

Lavender Lizzie: Queeries and Quandries

Dear Lavender Lizzie,
What is it about lesbians and Subarus? I don't think a pride sticker is part of the exterior options package yet but that can't be far off!

Signed,
Do I have to get one?

Dear Do I have to,

It depends on whether or not you wish to be perceived as a real lesbian. If so, then the answer is yes, you do have to get one. There is such a thing as proper etiquette, even in the lesbian culture. And just as one wouldn't show up for a formal dinner party in one's pajamas, one wouldn't show up at a lesbian event in, say, a Chrysler.

Now, there is a hardy group of lesbians who have managed to wrest some changes in lesbian culture by showing up in

trucks. For the formal dance, one still has to use the Subaru

By the way, it will have to be an Outback or a Forester. Unless you plan to arrive, as Lizzie always does, in a horse-drawn carriage, it simply wouldn't do for a lesbian to drive a sedan.

Lovingly,

Lavender Lizzie

Dear Lavender Lizzie,

Being androgynous has always been fine with me - 'til now. I want to go to butch-femme socials, but I don't know whether to wear my boots or my Birkenstocks.

I have always seen myself as somewhat of a tomboi, and I think I have that reputation; but compared to the "bois" I know, I am femme. I always wear jeans and

T-shirts, adorned with neither a heavy-chained wallet nor pretty graphics. I am soft and reflective, and I hate violence and intense competition. But I also love carpentry and enjoy the feeling of my own power. In the streets, as in the sheets, I tend to be a bit more butch I think ... but I also love being treated gently and somewhat protected by a stronger butch.

So ... do I have to stay home from the ball?

Signed,
Betwixed

Dear Betwixed,

Let's see, did the rules change somewhere in Lesbian Culture? Was there something in the announcement that said that you can only go to Butch-Femme socials if your gender presentation was fixed into eternity? If so, then

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I'm afraid, my dear, that you will have to stay home. It simply sounds as if you are in too much flux to be allowed to participate!

>If, however, the social is intended (as Miss Lizzie suspects it is) as a fun event in which ladies can play with gender roles, then, by all means, go and enjoy yourself. As to whether to wear boots or Birkenstocks, I can assure you that under no circumstances may Birkenstocks

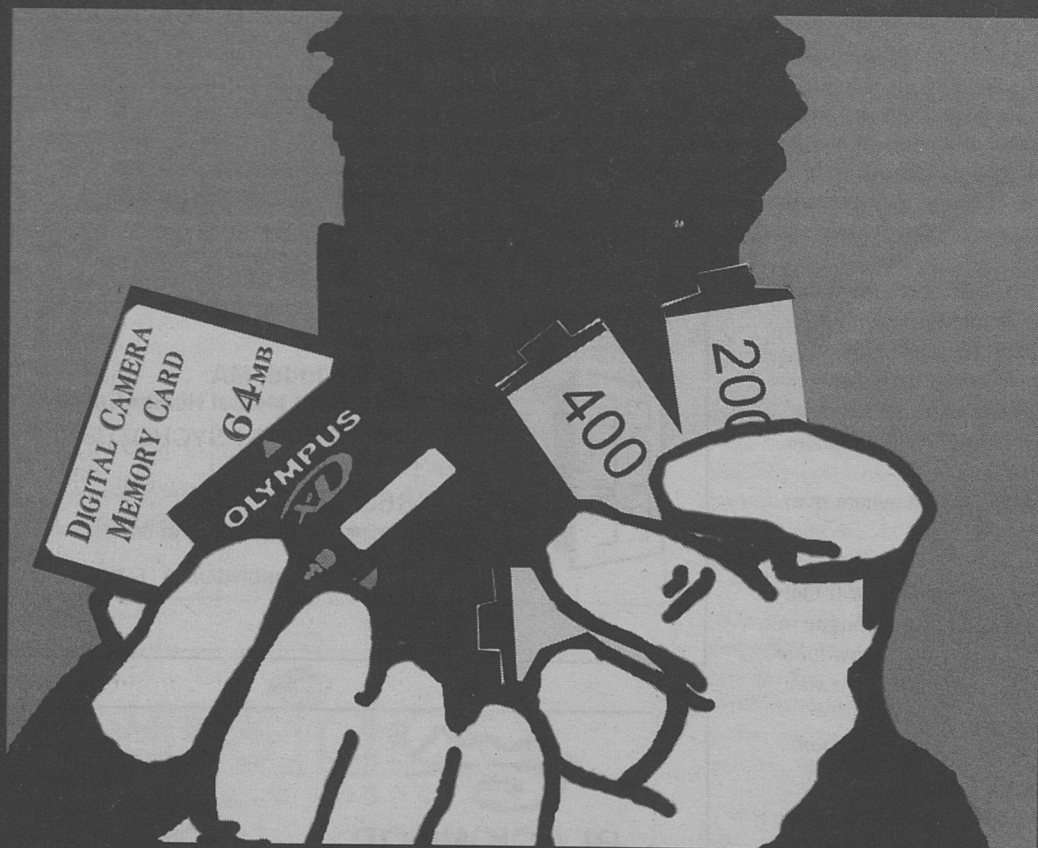
be worn. Why would any self-respecting femme select a comfortable, reasonable shoe when a stiletto heel is available? The very fact that you can't decide between Birks and Boots indicates that you are definitely on the Butch end of things. Wear your carpenter pants, dear. Have a tool or two hanging from the belt. You have NO IDEA how sexy it is for a femme to see a lady with a hammer hanging by her side. Especially on the dance floor... Enjoy!

Lovingly,

Lavender Lizzie

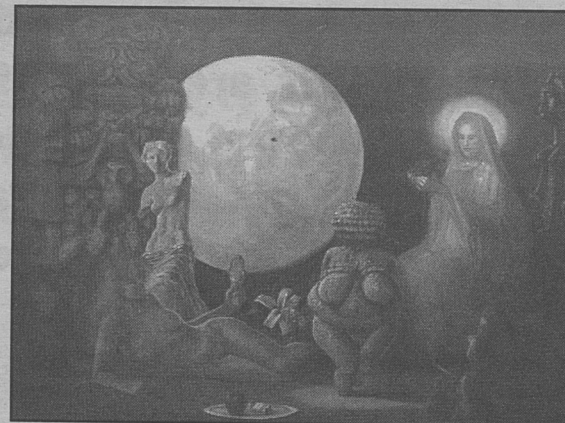
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