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**BOARD IN BRIEF**

President Vik Stump welcomed new Board members, and announced a ceremony and party in memory of Mack Mackinnon to be held in Vancouver, BC, Nov. 26, starting at 2 in Nelson Park, and continuing at Chuck's Lounge at the Heritage House. Vik proposed a clothing drive, with dropoff points to be at Jan Lyon's house or SGN offices, the clothes going to AIDS charities. Vik proposes a travel fund to support titleholders, members, and leaders in their necessary travels to other cities. Vik has also proposed a raffle for 1989, with the winner to get tickets to San Francisco or Chicago.

A sympathy card from John Ferrari & Jerry Crumpley expressing all our loss in Mack's death was read. Attention was drawn to the letter (see inside this newsletter) from Nan Borrowers. (Cont.)

**NLA CALENDAR**

**\*\*DECEMBER, 1988\*\***

- 2 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Bar Night 9:30 PM
- 3 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Cutting/Temp. Piercing VGLC  
J. Brown 7:30 PM
- 11 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 11 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Toyland Express Eagle  
Kegger/Benefit  
Deadline FIRST LINK III:1
- 18 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Board Meeting 5 PM
- 18 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Children's Holiday Party
- 1,8,15,22,29 LEATHER NIGHT SEATTLE  
Sparks
- 2,9,16,23,30 NLA NIGHT SEATTLE:Eagle

**\*\*JANUARY, 1989\*\***

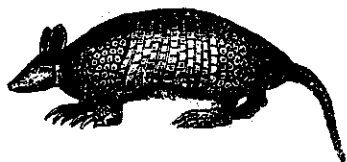
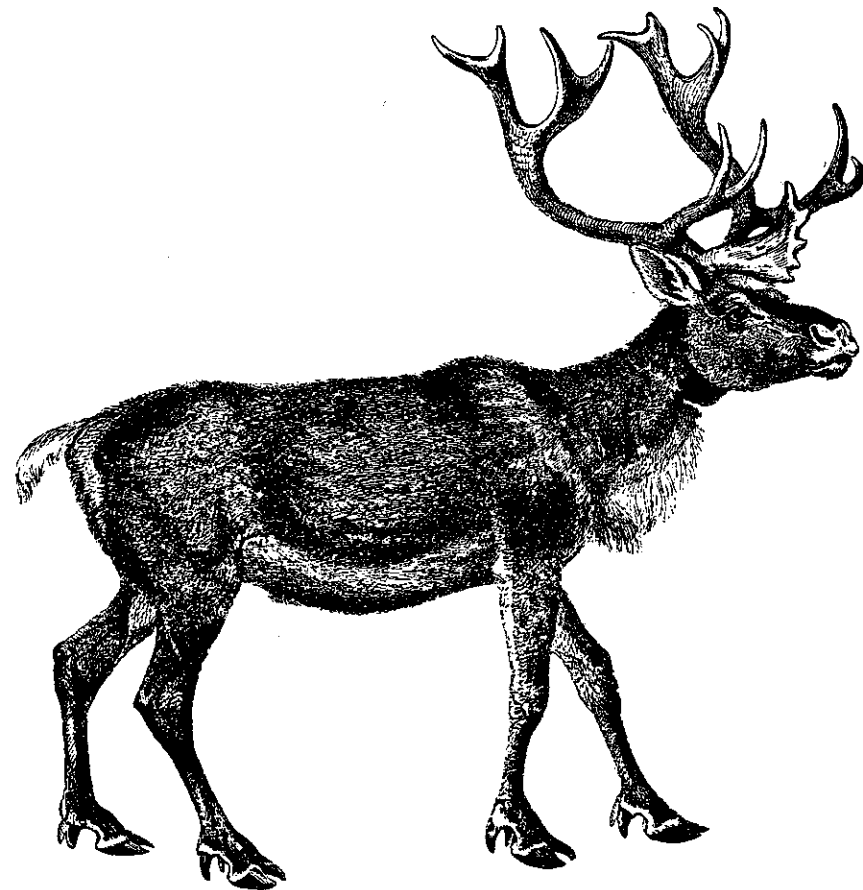
- 8 Deadline FIRST LINK III:2
- 8 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 15 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Board Meeting 5PM

