

# Femme Mirror

*Reflecting the Feminine*



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# YOU ARE VERY DANGEROUS !!

VIRGINIA PRINCE TELLS TRI-SIG GIRLS THAT TVISM CHALLENGES SOCIAL PRECEDENT. MACHO MEN CAN'T HANDLE IT.

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"Femininity is on a par with masculinity - well!!!"

Have you ever thought of yourself that way? I hadn't but the other day I was talking to a friend who is doing some research into this matter of gender role. I was discussing some aspect of gender and feminine expression in the male when he interrupted me to tell me that I was a very dangerous person and that in some societies I would be tarred and feathered.

He went on to explain that the ideas, conceptions, taboos and prejudices concerning the proper role of male and female and the proper expression of masculinity and femininity are so solidly built into the culture and form such a fundamental part of its structure that attempts to move or alter them is like trying to tear down the structure of society. As I paraphrased it to him, any non-conformist is dangerous because he questions and wants to change established patterns and rules. Society has an enormous inertia to it, largely due, I feel, to the fact that the overwhelming majority of people are just herd - just population. From lack of economic resources they lack education and from lack of education they lack established facts of existence. Only a relatively few in any society have the nerve and ability to question the obvious. These persons have always been dangerous. Jesus was, of course, the most dangerous of them all, but there have been many others - Socrates, Galileo, Pasteur and so on. The way the culture and society of their day punished them (and still punishes them today) varied greatly, but he who questions always has to take it on the chin. And he who innovates gets even worse.

Yet someone once wrote a book entitled "Be Glad You're Neurotic" and his thesis was that only those who had enough imagination to amount to anything ever got to be neurotic. And conversely, almost anyone who ever contributed anything worthwhile to society could be considered, and often was, neurotic. Being a human vegetable and being a nice quiet conformist may be the safest way to live but it is also the least exciting, challenging and satisfying. Only those chickens who cross the road ever find out what is on the other side, be it better or worse. So while I don't consider myself "chicken" in the teen age sense, I am not ashamed, nay, I am proud to be a chicken of the type that is willing to cross the road to see what may be there, to learn, experience and exploit what I find. I don't mean exploit in the sense of taking advantage of someone but in the sense of developing and utilizing.

So are Tv's dangerous - dangerous in that they question and fly in the face of social precedent. But what is not always apparent even to Tv's is that the dangerous thing is not that they are anatomical males wearing dresses - that is never likely to become standard practice - but that they are males who are willing not only to admit but to be proud and more or less open about the fact that they have a quota of femininity within them. This is the dangerous thing, because it challenges the whole structure of the male ego which feels that it is superior to the female. To have males question this assumption and go on to defy it by participating in and enjoying and acknowledging the fact that femininity is not just the way of life for the "lower" half of the human race, but that its merits are on a par with masculinity - well!!!

Their attitude is: "We had better do something about these heretics, these traitors. We can't have them selling "that" line around town - what if our wives got hold of that idea - then where'd we be? And anyhow, I can hold my own with the boys down at the pool hall and can be as crude, coarse, belligerent and dirty as them, BUT I wouldn't quite know how to contend with a man who was gentle, refined, passive, clean and happy. No, I'd feel out of place with him and I'm damned if I want to feel uncomfortable with any man, so the thing to do is to get rid of him. I'll start by punching him one and calling him a god-damned queer and after that we'll organize a necktie party. Guys like that are a menace by golly - they're about as dangerous as you can get."

"Calling all dangerous men - you're wanted in the boudoir. Calling all dangerous.....!"

## REMEMBER?



The  
First  
Experience

OR,

It's  
just  
the  
beginning  
folks!!

Anyone got an  
extra Tri-Sig  
application  
form?

## New Appointment

It is with great pleasure that your National Leaders, Virginia Prince & Carol Beecroft, appoint Dianna (CA-48-D) as the new Regional Coordinator for Southern California.

Dianna is a very faithful member who is also willing to go that extra mile in service to her Tri-Sig sisters. She has spent many hours in seeking out stores and services in Southern California so that our girls will have understanding places in which to shop.

Your editor has personally had many conversations with her, either at Alpha Chapter meetings or at your Editor's home and thus both Virginia and your Editor can fully recommend her as the one to effectively lead Southern California in the future. She is now working on developing a new chapter in San Diego. We all wish her much success in her new Tri-Sig position!

