TRANSSEXUAL CAN STAY

SACRAMENTO, CA — The Emeryville (CA) school board's decision to fire a transsexual high school gym teacher was illegal, the State Commission on Professional Standards ruled this month. Judge Charles Bobby of the Commission ruled that the "potential damage" which the school board claimed would happen if the teacher were allowed to remain could not be grounds for dismissal. Due process had been violated, said Judge Bobby.

The teacher, Steve Dain, was known as Dorjs Richards until he underwent a sex change operation last year. Dain was informed by the school board in October that he was suspended and that they intended to fire him.