**\*\*FEBRUARY, 1989\*\***

- 4 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Black Heart's Ball
- 12 Deadline FIRST LINK III:3
- 12 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 19 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Board Meeting 5PM

**\*\*MARCH, 1989\*\***

- 4 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Formal Dinner & Ball
- 12 Deadline FIRST LINK III:4
- 12 NLA:BC VANCOUVER  
Board Meeting 7 PM VGLC
- 18 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
IMSL Regional Sendoff
- 19 NLA:SEATTLE SEATTLE  
Board Meeting 5PM



Holiday Party

Dec. 17 7 PM

SPARKS Tavern

\$2 or a toy (members)

**PARTY!**

CHAPTER NEWS

It is that time of year--November is election time all over. We are happy to bring you news here from the two NLA Chapters, and the Chapter-in-Formation, regarding elections and other things.

NLA:B.C.

The recent death of Mack Mackinnon, formerly Co-Chair of NLA:BC and a prominent leather activist, has stunned all of us. We especially wish to express our concern to NLA:BC and its officers and members, who were privileged to have Mack in their midst.

NLA:BC held Board Elections on November 6. Officers in NLA:BC for the coming year include Jan Brown--Co-Chair, Myrna McLaughlin--Secretary, Larry Gillis--Treasurer/Membership, and Stephanie Stewart & Hoddy Allan--Co-ordinators.

NLA:BC's Fetish & Fantasy Ball II was a resounding success, a sell-out, a delightful event, a money-maker, in fact a TOTAL SMASH HIT!!! Congratulations on another bang-up event, Vancouver. On the agenda for December 3, 1988, for NLA:BC is a Cutting and Temporary Piercing workshop, to be conducted by Jan Brown. This will occur at 7:30 PM at the Vancouver Gay & Lesbian Center, and is open to men and women. The VGLC is located at 1170 Bute St, Vancouver, BC, V6E-1Z6. This is also the new mailing address for NLA:BC. Remember that if you are a member of NLA:BC to send your renewal dues to them at that address.

NLA:PORTLAND

On November 16, the chapter-in-formation NLA:PORTLAND met. In October, they had elected temporary officers: S.Huber--President, K.Kossel--Vice President, and S.Shepherd--Secretary. Nominations are being accepted in November and December, and a general election will be held in January, 1989. NLA:PORTLAND has accepted the new statement of purpose for the NLA; they have also written their by-laws. If you are an Oregon NLA member and have not yet made contact with NLA:PORTLAND, you may reach them at P.O.Box 3781, Portland Oregon, 97208. We are also mailing this issue to all Oregon non-members on our mailing list; we would be pleased if you were to get in contact with NLA:PORTLAND at the above address.

PORTLAND LEATHERWOMAN

Leatherwoman Productions in Portland Oregon has announced the 1989 Portland Leatherwoman Contest, to be held January 14, 1989, Upstairs at the Embers. For information, please contact Judy and Sashie at 2605 SE Woodward, Portland, Oregon, 97202.

NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY PARTY  
HOLIDAY PARTY----DECEMBER 17----SPARK'S TAVERN  
7 PM. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!!!!  
ADMISSION \$2 TO NLA MEMBERS/\$3 OTHERS,  
OR BRING A CHILD'S TOY FOR THE KIDS' PARTY.  
COME CELEBRATE ANOTHER YEAR WITH US.

NLA:SEATTLE

On November 13, NLA:SEATTLE had its semi-annual general members meeting at Sparks Tavern in Seattle. The turnout was good; we were pleased to accept renewals from many members, and to welcome several new members to NLA:SEATTLE. An election of Board Members and Officers was held: returning as President is Vik Stump; Vice President is Jeff Henness; Treasurer is Rick Orr; Secretary is Jan Lyon. New Board Members include Honor, Les Scampfer, George Nelson, and Jaye Walker. Continuing on the Board are Julie Hansford, Wayne Gloege, and Lainey Beitler. We welcome back returning Board members and Officers, and bid a hearty "Hello" to new ones. Also, during the course of the meeting, certain by-law changes which had been proposed and published were ratified, including a measure to lower the quorum required for general meetings, and several added duties for the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of NLA:SEATTLE.

