

FUNDRAISING & PROGRAM COMMITTEES

At the meeting jointly of these 2 committees on 2-24 little was able to be really accomplished due to low, make that no, attendance. With only the 3 Chairs working events discussed included a Skate-a-thon, a Gay Arts Festival to include video & film events, a Casino night, the 2nd NLA Carnival, and several others. It was decided that next years calendar will be set at the next comm. meeting. More input and member participation is vital. The joint committees drafted and presented to the Board a new operating proposed policy designed to encourage better member participation and somewhat smoother operation in the future.

CONFERENCE NOTE

With the mailing of the registration and exhibitor information packets members should note a discount on direct conference events available to members only. The Conference Registration Comm. (being well directed by E. Lozon) have developed a variety of plans available for registration. NLA members are being offered a discount on costs of the basic Conference fees that is over 10%. The committee was not able to offer discounts on food, housing, or any of the entertainments planned due to fixed costs. Although costs may at first appear high, I might mention recently seeing an advertisement for a 1-day seminar in a local hotel. The price included 2½ hours in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. No meals or rooms or anything - even the basic materials packet was \$50.00. The early registration free -- \$245.00! (It went up to \$295 if under 30 days in advance.) Even if you take the luxury single with all the works, we're still getting a big bargain. Good Work to our Committee.

Just a reminder that the dates for our 2nd Conference "*Living in Leather II*" are AUGUST 28, 29, & 30. The Executive in has excellent facilities (some rooms are available with private hot tubs). A closing party is being planned.

Start planning now - We are!

AFFILIATE CALENDAR

MARCH

- 25 GMSMA "Brief Encounters" 8:30 PM
(all GMSMA events are located at 208 W. 13th St. N.Y.C)
- 29 MR. WASHINGTON STATE LEATHER
Seattle EAGLE 6:00 PM

APRIL

- 5 "Another Damn Fundraiser" 5:30-7:
Seattle EAGLE for Gay Pride Comm.
Mr. Seattle Leather sponser
- 3-4-5 SPARKS Tavern 3rd Anniversary
- 8 GMSMA "Diferent Strokes"
Abraision Scenes 8:30 PM
- 11 Defenders Kegger
Seattle EAGLE 8-10PM
\$1.00 cover to D.Morgan Fund

MAY

- 2&3 First Anniversary
The Tradesmen, Atlanta
- 16 Mr. Carolina Drummer 1987
Charoltte, N.C.
- 17 Mr. SEATTLE DRUMMER 6:00 PM
Sparks
- 23-24-25 15th Anniversary Weekend
Seattle Jet Chapter K. of M.
- 23-24-25 International MR. Leather
Chicago

JUNE

- 4 Black and Blue III SDG

SEPTEMBER

- 10-11-12-13 "Inferno XVI"
Hellfire Club, Chicago

OCTOBER

- 9-10-11 5th Avvniversary
VASM Vancouver, B.C.

NATIONAL MARCH

NLA Publicist, Cookie Hune, has been selected to serve as a representative to the Northwest Regional Committee of the National March on Washington to be held October 11th. As such Cookie will have direct input into the National Steering Committee. She promises to keep us both informed and part of the planning picture.

