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On our cover this month is a sensuous gal from navel country – navel oranges, that is. Tonya is very eager to meet you, so check out her personal ad on page 22!

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"TRANSSEXUAL" CHALLENGES TRI-ESS

"If they want to deny my membership on the basis of my presumed genital status, then I'm going to insist on a panty check, not only for myself, but for all Tri-Ess members."

Dallas Denny, popularly believed to be a six-year post-operative transsexual woman, has sent an application to the Society for the Second Self, claiming to be a heterosexual cross-dresser and asking for full membership status. The Society, popularly known as Tri-Ess, is a sorority for heterosexual cross-dressers. Only heterosexual cross-dressers and their female partners are allowed full membership status. Some chapters offer "affiliate" status to those who do not meet requirements for full membership.

Denny, formerly a full member of Tri-Ess, has been an associate member of Tri-Ess' Atlanta-based Sigma Epsilon chapter since 1990, when she submitted her letter of resignation to Sigma Epsilon and was told she was welcome to attend functions as a friend of the chapter.

Over the years, Denny, who has remained active with Tri-Ess, has become increasingly concerned about Tri-Ess membership requirements, which she calls exclusionary.

"And not only exclusionary," she says, "but hypocritical. There are members, chapter officers, and even some members of the national Tri-Ess board who are not heterosexual cross-dressers by any common sense definition of the term. Some live full-time as women, some take hormones. And yet I am identified by Tri-Ess as

transsexual and denied full membership privileges. I presume it's because I've had sex reassignment surgery, but I don't recall a panty check. My genital status is my own business and not Tri-Ess'. If I say I'm a heterosexual cross-dresser, then by golly, I am a heterosexual cross-dresser.

For the purposes of joining Tri-Ess, I'm a heterosexual cross-dresser and as such, I'm applying for full membership privileges. If Tri-Ess denies me membership, then I'm going to insist on a clear explanation why. I don't want to hear that I don't believe in and support the mission of the organization, which is to serve heterosexual cross-dressers and their partners. I do. And I don't want to hear that I'm transsexual. Tri-Ess has no right to label me. If they want to deny my membership on the basis of my presumed genital status, then I'm going to insist on a panty check, not only for myself, but for all Tri-Ess members. And I'm going to ask why others born male who live as women are allowed in while I'm not."

Denny, who founded and is director of the American Educational Gender Information Service, a national clearinghouse for transsexual and transgender issues, was also concerned by the number of Sigma Epsilon members who approached her privately to talk about their issues with homosexuality and

transsexualism.

"Cumulatively over five years, it was more than half of the organization," she said. "We're talking 30 to 40 people. Eventually, I said 'wait a minute!' Something is not adding up here."

Earlier this year, Denny published an article entitled "Heteropocrisy: The Myth of the Heterosexual Crossdresser," in which she brought up her concerns about the massive amounts of denial she had seen in various Tri-Ess chapters. Tri-Ess officials responded by asking the AEGIS Board of Directors to "counsel" with Denny for her criticism in "Heteropocrisy" and other articles. The AEGIS Board has not yet taken action on Tri-Ess' request.

Denny received a Friends of Tri-Ess award in 1992 at the organization's national convention. She displays the award prominently in her home office.

"It's because I am a friend of Tri-Ess that I'm doing this," she says. "Supporting the organization does not require me to condone the membership policy. Let's face it: any organization which excludes homosexuals from membership can only be called homophobic; any organization which excludes transsexuals can only be called transphobic; and any organization which differentially enforces its own rules is in need of reform." ♀