Events coming up in December are seasonal in nature, including the Toyland Express Kegger on December 11 at the Eagle (bring toys--for children--to this event.) They will be distributed to children of lesbians and gays, with leftovers to be given to the general Toys-for-Tots drive in Seattle. Watch for collection barrels at several local watering holes. On December 18 will be a children's holiday party.

NLA:NATIONAL

Votes are coming in on the ballot mailed some weeks ago to all members, but if you have not returned your ballot, please do so AT ONCE, as all votes count. Remember that all of the mail-return ballots must be post-marked by November 30 to be valid. We have had inquiries about chapter formation in Denver, San Francisco, and San Diego. Also, we are gathering some membership strength in New England, Virginia, and Ohio, so we also hope to look for chapters forming in those areas. As we receive more news of chapters-in-formation, we will of course announce it to you in these pages.

NLA:SEATTLE BOARD POLICY

All Board Meetings of NLA:Seattle are open to all members of the NLA. If you have issues or concerns, or if you just want to see how the Seattle Board "operates," do come to our meetings.

THANK YOU!

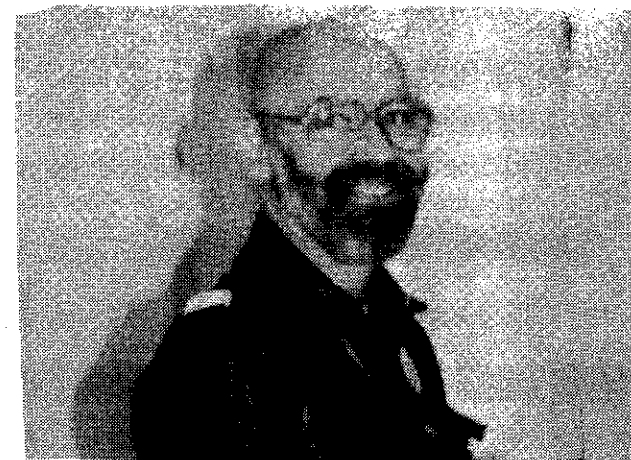
At the November 13 general meeting of NLA: SEATTLE, several new officers and directors were elected...and for every new person you elect, you must say goodbye to someone else who is retiring. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Keith Hughes, our ex-Vice President, Charles Harbaugh, our former Treasurer, and to Dean Dunlap and Cookie Hunt, former Directors of the organization. We appreciate all of the work which you have done, and know that you will stay involved with NLA:SEATTLE, and with NLA:NATIONAL through your involvement with the National Advisory Council of the NLA. We also wish to express sincere appreciation to George Nelson, our original Secretary, who has now moved into a general Board Position. The job of Secretary is particularly involved; we appreciate your work.

A NEW STAR SHINES IN TACOMA

On November 19, 1988, the first annual Puget Sound Mr. & Ms. Leather Competition was held at the 24th St. Tavern in Tacoma, Washington. The Contest was hosted by "Leather Star," a non-profit organization designed to help realize the dream of an AIDS patient. MCs of the evening were Les Scampfer and Topaz. The competition was spirited, with three women (Lonzi, Rhani, and Cooper Aaxton) and two men (Rick Orr and Rick Hamilton) vyeing for the two titles. After a series of events (Interview, Swim Suit Competition, Leather Fantasy, Question and Answer, and Leather Image), the winners were announced: for the women, 2nd runner up Rhani, 1st runner up Lonzi, and winner Cooper Aaxton; for the men 1st runner up Rick Hamilton and winner Rick Orr. The winners will go on to compete in their respective national competitions in San Francisco and Chicago. This contest will be an annual Tacoma event, and is open to any man or woman living in the Puget Sound area. Leather Star may be contacted at P.O.Box 5482, Tacoma, WA, 98405-0482. --w.g.

TYPOGRAPHICAL BOO--BOOS REVEALED, CONFESSED

As, regrettably, must be the case with almost any mailing, there were certain "typos" in the voting sheet sent several weeks ago to all NLA members, as follows: Point 5 (regarding separation of NLA:SEATTLE & NLA: NATIONAL funds) gives a date of November 30, 1989; that should, of course, have been 1988. The word "clubs" in the statement of purpose indicates "organizations" as opposed to private or commercial nightclubs or contact services. In point 11, the use of the word permanent refers to the permanent role of officer (as opposed to the temporary National Advisory Council), and NOT to the tenure of office of any future officer.