# DOWN HOME WITH MARGE



Tri-Sig's "Bump on the Log" narrates about life in a small Mississippi town. Housework a rip-off?



First, let me welcome Carol. I feel that I should do this due to my seniority in the former FPE organization. Anyway, welcome! If you want a point of reference, I'm the one who does nothing! doesn't complain and just sits on a log like a bump and lets everybody and everything go by me in its own unhurried or even hurried fashion. My motives are all right - I believe in apple pie, mothers and the self preservation of the human race AND furthering the cause of Tri-Sigma Sorority. I'm still at my retirement - still do not have my wife won over and even though she says she is broad-minded about most things, I cannot get her to allow my macho to tarnish a bit and indulge in my Tvism in her presence.

I do feel that I am most fortunate that I can dress sometimes during the day while she is at work. I usually rationalize that I like to dress the part when doing housework but then again I find that is also a rip-off as it puts Marge in the classist type of attitude. Somehow it is all right for Marge to do the housework but Vic never likes to do it when he can put it off for Marge to do. Marge, in turn, seems to want to do anything to justify her

existence. A. more power to Marge. She doesn't seem to be lazy where Vic is.

Marge is sitting here at the typewriter at the dining table in our eating area off the kitchen. She is attired in a gold-color knit dress with brown pantyhose, white hi-heel sandals, full wig and jewelry. Marge has already finished sweeping the front porch and the back sidewalk. This is a frequent chore in order to spice up her life a little as she rarely ventures out during daylight hours. Marge considers this her work, along with doing the living room rug and other small chores about the house to keep things going and not induce the wife to quit her work and thus spoil Marge's "playhouse."

Marge has had a little bit of activity lately. On a rainy day not too long ago, she was in a hurry to catch the earliest pick-up and she darted over to the mailbox in the car, a distance of about 8 or 9 blocks away. When she does these things she is careful about her dress and makeup so that she will not cause the first incident of a "second look curiosity" as that is the usual mistake that causes many downfalls. So far Marge has been 100% successful in every venture out.

Let me tell you about Halloween. Marge wanted to do something in order to have a memory of the holiday so, since she was limited by a very "f" wife, she decided to take her jollies during the day. Well, she took the whole of about two hours to be sure her nail polish was on perfectly, hairdo excellent, clothing perfectly fitting and appropriate and worn with dignity.

About noon Marge went out and got into the car and drove over to her favorite dirty book store. The owner knew Marge so Marge felt that there

would be no trouble. Upon walking into the place the owner recognized her. He smiled a little bit and Marge went over to the women's magazine section. When she went to pay for a magazine she had selected the owner commented that he didn't think that she had the nerve to come over to his store. I asked him if anything was out of place or if he objected at all and he replied that had he not known Marge from meeting her at her home, he would not have known anything was amiss. Well, anyway, Marge left the place and went on down the sidewalk to ward the car when whom should she meet but a fellow who knew her brother quite well. Her brother had frequently gone to his office to pass the time of day and exchange stories and all the usual falderal that takes place when our offices were on the same floor of a prominent building. At first glance the order of the moment seemed to be panic! Well, Marge doesn't seem to panic much and she walked as unconcerned as if she did not know the gentleman and affected a little smile and went on her way. The event went unnoticed by the gentleman who did not know what juicy tid-bit he was so close to have happened upon. I wonder how many other events are scarcely more than a flic of an eye from disclosure.

Well, since Marge was so charged up she felt she had not done enough Hal-loweening yet and she thirsted for a little more activity. She went to her favorite shoe store and went on about trying on shoes. A selection was made and Marge went to the cashier in the middle of the floor. A lady who knew her brother and had waited on HIM came up to her and said, "I suppose that you would like me to find the mate to this one for you?!" To which Marge replied, "Yes, if you please." The lady was gone for some time and Marge sorted out her money and had it ready when the lady reappeared. The transaction was completed and a cheery farewell was made. "Do come back", she said. Later inquiry revealed that the lady did not recognize Marge as the same person who had purchased shoes as the brother. Marge was very exhilarated and felt that she had better leave well enough alone and went on home and basked in fresh memories of her trip. Some people think that I do not enjoy myself when certain holidays come around but Vic just smiles and keeps his own counsel.

