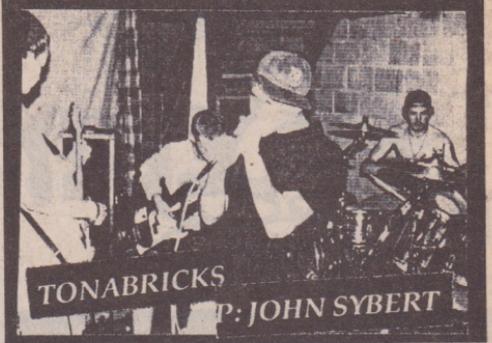


were in town. First of all, CRANKSHAFT are no. from Tampa, as I stated earlier in this report. They are from Clearwater, which is near Tampa. Details, details. Anyhow, I was pleasantly surprised by these young rockers. I can't believe they've only been together for about a year—and the 14-year-old drummer has only been playing for 7 months. They were so tight—well, a little slack, but in a refreshing way. What do they sound like? A little bit like Operation Ivy. A little bit ska, a little bit hardcore, a little bit funk and a LOT of fun. I haven't enjoyed a band this much in ages, and it was so obvious that they were having a ball. It's great when a band gets so into playing. They have a demo out for \$3 and will soon be on a 7" comp. Look out for these guys. CRANKSHAFT/ PO Box 4931/ Clearwater, FL 34618. Or call singer, John (813)799-2233. There may be hope for the bay area, yet. That's all folks!



It has been some time since the last scene report, but it is not due to lack of activity. Delaware has a live and thriving scene, witnessing many great shows and fiestas! A characteristic of the Delaware scene has always been Do It Yourself, and this continues to be the attitude into the next decade. The newest band on the scene is BONE-



HEAD. It features ex-members of NJ's A Priori, DE's FVK/EMG, MD/DC's Undecided and PLETHORA. Based in Newark (home of U of D), they have played about six shows and are scheduled to play with Fugazi and Holy Rollers at a Positive Force show on April 27th, in Columbia, MD. Recent shows include a hike to Harrisburg, PA. Look for a demo soon. (BONEHEAD / 17 New St., #8/ Newark, DE 19711. (302)456-1240.)

TONABRICKS played their first show recently with Boston's Jerry's Kids in Harrisburg, PA. They also appeared on WXDR on April 2nd. They might also play with Poison Idea sometime in April if that goes down. Keep an eye on them. (TONABRICKS/ 11 White Clay Dr./ Newark, DE 19711) DANE of TOB is also doing a project called FRONTSIDE; should be interesting.

YANOMAMO has also been playing live recently; they are a fun band to check out. EDITH BUNKER EXPERIENCE is also a new local band which will overcome the masses one day. INFANT MORTALITY is a new band from Dover featuring Ron from MORBID LIFE.

In addition to new bands, many existing bands are playing frequently. The HOUSEPLANTS are always playing a show somewhere and recently played on WXDR. They are also working on recorded material. (302) 456-0260. HIGH KARATE have a new tape out called *Lambada Me*. A must get! ZEN GUERRILLA also has a ripping tape out which definitely smokes! They recently played with Shudder to Think in Harrisburg and also with BONEHEAD there. MARCUS HOOK also plays occasionally and are expecting some vinyl out soon... HOMEMADE SIN are releasing a 7" out soon and also played live on WXDR. SPIT has a tape out now and was recently signed to Wax Trax records.

WXDR is the University of Delaware radio station (91.3 fm) which has alternative music from 5pm to 8pm on the Cutting Edge show. Hosted by Tom Bozzo, the show has an "almost anything goes" attitude (*Big Shout*, March 1990). Under director Chin-a Panaccioni, the station is dedicated to non commercial, independent radio. (WXDR/ Perkins Student Center/ U of DE/ Newark, DE, 19711).

Insider is a literary/opinion/poetic magazine that just completed its first volume with great success. It's free and is very interesting to read with a cool latent philosophy (17 New St., No. 8/ Newark, DE 19711 or West Coast: 1960 Kapiolani Blvd/ Suite 113-342/ Honolulu, HI 96826). TOB's Dane and Rob are also printing issue #2 of *Eat Hell*, the zine of skate. It's a hardcore underground SK8 zine and contributors are welcome. (11 White Clay Dr./ Newark, DE 19711).

There's a new rag on the scene, immortally named *Power Punk* straight from Bad Seed Productions. Included inside is an interview with Delaware's demi-god rock and rollers, MARCUS HOOK. Also has show reviews out the ass. Send anything, they will print it. (Power Punk, RD 2, Box 352, Dover, DE 19901). *Big Shout* is music tabloid which covers the Delaware Valley area. It covers a lot but is weak in its coverage of the underground/punk scene. (*Big Shout*/ PO Box 5046/ Wilmington, DE 19808).

Two characteristics of the DE scene is the influences and attitudes. Being in the Mid-Eastern coast, its location is prime for road trips to many different cities. Philadelphia is 40 minutes away as well as an hour drive to Baltimore. Washington D.C. is only about two hours away and draws many people from Delaware. Trenton is also about two hours away and people travel north to see big out-of-town bands at City Gardens and Maxwells. This blend of flavors from various cities influences people in different ways, thus resulting in a "salad bowl" of music, attitudes and ideas. It is very diverse in the spectrum of sounds, but the whole always equals a good scene.

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