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# WHEN MIRRORS LIE

*Dealt a difficult  
hand by nature,  
excluded by mainstream  
society and many queer  
activists, transsexuals  
reflect their own truths*

by Teri Ventura

Hormones saved my life. Without them I would be dead.”  
Asked to say more about what he means by this, Ken Morris’ one-word response is, “Suicide.”

After a few moments of silence Morris continues, “I lived for so long with an internal image of myself as a man—a male voice, coming out of a male body—only to speak and hear a female voice, or to look in the mirror at the female body others saw, and it drove me crazy. Early on, I would try to do everything I could to make myself look and sound externally like the man I experienced myself to be internally. Nothing worked. So I avoided using the voice that wasn’t mine, and I didn’t let others touch the body that didn’t belong

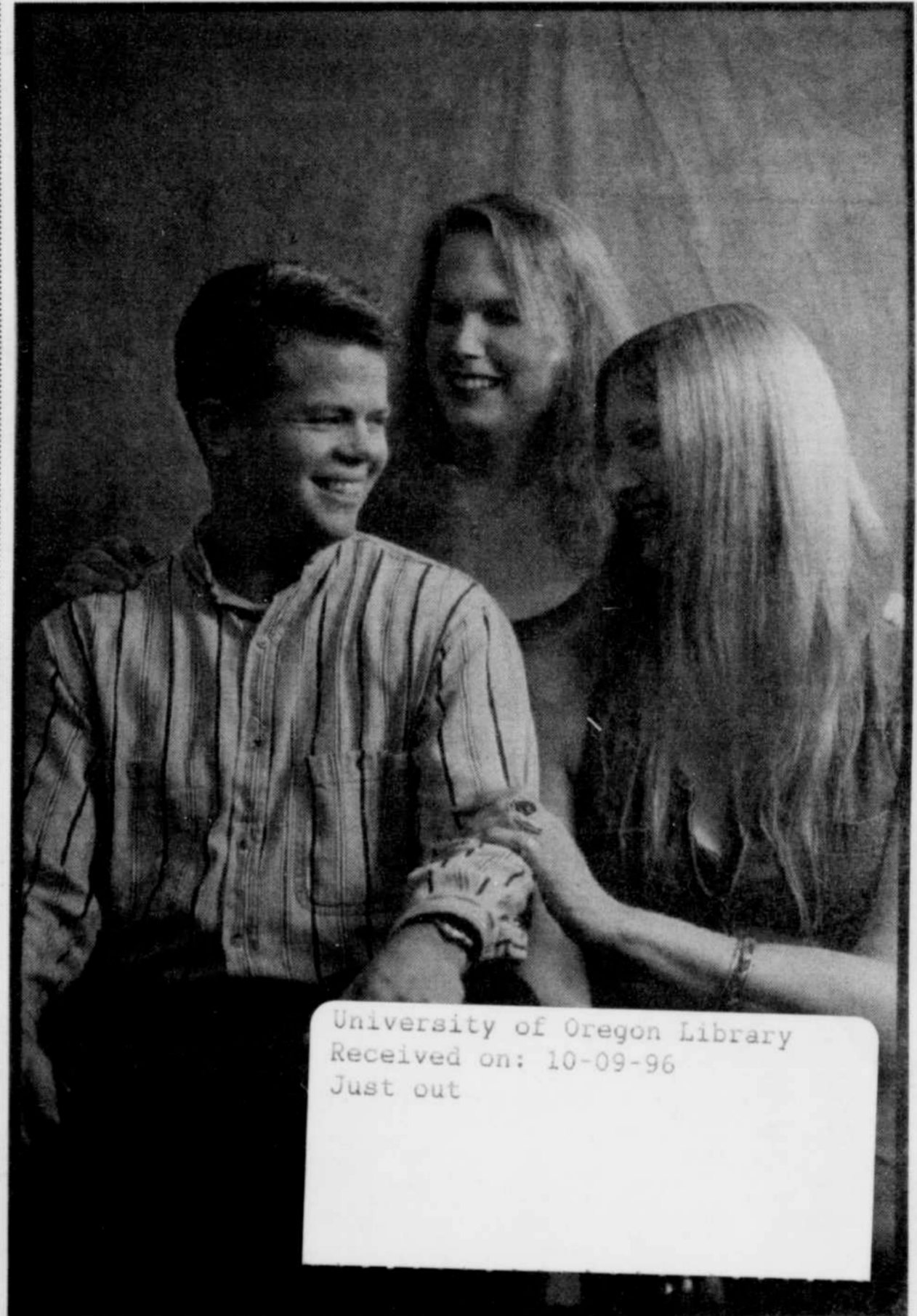


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(Left to right) Ken Morris, Rachel Koteles, Margaret Deirdre O'Hartigan

to me. It was too painful. My life was in a downward spiral. I was so worn out from years of living with a discordant body image, and I couldn't see a way to continue. Then I got a diagnosis, which allowed me to get hormones. I started taking the hormones, and the internal and external images began to match. That's when things started to turn around for me.”

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