I'm totally sold on what you are trying to do, Carol. Wish that I could help more. I remember when I was a voice crying out in the wilderness and how my attitude has become so much more wholesome about my problem. I owe it all to Virginia! She is the one gem in the entire universe that will glow long after she had gone from the sight of the human eye. If you can hold a candle to my Virginia, I'm with you all the way. MARGE MS-10-H

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## Poet's Corner

### What Are Little Girls Made Of?

Sugar and Spice and everything nice  
and lecithin, non-fat dry milk  
Vegetable coloring smooth as silk  
Synthetic flavor by FDA  
Preservatives so that they stay that way  
And, sometimes, inside of all this dough  
A TV boy to provide the "go".

THAT'S what little girls are made of!!!

Sheila (old FPE sorority)



# NEW MEXICO

## DOCTOR TALKS ABOUT TVISM

"There seems to be a definite underlying reason ..... for cross dressing. One reason is surely the need to balance one's self out...Getting into feminine moods is like visiting your other self..."

I think that we should help our sisters both in fantasy and reality and teach a way to live the Tv end consciously. We have one terrible burden to contend with - those ill-produced magazines in some stores. What so many people do not understand is that tvism does not make a Tv any more erotic than he normally is. It hurt me a great deal when I read Jane Morris' book where she said that a Tv has his instrument always erect and lurking in the dark, ready for use. That is a terrible thing to say. I could just see myself being that way when I do the books, or paint or write.

There seems to be a definitely underlying reason to crossdress. One, is surely the need to balance one's self out. This is born out of the state of awareness which comes to all of us sooner or later; and, then we recognize that everything in life changes and is locked in time. You see yourself slipping away in time and then you start looking for something permanent within yourself. It is possible that we then detect the un-polar being, the one which is neither male nor female but inbetween. A being like that is immortal, beautiful and desirable. Getting into feminine moods then is like visiting your other self and it is sometimes hard to break loose. I know that out of experience. Usually something comes up and breaks the mood. Seems still logical that the male is better capable to handle things in this society.

All things considered Tvism is an indication of a lack, a lack of beauty and that you then try to create for yourself. It happens that when one meets up with someone who has that missing beauty that we surrender our female self and we have a remission. It happened to me. For six years I had no desire to crossdress. Then the desire came back. It should be an indication that something is wrong at that time. But then when one looks around, how many marriages are really excitingly beautiful or fulfilling? So it may just be that we Tvs are a strange lot simply by the fact that we got ahold of something special. I have to agree some with my "X" who said that no woman would accept it out of fear of competition, and the men because THEY are afraid that WE have got the best of both



"Okey. She can't act, she can't sing, and she's had a face lift. But it just so happens that she is our FEMME MIRROR Editor so well you please shut up and let me enjoy myself!"

sides. I must say though that I have a better chance to be accepted by females. All of my girlfriends know and tolerate it with some measure of delight. Somehow they get the feeling that I can bring some knowledge to them. It is in my favor to have some reputation as a physician and therefore can make certain psychological explanations stick.

Some months ago I had in mind to start a group therapy session in which I would try to encourage development of another personality with-in. I would place a person in the middle of a square and then in their imagination put a female entity age 15 in one corner, the other corners would respectively become a 15 year old boy, a 60 year old woman and man. Now whenever a question is put to the person he is to ask all four imaginary persons for advice in this matter. I was sure to uncover certain personalities whose particular talents could be put to use. It is a dangerous undertaking and I did not get into it. This "art" somehow gets into the metaphysical aspect of man and society may not like it and your relatives will put you away. There is a funny coincidence. Outright schizophrenics do not age. Seems they do not spend enough time with the same personality in order to age.



See here, Harry, when you're wearing those clothes you obey the house rules like other girls.

but with their face, they thought that they looked all right. That is one clue that I do not like. You go to a TV party and seldom find someone really pretty, yet you think YOU are gorgeous. You might see something different than does the public. Later this year I will get into videotape and then will be able to film myself and have instant replay. Maybe then I will see what I am really like!

