

Femme Mirror

Reflecting the Feminine



"I don't get it. All I did was miss a few Tri-Sig meetings and forget to send in my 1980 Dues. Carol must have SOME connections."



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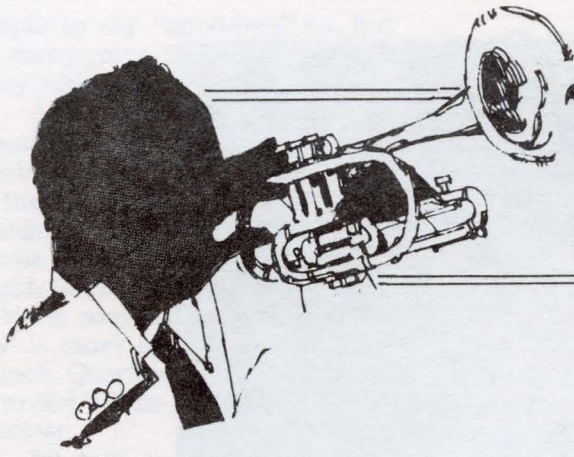
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It appears that our girls are meeting together more often and I hear from more and more of them in regard to the little groups that are starting. I hope that these little groups can evolve into established chapters in a short time. After all, there is nothing like being able to sit down with your Tri-Sigma sisters and talk about our favorite subject.

In this light, I want to mention that we have been receiving a large amount of mail from inquirers from all over. This has been going on for about 4 or 5 months and many of these inquirers have become Tri-Sig girls. I was counting the number of new girls that will appear in the Supplement to the Directory which I will start on after this issue of the Femme Mirror is taken to the printer) and I was startled to learn that there are over 100 new members since the Directory first came out. This certainly makes me happy and makes the time I put in worth while.

The important thing is that you letter-writers out there write to these new sisters and welcome them into the Sorority. One way of keeping these new girls is to pay attention to them. And if you happen to be lucky and receive a letter from one of them, please consider your position when you were less experienced - and then write them a letter in return.

And for you girls who ARE new, please cooperate with me by noting the remarks that I am sending you in regard to the Supplement. If you have not sent a picture or provided me with a "profile," please do so because the Supplement will be that much better. CAROL BEECROFT



NEW ORLEANS

Cindy Reports On The Convention

Cindy (CA-58-P), Tri-Sig's "gad-about" reporter gives us a daily "blow-to-blow" account of the New Orleans "blast!"

There's only one word that truly summarizes the 1980 Tri-Sigma convention — FUN! Despite some last minute hassels with an unplanned hotel change, the overall impression was that all had a good time in New Orleans.

Although the Convention didn't officially start until Tuesday night, many of the girls arrived Sunday and Monday. By Monday night a good sized group was off to Bourbon Street for a fine seafood meal at Sammy's. Afterwards, some of the gals stayed around to listen to the lively jazz that infects the area. Still others worked their way back to Tigers Lounge where we were so well received last year. We also stopped at Travis' to re-establish some old acquaintances and check out the impersonator chow.

There were 15 Tri-Sig sisters and three wives. Some of the girls developed foot problems with all the walking around but for the most part, the girls managed to keep going.

Dinner on Tuesday P.M. was at the Court-Of-The-Two-Sisters, one of New Orleans oldest and best known restaurants. In addition to the usual evening stops, some of the girls met around the pool at the Burgandy Inn. Some of the giels looked quite authenic in their bathing suits.

Some of the girls took the City Tour on Wednesday afternoon. A light shower did not stop us. On Wednesday night we arrived at Marty's restaurant, an excellent restaurant where we were treated as the ladies that we are. The hostess was especially captivated by the



CINDY — CONNIE — JULIA



Back Row: DEBBIE — BECKY — CINDY

Front Row: JULIA — JANICE — CAROL.B. — NORMA

group. The only disappointment was the discovery that she was engaged.

Wednesday night was amateur night at Travis'. A group of six or seven impersonators entertained us. We may have been as much fun for the audience as was the actual show. But it was nice to have been given a table right down front. (Actually, Dirty Dady, a local celebrity, had pulled a few strings to get us the table.)

By Thursday most of the girls had developed enough confidence to take on the French Quarters with no holds barred. Shopping Trips to the large department stores became routine. Carol Becroft went to a beauty Salon in one of the best departments stores in New Orleans and had her hair combed, cut and styled. A few of the girls even went to the matinee of My Fair Lady.

Thursday night saw us back in the area of Bourbon Street for a dinner at Sam Wilson's — and then off, like leaves in the wind, to our various hang-outs. I learned that the flower girl on Bourbon Street thought that WE were all undercover policemen, trying to stop some crime in the "quarters." Glory be!

On Friday, most of the girls took the Riverboat Cruise. This was especially nice since it provided some welcome relief from the record-setting heat wave had been experiencing all week long. And that evening we attended a cock-tail party at the Vieux Carre bar and a private dinner party after that. Afterwards, we were treated to Janice's (TX-10-M) slide show of the 1979 concention. We concluded the evening with a professional show at Travis' - a very full day.

Saturday saw us once more heading for the French Quarters for one last fling. By then, several of the girls who were "rich" had already sampled renowned "Breakfast at Brennans." The day included shopping (Carol and Norma started a doll collection and were buying dolls all over town), walking and the endless eating that put pounds on many of us. In the evening, an early dinner at Anything Goes, was the last stop on the filled-filled week. At this last and most unusual restaurant, all the waiters and waitresses wore different costumes. Strangely enough, WE decided to dress as women! But they loved us at the restaurant — they visited with us and were extremely nice to the whole group — and the evening was a very successful termination of the convention. Then we headed back to the hotel for a goodbye to new and old friends. This was probably the most difficult thing to do during



MARILYN — CONNIE



NORMA — CAROL B.



MITZI — LOIS — JANICE

people to say "good-bye" to, but so many nice memories to take away with you.

And now, just a few short months later, it's time to start thinking about 1981. A number of us thought that it might be fun to change cities next year. The consensus was that San Francisco might be the perfect spot to hold a Tri-Sig convention. Although the city is more spread out than the French Quarters of New Orleans, it would be an experience to remember.

I'll take on making arrangements for September, 1981 if others show a genuine interest. It would be helpful to know what types of things people would like to have made available. Should there be a make-up, wig and hair-styling and deportment sessions? Do we want to go to the theater, symphony or opera? How much are you willing to spend on accommodations? San Francisco is lovely but more expensive than New Orleans. The weather could be either fall-like or a bit of summer, depending on the exact week that we pick. However, San Francisco weather is normally much cooler than the rest of California. We are also taking note of the other Tv outings so that there will not be any conflicts like we had this year.

If you have any thoughts on a convention for next year, please write me at: CINDY, Box 1905, Los Gatos, Ca., 95031. We need to get going on 1981!!!

SURVEY REPORT

Majority of Tri-Sigers did not participate in Virginia's survey

The following are the results of a survey taken earlier by Virginia. Unfortunately, a majority of the members (60%) did not participate. Thus the results are from a minority (40%) of members who did return the questionnaire.

Question No.1: This dealt with the way that prospects could be admitted into Tri-Sigma. In general, this question was similar to the questionnaire sent to the leaders. Would future prospects have to read the "Understanding" book or, instead, be sent a free brochure dealing with the Sorority

CONSIDERING

TAKING THE "PILL"?

You've heard the "yummy" things about taking female hormones, so now here is another viewpoint from a California sister who took Premarin for some months.

This is being written to my sisters who are thinking about ing female hormones. There have been many articles written about thus, but as one who did not listen or pay attention to what I had read, I embarked on an experience with Premarin.

At first I felt that I could control my intake, but before long I found myself taking them seven days a week. I soon lost my initiative to do things — I felt tired much of the time. My breasts hurt often and continued to grow.

Having breasts isn't as much of a "trip" as you might think. You must remember that most of your life is being a man in this world — which does not approve of men having breasts. So, although I finally got into a size 36-B bra, I found that I couldn't wear my male T-shirts and sport

and Tvism in general? The results, expressed as a percentage of the total 100% of the membership are: 21.2% wanted no change and 18.4% wanted the brochure.

Question No.2: This dealt with WHO could belong to a local chapter. This question was not included in the questions sent to the leaders. It stated that national membership automatically made a person a member of a chapter. Participants were to choose between a new member being automatically included as a chapter member or, the person having to go through an interview with a representative of the chapter. The results, expressed as a percentage of the total 100% of the membership are: 22.2 were in favor of combined national and chapter memberships and 17.3% wanted to have such members qualified through an interview.

Question No.3: This dealt with the question of allowing non-Tv members several meetings before officially joining. This was

shirts any longer because I was so noticable. And since my breasts had gotten so large, I needed to wear a bra for support all the time. And, let me tell you, this is hard to hide under any shirt.

As a male that enjoys my feminine role about 40% of the time, the idea of wearing a bra every day isn't so exciting as it used to be. The trying to hide the bra from curious people is always difficult.

I'm off the pill now and looking forward to getting my energy back and to being as feminine as possible without the hormones.

Sisters, you will get nothing but problems when taking hormones, unless you are single and do not care what people might about you. Breast forms, such as Carol handles, are better and not nearly as much of a problem.

similar to that sent to the leaders although the question submitted to the leaders included the statement that such non-members would have to be interviewed before they attended a meeting. The results, expressed as a percentage of the total 100% of the membership are: 25.6% did not want non-members attending chapter meetings and 14.2% wanted non-members to attend for at least one meeting.

