

"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



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GETTING OFF

It isn't hard to tell it is Spring, even in California. For us at DRUMMER, we know because the Mr. Drummer parties get organized, the contestants spring forth like buds on the plants. During this, the tenth anniversary year, a lot of planning and activity has been happening, even before spring has sprung. All those Winter months in dark, sweaty gyms have paid off and many of the impressive bodies we knew last year are now spectacular.

That is as good a word as any to describe what is planned for this June in San Francisco, the leather capital. It will be a spectacular with men from all over the nation, not just contestants, but title holders for their particular region. In this issue, when you survive the staples and fold it out, you will find a poster for the Mr. Drummer party in your area and maybe even come forth as a contestant. We have great plans for the Mr. Drummer this year. And for DRUMMER itself.

The Leather Fraternity is blossoming as well, if that is a proper word. Our new 16-page Newsleather is going out with the application pages coming back fast and thick. Whatever else you may find in it, the Leather Fraternity makes DRUMMER more than just a magazine on the newsstand. It is made up of real people, like you, who have much in common and cannot find an outlet for themselves in most of the glossy gay mags.

We had an editor some years back who still refers to the time he spent with us as "The Golden Age of DRUMMER." We remember the good parts of those times, but if there is a Golden Age for this magazine, it would be the here and now. Beginning with this issue, which incidentally has more personal classifieds than we have ever run before at one time.

So as soon as this issue goes to press, we are going to lay back, as we get our boots polished, dream up some new projects for the coming year while enjoying an attack of Spring Fever during this Golden Age. □