I think that the L.A. group is on the right track by trying to get some gay girls as escorts. I had an unexpected experience. Some girl came for a visit from Boston. She is probably 25 but gives the appearance of a beautiful 17 year old boy. When I discussed transvestism I discovered her interest. I told her to come the next evening and I would greet her as a female. She was somewhat undecided but did come back and we immediately got it together. The real reason is that lesbians might easily be TVs with a shift to the male side. For some reason they try to find the answer in the woman's world. It is obvious that they crossdress. I think that any woman who wears pants, to some extent crossdresses. That they are comfortable is a hype. It is almost as bad as liking pantyhose to the point that they are comfortable. But here is the truth! Most woman make poor lovers when they are with another woman. According to this girl who freely talked to me about her life (she goes to Harvard) the partners that she had were demanding, self centered and not very tender. I am sure that if these girls could find and accept a TV the whole thing could be beautiful. She can fantasize her male self and the TV can express all the tenderness he feels as a woman. (Dee, New Mexico)



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How many of you experienced being dressed as little girls when you were quite young? The boy in this picture had a mother who delighted in dressing him as a girl and the above pictures attest to that fact. Oh well! He's probably a Tri-Sigma chapter leader someplace - and still enjoying it.

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## Dianna Takes Charge

### Super Recruiter Helps Tri-Sig Girls

DIANNA (CA-48-D) TELLS US HOW WE CAN HELP HER COMPILE THE NEW DIRECTORY OF STORES & SHOPS FOR TVS THROUGHOUT THE U.S. & CANADA

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Regional Coordinator for Southern Calif. Finds Many Places For Tri-Sigma Sisters Simply By Walking Into Stores and Asking!!

At the November meeting of Alpha Chapter in L.A.. Carol and I discussed the need for an organized shopping guide for Tvs. Although we haven't finished discussing the exact format for the Directory of Shops and Services, I accepted the responsibility to help get the ball rolling by collecting, sorting and catagorizing shops and services that will serve Tvs.

Now, I need YOUR help. Whenever you find a shop that will willingly serve Tvs, please take the time to gather as much information as you can and jot it down. We need to know about not only the usual stores (clothing, shoes, wigs & beauty salons) but also professional services as well (attorneys, doctors, cosmotologists, optometrists, etc). Whenever possible, try to get the type of shop or service, items or service available, address including zip code, phone number including area code, name of owner or the manager (or "special" salesperson) your estimate of the quality of the merchandise or service, price ranges (compared to known prices such as comparable items in the Sears catalog) and size ranges where applicable

(Misses, Womens, large, tall, custom or any combination). This may sound like a lot to include but, remember, some of our sisters may have to travel some distance to take advantage of a helpful shop or service. So try to think of anything she may need or want to know before making the trip.

By the way, be sure to include any special requirements. For example, does the owner/manager/salesgirl prefer that you call ahead before coming in? Do they mind if you come dressed? In other words, ANYTHING that will help maintain a good relationship with the service involved and eliminate the possibility of any embarrassment to us or them. I believe that it would be a good policy to ask the person whom is your "contact" if they would object to being included in our Directory. You will probably find that the majority will be delighted with the free advertising, but there may be a few, for reasons of their own, who would object to being included in a TV publication. It is not only good public relations but it should make it easier to gather the rest of the information that we seek.

ALSO (and of utmost importance) the person or persons recommending the particular shop or services should include their femme name and code # so that we will be able to contact OUR source of reference in case of a change in policy of the store or any other problem that should be checked out.

I know that this work on your part many other sisters initial contacts if information correct- of course, you, in from the same type other sisters are street. You may to me as follows: Box 59225, Norwalk, So, gals, let's get the information as should not be afraid walked into many have found out that for the business. I believe that this service can be of tremendous help to all of our sisters. If any of you have any further ideas in the de-veloping of the Directory, please do not hesitate to write to me.



sounds like a lot of but keep in mind that can benefit from your you will gather the ly and fully. And, turn, will benefit of investigation that doing. It's a two way send the information Dianna Daniels, P.O. California 90650. with it and send me soon as possible. You of asking since I have shops and stores and most places are eager

## DARLENE'S HANDIWORK



Darlene (Tx-17-P) has sent us a photo of her latest creation, a lovely rug, approx 30" by 40" in size, oval shaped with 12 red and white roses. The words Tri-Sigma Sorority is woven into the middle of the whole rug. Isn't it beautiful? We all know that Darlene spent many hours on her pretty creation and we know that she will enjoy it's use in the future.

# A BONUS FROM



For New Girls

## TRI-

## SIGMA

Your editor and National co-leader, along with Virginia Prince, has worked out a nice way to welcome new girls into Tri-Sigma.

