

I did this interview with a band called Walleye after a Culture, Bloodlet, Walleye and Damnation show at the Brothel in Melbourne Fl. on February 4, 1995 and continued on February 6, 1995 at the Blue Chair in Tampa Fl. Read on and enjoy...

Chris - Well let's start off with your names and what you play.

Walleye - I'm Nick Rotundo and I play guitar, Joe Simperts I play Bass, Darrin Clower I play Guitar, Jeff Tirabassi I play drums and I'm Shane and I sing.

Chris - Who was in Railhead?

Nick - I was.

Chris - What did you play?

Nick - Drums.

Chris - What did you think of the show tonight?

Jeff - It was awesome.

Nick - This has been really cool, this was are second show in the state and it is great and we are having so much fun.

Chris - It seems that Pro - Choice and Pro - Life are a major topic, what is your stance on this topic?

Nick - God that's a tuff question...

Joe - I can answer it, it's choice whatever you do is what you do.

Jeff - I think you should let everyone choose for there selves.

Chris - What do you think of the Hardline/Vegan Power situation?

Nick - I think people take it too far...

Jeff - And they make it a fashion. Like they write "Vegan" across their chest. It's like your vegan, cool.

Nick - That's another thing the bands that label themselves as a vegan band. What do they sing about? Being vegan only?

Shane - It's just a personal choice and you shouldn't push it on anyone.

Chris - What inspires you to write lyrics?

Shane - Lryics for me are personal, basically I write about me, things that happend to me over the years. I write more on a social level than political.

Chris - So what happend in Atlanta?

Joe - Nick, you had the front view you tell him.

Nick - O.k we made a wrong turn after we played a show, so we pulled up to a stop light. Across from us was this Hip Hop club with people running out of it so were like cool a fight, so we're taking picture's and sitting there watching, next thing we know there is this guy who comes walking up to the van, as he is in front of the van he pulls out a gun and walks up to this guy and shoots him flat in the chest about 2 or 3 feet away, the guy had to be dead. After that he was just unloading the whole gun with no hesitation.

Shane - This all happend within a light change, what 2 or 3 minutes at the most.

Nick - He wasn't even flinching he was just shooting.

Joe - He was just standing there with all these people looking at him with his gun in his hand.

Nick - I guess being from the town were from it was a pretty fucked up thing to see.

Especially on our first show.

Jeff - It's like welcome to Atlanta
"POP, POP, POP."

Chris - You all are from Delaware,
is it cool up there?

Nick - It's cool where we live. It's a
college town. There are a lot of people
and it is really quiet and sometimes
there will be good shows. Basically
it's your basic college town. We live
about an hour away from D.C and 45
minutes away from Philly. So it is
easy to go see some shows.

Joe - It's not as rednecky as
everyone thinks. It's not all pick up
trucks everywhere with Klan
members hanging out the windows
with bats.

Jeff - That's lower Delaware.

Chris - How many shows do you
have left?

Nick - About 14 or 15.

Jeff - We're playing with a band
called Overkill in Vermont. (laughter)
I brought my sleeveless jean jacket
and my leather pants special for that
show.

Chris - Were you surprised that you
were coming to Florida?

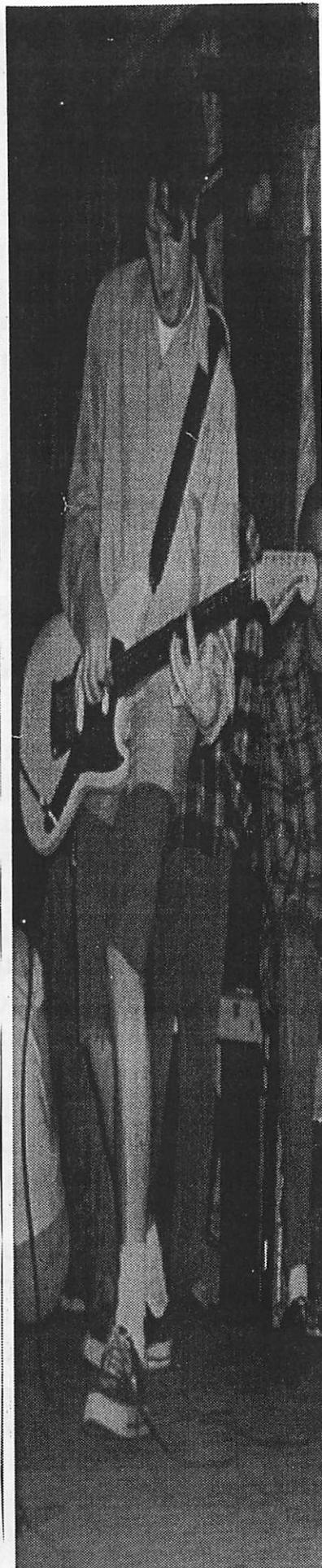
Jeff - I was psyched.

