



We are familiar with the struggle between good and evil- the good guys battling with the bad guys. Such a

grapple exists in the Delaware scene. Each time one of the good guys- an independent promoter- rents a hall and puts on a show, the bad guys couple forces and thrash bathrooms in the hall, and provoke fights while under the influence of alcohol. This is not a good situation.

The Good Guys: Congratulations to the independent promoters in Delaware. Scott Bryan held a benefit show for disabled Chris Jamison, featuring C.O.C., F.V.K./EMG, INFECTION and MARCUS HOOK. Over two thousand dollars were raised to aid Jamison...The second P.E.T.A. animal rights show in Delaware in the past six months was held in Milford and featured Crucial Youth (NJ)...Martin Ford of PASCAL'S ARMY has organized their first warehouse show with INFECTION, MARCUS HOOK and others...A final hoorah for the responsible fans and performers of the scene!

The Big Boo-Hiss award goes to the punks in the scene who arrive at a show and vandalize the bathrooms before the show starts. C'mon guys, we all need to use the john! A Big Boo-Hiss for the Delaware skinheads at the C.O.C. show. This objective reporter saw a skinny kid get slugged by a skinhead, then taken to the ground whereupon several additional skinheads added to the pile. "It's so nice to see that scene unify is working." The incomprehensible aspect of this dilemma is that these skinheads appear to be nice guys. We will see what develops at the next show.

The following is what I suspect to be an incomplete list of Delaware bands:

MUSTARD TRUCKS broke up in February after a two year reign in Newark as rock trio innovators. Singer and fabulous guitarist, Todd Werny packed his bags for the state of Washington. A document of MUSTARD TRUCKS is available on their Nuclear Age cassette. (\$2 ppd. to Mustard Trucks c/o Jerry Lehane III/ PO Box 0614/ Newark DE 19715-0614.) Jerry Lehane III has an enormous catalogue of cassettes for sale. His recordings include compilations of hardcore, new wave, comedy, and poetry. His 90 minute cassettes are \$3 ppd. and his 60 minute cassettes are \$2 ppd.

BATS WITHOUT FLESH toured Boston in February and their original industrial music was featured in a live performance on The Joint, Brandeis University's radio program for upcoming bands. In April, synthesizer programmer Chip Willey will release BATS WITHOUT FLESH first twelve inch EP on NTS Records. (NTS/ Chip Willey/ 742 Papermill Rd./ Newark DE 19711. Call 5-11 pm at 302-737-9369).

MARCUS HOOK, featuring virgin vocalist Andy Duvall, will reveal their refinery rock sound on April 29, with the release of their first 7" on Kurt Beers' Deep Statement label. Contact MARCUS HOOK for gigs and Deep Statement for a catalogue at the following address. (Deep Statement/ PO Box 616/ Wilmington DE. 19899-0616. Call Kurt, Eastern time at 302-429-1872 between 8 am and 6 pm.)

PASCAL'S ARMY is planning a new recording soon. Tim Stalin is their new drummer as Martin Ford has moved to vocal duties. PASCAL'S ARMY is hosting their first warehouse show in late March. Some interesting and ambitious hardcore from Newark! (Pascal's Army/ Martin Ford/ 8 Millwright Dr/ Newark DE 19711. Out of state bands write for booking).

INFECTION's new line up is as follows: Veterans are Victor, Sean, and Steve, with INFECTION rookies Vo on drums, and Lou on guitar. Sean Pierce describes INFECTION as powerful hardcore featuring a metal



edge, with a lyrical accent on skinhead unity. In April, INFECTION plans to release an eight song 7", Our Pledge, T-shirt: Infection Wants You design - \$9 ppd. (Infection/ Sean Pierce/ 2105 Prior Rd/ Wilmington DE 19809.)

HOMEMADE SIN released their second cassette recording *Opening, Awoken* on Deep Statement in February. HOMEMADE SIN is popular in North Wilmington for Casey Leamy's genius guitar work and their Hardcore/ Doors approach to music. They are planning a vinyl release with MARCUS HOOK crooner, Duvall, producing the project. (Sid Williams/ 1432 Fresno Rd./ Wilmington DE 19803. Contact Deep Statement for previous recordings.)

HEAD ON features former members of THE DRIPS and INFECTION. Guitarist Chris Dell'olio describes his band as straight-edge hardcore, and says they are ready for shows. (Head On/ 1302 Carr Rd/ Wilmington DE 19809).

SPIT - After two successful cassette releases, this nasty, mean one-man-band release its first 12", *Road Pizza*, on the newly established NTS label. SPIT is responsible for intelligent music backed with shocking and sadistic lyrics...Should be a fascinating release. (SPIT c/o NTS/ 742 Papermill Rd./ Newark, DE 19711.)

O.O.D. is **ORGY OF DESTRUCTION**. They recently made one of their first Delaware appearances at the December Delaware Hardcore Showcase. O.O.D.'s crunch-core interpretation of music will be available soon on a cassette recording. (O.O.D. c/o Mark McKinney/ 1127 Powderhorn Dr/ Newark DE 19713.)

F.V.K./EMG has a new and successful rhythm line up with Pete Weidman on bass, and Dave D. Mc.G. on drums. Guitarists Jeff and Mike have been improving slowly. Very slowly. F.V.K./EMG will tour March 25 until April 3 from Delaware to Florida, then back. Once home again in Milford, the band will begin to record for their LP with an anticipated release this summer, followed by a potential cross coun-



try U.S. tour. Set up gigs at: F.V.K./EMG/ RD 1/ Box 467/ Milford DE 19963/ 302-422-6190.

FREUDIAN SLIPS have an eight song cassette release out quite soon... **HENRY THE BAND** continues rehearsals despite the departure of their bassist... **MAD DOG** has replaced singer Victor George who recently re-joined INFECTION... **CROWDED KRYPT** has a cassette available through NTS...**PASCAL'S ARMY** and **O.O.D.** have teamed up to present shows in their practice warehouse. The first show will be a local showcase...**BIG BITCH MAGNET** dissolved in December with B.B.M. singer forming a new band tentatively called **THE RICH MICAL BAND**...Lee Harting made his first appearance as the **UNDECIDED**'s new drummer in January...**Reborn Records** closed after three years in Newark...The second issue of **Cryptical Oyster** is out with Mike Schwartz acting as founder and editor...**Temper Tantrum Anthems** issue no. 3 out soon by comic genius Chris Lauer-n-friends... John Sybert publishes **Insider**, a bi-monthly zine featuring poems and reviews.

If you were omitted from this scene report, it was due to lack of knowledge, not ignorance. If you feel my reporting is inaccurate please write or call. If you are out of state and need some help, do not hesitate to call me at any time.

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