Questions No. 4 and 5: These dealt with items which never appeared on the original questionnaire to the leaders and had to do with the requirement that new members had to sign their real name and address and, the allowing of other than heterosexual males into the organization. These items were never under consideration for a change by any of the leaders. The results, expressed as a percentage of the total 100% of the membership are: 32% favored both questions and 8% took a negative position.

WHAT THEY
SAID ABOUT
THE NEW

DIRECTORY

New Directory SUPPLEMENT.

To Be Out Soon

Enjoyed the new Tri-Sigma Directory immensely and am making my first use of it with this letter. Vikki (IL-48-M)

I've read and re-read the Directory with great interest. I'll state again how pleased I am with the work you put into it. ANn (ILL-201-R)

....that Directory is absolutely super. Susan (VA-5-R)

Before I do another thing let me tell you that I think you've done a marvelous job on the Directory. The wide open pages and big bold state headings make a very attractive book. I can well imagine what many hours it must have taken you. Nancy (VA-200-C)

I've just received my Tri-Sigma Directory.....thanks for a great Directory. I like the format, especially the little blurbs. I was sort of anxious when I heard that Virginia was retiring but I no fears when I see your quick responses and your dedicated efforts on our behalf. Keep up the good work. Janice (VA-203-S)

...I loved your Directory — keep up the great work. We all appreciate you and love your devotion to the group. It's too bad that more girls didn't supply photographs. This is a super edition. Lori (TX-8-D)

The Directory is great and worth waiting for. I can very easily see that a great amount of work and effort went into it. Lois (NY-6-W)

Enjoyed the Directory — great job. Fran (OR-9-O)

The Directory is a great success — nothing but praises come from my correspondents. Connie (NY-25-N)

...I would like to congratulate you on the fine job that you have done with the Directory.... Sussie (NH-3-A)

I know that you are busy but I just have to comment on it. I've seen many Tv directories but this one HAS THEM BEAT by far. It is very interesting and informative. You seem to know a sister if they live 30 or 3000 miles away by reading their blurbs...Vicki Jo (PA-203-L)

...You did a fantastic job. The format is friendly and informal and best of all, informative. The whole Directory, from beginning to end, showed that a tremendous amount of imagination, creativity and work went into it. (DE-2-W)

Please accept my congratulations for such a good job you did on the Directory. Carolina (FM-100-V)

I think that the new Directory will be the greatest ever. Mitzi (IL-8-C)

From reading the Directory I can see that you have been very busy. Congratulations on putting it together. Jaye (TX-202-R)

Congratulations on a tremendous job... I can appreciate the

many hours that you had to spend compiling the information. Fran (IL-19-M)

The Directory is great. I found it very enjoyable and fascinating. Ann (IL-201-R)

Terrific! Suzzie (CA-41-B)

Just a short note to thank you on behalf of the many sisters for the wonderful new Directory. Laura (IN-8-W)

I received my new directory the other day and I think it is great! Janice (MA-200-H)

Yesterday, I received the copy of the new Directory and couldn't put it down. Carole (NY-207-S)

Congratulations! The directory is terrific. Couldn't put it down till I'd read it all. Janice (TX-10-M)

Just a short note to let you know that the Directory is superb. I won't let you down as I intend to make good use of it. Michelle (CA-89-L)

I received the new Directory today. It is beautiful. You deserve credit for having produced a tangible proof of the high calibre of personality among the members of Tri-Sigma. I am very pleased with the good taste of all the photographs....You deserve a lot of credit for showing the world what members of Tri-Sigma are really like. Bernadine (An understanding women who writes for the Femme Mirror)

and many more



I have an altar in my heart
That pines the kiss of cloth,
And wraps me in the dresses,
Of that which I am not.

I'd sing a nightengale's swoon,
Inside my feminine dream,
Dance beneath a virgin moon,
If only I was what I seem.

My nylons sooth my way,
My dresses cool my thoughts,
My painted lips are gay,
As I dream my girlish plots.

I pray at my altar for an hour,
And sigh a women's sigh
That I may be a dainty flower
Before I knot my manly tie...

Anonymous

There is a special breed of men
Who love a special way,
The women in their lives,
And homage due them pay,
But it's a special kind of love,
With refined and gentle touch,
And perhaps that is the trouble,
For perhaps they love too much.

For the world of men is coarse and dreary,
Cold and hard and gray,
While the world for women is gentle, bright,
Charming, pretty and gay,
Or so it seems, but that's enough,
For emotion rules desire,
And some men have a feminine side
and wish to dress in women's attire.

Why fate deals the cards out so
Is cause for much debate,
Or who's to blame — if that's the word.
Yet they can't erase the slate.
So strong is this desire,
Which he feels in his special way,
That he wants to be part of them,
To be a woman for an hour or a day.

He wants to share what a woman has,
From a bust to narrow waist,
To gentle, curving hips, high-heels,
And slips of silk and lace,
To dress in pretty, soft material,
And walk with gentle grace,
With a ribbon or bow in locks that flow,
Or some make-up on "her" face.

A purse on her arm and a coat to keep warm,
Using perfume and jewelry and hose,
With a feminine name and hair arranged,
A change from head to toes.
I am such a woman, at least in my soul,
With insistent desire though under control,
If just for awhile, mid toil and strife,
To express my true nature, to bring "her" to life.

So will you help, if you think you can?
And if not, please don't ridicule.
Kindness is perhaps the ultimate virtue,
And no one wants to feel the fool.
We are all different in some way —
Many far, far worse,
Than this pleasant expression of the feminine
That repressed is Hell's own curse.

RACHEL



TEE VEE TIPS by CAROL B.

How To Build A Basic Wardrobe

You have the same potential for dressing your body as effectively as the next TRi-Sigma sister. The only real trick to doing it is to know your body objectively. Then and only then, can you learn what looks best on you.

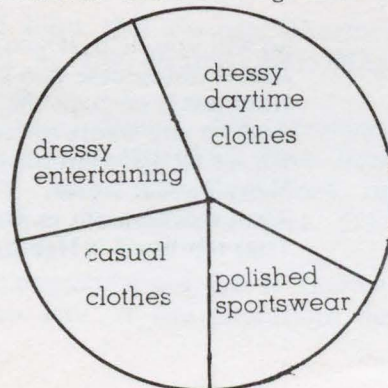
Although diet and exercise can reshape you to some extent, you will be short, tall, average, or whatever ALL your life. Even though you may control your weight well, the pattern of distribution will continue — if you tend to put on weight around the hips or stomach, that tendency won't change. If your shoulders are broad or narrow, if your arms are long or short, none of this will change. Now is not a minute too soon to learn what works best for whatever it is that makes you YOU. In this section of the Femme Mirror you will find suggestions for making the most of some common body facts. Each issue of The Femme Mirror will contain information which will help you appear better and make it that much easier for you to 'pass' in public.

HOW TO BUILD A GOOD BASIC WARDROBE!

Think of a good basic wardrobe as a solid core of clothes that can be worn for your everyday life. If you've picked them well, these clothes will be your good friends and support you in all that you do. A little further

on in this discussion I am going to tell you what I believe should be a basic day and evening wardrobe for every crossdresser, but first, think about your particular clothes needs. If you're like many crossdressers, you probably find yourself buying for occasions or an impulse RATHER than building a good workable wardrobe. I suggest that you try this little experiment first, then base your clothes buying on the results.

The easiest way to assess your life in terms of clothes is to think of it as a pie with different slices for all your needs, the size of the slice corresponding to the importance of that area of your life. If, for example, you like to get out 'on the town' as often as possible, a large slice of your pie will be devoted to clothes suitable for such activities. Think of your Tv lifestyle and the clothes needs each part of it generates, then draw your own pie. If the largest slice doesn't correspond to the bulk of the clothes hanging in your closet, you have "what to wear?" problems. Start solving them by



filling in with clothes you can wear for this part of your life.

You will also find your wardrobe pie useful in budgeting your clothes money. The biggest, most important chunk of your clothes deserves the largest part of your budget. Conversely, the smallest may need the least amount of money. For most crossdressers, evening clothes work out to be a small slice of the pie. Evening clothes, however, are beautiful and tempting — and often expensive — so you may find yourself overbuying here. The result can be a failed budget and clothes you may not wear enough to make them practical. Try to make your spending correspond to your real clothes needs and you'll find budgeting easier. After all, it's hard enough to pay all the bills in your male life without wasting money or things that you can rarely use in your Tv life.

Once you've arrived at the clothes categories necessary for YOUR Tv life, the next step is the clothes themselves. I've worked out two basic wardrobes, one for day, one for evening, and I believe they will work for any Tv because the choices represent enduring styles for any crossdresser — styles which have great flexibility. Use these wardrobes to figure out the number of each item you yourself need, depending on how you have sliced your particular wardrobe pie.

BASIC DAY WARDROBE

The clothes pictured on the following pages represent the backbone of a wardrobe for almost any crossdresser. It works for one who stays mostly at home as well as a sister who loves to get dressed up and go out shopping and to dinner. The difference in these life situations is reflected in the **QUANTITY** of the various items, but **ALL** would be represented in a well-balanced, workable wardrobe. A crossdresser who goes out quite often will own more skirts, good pants, and jackets, while the sister who stays mostly at home will own more casual clothes, although we all know that the 'stay-at-home sister does love pretty, feminine clothes, too.