The front part of the folded card (similar to greeting cards bought in shops) is very feminine and is full of bunnies, which is indicative of our increasing membership (No, dear, we're not recruiting rabbits - it's only a figure of speech).

The inside page has the following:

Thanks FOR Joining!

Then, Charlene CA-64-P) writes them a personal welcome into Tri-Sigma Sorority - which makes the whole thing rather pleasant, don't you think?!!

## HELP

WANT TO SEE YOUR NICE PICTURE IN THE FEMME MIRROR?  
SIMPLY SEND A GOOD QUALITY BLACK-AND-WHITE PHOTO  
TO YOUR EDITOR AND, PRESTO, IT'LL APPEAR IN A FUTURE  
EDITION OF THE FEMME MIRROR!! GET A'MOVE ON IT, HONEY!

# THE EDITOR'S MAIL:

Dear Carol: I found the name of your organization in a library card file. I am interested in the subject of Transvestism and would appreciate any information you may have regarding this subject, especially that pertaining to the heterosexual transvestite. J.D. (San Rafael, Calif)

Dear Carol: ...My wife knows of my Tvism and does not approve. She has thrown away many of my clothes so I'm keeping what few I have at work but I'm scared to death that they will be found. I'm heterosexual and want to keep my marriage but I'm having a hard time. Both my wife and I have seen a psychiatrist who is not nearly upset with me as is my wife. I direct a church choir and am an engineer. I travel a lot for my company and I could have a wonderful time all over the world with friends in many places. Katie (Oxnard, Calif).

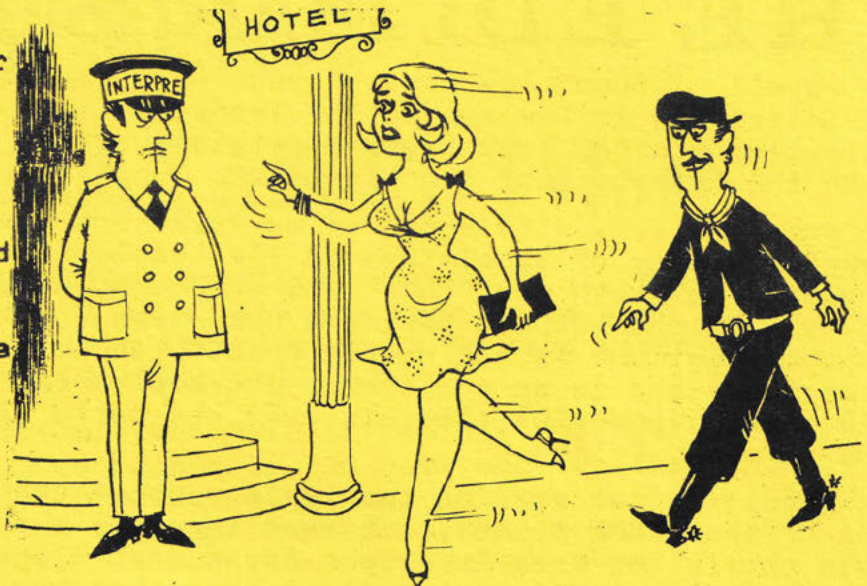
Dear Carol: After reading the message about the library cards in the last issue of the FEMME MIRROR, I turned the page and was pleasantly surprised to see the letter from Terry who found one in the Schenectady library. Well! Chalk one up for Winnie! I hope that you can put me in contact with her when formalities are finished. Also received the letter from Jan in regards to her interest in starting a chapter in New York City. I have sent her a response, offering some suggestions...Personally I feel that a national organization is desirable and think that Tri-Sigma has the best approach, particularly in extracting girls from the closet. Hence, my continued membership and support... Winnie (NY-8-B) Schenectady, N.Y.