MACK MACKINNON

We are saddened to have to report to you the death of Mack Mackinnon, of Vancouver, BC. After a short hospitalization, Mack died early on the morning of November 11, 1988, of pneumonia. He is mourned by all of us. Mack had been a leader in the Vancouver gay and leather communities, devoting his seemingly inexhaustible energy to AIDS funding, to the GAY GAMES scheduled for Vancouver in 1990, to his recently-won presidency of VASM, and to NLA:BC, which he helped organize and found, and whose co-chair he had been from the beginning.

Mack never seemed to miss a major leather event; he attended IML and IMsL, all three LIL Conferences, NLA Mayday events, and most every contest around. Many of us wear his beautifully crafted leathers with pride. Mack had won recognition for his activities throughout the Western States, and he is as thoroughly missed in San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle as in Vancouver. His death leaves a gap in leather leadership which will not easily be filled.

LIVING IN LEATHER IV:HELP NEEDED

Though no details may yet be announced regarding Living in Leather IV (tentatively scheduled for Columbus Day weekend, 1989, in Seattle, WA.), we do know one thing, that we will need YOUR help in order to produce this event. We need local people to help with planning, and hauling, and typing, and graphics, and organization, and support of all kinds. We need people around the country to contribute ideas, talents, and above all publicity. We are looking for liaisons in cities throughout the country to help spread the word about Living in Leather, to distribute articles to the media, to distribute posters, etc. We need help from our dynamic leaders and spokespersons to put together the best doggoned set of workshops you ever saw. If you have time, talents, or ideas to contribute, please contact the NLA at POB 17463, Seattle, WA., 98107.



INDIVIDUAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION

The National Leather Association is a non-profit organization chartered in the State of Washington, designed as a social, educational, and charitable arm of the National Leather Community. The NLA attempts to provide a positive statement of the Leather/SM/Fetish lifestyle, to act as a clearinghouse for information of related community events around the country, to provide fundraising for related charitable organizations, and to strengthen the leather community both internally and externally.

Through increased membership and familiarization to the National Leather Community, via NLA publications and events, the NLA has grown in size and strength to become a major resource to the community on both local and national levels. Via events such as the annual LIVING IN LEATHER Conference, the leather community is growing in visibility and solidarity, which will increase our social recognition and stability. The NLA provides a positive atmosphere and attitude for ALL members of our community, particularly those who are just recognizing their own sexuality or those who have received negative attitudes from their immediate surroundings.

Membership is open to all men and women who support our goals and who pay the required dues.

DUES

Membership dues are \$25.00 annually. All payments to be in U.S. Funds. Renewal dates shall be on the 1-year anniversary of initial payments.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (full name please)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
(all information above to be considered confidential)

"I have read the above, am in agreement with the Goals of the NLA, and wish to become a member, supporting the N.L.A. in its efforts at activism and public service. I certify that I am at least 21 years of age."

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Please return with check or money order to:

NATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 17463  
SEATTLE, WA. 98107

