

# Leather Nun's musical habits run to traditional rock 'n' roll

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Leather Nun is a band that may be relatively unknown even to the most knowledgeable music enthusiast. However, this six-man band out of Sweden is on its way up and will open for Echo and the Bunnymen next month at Duke.

"(We're) the last rock 'n' roll band," said Joans Alquist, lead singer for the group, who describes himself as a "rock 'n' rollish Frank Sinatra." Many critics in Europe seem to agree and have pegged Alquist as a young old blue eyes. As for the rest of the band, Alquist said, "We're individuals with five different tastes and styles." He added that the group was a "melting pot" that mirrors what is happening in music today but which has its roots in rock 'n' roll.

The group got its name when the members were waiting on a tram before their first gig. Alquist said that they needed a name before the gig, and when he saw a nun, the name Leather Nun just struck him. In the beginning the name didn't really mean anything, but he said that today, "It sums up the band really

well. It brings to mind the dark side as well as the pure innocence of a nun."

The band was formed almost nine years ago, during the heyday of new wave, when Alquist was signed to release a single and needed a band. Since then Leather Nun has been touring Europe and the United Kingdom, but the group never signed with a major label until recently. Alquist said that the band used to release its own recordings. Lacking a manager until last year, the group had no one to handle the business side.

Today Leather Nun has signed with I.R.S., and the latest Nun album is entitled *Force of Habit*. Nun also has an album out in Europe called *Steel Construction* which is slated to hit the States in about six months. Alquist said that the band is big in the U.K. and that in America it has a "growing following, (especially) in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles" which was aided by a release on Subterranean Records a few years back.

This tour, which is Leather Nun's first trip to the United States, will concentrate "mainly on the eastern part of the U.S. (with Echo and the

Bunnymen), then gigs on our own in the west," Alquist said.

"It's amazing. In Europe, we've never been labeled as one kind of band," Alquist said. "I'm not sure about how it will be here, but in Europe the crowds were made up of college students, punks, bikers, every kind of people. Everyone gets their own part."

According to Alquist, Leather Nun is a band of "six typical Swedish boys." He described Nun as "the ultimate new wave punk band" that is determined to go all the way and never compromise. Alquist points out that U2 never did, and now Bono and Company are getting enormous recognition. He hopes the same will hold true for Leather Nun.

# Saving money with mail-order drugs

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The recent availability of mail-order prescription drugs creates a dilemma for customers who now must choose between saving money or getting a pharmacist's personal attention.

Lower prices and convenience are the main reasons for the mail-order prescriptions' success, said Marcia Codling, a consultant for Arthur D. Little, a Cambridge consulting firm. These drugs are typically 25 percent cheaper.

Customers can buy mail-order prescriptions in high volume and substitute generic brands for name brands. Elderly people who take large amounts of medication are the main consumers of this service, according to Little research.

However, professionals in the pharmacy field have varied opinions on ordering drugs through the mail.

"Mail-order prescriptions have their good and bad points," said Jean Gagnon, UNC professor of pharmacy administration. "The main thing with the community pharmacist is the contact. A customer can ask a pharmacist questions about storage and instructions."

"Mail-orders provide some directions," he added. "But it's impersonal, and what if the customers have more questions?"

Gagnon also said that pharmacists filling the mail order do not know if the customer is taking a drug that may be dangerous if

taken with other drugs. However, a community pharmacist keeps customer cards and knows what the customer is taking.

The customer has to weigh the value of saving money and contact with the pharmacist, he said.

John Woodard, the pharmacist at Sutton's Drugstore on Franklin Street, said, "People should pick out a pharmacist like they pick out a doctor." He said it is more important to have someone monitoring a person's drug use than to save money. Also, pharmacists know exactly what drugs the customer is taking.

"People don't need to go through the mail," he said. Prices are already competitive enough, he added.



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## Wednesday

- 12:30 p.m. Career Planning and Placement Services will hold an interviewing skills workshop in 306 Hanes Hall.
- 1 p.m. Association of Business Students will have lunch in Lenoir with faculty and New Program Director Gaye Saldinger. Sign up on ABS Office Door (T-4 New Carroll).
- 3 p.m. Career Planning and Placement Services will hold an interviewing skills workshop for pharmacy majors in Beard Hall.
- 3:30 p.m. Career Planning and Placement Services will hold a workshop on academic credit for internships in 209 Hanes Hall.
- 4 p.m. Career Planning and Placement Services will hold an interviewing skills workshop for business majors in 210 Hanes Hall. Industrial Relations Association will meet in Union 211. There will be a guest speaker from UCB. Gay and Lesbian Support Group is holding an orientation meeting. Please call 966-3658 for more information.
- 4:30 p.m. Career Planning and Placement Services will hold an internship/experimental learning workshop in 209 Hanes Hall. Grievance Task Force committee members will meet in 210 Union.
- 6 p.m. Campus Y Hunger Action Committee will have its first meeting upstairs at the Campus Y. Come see how you can help! Wesley Foundation will meet for dinner and group discussion about race relations at 214 Pittsboro St. Career Planning and Placement Services will host a presentation by

- 7 p.m. Roadway Express in the UNC Ballroom at the Carolina Inn. Open to all seniors and graduate students. AIESEC will have a meeting for new members in the Union. UNC College Republicans will meet in 208 Union to watch a film on Nicaragua and the Freedom Fighters. Come learn about the contras. UNC Students for Bruce Babbitt will have an organizational meeting in 210 Union. Racquetball Club will hold a meeting for members and non-members at Fetzer Gym Courts.
- 7:30 p.m. Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists, is sponsoring an editors' forum in 203 Howell Hall. Hosts include editors from the campus publications, station manager from STV, and a rep from WXYC radio. Everyone is invited.
- 8 p.m. Students for Randolph will meet in Murphy III.

## Items of Interest

- Health Professions Advising Office is offering workshops to improve interviewing skills. Sign up on bulletin board, second floor of Steele Bldg.
- Study Abroad Office is offering opportunities for students to remain enrolled at UNC and still receive credit studying in another country. Deadline is Feb. 8. Come by the basement of Caldwell Hall Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Faculty Benefits Office reminds all personnel facilitators that the January meetings for the Dental Insurance Plan have been canceled. February meetings are on schedule.
- North Carolina Fellows Program will have an open house in 224 Union from 3-5 p.m. All freshmen are welcome.
- Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority will hold an informal rush information session and interview sign-up in Union 208 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- The Order of the Bell Tower is now accepting applications for new members. They are available at the Union desk and will be accepted until Jan. 29.
- Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority will hold informal rush information session and interview sign-up in Union 208. It will be from 10 to 3 on Jan. 26.
- The UNC Environmental Resource Project is offering \$250 stipends for student research work with selected N.C. citizens environmental organizations. Contact ERP at 966-1301 or 966-3332 for info.
- Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority Informal Rush Interviews will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in 208 Union.
- Women's Lacrosse Club will practice at 4 p.m. on Finley Fields every Monday thru Thursday, weather permitting.
- UNC International Center is having a Alien Tax Seminar for foreign students and scholars in the Great Hall. Foreign Student tax issues discussed at 4 p.m., and Foreign Scholar and Faculty tax issues addressed at 7 p.m.

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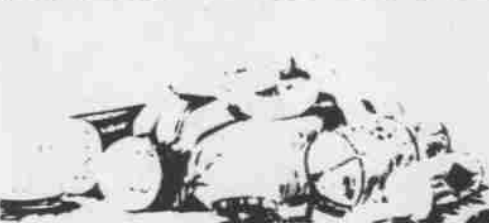


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