Dear Carol: Thanks for the back issues of the FEMME MIRROR. I am impressed with the creativity and resourcefulness of my sisters. What a great idea to infiltrate library card catalogs. I stumbled on Tri-Sigma through reading Debbie Feinblooms wonderful TRANSVESTITES AND TRANSSEXUALS. If I would have found a library card 9 months ago it might not have hastened my Tv emergence much but it probably would have given me some encouragement. And I suspect that there are others in Madison who are more ready to emerge than I was last year and need only to discover Tri-Sigma. So I'm ready to run off and stuff the card catalogs and would appreciate your sending me an extra 10 library cards since there are lots of libraries in this college town. I was also glad to hear of Donna's (IL-11-S) appointment as the Great Lakes Coordinator and look forward to meeting her. Ruthann (WI-14-L) Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Virginia: ...I was really just trying to find other Tvs in this area when I sent that letter. Since then, thanks to Carol, we now have quite a few girls. I have already made contact with Maryanne (OH-6-J). She sent me a nice letter and has agreed to become a member of our future chapter. Although Maryanne is very busy I told her we'd get her to the meetings somehow, even if we had to bring my trailer out to Warren, Ohio and have the meetings in the trailer. As you can see, we have enough girls for a chapter so now all I have to do is figure out when and where we can have our first meeting. Give my regards to Carol. I do not know how you two girls keep up with your correspondence. Franny (NY-19-F) Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Carol: The Problem Talk Shop is a crises intervention service in this county. We provide counseling to the point of referral to those who have problems coping with their daily lives. We are a free walk-in clinic and we recommend referrals on an individual basis to public and private agencies whose services can best meet the needs of individual or family members seeking help. Recently we had clients in need of your unique and specialized services. We would like very much to know more about your organization, especially information which would be helpful to us in referring clients to you....(we) would appreciate any literature and information you would care to share with us. M.G.

Dear Carol: I'm writing to you in response to a letter from Charlene in which she introduced me to Tr-Sigma. I had made an inquiry some time ago concerning Mamselle Sorority, but as is typical of Tvs, after I had made the inquiry I was afraid to go any further. Carol, your newsletter gave me new courage - I would like to become a sister in the sorority. Thanks to Charlene for her continued interest. Barbara (Seal Beach, Calif)



*"Quick! How do you say in Spanish: 'I'm not what you think?'"*

Dear Carol: I'm deeply interested in becoming a member of Tri-Sigma. I learned about your sorority through

a book that I was reading and was thrilled to know that you exist. The book made me aware that I'm a pretty typical Tv. I'm 26, married, and have a college degree. I live in an average middle class neighborhood. I've been cross-dressing for 2 years on a regular basis. My wife knows about it and accepts my dressing. And now I need the freedom of expression that your sorority produces. L.O. (Upper Darby, Pa.)

Dear Carol: I saw a card with your address at the Santa Monica library while researching information on males who enjoy wearing female clothing. Since I'm in the process of coming out of the closet, I'd appreciate it if you'd send me details about Tri-Sigma. Ramana (Los Angeles)

Dear Carol: I read about Tri-Sigma in the F.I. News and I'm definitely interested in your sorority. I'm a heterosexual male trying so hard to locate an understanding woman. How can I join? I would like to help others, too. M.G. (San Diego, Cal.)

Dear Carol: I am writing in concern to Tri-Sigma which was mentioned in Playgirl Advisor. I would appreciate your sending me information about Tri-Sigma. M.L. (Auburn, N.Y.)

Dear Carol: I read about Tri-Sigma in the March issue of Playgirl Advisor and would like to know more about it. It has only been in the last several years that I have had the opportunity to dress. In the past 22 years I have told only two women about my desire to wear woman's clothes and both times I was rejected so I closed up in a shell. Since I have moved to Los Vegas I have started to tell salesgirls that the clothing I am buying is for me. To my amazement they all have been nice to me. The trouble is that they are all married or think that I am gay. I love to go shopping and have found two shops that let me try on things. I like to get dressed and go out at night but there is no place to go except gay bars and I always feel like a 5th wheel there. So I end up just driving around awhile and then go home. Cheryl (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Dear Virginia: I just read your article regarding "cures" in the Playgirl Advisor for February and found it most interesting. I think that a cure is neither necessary or desirable. I'm now 32 years old and I have been crossdressing for over 12 years and I believe that I am at complete acceptance of this whole human within me. Let me know about Tri-Sigma and whether a chapter is available in Canada. L.H. (Toronto, Canada)

Dear Virginia: I recently saw your article in Playgirl Advisor (February) and was very impressed with your comments in defense of Tvism. I would like more information. I have been a cross-dresser since I was a teenager and have found it very satisfying and have no desire to stop. Your defense was truly commendable and I congratulate you for your intellect and understanding of the problem. M.B. (Buffalo, N.Y.)

