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BRADFORD COLLEGE STUDENTS SUPPORT TRANSGENDERED SPEAKER

On April 5, 1995, more than 100 students (20% of the student population) occupied the main academic building on campus at Bradford College in Haverhill, Massachusetts to protest the administration's refusal to allow transgender activist Leslie Feinberg to deliver their 1995 commencement address. The senior class had asked Feinberg to be their keynote speaker. The administration refused to allow Feinberg to speak.

In a move to garner support from the Gender Community and the community at large, the students sent out the following on the Internet:

"STUDENTS APPEAL FOR NATIONAL HELP TO WIN TRANSGENDER GRADUATION SPEAKER

"We, the seniors at Bradford College in Haverhill, Massachusetts, would like to alert the national community to an issue of bigotry and oppression that we find unconscionable. Leslie Feinberg, transgender activist and author of the novel ***Stone Butch Blues***, was our class nominee for commencement speaker. School President Joseph Short vetoed Leslie Feinberg's right to sepak, offering faulty and offensive reasons for his decision.

"We are calling on the national (and international) community to respond and join our voices in demanding that Leslie Feinberg's voice be heard at our graduation ceremony."

The Ingersoll office has the fax and voice mail numbers for Dr. Short, and they may be obtained by contacting us or asking one of the group facilitators.

From the Founder:
INGERSOLL SEEKING STORIES OF DISCRIMINATION

By Marsha Botzer, MA

Have you or somone you know experienced discrimination because of Transvestite, Transgender or Transsexual issues? If so, you may want to tell Ingersoll about it Discrimination experiences in the workplace, school, in medical or therapeutic settings, restaurants, stores and other public places are being sought by Ingersoll as follow-up to Ingersoll's **"Response to Hatred"**

As bizarre as it may seem, opposition groups are beginning to say, "There's *not really* any discrimination against "these" people -- they are already protected *too much!"* (Italics mine) The purpose of collecting stories of bigotry and discrimination is to counteract these fraudulent claims by anti-civil rights groups

If you have a story to tell, write it down and put it in the suggestion box or give it to your facilitator to pass on to Pat Butler, Executive Director. We will type your story out and present all of them to Hands Off Washington (Washington Citizens for Fairness) If you have a story and don't want to take the time to write it down, make arrangements to get together with Pat and he will take your oral account and transfer it to the printed page.

To balance the discrimination against us, I want to note how many qualified, intelligent people are coming forward as activists and volunteers The best thing we can do in times like this is to take care of ourselves But if you have a desire to be part of the new activism, please don't forget we always need volunteers and people with ideas.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1995 FOR
"REAL MEN: AN FTM PANEL"
2:00-5:00 PM
at Ingersoll Gender Center, 1812 E. Madison, Suite 106

FACILITATOR'S FORUM

By Suzanne Adams

On April 29, 1995, the quarterly meeting of the facilitators and phone counselors was held at Ingersoll. Group facilitator, Christina Coiro, MA, schedules these meeting/trainings every three months for all current facilitators and phone counselors.

The meetings are an opportunity for volunteers to check in with one another about how their experiences at Ingersoll are going Often, because of time constraints, the only time some counselors have an opportunity to meet with one another is at these meetings Meetings last for three hours (9:00 AM-12 noon) and occasionally guest speakers are invited.

This quarter's meeting centered around a review of meeting and training procedures Christina announced that she has asked the Board for a five month leave of absence to get her son Shawn through his early months She plans to resume her duties in October, 1995 During her leave of absence, I will assume all training duties

I plan to visit all groups to give all facilitators and group members an opportunity to express any concerns they may have with regard to groups specifically, and to Ingersoll in general I will also be communicating some of the suggestions from suggestion can to facilitators and group members.

May promises to be a very exciting month at Ingersoll Several members went through Sex Reassignment Surgery (SRS) in April, so we are looking forward to their true to life stories!

MAN TO MAN
By Jason Cromwell

May is going to be an expecially great month at Ingersoll for FTM's! The long awaited FTM panel will highlight the May *Sunday Afternoon at Ingersoll.* David Schreier, and I will facilitate a panel to discuss FTM issues. The discussion will be of interest to *all* members of the Gender Community, not just to FTM's, so "Come One, Come All!"

Also, I was able to secure an agreement with James Green of San Francisco to market his great tapes of his story. See the ad below for the details.

Hope to see you third Sunday in May.

New At Ingersoll Center

The Story of a TS Man as Told by James

A Tape, read by James Green

The story of James' 40 year struggle with his female body. How he chose to dramatically achieve congruity between his body and psyche, and his losses and triumphs as a result of his transformation. Published by FTM. Running Time 52 minutes

Available at Ingersoll after meetings or by mail.