BLAZERS: A couple of these will be the most useful items in your wardrobe. A blazer can finish a skirt, pant or dress look; it can make many items work for day or P'M'

The Single Breasted Blazer: Very classic. good over skirts, pants or dresses. Looks well open or closed. Besides putting the finish on a look, it can replace a coat in spring and fall — any blazer can.

The Double-Breasted Blazer: Classic, good over skirts or pants. Looks best buttoned, rather than open. Navy is the most basic color.

The Shirt-Jacket Blazer: More casual than the other styles, this one looks best over casual pants or skirts. It is usually worn open, rather than buttoned.

The Belted Blazer: This is a tailored choice that gives a very finished look to skirts — not the best choice for pants. Since it's belted, it's not usually worn open.

A-LINE SKIRTS: This easy-fitting skirt is useful for almost all daytime occasions — because of its body-skimming fit, it causes a few figure problems.

Yoked A-Line: This version fits slimly over the stomach, is softened by fullness at the hip. It works well with blouses tucked in and sweaters worn pulled down over the hip.

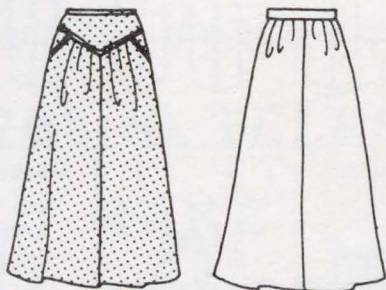
Classic A-Line: Slightly softened with tucks or darts at the waist, this is the more classic of the two. It works well with blouses tucked in but is not the best choice with sweaters because tucks add too much bulk.

SLIM SKIRTS: These skirts work well for any daytime activity. Slits or pleats give them walking ease. They are not as figure concealing as A-Line or dirndl skirts.

Blazers



A-line skirts



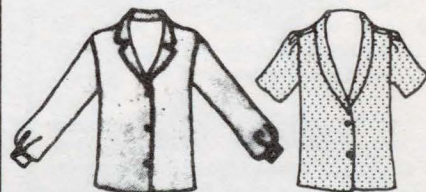
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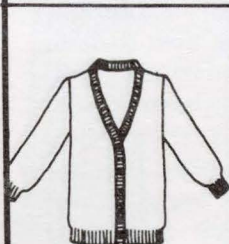
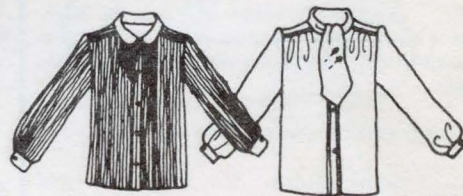
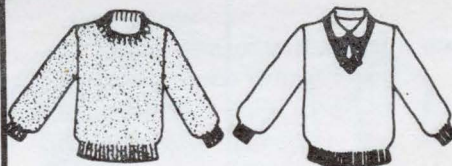
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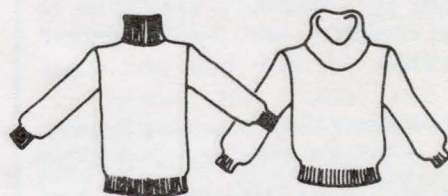
Classic shirts



Classic sweaters



Turtleneck sweaters



Classic Kick-Pleat Skirt: With the kick pleat in front, this skirt has all the walking ease you want and good casual style. It works equally well with sweaters or blouses.

Slit Skirt: Side slits (or a rear slit) give this skirt walking ease. It works well with blouses tucked in and especially well with sweaters. If the slit is too deep, it can be too revealing for some daytime occasions.

Side Kick-Pleat Skirt: Pleats are concealed in side seams to give walking ease. This style is more dressy than the other, looks well with blouses or sweaters.

SOFT DIRNDL SKIRTS: These full easy skirts are wonderful figure concealers and look well for all daytime occasions. They are good day-into-evening choices, too.

Full Dirndl: This style has tucks or gathers at the waist to add fullness. It looks well with blouses tucked in. There's too much hip fullness for most sweaters.

Modified Dirndl: Less full, this style works well with blouses or sweaters. It is the most classic of the dirndls.

CLASSIC SHIRTS: These shirts are among the real staples of your wardrobe; you'll wear them with skirts or pants, under jackets or own their own.

Classic Long-Sleeve Shirt: This is the most classic of shirts, but in a silky fabric it can go anywhere, even to an elegant restaurant.

Shawl-Collared Shirt: This is classic but slightly more dressy than the notched collar style. It can be long or short sleeved and can go anywhere.

Shirt With Contrasting Collar and Cuffs: This is the sportiest of the shirts. Though you can wear it with skirts, it looks especially well with casual pants.

Tie-Collar Shirt: In a silky fabric, this is the dressiest of the classic shirts. It can be worn with pants or skirts, but if you wear it with pants, don't pick the sportiest ones.

CLASSIC SWEATERS: These V-neck or neck sweaters are perfect tops for skirts or pants. Depending on the knit, they can look sporty or dressy.

Crew -Neck Sweater: In tweedy or cabled knits, this can look very sporty. In solid colors and fine-gauge knits, it can look dressy. Can be worn alone or over a shirt.

V-Neck Sweater: Cabled or tweedy styles look most sporty. Solids and fine-gauge knits look dressy. Wear it with a shirt underneath or, for a more dressy look, without. Try adding a scarf or a neckless.

Cardigan Sweater: This can be worn as a jacket with a blouse under it or, for a more dressy look, alone with a scarf or neckless.

TURTLENECK SWEATERS:

Classic Turtle: The turtleneck here fits snugly and looks more tailored. It works well with pants or skirts.

Cowl-Neck Sweater: The cowl-neck turtle has a loose-fitting neck. It can be draped softly. It works well with pants or skirts.

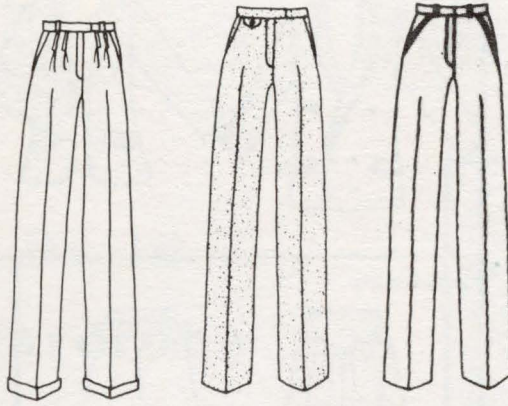
TAILORED PANTS: These straight-leg pants are tailored classically enough to go almost anywhere during the day — from the office to a community meeting to lunch out. Their effect depends greatly on how casual or dressy a top you put with them.

Pleat-Front Pants: The front pleat of these very versatile pants give softness and help conceal large hips. Worn with a silk shirt the pants can be dressy; with a turtleneck sweater, they're casual.

Classic Straight-Leg Pants: The most classic daytime pants, these work with blouses or sweaters. Because they fit snugly through the hip, they aren't as concealing as pleated pants.

Classic Corduroys: Cut like jeans but in a corduroy fabric, these pants are

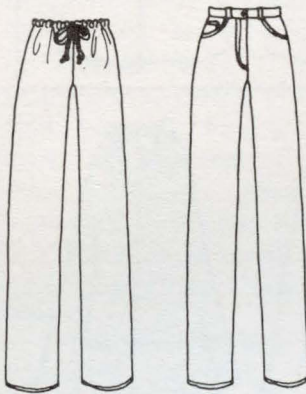
Tailored pants



T-shirts



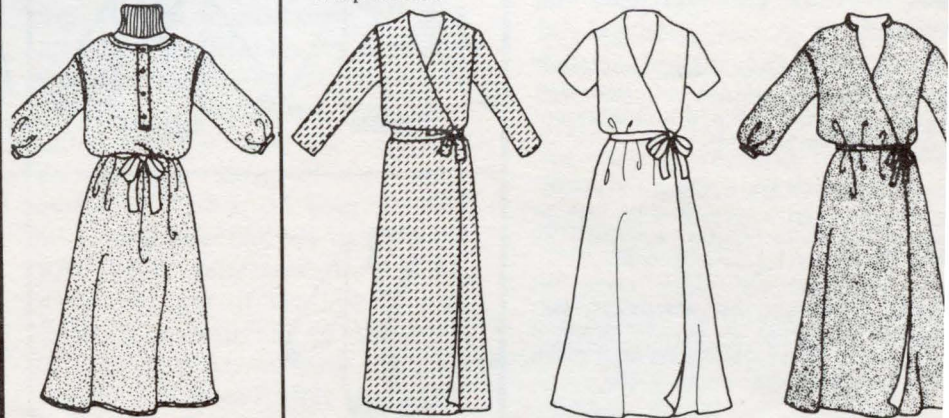
Casual pants



Shirtdresses



Wrap dresses



durable but good looking. Great with sweaters.

T-SHIRTS: You can't have too many of these wearable favorites. Wear them with skirts or pants, for every casual occasion.

Classic V-Or Crew Necks: Whether V-necked or crew, T-shirts are the first choice with casual pants or skirts. They are the 'other half' of a pair of jeans.