Dear Virginia: I read an article in the Playboy magazine quite some months ago. In the particular issue a woman had written that she was planning to marry a man who took pleasure in dressing as a woman. They suggested that she write to you. I am very interested in any information that you can supply. Until I read the article I had no idea that there was an organization interested in helping transvestites. E.B. (Tequesta, Florida)

Dear Carol: While reading the March issue of Playgirl Advisor I was delighted to learn about Tri-Sigma. Please send information about your sorority. D.P. (Portage, Indiana)

Dear Carol: I am just a new member of Tri-Sigma but I want to say again how much I have been helped by Virginia's books as well as the FEMME MIRRORS. To day my wife and I were talking about how much my relationship with her has improved. I know the reason for the change is that I have



*"He doesn't take after his father at all."*

greater freedom in dressing. The way it is now, I dress most every morning for a couple of hours before I go to work. One of the reasons for my writing is to reinforce what you have said about girls answering the letters they receive from other sisters. I wrote several letters in January and it has been a month and still no replies. Maybe I am too anxious. It would seem that I could wait awhile since it has been almost 45 years that I have been dressing without any communication with someone else that enjoys dressing. The November issue of the MIRROR mentioned that one member lives near here. This gives me hope that I can visit with her soon. I placed a library card in the front of the book on transvestism by Feinbloom. Lucille. (OR-6-A) Medford, Oregon



Next time, Sam, when you get a letter from a Tri-Sig sister, I expect you to answer it right away rather than put it off for 2 months. I'm gonna tell Carol about you next time!

If you succeed in identifying any new TVs in this area you can give them my P.O. Box and I will be glad to contact them. I attended a meeting or two of another organization but their security was "zilch." I do not intend to renew my membership in that organization. I would be very pleased if we could get a Tri-Sig chapter going. I prefer the girls that I have met in our sorority. I think that Tri-Sig is a great organization and I really appreciate the fine work you and Virginia are doing. I hope that we can prosper and grow. N.B. (VA-4-B) Washington, D.C.

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## SUSIE SUGGESTS:

Cold breast of chicken is fine, but cold inserts (the kind you use to fill out that B or C cup bra) are a shock to start out a chilly morning. Darn things feel as though they are filled with mushy ice. If you have not discovered this trick, just put them in a basin filled with hot water, and presto, what a thrill - nice warm bosoms. Get a thrill and not a chill!! I am especially referring to the inserts that you can purchase through Virginia and which are filled with a jelly substance that is natural and bouncy.

Starting in the next issue, we will include a question time and will print answers to previous questions. Thus we are offering a question now for you to think about and ask that you send in your thoughts in regard to it. If you cannot dress at home, where do you store your clothes AND how can you shave your legs when you have a "D" wife? Please take some time since we have members who will benefit from constructive replies.

Dear Carol: I read about Tri-Sigma in the March issue of Playgirl Advisor. I am very much interested in joining. My wife does not understand me and is leaving me soon. Being strictly heterosexual I would like to find a female who would share my dressing and even encourage it. The town I live in is much too small for me to go out so the only time I can dress up is when I am home alone. I've tried experimenting with make-up but I'm not having much luck. Most of my wife's clothes are too small for me to wear at all. If you think you might be able to help me I would be forever grateful. L.W. (New Salem, N.D.)

Dear Carol: You asked if I am in a position to help start a chapter in my area. I would like very much to have a Tri-Sigma chapter here, but I am no organizer. I am already acquainted with the only two members that I know of around here (Susan and Karen). They are great people and we have gotten together several times.

# A LETTER

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## TO NON RENEWERS

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Dear Sister: I suppose that if we didn't care about YOU we wouldn't have taken the time to compose this letter - but since we DO care, this letter IS being sent with the hope that your not renewing this year with Tri-Sigma was an oversight on your part.

We are still a young organization and have much to learn, but, in the few short months that we have been around we have become the largest organization devoted to the interests of heterosexual Tvs. Virginia and I work hard to make this sorority a success. We receive no pay and literally put in thousands of hours working for our sisters. The only compensation that we can possibly receive is the "good feeling" that one gets when she is doing something good for others. I spent almost two complete weekends on this edition of the MIRROR, not counting addition weeknight hours.

In order for Tri-Sigma to do it's best job in educating the public and locate those sisters still in the closet it is necessary that we have the membership to help with the job. There are many girls out there who are working in some way to help us grow. Some have put library cards in library indexes. Others have volunteered many hours of work in chapters or as Regional Coordinators. Still others work as the opportunities come along. As a result of so many people "putting their shoulder to the wheel" the future looks good. But Virginia and I are interested in ALL of our sisters so when you did not renew your membership this year we wondered what might have happened. We really feel badly because WE ARE TRYING! But we can't do it all and need the support and help of all of all the girls - including YOU!