At meetings: $10.00 tax included

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--not a destination

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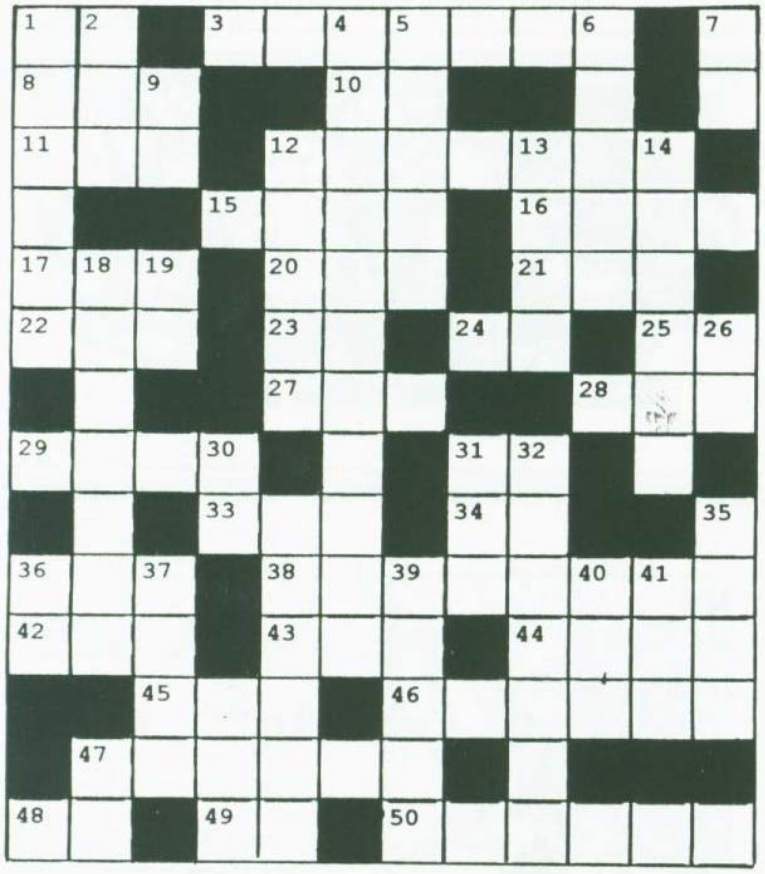

ACROSS

1. Modus Operandi - abbr
3. Needed before SRS
8. Fine
10. Egyptian God
11. Winken and Blinken's partner
12. Imitations
15. Type of dance
16. Sailor's jail
17. Greek letter
20. Tits and _____
21. Bed and Breakfast
22. Coming out woman
23. Half of "_ _ I F", Also changing person
24. Saying something extra
25. "Un-Stay"
27. It's about biology
28. Japanese thought
29. Sassquatch
31. Transsexual - abbr
33. Tiny amount
34. Article
35. Express
38. "I'm Just Wild About Harry"
42. African Antelope
43. Sibling - slang
44. Collect, heap
45. Greek for earth
46. Skewer
47. Family's phrase
48. Exist
49. Lewis' inititals
50. Chooses surgery

DOWN

2. Yoko
4. Similar to TS
5. Sagas
6. Taciturn
7. Daytime
9. Tooth Doctor's Degree
12. Italian Cars
13. Wading bird
14. Burns
18. "There Woman" - opp
19. _ _/GYN
26. Off's "other half"
30. Neuter
31. _____ Mahal
32. Tea drink
35. Leg bender
36. Seattle's Gay periodical
37. Foreign "lemon"
39. It stops silence
40. Woody's ex, also Spanish for "mine"
41. Ailing
47. Myself

Did You Know ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

...That Ingersoll Board Meetings are open to anyone who attends any Ingersoll group or function? Board Meetings are held the second Monday of every month except for July and December. We welcome your comments. We are listening!

INTERNET IS COMING!
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INFORMATION IN JUNE

Did You Know ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

...That Ingersoll has a *Lost and Found*?????

Yes, it's true!

Where??

In the cupboard under the television set.

What's in there now?

As of April 30, 1995, there were three umbrellas, one eyeglass case and a ring of keys.....

Check it out!!

Tonight, the FTM Support Group *celebrated successful beard growth!*

Ingersoll Publishes Updated Brochure and Catalog

April 15, 1995, Ingersoll Gender Center's updated Brochure and Catalog were published and ready to be distributed. The Brochure has been updated to reflect the changes in Board Members, Support Group offerings, and the revised Ingersoll Mission Statement has been included.