CASUAL PANTS: For casual daytime wear, you can't beat these styles. They're good at home or for outings like shopping or informal

lunches.

Drawstring pants: These are slightly more dressy, especially if you combine them with a silky shirt. If you're wearing a sweater tucking it in.

Jeans: Jeans are the 'uniform' for casual occasions when durable good looks in order.

SHIRTDRESSES: These are daytime wardrobe staples to wear absolutely anywhere. Wear them alone or under a jacket, to work to church, to dinner out.

Classic Shirtdress: Long-sleeved, small collared, this is a classic, versatile dress to wear alone or under a jacket for more polish.

Shawl-Collared Dress: Still classic, this shawl-collared style is slightly more dressy. A good choice for day into evening wear.

Short-Sleeve Version: Trim classic lines keep this dress in the shirtdress family. Short sleeves make it a good warm weather choice and give it day-into-evening possibilities.

Soft Shirtdress: With a soft shoulder line and soft, full skirt, this dress is feminine, versatile and a good day-into evening choice. It looks sporty and appealing with a turtle-neck underneath. A jacket would add polish.

WRAP DRESSES: This style wraps and ties and has a soft, feminine appeal. A wrap can go just about anywhere, has the ability to move from day-into-evening looks.

Classic Wrap: Slim, long-sleeved and classic, this dress has as much versatility

as a shirtdress. A scarf or neckless dresses it up.

Short-Sleeve Wrap: Slightly more dressy, this soft-skirted style is good for all kinds of daytime wear. Can work well in the evening, too.

Soft Wrap: With soft sleeves and a full skirt, this is the dressiest version of the wrap dress. It works equally well day or evening. Tweedy fabrics give it a more casual feeling.



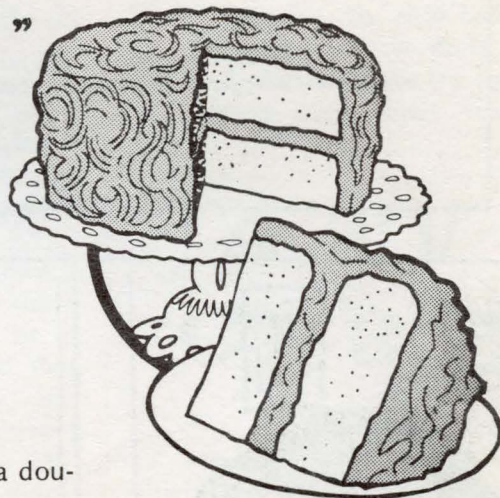
CLAIRE (NY-208-S) TELLS US

“ HOW TO MAKE CHOCOLATE MOUSSE ”

I am a new sister in Tri-Sigma and I am interested in making others happy. Since I enjoy cooking, I would like to share with my sisters my most successful recipe: a CHOCOLATE MOUSSE. So get ready, gals, and you can even smell the delicious dessert.

18 SERVINGS.

- 1/2 pound of sweet chocolate (2 large Hershey or Nestle)
- 6 eggs separated
- 3 tbs of water
- 1/4 cup of sweet liqueur, such as Grand Marnier, Amaretto.



Melt the chocolate in a double boiler; keep it hot.

Put the yolks and the water in a heavy saucepan and place it over a LOW heat while beating vigorously and CONSTANTLY with a wire whisk — until it gets the consistency of a hollandaise. While beating, add the liqueur. Remove from the heat and fold in the melted chocolate. Scrape the mixture into a mixing bowl.

Beat the heavy cream until stiff, adding 2 tbs of sugar. Fold into the mixture.

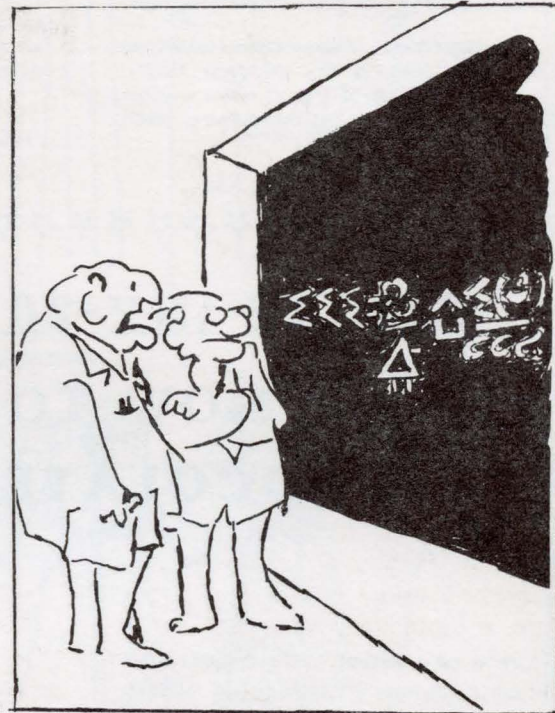
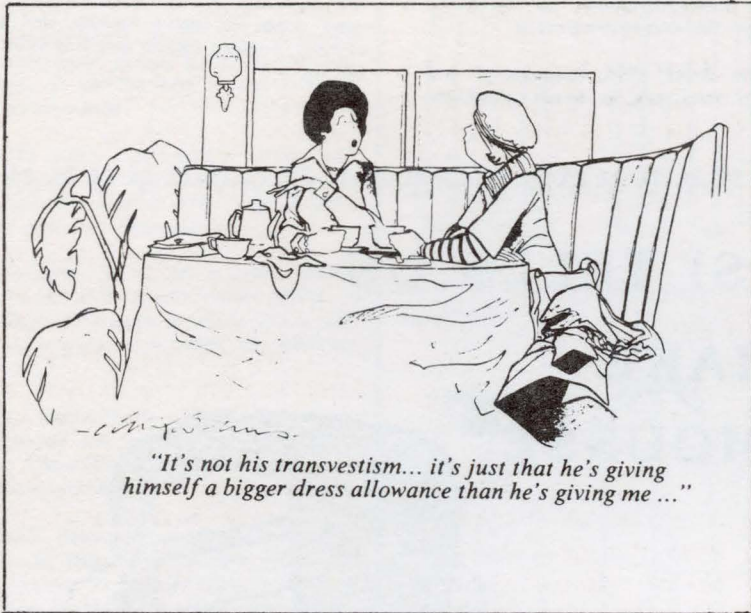
Beats the whites to snow point, adding the rest of the sugar and fold into the mousse.

Spoon the mousse into a crystal bowl and chill until ready to serve. Keep refrigerated.

To serve, garnish with whipped cream and grated chocolate.

Claire says that she hopes that our sisters will enjoy making the Chocolate Mousse as much as she does — but be careful, she advises, it is delicious AND very fattening.

Ladylike Laughs



"And this is my son Timothy's room!"

"That still doesn't tell me how I'm going to get out of the house, shop for a new dress, get my hair done, and still arrive at the Tri-Sig meeting on time."



"Of course the Femme Mirror is good. Look what it did for me."



SHIRLEY LETS HER HAIR DOWN

Regardless of her age, Shirley (CT-3-B) has a ball being pampered as a girl! Nothing shy about our Shirley — she gets the full treatment and license plates will never be the same in Connecticut.

It wasn't so long ago that I decided to allow my hair to grow long. So, early in this year, I went to a beauty parlor that advertised a full service for men and women. However, I went in as a man and asked if they could give me a permanent as a woman — I had a picture of myself en femme.

They were gracious enough to wait so that they certainly could do me. I would wait about half-an-hour so that an operator would be available to help me. It wasn't long before she came to me and indicated that it was time for her to "do" me. It was a most pleasant experience and in a couple of hours all was finished and, oh boy, what a wonderful feeling I gave me!

When I was ready to leave I went out to the desk to pay, I asked the girl there if next time I could come in dressed as Shirley. It was music to my ears to hear her say that I could come in any way that I wanted.

Since I had my hair all nicely done, like all the other women, then the next thing I should logically do is get my ears pierced — so I did. Another pleasant experience.

Around the 4th of July I called the beauty shop and made an appointment to come in at 10:00 A.M. and mentioned that I would come as Shirley, this time. So right on time, there I was, all dolled up with my 2¾" heels and all and they didn't mind it at all. They went to work on me — gave me a wash and curl and need I say how wonderful I felt?

After leaving the beauty I drove to a friend's house and from there we went to visit his boat on the river. They were so kind to take my picture by the boat, featuring my new hair do.

Now that I have done that, I have decided to have the following license plate made for my car:

A.TV CT-3-B

Now, if you happen to be driving in the state of Connecticut, and see that license plate, rest assured that it is little ole me. I might even pull over and say 'hello' if you honk several times.



THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS IN THE EATING!!
.....ain't she the best!.....

The Editor's Mailbox



Dear Carol:

I would like to be a Tri-Sig girl. My wife will not try to understand my feelings. I even told her of an incident that occurred before we married. I knew two gals who were nice to me and I would go by and help them with things around the house including doing the work helping them with their hair. In turn, they helped me to dress nicely and even took me to parties. I did this for about 10 years but they eventually moved, and I did not have anyone else to go to. I like being a transvestite and hope that I can locate Tv friends around Cleveland.
Diane (Medina, Ohio)

Dear Carol:

I had difficulty in addressing this letter because I was not sure how to start. I am a Tv who would like to become involved with a group of individuals like myself — who share the love of feminine clothing. Even if you are unable to help, I want to commend you for taking the time to try to help people like me.
R.C. (San Francisco, Ca)

Dear Carol:

Thank you for your reply — I appreciate your taking your time to answer my letter. I wish to join Tri-Sigma Sorority. I cannot say how much I will be able to contribute but my heart is with you. I suffer the familiar fears and thus it has taken me quite some time to reach the point where I could put my name on the dotted line.