# NATIONAL



# CALENDAR

**NOVEMBER, 1988**										**MARCH, 1989**				
25	VASM	VANCOUVER, BC	9-11	NLC FRANKEN	NUREMBERG, GER	18	FIRE DANCERS MC	DALLAS	15	GMSMA	N.Y.C.	4	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE
	Tits-R-Us Night	Ms.T's		Christkindelsmarkt			General Meeting			Anniversary 8 Dinner			Formal Dinner/Ball	
25	ADVENTURERS SUN COAST	ST.PETRSBRG	10	KNIGHTS TEMPLAR	S.F.	18	COPPERSTATE LTHRMN'S	PHOENIX AZ	16	LFRR:ESSEN	ESSEN,GER	4	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
	Bar Night			Party			Christmas Kegger 5PM	Bum Steer		Stammtisch	Go-In		Member Only Dungeon	Paddles
25	NLA Night	SEATTLE	10	RURALS MC	ROERMOND	19	L.A.JANUS	LOS ANGELES	18	GMSMA	N.Y.C.	8	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
	10 PM	Eagle		Club Night	Sjinderhannes		Women's C.R.Group			Board Meeting			Flog/Whip Demos	Paddles
25	FFA--TAMPA	TAMPA,FL	X 10	BRIAR ROSE	WESTERVILLE,OH	19	LFRR:ESSEN	ESSEN,GER	20	Ms.S.F.Lesbian	S.F.	10	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
	Meeting			Meeting			Stammtisch	Go-In		Kennel Club			Workshop:Spank/Flog	
X 26	BRIAR ROSE	WESTERVILLE,OH	10	FFA MIAMI	MIAMI,FL	21	SM GAYS	LONDON,ENG.	21	III VLC	SPRINGFIELD,MA	15	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
	Meeting			Christmas Dinner/Meeting			Making Contact 8:15	LLGC		Bar Night	Quarry		Board Meeting	
26	HARTFORD COLTS	HARTFORD,CT	10	CONQUISTADORS	ORLANDO,FL	21	GMSMA	N.Y.C.	25	AVATAR	LOS ANGELES	18	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE
	Toys-4-Tots/AIDS Bnft	Bearristers		Santa Saturday			Board Meeting			SM 101 Program			IMSL Regional Sendoff	
26	BUCKS M.C.	BUCKINGHAM,PA	10	BATALLION MC	DALLAS	22	Leather Night Sparks	SEATTLE	25	GMSMA	N.Y.C.	22	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
	Santa Saturday			Christmas Party			FIRE DANCERS	DALLAS		Meeting:Novices	Center		S/M Erotic Art	Center
26	THE RURALS	REMOND,NETH	11	ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS	DENVER	27	Beer Bust	Trestle	27	FFA--TAMPA	TAMPA,FL	X 23-26	INTL.MS.LEATHER	S.F.
	Club Night	Sjinderhannes		Christmas Party			FFA--TAMPA	TAMPA,FL		Meeting			I.M.S.L.Weekend	
26	VASM	VANCOUVER,BC	11	NLA:BC	VANCOUVER	29	Leather Night Sparks	SEATTLE	27	VASM	VANCOUVER,BC	X 25	INTL.MS.LEATHER	S.F.
	Demo Night-Body Deprivation			Board Meeting 7 PM	GLC		VASM	VANCOUVER,BC		Pub Night	Ms.T's		Intl.Ms.Leather Contest	
27	VASM	VANCOUVER,BC	11	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE	30	ADVENTURERS SUN COAST	ST.PETRSBRG	28	VASM	VANCOUVER,BC	31	VASM	VANCOUVER,BC
	Board Meeting			Toyland Express Keg-	Eagle		Bar Night/New Year's party			Demo Night	ROERMOND		Bar Night	Ms.T's
27	FIRE DANCERS	DALLAS	X 11	OUTCASTS	S.F.	30	VASM	VANCOUVER,BC	29	RURALS MC	Sjinderhannes			
	Beer Bust 5-9 PM	Trestle		Steering Comm.		31	Demo Night			Club Night	VANCOUVER,BC			
			11	MC MEN OF NEW MEXICO	ALBUQUERQUE	31	RURALS MC	ROERMOND		Board Meeting				
				Christmas Dinner			Club Night	Sjinderhannes						
**DECEMBER, 1988**			14	DREIZEHN	CAMBRIDGE,MA	31	TWO WHEELERS OF OMAHA	OMAHA,NB	X 3	KNIGHTS D'ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	2	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE
1	L.A.JANUS	LOS ANGELES		Meeting	Paradise		Pig Out Buffet	Diamond Bar		Mardi Gras Hospitality			Rocky Horror Picture	