The 1995 Catalog of Publications has been greatly expanded. There are eight new titles this year including the ***Ingersoll Message*** newsletter. The new catalog also reflects increases in prices for publications mainly in the postage and handling department. Ingersoll still endeavors to bring publications to you at the lowest possible prices. If you wish to have a new Ingersoll Information Packet, which includes copies of the new Brochure and Catalog, use the order form on the back of your copy of the ***Ingersoll***

NEW SUGGESTION BOX AT INGERSOLL

By Jaye Albright

Have you seen it? It is the newest piece of decor in the Ingersoll Gender Center's meeting room: A SUGGESTION BOX.

This idea came as a result of the realization on the part of several of us on the Board of Directors, that as busy, professional people from all over Western Washington who sometimes only set foot into the center offices once or twice a month, we run a risk of becoming so focused on OUR aspirations and goals for the organization, that we sometimes forget the many great ideas and visions generated in our own community.

Are there any services you would like to see added to Ingersoll? Can you help us in some way? Would you like to volunteer? Do you have any concerns you want the leadership to be aware of?

Now you have an anonymous (if you wish) means of getting those messages to your Board of Directors. Write your ideas down and place them in the suggestion box. The box is checked weekly, and if you leave your name, we will definitely try to get back to you with a response. Occasionally, we will publish suggestions in ***The Ingersoll Message.***

The Butler Did it!

By Pat Butler, Executive Director

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Pat Butler, Executive Director of Ingersoll Center (You know, the tall, large man with the long "ash-blond" [gray] hair). I am also in charge of publications and the newsletter. This month I am stepping out from behind the door to the office to say "hi" to all of you who are part of Ingersoll and all it does.

I have been with Ingersoll for almost one and one half years as a member of the Board of Directors, but my "roots" go back about 10 years. In 1985, I took the phone counselor training at Seattle Counseling Service for Sexual Minorities when SCSSM was located on Broadway and Pike. At that time, I met Marsha and Jason, who came to do the TV/TS training. It was my first experience with members of the Gender Community (Oh, like everybody else, I had read about Christine Jorgenson). It was a real eyeopener for me.

For the next two years, my contact with T-Folk came in the form of callers on the phone lines and, if I happened to be doing a Friday shift, seeing folks come to the Friday TV/TS Support Group. Each of these educated me a little bit more.

In 1987, I became the office manager for SCSSM, which ultimately moved over to the Queen Anne site. During that time, I had a lot of contact with Marsha, Jason, and many MTF's and FTM's who were clients at the agency. This gave me a lot of education and experience, and created in me an empathy for what TS and TV people are seeking and what they often have to go through to get it.

In 1993, SCSSM decided they could "Live" without me and I was laid off. With lots of time on my hands, Marsha asked me to come on the Board of Directors and bring some of my organizational skills to Ingersoll. It was the start of a tremendous love affair. I have grown to treasure the work I do at Ingersoll and the good things I receive in turn.

In 1994, I started the Sunday Afternoons at Ingersoll which meet on the third Sundays of the month. They have continued into 1995, and are better and better attended.

I have enjoyed the Sundays, Pride Festival and the Holiday Party, and I look forward to many more, but most of all, I enjoy the contact I have with courageous, caring people. Thanks, Ingersoll and thanks to all who help make it possible.

SPOTLIGHT ON PUBLICATIONS

New At Ingersoll Center

Identity Management in Transsexualism:

A Practical Guide To Managing Identity On Paper

By Dallas Denny, MA

A new book about the legal changes in a transsexual's life. It addresses name and gender changes on various legal documents such as driver's licences, birth certificates, etc. Terrific for FTM's *and* MTF's. Published by Creative Design Services. 84 pages.

Available at Ingersoll after meetings or by mail.

At meetings: ***$14.00 tax included***

By Mail: ***$13.50 plus 1.11 tax (if app.) and $2.50 p/h***

total $16.61 check/M.O. (includes tax and p/h)

Important Ingersoll Doings in M A Y

All Wednesdays in May: TS Group (Referral Only) 7:30-9:30 PM

All Thursdays in May: Drop-In Group (Open) 7:00-9:00 PM

All Fridays in May: TV/TS Support Group (Open) 8-10 PM

May 8: Meeting of the Ingersoll Board of Directors 7:30-9:00 PM. Ingersoll Center.

May 9: FTM Support Group 7:30-9:30 PM. First Timers must call Jason at 723-8805, or David at 859-1053 before attending. Topic for this meeting: Family Issues - Future In-Laws, Alternative Conception, Children.

May 16: Full time, Post-Op group meeting, 7:30-9:30 PM.

May 21: ***Sunday Afternoon at Ingersoll*** presents "REAL MEN: AN FTM PANEL". Facilitators will be Jason Cromwell and David Schreier. 2:00-5:00 PM at Ingersoll Center.

May 27: FTM Support Group 3:30-5:30 PM. First Timers must call Jason at 723-8805, or David at 859-1053, before attending. Topic: Passing Anxiety - Internalized Phobia, Defusing Social Transphobia.

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