

# SHELIX. ♀ TO ♀ S/M SUPPORT

May 1, 1990

Dear Friend,

I have been nominated to speak at the 20th Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride Celebration in Boston on Saturday, June 9. Nominations came from the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual communities and final speaker selections will be determined, as well, by vote from the people in our communities.

I have enclosed a ballot form on which you may cast your vote and I urge you to check off my name so that I may address those gathered at the Boston rally next month. (Please note that you may check off only one name.)

To summarize my community work, I have directed a national Lesbian archives for thirteen of its sixteen years, and I have founded and directed SHELIX, a woman-to-woman S/M organization, for seven years. In addition, I have presented numerous community workshops on S/M Liberation, Lesbians and AIDS, Safe Sex for S/M People, the Herstory of the Lesbian Movement, and on the Story of the New Alexandria Lesbian Library. I was a featured speaker at the Northampton Pride March/Rally in 1985 and 1987.

As a 40-year-old working class Lesbian, as a Sadomasochist, and as a female-to-male Transvestite, if invited to address the Boston Pride Rally, I will focus my presentation on the inclusion of all sexual minorities (specifically, S/Mers, Leatherpeople, TVs, TSs and Bisexuals) in the support and progress of the Lesbian and Gay Movement. I believe a new Sexual Minorities Movement (or several Movements) is emerging from the Lesbian and Gay Liberation Movement, similarly to how the Lesbian and Gay Movement emerged from the Women's Movement which emerged from the Anti-War and Civil Rights Movements. I will speak to new value being put on diversity and solidarity among all sexual minorities, and an end to oppression and exclusion which is still so prevalent within the Lesbian and Gay communities against other sexual preferences.

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Of most direct benefit to you, I will be a proud and visible spokesperson for S/Mers, Leatherpeople and Transgender people ... voices too often silenced from the history/herstory and movement forward of Lesbians and Gays.

Won't you help me speak for us all? Just return the enclosed ballot to the Boston Pride Committee (xerox copies for your friends first!) before May 18. If you would like more information, call me at [REDACTED]. Thank you so much, in advance.

Sincerely,

*Bet Power*

Bet Power  
Director, SHELIX  
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