	Zone Night		14	GMSMA	N.Y.C.	31-Jan.2	PHILADELPHIANS MC	PHILADEL.	4	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE	2	VASM	VANCOUVER,BC
1	Leather Night Sparks	SEATTLE		Holiday Social	Paddles		Tri-Cen VI Run		4	Black Hearts Ball			Board Meeting	
2	NLA:BC	VANCOUVER	14	AVATAR	LOS ANGELES				4	LOGE 70	ZURICH,SWITZ	12	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
	Bar Night 9:30 PM			Safety in Scenes Programs		**JANUARY, 1989**			4	Club Night	Barfusser		Meeting:Shaving	Paddles
2	NLA Night	SEATTLE	15	Leather Night Sparks	SEATTLE	1	VASM	VANCOUVER,BC	4	MS PANTHER	COLOGNE,GER	14	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
	10 PM	Eagle		OUTCASTS	S.F.		Board Meeting		4	"Night in Venice"			Workshop:Shaving	
3	ADVENTURERS SUN COAST	ST.PETRSBRG	16	Program		2	LFRR:ESSEN	ESSEN,GER	6	LFRR:ESSEN	ESSEN,GER	19	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
	Bar Night			NLA Night	SEATTLE		Club Night	Go-In	8	Club Night	Go-In		Board Meeting	
3	T-BOLTS	WESTPORT,CT	16	10 PM	Eagle	7	T-BOLTS	WESTPORT,CT	8	GMSMA	N.Y.C.	26	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
	Bar Night/Xmas Party	The Brook		GMSMA	N.Y.C.		Bar Night	Brook	10	Staying Together	Center		Meeting/Uniforms	Center
3	LA:BC	VANCOUVER,BC	16	Workshop:Advanced Bondage		7	SIGMA	WASH,DC	10	GMSMA	N.Y.C.	28	VASM	VANCOUVER,BC
	Cutting/Temp.Piercing	GLC		L.A.JANUS	LOS ANGELES		Party (tentative)			Novices Seminar			Bar Night	Ms.T's
3	Jan.B. 7:30 PM		17	JANUS--S.F.	S.F.	7	LOGE 70	ZURICH,SWITZ	11	RURALS MC	ROERMOND	28-30	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE
3	GMSMA	N.Y.C.		Christmas Party			Club Night	Barfusser		Club Night	Sjinderhannes		May Day III/Mr.& Ms.	
	Dungeon Night	Paddles	17	HARTFORD COLTS	HARTFORD,CT	11	DREIZEHN	CAMBRIDGE,MA	15	GMSMA	N.Y.C.		NLA Contest	
3	Knights in Black 6PM			"Come Get Wrapped.."	Bearristers	11	Meeting	Paradise		Board Meeting	Center	28-30	NLA	SEATTLE
3	AIDS Fundraiser	S.F.	17	III VLC	SPRINGFIELD,MA	11	GMSMA	N.Y.C.	X 19	FIFTEEN	S.F.		N.A.C. Meetings	
3	Theater of Depraved	SM House		Bar Night	The Quarry		Meeting: Bondage	Fashion Center		9th Anniv.		29	VASM	VANCOUVER,BC
3	CLUB DOMENTIA	S.F.	17	TRIDENT	LOS ANGELES	13	GMSMA	N.Y.C.	22	GMSMA	N.Y.C.		Demo Night	
	SM Women Dance/Play Party			AIDS Benefit Beer Bust			Workshop:Tit Torture	Paddles		Quiz:S/M I.Q.	Center	29	GMSMA	N.Y.C.
3	LOGE 70--SCHWEIZ	ZURICH	17	CITY BIKERS	DENVER	13-15	Members Only Dungeon		24	VASM	VANCOUVER,BC		Dungeon Demo	Paddles
	Bar Night	Barfusser		Christmas party			Leather Weekend/Mr.Mid-			Pub Night	Ms.T's	30	VASM	VANCOUVER,BC
4	L.A.JANUS	LOS ANGELES	17	COPPERSTATE LTHRMN'S	PHOENIX,AZ		Atlantic Leatherman	Contest	25	RURALS MC	ROERMOND		Board Meeting	
	Orientation			General Meeting/Christmas Party			Ms.Gt.Lakes Leather	DETROIT	25	VASM	VANCOUVER,BC			
5	LFRR:ESSEN	ESSEN,GER.	18	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE,WA		Eagle		26	Demo Night				
	Club Evening	Go-In		Board Meeting 5 PM			ROERMOND			VASM	VANCOUVER,BC			
8	JANUS--S.F.	S.F.	18	NLA:SEATTLE	SEATTLE		Sjinderhannes			Board Meeting				
	Bondage Beauty Pageant			Children's Holiday Party										
8	Leather Night Sparks	SEATTLE												
9	NLA Night	SEATTLE												
	10 PM	Eagle												