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MR LEATHER 87

Fri March 27 Leather Night

Sat March 28 NLA Hosted PreContest
Stepping Down Party 8pm Buffet

Sun March 29 MR LEATHER
Contest 6pm \$5 Cover

First Prize \$100

Round Trip To Chicago

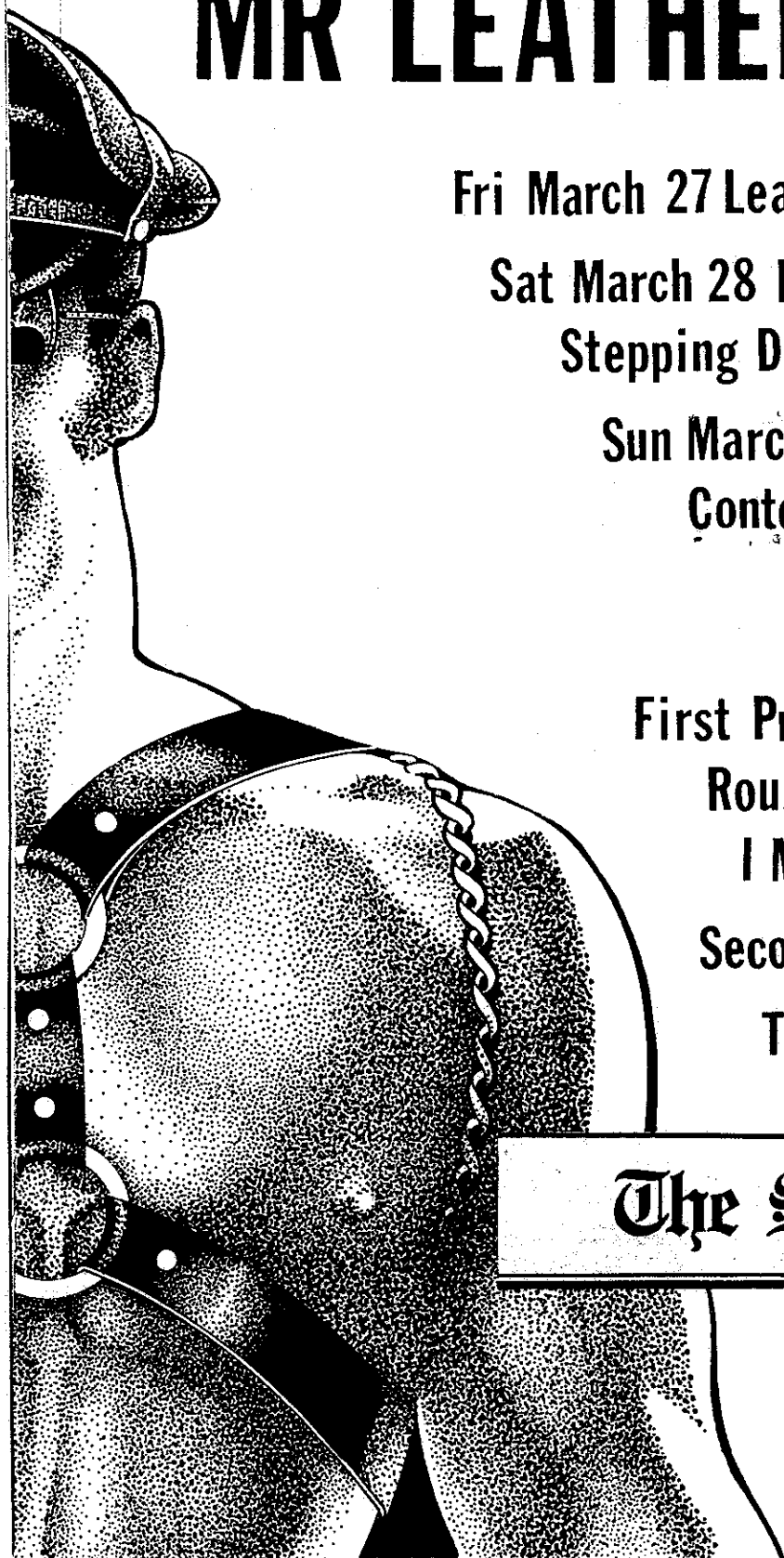
I M L Entry

Second Place \$50

Third Place \$25

The Seattle Eagle

314 East Pike
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As a result of discussions which were frequently very intense at the most recent meeting of the Board of Directors, two new Operating Policies were adopted by the Board. They are printed below:

MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

In order to encourage general membership participation in both the operation and functions of the Association, the Board will encourage more frequent meetings, both official and unofficial (Meetings that will not transact business) than required by the By-laws of the Association. Both the Members' Letter issued monthly and the Quarterly Journal will include information from standing committees and agents. In this regard, the Secretary must receive copies of minutes of any and all meetings for publication in the next members' letter at the immediately following meeting of the Board.

APPARENT CONFLICT of ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS

In its dealing with other affiliate organizations and/or activities, the Board must insure that at no time is there possible perception of contradiction between Association statement of intent, and observed action. Even if the perception is based on incorrect information, or is in fact not actual, the perception alone shall warrant Board action to either avoid the situation, alter the relationship with the affiliate or activity, or remove NLA connection in its entirety.



MAY MEETING

As required by our By-laws, our Semi-Annual General Membership meeting will be held the 2nd Tuesday in May, the 12th, at 7:30 PM at SPARKS. We will hold election of 4 Board members to one year terms. Persons considering running for election should inform the Secretary in advance, if possible, in order that we may complete our elections as efficiently as possible. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. We will also act on National level By-laws, hear reports from our Officers and committees and agents. All members need to plan to attend, in order to meet our requirements for quorum. This is made more difficult due to our large non-local membership. Please mark your calendars NOW.



Time again for my harpoons and hyacinths. Maybe you've noticed the new page length. I increased the size solely to subject you to longer versions of my wit and wisdom.

First, 2 "Thank you"s. On March 1, our President held a little affair at the Eagle which I (being only a little nasty) referred to in our last issue as "Bargain Bottoms". This Slave Auction presented 7 men who made their time available for bid. With SM's fairly brief (for him) running commentary, nearly \$800. was raised. In my opinion some of the buys really were bargains. Steve informed the Board that about \$400. will come to NLA for the Caucus. Our sincere "Thanks" to him and all the participants. I might also add thanks for starting on time - a Seattle first.

Second "Thanks" go to member Phil Krogmeier for a generous donation of computer paper for our data processing and several binders to yours truly as Secretary. With a value in excess of \$150. this donation is greatly appreciated. "Thanks Phil!"

Now for the fun--Harpoons. This time the first goes to the bumbling bureaucrats of Vancouver B.C. who still haven't completed the necessary licensing for "Mack" and Jean-Claude to open the Vancouver Eagle. The potential for a leather bar in Vancouver is exciting and the plans are great (I've seen them)! Province politicians should get over being so provincial! Opening date is postponed indefinitely and I'll fill you in further next letter.

Another "Thanks" to T. Everett, our V.P. for completing our NLA Logo. She says that the 87 Conference logo will be related in design. Good Work.

Lots of Harpoons. To all you members who are just reading and not doing. At the last meeting of the Fundraising & Program Comm's, nobody showed up but the Chairs! When we wrote our By-laws we were criticised about too few people running the show. Well kids--that's just what's happening now and it's by your choice! If you don't like it - get off you butts and do something. The next Program comm. meeting (3-24) will plan next years calendar, help them make it a good one.

Hope to see you all at the EAGLE, Sat. the 28th for the Pre-Contest Party. Come & meet the judges and contestants. There'll be a free buffet. 8 to 10 PM.

See you there.

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LIVING IN LEATHER II

1987

AUGUST 28,29,30



SELF DEFENSE

Just in case you think I've been making up the entire story about the Vancouver Eagle, this is their logo.



I think the design is great.

Good luck to Jean-Claude & Mack.

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NEW FORMAT

The new appearance of our Members' Letter is the result of several measures. First our Logo needed to appear on the front and this altered our cover. The longer format is an attempt to increase space without adding weight for postage by utilizing the back cover as its own envelope. We'll most likely soon go to 2 longer sheets. If there's something special you think would fit into this style and format, let me know (G. Nelson your beloved Secretary) and we may be able to add new ideas.