If by any chance you are concerned with the \$20.00 dues, please remember how much you pay for just one meal in a nice restaurant or how many cigarettes you burn up each day or how much you spend on a nice new dress. Surely, if many of us can chalk up many many hours each month working for YOU, surely \$1.67 a month isn't very much to ask of you to aid the work. Are you aware that the postage and printing costs for this issue alone amount to about \$130.00. Are you aware that we just sent in a check to MONEYSWORTH in the amount of almost \$400.00 to help find sisters still locked away in closets. There are expenses everywhere you turn - and I personally spend plenty of dollars that I never ask to be reimbursed for. So, how about lending a helping hand so that we can accomplish our goal of educating the public and locating the thousands of sisters who think that they are all alone and are not aware of such an organization as Tri-Sigma Sorority. No doubt you have received the material dealing with the Ann Landers letter. This was just one way that we operate in educating "outsiders."

Won't you please reconsider your actions and then RENEW with us for another year. We need YOU! How about it? Join hands with us in 1977, not just for your benefit but for the benefit of all Tvs - and the public at large.OK?

*Carol*

# What's Happening Out There

**SIGMA CHAPTER:** The latest chapter to be organized is SIGMA which is located in Denver, Colorado and which includes about 9 girls. It appears that Maureen (CO-4-J) will be the new President with Cheri (CO-15-B) acting as the Corresponding Secretary. These girls have been working very hard for some time and it is primarily due to the activities of Cheri that the chapter has now been developed. We all hope that the girls in Colorado will grow and prosper. It will be the privilege of your Editor to visit this chapter in late April. Much success to all of you!!!

**ALPHA CHAPTER:** It appears that Bunny has gotten a firm hand on the throttle of the chapter and it is steamin' "right up the river." Bunny has two very capable assistants, Arlene (CA-123-R) and Jo-Anne (CA-109-H), and the chapter enjoys a very good attendance at each monthly meeting. The month of April will feature an evening out at the Queen Mary, a night Club which features some of the best female impersonators. The girls recently enjoyed the presence of THREE psychologists. One, from New Mexico, is working on a book dealing with Transvestism and the other, Dr. Traub, has been attending the meetings for some time because she is interested in helping our experimental development of meetings for couples. She has agreed to start holding group therapy meeting for couples as soon as we get enough couples interested in such meetings. We hope that such meetings will result in more "understanding" wives and perhaps a cassette or two that can be used by members in other areas. We are also pleased that Virginia was able to be published in the February edition of the Playgirl Advisor.

**CHI CHAPTER:** Considering the bad weather that they have been having in the Great Lakes area the attendance has been rather good. The members were glad to meet Delores IL-43-M, the newest member. New associate members were Laura IN-8-W and Jennifer MI-17-M as well as Gladys, PA-1-M and Genine NY-23-S. Jenelle IL-42-G was also welcomed as a new member as was Lois WI-13-V. The girls had a St. Patricks day party planned for March and the MIRROR was going to press so no details are available. The success of the whole Great Lakes area is due primarily to DONNA IL-11-S who is the Regional Coordinator for that area. She is pushing for the development of chapters in many places. She has informed me that the Michigan girls are stirring around and we hope that things jell there.

**BUFFALO:** Your Editor has enjoyed the many letters that have been exchanged with Franny NY-19-F who is working like a beaver to get things going there. It appears that the girls on Ontario, Canada will also join with the group, making it an international chapter. Hooray for them! Franny says that they have the membership and all that remains is to find a place to meet. This area is under the jurisdiction of Donna, our Regional Coordinator, who is helping Franny in any way that she can.

**SOUTHEASTERN U.S.:** Your editor can tell you that something is brewing in that area but details still have to be worked out. If all goes as expected we will have a very accomplished Regional Coordinator for that area who will do her best to help develop Tri-Sig chapters from the many contacts that she has there. "Hold your hat, Suzy!"

**San Francisco:** Betty tells your editor that a meeting was recently held in that area and your editor hopes to get some details soon as regards to the intentions of the girls there. Betty is a hard working girl and should be successful in officially organizing a chapter there.