

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."
Henry David Thoreau



GETTING OFF

With issue 77, DRUMMER begins its tenth year. Who would have thought. The anniversary bash was the biggest and best. It was wonderful to have so many friends to celebrate with.

DRUMMER carried an article entitled "S&M Gym" in a very early issue and subsequently ran an extended series with the same title a few issues later. It was a great fantasy, a gym in which results were absolutely guaranteed, where the instructor carried a belt and a yardstick to prompt the members as they exhausted themselves lifting the barbells and doing their pushups. Everyone wore dog tags with their numbers on them, along with only jockstraps and athletic socks.

It has the prospects of coming to pass. There may be a personal instruction gym opening South of Market that will enroll only leathermen who are willing to abide by its rules. The plans are about to leave the planning boards and go to the carpenters.

The plan is to strictly supervise those serious enough to want to change their bodies, attitudes and psyches for the better. Top-rate professional instruction by a no-nonsense MR. DRUMMER runner-up who will take it as a personal affront if you fail to become a showpiece within the allotted amount of time. Woe unto you if you don't please him. Leave your attitude behind and write to THE GYM c/o The Leather Fraternity. You will eventually get a brochure and more information. However, you will either have to live in San Francisco or be willing to fly in three times a week.

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