But I believe in your work and I trust you because I believe you understand well my feelings.
Irene

Dear Carol:

My mother has found my collection of books dealing with transvestism. She and my sisters thought it would be a good idea for me to spend the summer in girl's clothing — to be a girl for a whole summer. They liked my name — Susan — and are going to call me by that name all summer. I believe that my mother would like to feminize me and I wouldn't mind that at all. (Mike, Virginia)

Dear Carol:

I decided to write to you in order to express my appreciation for Tri-Sigma. I have met some very kind and considerate sisters, who have helped me. Their kindness and understanding have been appreciated. I now realize that I must also do the same thing for others, as I develop my feminine side of my personality, because as Karen grows she will need to be available to others. Thanks for having the type of organization in which I feel a part. Karen (WA-3-K)

Dear Carol:

Let me first of all congratulate you on the great amount of work you have done for our Sorority. I have always had the feeling that you are a nice person to know and I wish you well in the future. I am trying to get something started here in Au-

stralia but it is difficult. I am going to Queensland to see Janice and I hope to visit with several of her Tv friends who might be interested in Tri-Sigma. I feel that our Sorority will never "go to the dogs" with you at the helm. - your actions prove to me that you are a true Femophile as well as the way you dress - you come through to me as quite a lady. I thank Virginia for leading me into FPE and subsequently Tri-Sigma but I am quite happy with the changes you are making because I have faith in you. To keep our Sorority for heterosexual is most encouraging as those clubs that I have belonged to, which allow all kinds of cross-dressers as members, have either folded or have caused original members to decline in numbers. To me, being a woman is most rewarding and I am always happy to dress as an ordinary contended woman. Catherine (FAU-1-P)

Dear Carol:

Thank you ever so much for accepting me as a member of the Sorority. I am really looking forward to meeting other sisters. I liked the Directory — it looks like you put much work into it. Really, I feel so happy about this. At last the opportunity to express myself completely with another sister. The very idea that I can now allow my feminine side to "come out" and be herself is a joy beyond belief. I can't wait until I get together with another

friend to share my pleasure and thoughts about being a woman. Karen (IL-216-P)

Dear Carol:

Recently I have been traveling to San Francisco to have lunch with my girlfriend. To get there I have been traveling by the commuter train. A short time ago I was on a train which was very crowded — there were lots of people standing. A large young man was occupying a seat by himself and had taken up two others with his extra large musical instrument. I approached him in an appropriate (and authoritative) female voice and announced, "I would like to seat down, please." One glance by him at the 5'11" grey-haired lady and he moved his things for me to sit down. I sat down with dignity amid the approving smiles and nods of the other passengers. Phyllis (CA-19-M)

Dear Carol:

The Directory and Femme Mirror arrived at my workplace and, needless to say, I couldn't wait to get home and read. I am so thrilled and happy to have found the Sorority, that I'm almost speechless. The first thing I did was to get 'dressed.' I think that my happiness made me a little pretty."

I want you to know that I intend to honor the precepts of Tri-Sigma and hopefully will be a useful member. I wish that there was a chapter near me. Nora (NJ-202-C)

Dear Carol:

I can't tell you how pleased I was to receive your reply to my initial inquiry. I was reminded again this past week of how your Society is what I am interested in. I recently purchased a Tv magazine from one of those adult book stores and it was filled with obscenities. L'W' (Maryland)

Dear Carol:

I did receive the Femme Mir-

ror and I must say that you did a very good job. As time goes by, perhaps I will be able to assist in your work. It took me two years to get up the nerve to join the Sorority. I have told my wife and she tries to understand. I am glad to say that she is becoming more tolerant as time goes on. Linda (ILL-200-G)

Dear Carol:

You have a real sense of what it means to us "new girls" who are just in the process of finding ourselves through this great Sorority of ours. A thought that occurred to me on a couple of occasions has been that it might be nice to have our Tri-Sig emblem on jewelry - something one might wear as a pendant or as a bracelet charm — or as earrings. Cecily (FCO-2-C)

Dear Carol:

It was a very hot summer here in Australia. I look forward to a visit from Catherine. We will be getting together with some Tv friends. I can absolutely vouch for their integrity, being both married with families. They both come to my house on occasion. Janice (FAU-5-B)

Dear Carol:

Thanks so much for the bership info. It feels good to know that such an organization exists for those who really want and need it. I've just become aware of my 'second self' within the past several months. I suppose that it has always been there - just deeply burried. However, I did crossdress as early as age 4 when my mother dressed me as a girl when we attended a party together. The memory is vague but I do seem to recall that I didn't like it very much. Later on in my childhood, I can recall being facinated by feminine things — clothing, makeup, and beauty assessories. I also remember in my teens when I went through some boxes of old clothing that my mother kept around. I even tried on different articles of clothing.

For some reason, after my early teen years and up until now, my "sister" has remained dormant. But now she has surfaced. I am very much aware of HER and enjoy her very much. Lori (Jeromesville, Ohio)

Dear Carol:

Hi! It's Mary Jane from the state of New York. I received your note and material and was delighted. I believe that the Sorority is just what I'm looking for. I am not going to relate the times of guilt and shame - they are gone. I'm me and I'm now looking to the future. I want to meet others and have my wife meet other wives. I recognize and fully appreciate your concern for us. Carol, it's been so difficult for me to cope in the past. I do not think that I have to elaborate on this subject as I am sure that you understand. Please help me. Mary Jane (White Plains, N'Y')

Dear Carol:

Recently while leafing through a copy of Penthouse, I read a letter describing your organization. I am married and have had an interest in crossdressing since early childhood. Luckily for me , my wife accepts my occasional wearing of female clothing and it has caused little conflict in our marriage. Last Halloween, I went to a party dressed like a girl and shocked a few friends. I was so nervous I kept chewing my lipstick off but it was a wonderful, exhilarating experience. I felt so FREE. But once a year is hardly enough to go out. Loneliness is being all dressed up and nowhere to go.. For so long I've been so disappointed in the shabby TV literature available and so frustrated at not being able to share ideas and thoughts concerning our world of Tvsim. R'D' (No. Calif)

Dear Carol:

I got your letter and I'm excited about joining your sorority. I'm truly one of your kind. I have been a Tv all my life. I'm

all alone now and am not able to talk to anyone about my feelings of femininity. I'll travel hundreds of miles just for the sake of seeing and talking to fellow Tvs. Please send me everything you can on how I can finally be a sister to all of you. Deborah (Salem, Ohio)

Dear Carol:

The last six months have expanded my horizons unbelievably. I had no idea that there were so many understanding and friendly people who were either broad-minded enough to accept my second self or had gone through the same struggle as I and had come to accept their alternate selves. They like themselves and are developing their feminine side of their personality. I have found an unexpected benefit from all this in that I am a more understanding human being and can, under certain circumstances, express both sides of myself without feeling self-conscious. I know that I still have a long way to go in completely ridding myself of guilt I've been carrying around for many years. I know that the pursuing process has begun and the torment in my soul has ceased. I am on my way to taking my place as part of creation and being at peace with the universe. Linda (DE-2-W)

Dear Carol:

Reading carefully through the Femme Mirror, I feel that you are really trying not only to continue a good publishing work but also to try out new approaches in the TV world. Congratulations and may you find enough TV friends to help you in these new plans. Alone, one can't get very far, but with others, who are willing to help, it might be really a terrific breakthrough for those of us in the Sorority. Rita (Germ-1-B)

Dear Carol:

I was surprised and pleased to see the article in a recent

issue of the Femme Mirror entitled Beth's Super Weekend. Thanks for publishing my manuscript. I realize that in re-reading that it is misleading in one part on the maternity outfit - I indicated something to the effect of - what with the suitable enlargement of the breasts, you add about 25 pounds to your weight. Such is not the case - it is the weight and bulk that you use for the extended stomach that provides the additional weight. In a recent Femme Mirror you published some letters from the girls that were really pitiful. My heart really went out to some of them. They are experiencing what we have at one time experienced - the feeling of dismay, despair, loneliness, etc. Susan (VA-5-R)

Dear Carol:

Some of your readers may be interested in the following experience - A few weeks ago I was depressed. So I went to Laura's Boutique in this city. The ladies recognized me as being a Tv since I had indicated that information to them at an earlier time. They really welcomed me and showed me their complete line of lingerie, bras, etc. I told them about Tri-Sigma and left them a copy of the Femme Mirror. They seemed to be interested an accepting and really treated me like a lady. I told them that it really didn't matter too much how I looked when dressed, but I really enjoyed how I FELT, namely feminine. I finally purchased a nice, white, nightgown. When I tried it on at home, the armholes were too small so I took it back and they made them longer for me. They were most friendly and I surely will go back there because I can be completely honest with them. I encourage other sisters who, when they are "down in the dumps", to go shopping - just like a woman does when SHE is depressed. It really works. Susan (CA-88-T)