# A Lash From NAN!

(excerpted from a letter from Dr. Nan Borrowers, member of NLA-NAC and presenter at LIL-III)

It's been a month since my slave & I returned from Seattle & the good feelings have not in any way diminished. ... I think you know because of all the praise you've received, plus what I would like to add, that LIL III was a resounding success. From its beginning on Friday to the closing meeting on Montay, it was mentally and physically stimulating, well organized, beautiful and emotionally moving.

There is no way to thank everyone for all their work, but in whatever way is most appropriate and most effective, please add my voice & the voice of my slave to all those who say "thank you".

I'm proud to have been a part of LIL III. I'm prouder still to be a new member of the NLA [NAC] board and the association itself for all that it is, for what it represents, and for all that it will be.

Warmly, Dr. Nan Borrowers

## FROM "DISPELLING THE MYTHS ABOUT S & M"

BY NANCY MILLER, OF PEP

Who practices S & M? I am relieved to report that it is not a bunch of Charlie Mansons, Sons of Sam, child molesters, child abusers, wife batterers, and rapists. Statistically, S&M enthusiasts are intelligent, well-educated, and self-actualized. According to research, S&Mers are more psychologically sound than Mr. or Ms. Average, with less tendency towards suicide. In addition, most S&Mers are happy with the proclivity towards dominance-submission; this uniqueness is often cherished, viewed by us as a special gift.

By definition S&M is consensual love.... Dominance-submission? S&M? B&D? What is it about these terms that sets folks to shuddering? What do we fear from these basic human concerns? Misunderstanding, misconception, and stereotyping have given this viable form of erotic love a bad reputation. But we can no longer afford to remain blind and prudish.

from ARIZONA WOMEN'S VOICE, 9-88

## HELPFUL HOLIDAY HINT

Looking for an ideal Christmas gift for a lover? A master or mistress? A friend? Consider giving them an NLA membership....It is a privilege to belong to the NLA; share this special privilege with someone you like a lot!!

## BOARD NOTES (cont.)

On December 11, from 4 to 8 PM, we're having a Toy Drive kegger (keg donated by Tom Coker, Washington State Mr. Leather) at the Eagle--bring a children's toy to be admitted. The NLA is hosting a kid's Christmas party (for children of Lesbians and Gays and those of our larger leather family) on December 18. All donations (toys--time--labor--money) are needed. If you would like to volunteer to help call Cherie at 365-6754.

May Day plans have been begun: the Tropics will be host hotel and hospitality site; there will be a party Sunday afternoon and a contest Saturday night as well as workshops and/or demos. The Seattle Dungeon Guild will be co-sponsor of this event for the third time; current plans call for an ANY-WHICH-WAY dungeon for Friday night, and DUAL DUNGEONS for Saturday night. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of this event.

Michael announced that the videotapes of the LIL III Fashion Show are in the editing process; we should see a finished result before the end of the year. Michael will also be working on a questionnaire for Seattle Chapter members, to be presented at the December Board meeting, regarding goals and plans for future activities.

Next Board meeting (all members are always welcome) will be at Vik's and Cooper's (324-5720).

## THE NAMES PROJECT

World AIDS Day will be held, around the world, on December 1, 1988. Sections of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, will be displayed around the world, from Sydney, Australia, to London...from Bonn, Germany to Sao Paulo. The United Nations will inaugurate World AIDS Day on November 30 with ceremonies at the U.N. featuring Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. In Seattle, there will be information tables, previews, and quilting workshops at the Broadway Market Arcade from 10 AM to 6 PM on Dec. 1. There will be a variety of commemorative activities and ceremonies in many other cities of the U.S. There has been a call for all flags to be flown at half mast.

## LIVING IN LEATHER III QUESTIONNAIRES

Returns of Conference questionnaires so far have been good, but not good enough. We are using these questionnaires intensively for the preliminary planning of LIL IV, in order to make it an even bigger and better Conference, but we cannot do it without feedback from those who attended the 1988 event. Please take the time to fill out your questionnaire, and drop it in the mail to the NLA, at POB 17463, Seattle, WA, 98107.

## SECRETARY SCRIBBLES

Issue II:12. The completion of 2 years of 1st Link. And 24 units of "Secretary Scribbles." And now with a new secretary this will be the final column under that banner.

