length. They must be submitted at least one month prior to the date of publication of the next newsletter. The dates for publication are April 30, July 31, and November 30.

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

A ONE-DAY TRAINING WORKSHOP

In September 1978, the Institute was invited to do a one-day workshop for the Forensic Mental Health Project of Worcester County, Massachusetts.

This is an organization who works with several judges and provides professional evaluations of people arrested for various misdemeanors and crimes, in which the actual charges are complicated by various social and psychological factors. They have worked with juveniles who have been crossdressers, adults who have been arraigned on charges of improper attire in public places and sex offenders (rapists, child molesters, etc.).

The workshop was designed and presented by Ariadne Kane and Rosalie Brown, a staff member from the Outreach Counseling Service. Together we gave an overview of the dimensions of this paraculture and some typical behaviors that we have found. We pointed out the vast majority of people who engage in some paraculture behaviors do so in the privacy of their homes or in special social environments; that it is difficult to broadly categorize the variety of behaviors and apply them indiscriminantly to particular persons who engage in them; emphasis was placed on the use of some diagnostic tools for fairly evaluating the extent of the behavior, prior to presenting such data to the judge.

A lengthy and live question and answer session followed the presentation, interspersed with several relevant case studies.

For all those who attended the workshop, it was truly an enriching experience in becoming aware of and more sensitive to the issues.

The WOMAN'S DRESS FOR SUCCESS BOOK

a review by A. Kane

When books on the subject of clothes and dressing for various occasions appear in print, the response and interest is initially positive but, on further examination of the contents, leaves the reader disappointed for lack of specific details on the How aspect of the subject.

The Woman's Dress for Success Book by J.T. Molloy is an exception from the rash of this genre of publications currently available. Here is a well done, statistically documented book on the practical aspects of improving one's outer image, in a variety of social and business settings.

Mr. Molloy gives thorough detailed analyses of items of femme apparel that can enhance your image as well as items that can detract from the overall effect of the image you want to reflect.

His chapters on "Packaging Yourself" and "Selling Yourself and Other Important Items" have great relevance for those who would seek answers to questions of how to get all the pieces of your wardrobe together, in order to convey an appropriate image.

His writing style is clear and non-cumbersome. The text is supplemented with practical diagrams to illustrate some of the points he is making.

It is a worthwhile addition to your library.

NOTE

The Woman's Dress for Success Book is available from the Outreach Institute. See Pg. 4 for details.

SPECIAL NOTICE

You have received several issues of our newsletter. Because of increasing costs we are unable to continue this service gratis. We are asking all who are interested in receiving future issues of the Outreach Newsletter to subscribe at the annual rate of \$4.00. You will receive four issues during the year. To enter your subscription, please indicate on the return portion and mail it back with your check. Your support is much appreciated.

FANTASIA FAIR 1978

Fantasia Fair of 1978 came and went all too quickly last October. There were over 100 participants, who came from the United States, Canada and Mexico, who attended the Fair.

In addition to the organized Fair program, a series of 2½-hour seminars on various topics of interest was available to participants. Some of these included Legal Aspects and Questions related to paraculture interests and Medical Aspects of Gender Role Transition.

Returned evaluations from Fair participants who attended these indicate that they were informative and should be expanded.

We hope to offer more seminars on topics of concern and interest to all participants at Fantasia Fair 1979, which will take place October 12-21 inclusive.

For a free brochure and details please write to the Institute.

The Human Outreach and Achievement Institute, also called the Outreach Institute, is a nonprofit educational organization incorporated in the State of Massachusetts. It serves as a resource for crossdressers, androgynes, transsexuals, and members of the helping professions.

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OUTREACH IS CHARTERED BY STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

In October of 1978, The Outreach Foundation was officially recognized as a nonprofit corporation by the State of Massachusetts. We have modified our name and are now known legally as the Human Outreach and Achievement Institute. The purposes of the Institute are:

- To promote educational development and the implementation of seminars, workshops and lectures to exchange and share ideas and attitudes toward behavior related to gender identity issues.
- To foster research and the collection and dissemination of meaningful data to provide a basis for a realistic behavioral model for understanding various paracultures within the society.
- To provide referrals for individuals seeking resolution of personal conflicts to an accessible and process-oriented counseling service.
- To serve as a clearing house that will assist professionals and interested lay persons searching for general and particular information about any behavioral aspect of these paracultures.

We welcome comments and suggestions concerning these purposes as well as any financial contributions (which are tax deductible).

Our new telephone number is 617-277-3454.

For a complete listing of REPRINTS AND BOOKS currently available please contact the Outreach Institute.

THE OUTREACH GALA WEEKEND MARCH 9-11, 1979

As part of its ongoing program of providing social/educational activities to the paraculture, we have planned a Gala Weekend for interested persons and friends of the Institute. The Weekend is designed to improve the image of the X-dresser through practical demonstrations and consultations with skilled beauty experts in the areas of cosmetics, hair and wig styling, Outerwear and accessories, and to provide social contact with people of like persuasion and interested helping professionals. The program includes:

- A Boutique Fantastique
- A Cocktail Party-Mixer
- A Theatre Benefit at Harvard University
- A Gala and Buffet Dinner
- A Sunday Brunch and Feature Film.

It will take place the weekend of March 9-11, 1979 in the Greater Boston Area.

For brochure and registration information, please write to the Institute.

A CREED

Entrepreneurs come in many forms and shades. In fact, there is a magazine for entrepreneurs. Specifically, this association has a creed which we think has an appropriate section for all people who might dare to be "different." And, for those in the paraculture, this creed is applicable. We would like to quote a thought or two:

"I do not choose to be common. It is my right to be uncommon . . . if I can. I seek opportunity, not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and build, to fail and to succeed . . . I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of Utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence, nor my dignity for a handout." And so with those of us who dare to be "different."