Dear Carol:

I'm finally on my own. Af-

ter 31 years of marriage to a woman who wouldn't tolerate my need to be and act feminine at times, I am now free in my own place to be a woman. However, at times it does get lonely, particularly here in the "Bible belt." I need to participate and to contact others who share my interests. I'm still heterosexual and only wish that the number of accepting women were more in evidence. I have a fairly good job and I would be able to travel by air on weekends and holidays to meet others. I'd like to join your sorority. Many years ago I did subscribe to Transvestia but in those days I had little freedom to really express myself. I was in and out of the garbage pail with my now ex-wife. No more - thank God. Inez (Knoxville, Tn)

Dear Carol

Thank you for the pamphlet you sent about Tri-Sigma. It was most informative and I've even loaned it to a friend in Austin that may also be interested in joining Tri-Sigma. The conversation you and I had in Dallas convinced me more than anything else though that Tri-Sigma is indeed a worthwhile organization that actually has tangible goals. I would like to join the Sorority. I really enjoyed meeting you and must say that your dedication to our cause is unusual. It's unfortunate that there are not more people in the TV community willing to donate so much of selves in a genuine effort to promote acceptance of Tvism by society. Wendy (Austin, Texas)

Dear Carol:

I must thank the FORUM writer for your address. I am a transvestite who has a wife who does not understand my cross dressing needs. I have been honest with her but that has not helped. I have always wanted to meet other Tvs but was afraid to be found out. I have often tried to stop my crossdressing but always came back because there is some

thing feminine in me that likes lingerie and lace. Bill (L.A., Ca)

Dear Carol:

I, too am a Tv who loves to wear women's clothing. I, too, adore being in a skirt, dress, evening gown, heels and all those lovely under-garments. The sister who wrote the letter in FORUM magazine is to be thanked by many Tvs. Whenever I get a chance I change into my female clothing and enjoy myself. Then, I can relax and live as a woman. I'm very lucky in that I am married to a beautiful woman and who knows of my 'dressing.' But I haven't been able to get her to take part in my dressing. Can your Society help my wife to understand my need to be feminine. Jon (Federal Way, Wa)

Dear Carol:

This evening I had a very pleasant talk with Michelle of Collingswood, N.J. She has been sending me invitations to attend Tri-Sigma meetings for quite some time. Until very recently I was your typical deep in the closet TV and was totally inactive except for buying occasional TV publications. The reason being that I was under the impression that my wife would strongly disapprove and I didn't even try to approach her about it. It is a long and amusing story and I won't attempt to explain it now but just say that I finally made that little mistake and got caught red-handed. Since there was no way I could lie my way out of it I told her the truth about my interests in Tvism. A traumatic confrontation to say the least. To my utter amazement her reaction turned out to be very positive. After assurances that I was not gay, of course. This all occurred only a few weeks before she and my daughter were scheduled to leave for Europe to visit family. She is still there now and won't return until mid July. Nevertheless in that period she was absolutely marvelous about helping me buy various items.

I have a long way to go in that respect but off to a good start. It is kind of amazing but I think it was the first time in our marriage that we truly communicated with each other on all levels, not just the TV thing. I think, and I'm sure she does too, that our marriage improved a lot since the discovery. I certainly hope it stays that way. I know I'll make every effort to see that it does. To say that I'm much happier person today than a few months ago would be putting it very mildly. Naturally the whole business is very new to her and I would like to lead her into it gradually and gracefully. My main concern is to try to broaden my wife's knowledge of the whole subject in a non-offensive way.

We didn't discuss it in great depth but she knows that I was going to write you. I'm not sure just how she will be willing to go in the future with regard to activities outside the home and I won't push her into it. Naturally I know that there is going to come a time when I know that I will want to go outside of the home to TV activities and I hope that she will not object but will participate. The coming months are critical in that respect and I want to be very sure that I don't do anything to turn her off. I know that your organization is very good in that respect and that is why I'd like to join at this time. D.S.C. (Harrisburg, Pa)

Dear Carol:

After I wrote to you, something in my life happened that was a complete shock to me, and never in a million years would I dream that it could happen. I am not a careless person and, in fact, am very secretive and careful about Tvism. My wife was not aware of my crossdressing and I really did not think that she would ever understand even if told about the subject. I have had many close calls over the years. I was reading the Society's brochure again, when my wife was out. The phone

rang and I put the brochure down and went to the den to answer the phone — and left the brochure in my chair. The call was a long distance one and I got involved and forgot about my leaving the brochure on the chair. When I returned to the chair, there was my WIFE, sitting in the chair (!) READING the brochure. My heart went to my throat. She asked me what it was all about and I suppose that I looked stunned and guilty. She continued to 'pump' me with all kinds of questions and finally she asked if I was a transvestite. Well, apparently the brochure is very well written and it impressed her. She said that she had suspected "something" for years. After some discussion she said that she does understand and, better than that, my dressing would not change anything in our relationship. We have a terrific wonderful closeness and now because of her acceptance, I feel as if a very heavy load has been lifted off me. She said that she had felt that I had a 'secret' for many years. We went for a long walk and talked it over. I told her about joining Tri-Sigma and she told me to write you right away and tell you my real name for the records. Pam (Spokane, Wash)

Dear Carol:

I saw the letter in FORUM. I am a transvestite and have been all my life. I am normal in all ways with the exception of my desire to wear women's clothing. My wife does not know about my desires but she has seen me in girl's clothes during Halloween. She thought it was just for gags. If she only knew! I want to get to know how to deal with this desire of mine and meet others who are going through what I am. Dave (Salem, Oregon)



Don't Let This Happen To YOU

All Tri-Sigma sisters should pay careful attention to the following article by a sister who was arrested while 'dressed.' There are a number of places where our sisters should be especially careful when they go out crossdressed. Not all law enforcement people are understanding about 'dressing.' Many are extremely ignorant about transvestism.

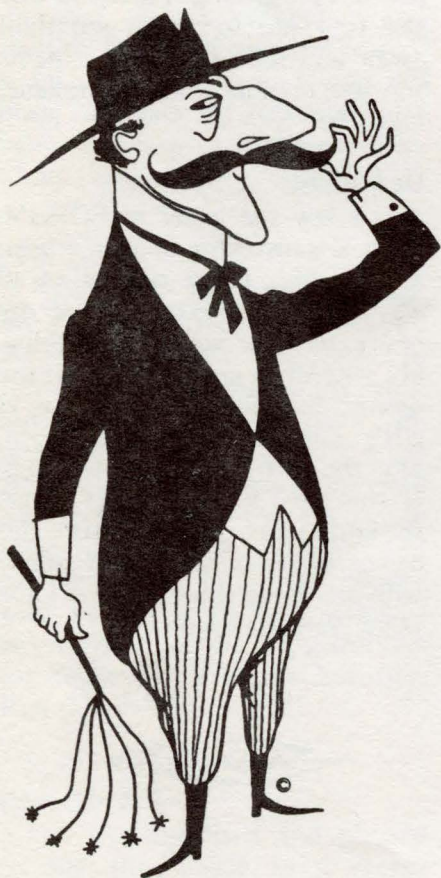
JESSICA ENDS UP IN THE SLAMMER

Many of us have read of an incident where a crossdresser has been picked up by the police and put behind bars, It is sort of a nightmare for a lot of us and we certainly must subconsciously remember this and hope that we never wind up the same way. Unfortunately, this type of incident DID happen to one of our Texas sisters — JESSICA TX-7-B and she has been gracious enough to allow us to publish the terrible account where SHE was picked up by the police, while dressed, and taken to jail. . It is hoped that our sisters will be careful and not never be placed in such a predicament.

The police report went as follows: Beechnut Substation
Date: 3-27-80 — Subject: Arrest 3-21-80 M----B-----; At Station: 8:30 P.M.; Allowed to call wife: 9:30; Released in lieu of bond: 11:20; Bond Sheet Agreement: No. T-106324 - Dressed as the opposite sex \$203.50; No. T-106323 - Failed to identify as witness \$53.50; Arresting Officers: J'F' Cessna and B'R' Baker. Cessna was the driver and the search officer to sign the form; Other officers present — Hill, Perret, Swain, Valentine, Aldrich. (Subject was) confined during the course of the day cre shift change, with many officers present to witness. Did not get any other officer's names. Suggest that duty roster can show names of officers present.

Statement by JESSICA: I was stopped and searched at the Westwood Mall around 8:00 P.M. Officer, after hearing my male voice immediately got out of the police car and put his hands all over me saying that he was searching me. He took my drivers license before searching me. On the way to the station they both made rude remarks about me although it was Cessna who did most of the talking. He asked if I got my kicks out of dressing, what my wife thought about it, was SHE masculine, and did I like to suck a h--- d---. Cessna talked about gays and queens and described past runins he had been in with such people. When we arrived at the Police Station, Cessna told me to stand outside while he gathered the officers that were there to look at what he had caught. The booking officer could not find a law pertaining to me so they called the Vice Dept. and they advised them on how they should book me. Cessna continued making jokes at my expense — took some pictures out of my wallet — and asked me who they were. He told a story about two queens who he arrested and how he fooled his partner by saying that they were hookers and that they would do what he wanted in order to stay out of jail. He said that his partner then felt them and then he burst out laughing.