"Fear Not!" I will not leave you stranded on a sandbar with no mindless drivel in this sea of straight (well-OK-bent) articles from our hopelessly and magnificently warped community. Take heart - from now on - veritably henceforth - this continuing adventure in useless ubiquity will trudge along merely as--ta dah! "SCRIBBLES"! (And you thought we couldn't sink below our already tacky standards!)

I admit to being pleased to be able to continue this little editorial column and with a new secretary handling the heavy day-to-day workload (altogether I average 30 to 50 hours a month) and membership work now also being handled (but responsible to the Secretary) by Wayne G, I hope to be able to give some expanded time on improving our letter. I also hope that this column will now become somewhat more editorial in nature--Yes George may now have opinions again & in print. We have already requested and printed articles from more varied sources (watch initials at bottom of each article).

I'm pleased that we now must print 7 to 8 hundred 1st Links monthly and our return rate has improved to less than 10%. Our organizational list of about 270 other groups (excluding Europe) is most likely the best existing (current copies are available for \$4.00 each to other organizations). We need to expand our general non-affiliated individual mailing list (this can only be done if members let us know interested individuals, or through their inquiries). This is a very important source of growth for NLA and deserves your work. I can honestly say I've checked my address book and given those names that I know would be interested (a couple have joined after receiving this letter).

Now on to other things. 1st and most difficult is reacting to the death of our, and my, friend "Mack" Mackinnon in Vancouver. All the ordinary words and platitudes seem both to apply to Mack and still be completely inadequate. I have never personally known anyone who worked as hard for our entire homophile community as he. I remembered delightful battles with him about his shop work prices being too low for the quality of his work, and his response being that the community knew his work & he didn't personally need more. His gift of complete door receipts for PNW Drummer (nearly \$3,000) to the BC 1990 Gay Games was just 1

more example of his dedication (of course this means he personally picked up all the expenses of that evening). For me, Vancouver will be a very different place without him. I hope my contribution to Vancouver PWA Coalition (Mack's chosen charity) will be matched and exceeded many times in his honor and memory. Mack took with him our thanks, our respect, and especially our love.

Welcome to new Seattle Board members Rick Orr, Honor, Les Scamfer, & Jaye Walker. Congratulations. Congratulations also to new Puget Sound Mr. Leather Rick Orr & Ms. Leather Cooper Axton. Their party last night was a most successful 1st event for the Tacoma Leather Community. NLA:BC welcomes new co-coordinator Hody Allen & Secretary Myrna to their Board. Portland has chosen as temporary Board officers Sallee Huber, Kevin Koessel, & Suzanne Shepherd, and their formation as a chapter is progressing well.

Best wishes for you all to enjoy a very Leather Holiday Season!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

We are enclosing membership forms in this issue of FIRST LINK for all members whose dues are expiring before the end of 1988 who have not yet renewed. If you HAVE renewed, and still receive a form with your FIRST LINK, don't worry; it probably crossed in the mail. Please pass along the form to a friend. There is a simple way to tell when your dues are expiring: look at your mailing label. The first 4 digits in the top line indicate your expiration date. They are expressed with YEAR first, followed by MONTH. (For example, an expiration date of 89.03 would indicate that your dues expire as of the first day of March, 1989.) We hope that everyone will renew as we are getting BIGGER, and BETTER, FASTER, and we value your confidence in us.

## INTERNATIONAL MS. LEATHER

International Ms. Leather has just announced their 1989 IMsL Competition, Saturday, March 25, 1989, at the San Franciscan Hotel in San Francisco. For information about the event, write International Ms. Leather at P.O.Box 560504, San Francisco, CA 94146. On December 4, there will be a "Pleasure Auction" at Amelia's, 647 Valencia St., San Francisco; a portion of the proceeds will benefit IMsL. Auctioneers will feature Dorothy Allison, Pat Califia, Colt Thomas, Joy Schulenburg, and others. Doors open at 8 PM; cover charge is \$5. On January 20, 1989, at 8 PM the Ms. San Francisco Leather contest will take place at the Kennel Club, 628 Divisadero St., San Francisco. Admission is \$10; a portion of the proceeds will benefit IMsL.