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Sense of sex innate, study shows

The child realized between ages 9 and 11 that he was not biologically a girl.

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A boy reared as a girl after his penis was irreparably damaged has rebelled and now lives as a man, which doctors say suggests sexual identity may be an inborn trait that can't be manipulated.

Researchers became aware of the man after a 1970 accident in which the then-8-month-old's penis was accidentally destroyed during a cauterization to repair a fused foreskin. The boy's doctors recommended that his family raise him as a girl, and he underwent a sex-change operation.

The change was initially thought to be a success, according to a 1973 account by Johns Hopkins University sexologist Dr. John Money.

Money said the boy adjusted well to becoming a girl. That was used to support the idea that infants are more or less sexually neutral at birth and that they develop their sexuality as they are raised.

But researchers who did a follow-up study published in the March issue of Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine said that wasn't the case, adding that Money no longer agrees with his earlier findings. Money declined to discuss the case, saying he did not have the man's permission.

According to the follow-up study, the child began to realize between ages 9 and 11 that he was not biologically a girl. As a young child, he had rejected dolls and tried to urinate standing up, researchers said. Classmates also teased him because he looked like a boy.

At 14, after he had contemplated suicide, his parents told him what had happened and he stopped his hormone therapy, underwent a mastectomy and chose to live as a man.

Later, he had extensive surgery that partially restored his penis, and at age 26 he married a woman and adopted her children.

Researchers Dr. Milton Diamond of the University of Hawaii-Manoa at Honolulu and Dr. H. Keith Sigmundson of the Ministry

of Health of Victoria, British Columbia, say the case suggests that a sense of being male or female is innate and immune to the intervention of doctors, therapists and parents.

Diamond and Sigmundson plan to use their observations to call for changes in the treatment of babies born with ambiguous genitalia, something that happens in about one in every 1,000 births.

Treatment now usually consists of designating them female because it is more difficult to turn ambiguous genitals into penises than vaginas.

Well kids - here you go.

I've included two other articles, I thought you may like.

All is well with us and

Anti-Gay group loses bid for recognition

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Pennsylvania State University's student supreme court on Feb. 16 denied official recognition to an anti-Gay group, the Philadelphia Gay News reported.

The board ruled 5-0 that the group, Students Reinforcing Adherence in General Heterosexual Tradition (STRAIGHT), would likely be "detrimental to the university community." STRAIGHT has appealed to the student organization appeals board.

Teacher in trouble for 'het test'

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NORTHBOROUGH, Mass. — School officials are investigating high school teacher Doug Matthews after a parent complained that the "heterosexuality questionnaire" he gave to a first-year high school history class was not appropriate, Bay Windows reported.

Matthews said the survey was meant to challenge students' assumptions about sexual orientation. One question was, "What do you think caused your heterosexuality?"

I hope the same is true where you are. I look forward to working closely with The Mental Health Asso. of Delaware, if I'm not committed to an Institution first!

I confess at times it is; "no" than I bargained for thank you for all the help you have showered me with.

Yours In Christ,
Alice In Wonderland

P.S. I have been told I have airline tickets if the need arises, ~~it's~~ that just so nice?! isn't

P.S.S. Way To Go Richard!