One officer said that I looked better than the girl who he had taken out the night before. I told the officers that I had an appointment at the Texas Research Institute for Mental Science but received no comment. I was put in the lock-up area while questions were asked. Another officer came in and searched me again, taking my purse, earrings, rings, and searched through my wig and took my falsies. The booking officer asked another officer if he looked good with the falsies. The search-officer then told me to take down my slip and asked me, after pointing, what was there. I heard another officer say that perhaps I should not have been arrested.



I was allowed to call my wife and after that was put in a cell but switched to another one after it was found that the water was not working in the first one. From time to time, various officers would come over to look me over — some made very rude remarks. When my wife eventually arrived, the police asked how she put up with me and was she a “guy” also. They even asked her if she got turned on by me when I was dressed.

When I was allowed to leave, I told them that I had never seen such unprofessional conduct in a police organization. As I was escorted from the cell, one officer walked in front of me, swinging his rear end and hands, in parody of a woman. After my comment about the unprofessional conduct, I was not given the final papers to sign and my belongings were taken back and put behind the counter. I was told that I was going to get my picture taken to show just how professional they were — so that I could not win a court battle. I was directed to the lock-up area and an officer brought out a camera and took five pictures. They wanted me to remove my wig but I refused. I held my hand down as they took the pictures, trying to mess up the pictures as much as possible. Finally I was allowed to sign forms and then left. I had never been read my ‘Miranda’ rights! I was not given the names of the arresting officers when I asked for them.

On March 26, Officers DeLaCruz and Hill came to my home at 11:30 to return my purse and its belongings.

Jessica said that she felt that our Tri-Sigma sisters might be interested in the event.

She said that she, naturally, was very upset about all of this and made a number of phone calls. TRIal was initially set for April 4th at 6:00 P.M. but was rescheduled two weeks later. He was eventually referred to Jay Hill of KPFT — 90.1. He was the General Operations Mgr

and suggested that Jessica contact Phyllis Frye, who was a transvestite. Phyllis lives as a woman, although she is also married to a very understanding female. Phyllis, in turn, put Jessica in touch with two attorneys — Martin Schwab (Texas Human Rights) and Patty O’Kane, a feminist lawyer. Phyllis also suggested that Jessica contact Johnny Gayen, a Houston City Councilman.

Johnny Gayen called the City Legal Dept, and talked to the City Attorney. Shortly thereafter, charges were dropped and I did not have to go to court. I contacted Patty O’Kane and retained her as my attorney as the bond as payment for her services.

During this time I also contacted the American Civil Liberties Union and spoke to someone who directed Jessica to Patrick Wiseman. Mr. Wiseman just happened to be challenging the Texas Penal Code No.21.06 — a law covering, among other things, crossdressing. This law is in effect in Texas and city governments can and do use this law to define anything they want in their law books.

In Houston, dressing as the opposite sex is one definition of this penal code. Jessica states that she is happy to report that this law is now being rewritten to allow Transsexuals to carry an I.D. card to keep them from being arrested. But, all in all, a note of leniency has been added towards cross-dressers. On March 29th, Jessica was a guest speaker on station KPFT 90.1 for about 15 minutes. She discussed her arrest and her lawyer, also there, spoke about the legal points.

Jessica and Patty O’Kane went to court on April 23, and the two arresting officers were also there. This meant that the city attorney had been misinformed as to the disposition of the case.

Jessica’s attorney, Patty, told the city prosecutor that they would appeal the case, if convicted. The prosecutor dropped the charges and told the officers they could leave.

Jessica says that for her this was a victory in that the city knew that the law was discriminatory and they did not want to pursue the matter. She subsequently received a letter on May 12, from the city attorney, saying: “Enclosed are the originals of your jail blotter and arrest card. These represent your ‘record’ resulting from your arrest on March 21st. It has now been expunged.”

BOOK REVIEW

Dress and Undress: A History of Women’s Underwear by Elizabeth Ewing, Cloth \$12.95, 240 pages with photographs, illustrations, index and bibliography.

A review states: “In effect a history of women’s underwear, this book is exceptional for its emphasis on materials, techniques, and manufacturing processes. It is unusual in that it covers the ing styles of women’s underwear from 3000 B.C. to the present day — from Sumerian briefs to today’s bodysuit. Illustrated with 150 line drawings and 60 photographs. It is based on serious research and is valuable for social history as well as leisure reading.” Chevalier Publications is seriously considering carrying this book in its inventory.

“You men are all alike,” she said
I’d admired her legs
Smoky-hosed, froth-topped above,
A drink-view to the dregs.

Later in MY smoky hose
I gave my skirt a hike,
She sighed, “How nice how true
We girls ARE all alike.”

THE TRI-SIGMA ALBUM



SHEILA WA-13-G



TONI

FMA-1-M



JOAN CA-31-G



CHRISTIANA

OH-24-P



LOIS NY-6-W



LISA CA-21-P



GERM-1-B RITA



ELEANOR'S DISCOUNT FASHIONS
720 UNIVERSITY AVE
LOS GATOS, CA.

THEY ARE WILLING TO ALLOW OUR SISTERS TO USE THEIR DRESSING ROOMS' CONTACT ELEANOR' MARIAN OR MADELINE' PHONE: 408-395-3955 FOR HELP' AFTER HOURS APPTS' CAN BE MADE AND WOULD BE PREFERRED!!!! (5 THROUGH 8) CALL BEFORE YOU COME!

BAY AREA BEAUTY SCHOOL
SEABROOK TEXAS

THE OWNER' WANDA SKINNER, IS VERY SYMPATHETIC TO TRANSVESTITES AND IS WILLING TO SERVE THE WIGS OF OUR SISTERS' NO PARTICULAR DISCRETION IS NEEDED AS LONG AS YOU TALK TO WANDA' THE PHONE IS 713-474-4012. IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A CROSSDRESSER AND ARRANGE FOR HER ASSISTANCE'. Th is in the Houston Area

PAUL OWEN SHOES 412 W7TH ST, Los Angeles, Ca

The phone number of this store is 213-627-9459. Anyone who passes will be most welcome to come in dressed and try on their shoes. They have sizes through 13 in slim to wide widths. Another location of this form is at 3666 West Santa Barbara in Los Angeles 213-292-7700.

BREAST PROTHESIS: MRS VONDELL REYNOLDS' Her phone number is 213-833-6467. She will fit you, while dressed, as male or female. She will even meet you in a neutral location for those who are fearful of exposure. Her prothesis are expensive but the very "top of the line."

HARVEY'S WIG VILLA, 209 PEARL, NEW ALBANY, IND'

This form carries many kinds of wigs, hair pieces and an assortment of accessories. Fortunately for our members, they also "service" the wigs that they sell or those which are brought in to them.

Contact Betty Harvey at 812-944-9030 for an appointment. We are happy to say that this form is familiar with transvestites.

MILTON BODNER SHOES, 38 LEXINGTON AVE, PASSAIC N.J.

This firm is most cooperative and interested in serving our members. The shoes are very well put together and they do carry large sizes, which should be of help to our sisters. They do business by mail and have an excellent catalog. You might mention your Editor's name when asking for a catalog. Ask for Mr. Bodner when shopping there. The phone number is 201-777-8623. There is an opportunity to try on the shoes while there and after hours's appts can be made.

ADELAR'S SHOP 207 W.7TH ST, Los Angeles, 90014

The name of the owner is Adela Roedel and her phone number is 213-622-6418.

Adela has lots of pretty bras, girdles, corsets, panties, etc. We have been informed that she specializes in sizes 30 to 54. You are not able to try anything on unless you can pass but on the other hand, she will look you over, as a man, and tell you your size. Prices are moderate and the choices numerous.

DANIELLE'S 7985 Swnyberh Rd, Tualatin, Oregon 97062

They carry upper moderate priced sportswear, dresses, sweaters and costume jewelry. Contact Ruby Condart at 503-638-6677. There is an opportunity to try on clothing and after-hour appts can be made.

Dressmaker: Jacob Mashiah, 120 Pierce St, San Francisco Telephone: 552-1427 . We are told by Phyllis (CA-19-M) that the owner is very experienced making clothes for Tvs. Mention Phyllis' name but do call for an appointment first.

SIMONE CREATIONS 16752 N.E. 4TH COURT, NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA' (Mailing address: Box 640076, Miami) They sell silicone breast forms, special bras, intimate apparel and accessories. You must make an appointment. Call SIMONE 305-651-7885. A catalog is available -\$1.00

THE HAIR DEN 14761 N.E. 6TH AVW, MIAMI' Fla
Although this firm does hair grooming for both men and women, the special reason for going is for the cosmetics that they also sell. Ask for Barbara, a cosmetologist. Phone: 945-6504

CALIFORNIA WIG AND BEAUTY SUPPLIES at 118½
West California St, Glendale 91203
This shop does sculptured nails, sells cosmetics, wigs and also styles them. Hours are from 9:30 to 6:00. Phone 247-5569 The wig styling is good.

LAWSON HILL LEATHER & SHOE CO 580 Winter St, Waltham, Massachusetts 02254. They have an excellent selection of very feminine shoes up to size 12 and a number of them are 3½ inch heels. They have a catalog and if you would like one, just ask.

QUEEN'S WIG PALACE at 8974 Jennings Rd, Jennings, Mo. Phone: 314-869-1122. A good place to buy a wig. The lady is most helpful in helping you to select a wig and she will put you at ease. Most helpful shop!

HOLLYWOOD FASHION WIGS' 1107 N. Western Ave Los Angeles, Ca . Telephone: 213-461-8331.

You can purchase wigs at this location as well as having them styled. Carol (CA-69-M) went in dressed as her male self and was fitted for a wig and since she brought her other wigs with her, she also had them styled. There were no "funny questions"

CHUCK MCDONALD Ladies Shoe Shop
701 S.W. Broadway, Portland Oregon
Phone number is 224-6666 Ext 126, 127. We are told by Fran (OR-9-O) that she has meet the owner and was treated very nicely. You can go in dressed without any problem and be treated like a lady. Very helpful store

CAMEO BOUTIQUE AND LA PETITE BEAUTY SALON
2937 BRAMBLETON AVE S.W., ROANOKE'VA 24015
This shop carries girdles, panties, bras, and most lingerie. They also have an electrologist available for permanant hair removal. They also sell cosmetics and various kinds of makeup. Call 774-3503 before coming. Shirley does the electrologist and makeup is provided by Mrs Robinson. Mrs Martin takes care of the lingerie. You can try on clothing and after-hours appts can be mae.

WIG TOWNE, North Haven Shopping Center, 117 Washington Ave., North Haven, Ct 06473 Phone 239-2480. They specialize in selling wigs and will service them, too. They will do business by mail and have private booths for the purpose of trying on wigs. After hours appts can be made. Ask for Carol or Edee;

TIFFANY HAIRSTYLES, 300 COUNTRY RD', BARRING-
TON' RHODE ISLAND' This form carries cosmetics, hair and skin care products. They will also do facials, hair and make-up, manicures and pedicures. Call Raymond Hennessey at 245-3222 to make arrangements to come. You can come in dressed if you pass. After hours appts can be made

HAIR 2000, Clifftin County Mall, Clifton Park, N.Y. 12065

This store specializes in skin care including make up, leg and arm waxing, and electrolysis. You should call Rochelle at 371-6776. We are pleased to say that after hour appts can be made.

NELSONS - THE VOGUE at 322 State St, Schenectady N.Y. and also at 104 Park Ave, Mechanicsville, N.Y. The specialize in dresses, sportswear, lingerie, coats and hoisery. For those who wish to be serviced, call Mrs Shingles at 374-9450. There is an opportunity to try on clothing and after-hour appts can be made. They also have large-size clothes.

WIG SERVICE SHOP 1005 Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, N.J. Specialize in the sale and service of all human & synthetic hair pieces. A hairdresser is available to style your wig. Complete privacy is promised. In addition, there is an electrologist available for permananet hair removal. Ask for Selma.

HERE AND THERE

PUBLICITY: We are happy to report that FORUM magazine contained a letter from a Tri-Sig sister from New York, in their Editor's mail section. This is certain to bring us many more inquiries — similar like the first letter brought us.

For those who have seen or used the letter which we send to businesses in an attempt to have them work with our members, you will appreciate a "special" letter that your Editor received from the owner of one firm. He writes: "We are extremely interested in serving your members with every courtesy as well as service their individual requirements. We would be delighted to mail our current catalog of beautiful shoes, including large sizes, to those who write ME. After hours service are available." It was signed by Milton Bodner Shoes, 88 Lexington Ave, Passaic, N.J. 07055. Why not write for a catalogue — and mention The Society For The Second Self. I've also talked with him via the phone.

In another place in this issue of the Femme Mirror, you will note that we will have a supplement of the Directory before long. In connection with our Directory, some of the sisters are complaining that although some gals say that they will respond to letters sent to them, they don't live up to their promise. Please have the courtesy to at least inform your correspondent that you cannot write at this time. OK?

An interesting ad appeared in a newspaper recently. It seems that Pennys was advertising women's sundresses along with a pretty picture of some models wearing sundresses. The ad went: Choose from these three breezy styles of sundresses. Just in time for the summer months. These

sundresses are one-piece and are constructed of spun polyester. In an assortment of colors and sizes. Men's sundresses, reg. \$12. Sale \$7.00 Charlene (CA-27-D) sent the ad to me and mentioned that it was nice that Pennys was selling men's sundresses.

Dee Dee (CT-7-W) said that she heard that a sister wrote to another sister but did not write the P.O.Box down correctly and the letter was returned, "opened by mistake." She said that while the letter contained no porno stuff, still, it did contain a return address, much about crossdressing AND a picture. So, please be careful when you address an envelope.

For those who do not buy Transvestia Magazine (from Chevalier) you might be interested in a contest that your Editor is running. Two year subscriptions are being awarded to those who send in the best long story, short story, Tv article of a non-fiction type, and for the best Tv poetry. Issue No. 103 is now off the press.

Tri-Sigma sisters participated in a study sponsored by Dr. Neil Buhrich in Australia about 18 months ago. I received a letter from him in which he said that his article entitled "Comparison of Transvestism in Australia and the U.S.A." has been accepted for publication in the Archives of Sexual Behaviour. We're glad!!

Susan (VA-5-R) is interested in corresponding with our sisters. Send the letter for forwarding to your Editor.

Your Editor wants to inform all TRI-Sig sisters of the work of Janice (TX-10-M) who has worked behind the scenes developing the slide-show story of the Tri-Sigma convention. The slide-show program was full of interest-

ing and sometimes humorous pictures. Music was later added. Those sisters in the chapters who saw it will certainly be happy to know that Janice is refining the show to include this year's pictures of the convention in New Orleans. We are indebted to Janice for the many, many hours that she has put in to make the slide show program a success. She is typical of those sisters who work behind the scenes to make our Sorority grow, Thank you, Janice!!!!

To quote from an interesting letter in The Advertiser, an Australian Newspaper, 'Christopher Booker in his article sets a goal for people to work for so as to express their whole personality - to rescue the lost feminine in all of us, men and woman. It would be pertinent to gain a reconciliation of the feminine and masculine traits in each individual....Mr Booker illustrates how our society undervalues the feminine and places the masculine in high esteem. Is it any wonder, then, that many men and women, subordinated when they express the feminine traits of their personality, sublimate those traits and express only the more highly valued masculine traits?' Well said!!

Phyliss, (CA-19-M) says that she has a woman friend who wants to sell a beautiful wig. It is made out of human hair, is cuban-red and originally cost \$200.00. It has been worn only once and is selling for \$50.00. Her phone number is 415-588-3975.

If any sister knows of old books relating to stories about Tvism or have a strong Tv oriented slant, please notify your Editor concerning the Title and when it was published. If you have one for sale, so much the better. They should be older than 30 years.

REPORT FROM :

OUR CHAPTERS

Lambda Delta Chapter organized

A report by Alice (KY-5-D)

During the past six months, I have been conducting a new chapter survey. Chicago was just too far for a meeting. I knew there had to be other Tri-Sigma members in my general area who were just as eager to socialize as I. My survey proved me correct.

I found about 12. b. ers from the metro cities of Indianapolis and Evansville, Louisville, Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus.

All that needed to be done was to find a meeting place. Heather Ann (KY-2-H) volunteered her home. Her wife, Velvet, was an Avon representative and wanted to assist the girls with their makeup. This was ideal — a meeting place and a program

Before arrangements could be finished for the meeting, I learned that several other sisters were to be in town soon for business reasons, so we hurriedly planned a meeting so that these two sisters could share in the fun.

The two sisters, Chris (IN-6-M) and Laura (IN-8-W) and I drove to Heather's the night of the meeting. We easily got acquainted although I must admit that I was nervous. This was my first time out as Alice but thanks to Velvet, my nervousness soon disappeared.

As promised, Velvet helped Chris and me with our make-up. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that Velvet applied our makeup. What was especially appreciated was that Velvet not only explained what she was doing but also gave us some tips and graciously answered our questions. Chris and I certainly enjoyed the experience and were more than pleased with the results.



We were able to shoot some pictures of those there, thanks to Heather. But it was late — in fact it was 3:00 in the morning before we knew it and it was time to go. It was agreed that Chris and Laura would find a meeting place for the next meeting and I would handle the announcements.

If there were any doubts in my mind about a new chapter, this gathering erased them. I enjoyed myself so very much that I am determined more than ever to see that our sisters have an opportunity to meet often. I cannot remember the last time that I felt so much at peace.

Our North Texas chapter in Dallas recently saw the election of Helen (TX-17-W) as President. She says that Janice (TX-10-M) and Genevieve (TX-4-W) are to be commended for an outstanding job in running the chapter in the past and that she is indebted to them for their past help. Helen adds that without the meetings and outings of TRI-Sigma, her life would become too dull for words. She mentions that her

electrolysis treatments have nearly allowed her to "pass" at nights, even wearing her male clothes — some people wonder which sex she is. Your Editor hopes the members of the chapter will assist Helen in moving the chapter forward.

The girls from Alpha Chapter (Los Angeles) are planning a November formal dinner at the S'S' Princess Louise, a floating restaurant. The boat is

a former cruise ship and the atmosphere that evening (Nov 8th) should be extra special

Chi Chapter has growing pains and is seeking a larger place to meet. Many new members are attending. A prominent attorney was a recent guest who spoke about the laws concerning crossdressing in the Chicago area. The gals recently had a special outing which was held at the Lite Factory Disco Lounge.