Nick - We never played here before,
but we were supposed to in
September, but we went to the west
coast.

Jeff - In January we were supposed
to play in Pensacola with Avail but
our van couldn't make it.

Nick - I've been down here before
when I was in Railhed, they were
descent shows, they were with Avail.

Chris - What was the reason for
Railhed's break up?



Joe - Don't get into it.

Nick - We were on tour in St. Louis and my cousin played guitar, but he got bummed out, he was all fucked up. He just wanted to get home, he was like either take me home or I'll take a train, so we went home so it was pretty much over from there.

Chris - How was your first tour compared to this one?

Nick - This one blows away our first.

Jeff - We flipped our van on the first tour.

Nick - Yeah we flipped our van going about 75 on the highway and totaled it. So we had to rent another van so now we are in debt about \$1000, but we had some goods shows. We played Santa Anna.

Joe - That was a cool show.

Nick - Denver was a really big show. There were some good shows on that tour.

Joe - This tour is cake compared to the first one.

Chris - How did you hook up with Damnation?

Jeff - Well we recorded at Ken's studio...

Nick - Well I've known Ken since Railhed toured with Worlds Collide the first tour, then we recorded at Ken's studio.

Jeff - Are there alot of skinheads down here?

Chris - I guess but they're never around or atleast to my knowledge. (As Alex from Damnation walks up).

Jeff - Alex is a skinhead. (laughter)

Alex - I'm a closet skinhead.

Chris - Who are you going to play with in Syracuse?

Jeff - Were playing with Dog Eat Dog, Madball, and Downset. (laughter) I heard a rummor that Vinny Stigma doesn't even play guitar at all, he just stands there. Supposedly the other guitarist stopped playing and there was no guitar.

Darrin - Then they turned him on and he was like shit, so he handed the guitar to the other guitarist. (Alot of laughter... As Ken from Damnation walks up)

Ken - What's the next question?... O.k, it's pretty cool touring with them. It's weird they have this smell in the back of their van. (Laughter) It's Walleye I don't know which one, we're trying to figure out who it is and leave him.

Shane - I think it's Darrins bag. His dog threw up on it before we left. He didn't even clean it up. Now it is all crusty and it smell like shit.

Chris - What did you think of the show tonight? (Tampa)

Nick - Actually it was cool except for the jock fuckers.

Jeff - These guy's are pussies, people in Florida can't fight, you gotta come up north boy.

Nick - This is are last show with Bloodlet and we're sad.

Jeff - Now I can't ride in there van and smoke anymore.

Chris - What do you think of the whole O.J Simpson deal?

Nick - I think they are taking it too far.

Chris - Do you think it should be on t.v?

Nick - No, if it was anyone else it would be over by now.

Chris - Do you think he did it?
Nick - You never know, (as he starts singing " you never know over and over again)

Jeff - What's your favorite oi band?

Chris - Oh shit that's a hard question, (sarcasm) I would have to say The Bruisers.

Jeff - Do you like Last Resort?

Chris - Is this another stupid oi band?

Jeff - Yes

Chris - Never heard of them, but they all sound the same so they probably suck. (laughter)

Jeff - Hey watch your tongue man. (laughter)

Chris - Well it is the coldest night in Florida in like 8 years so do you have any last comments?

Jeff - Don't force your ideals on anyone, let everyone think for themselves. "GOT IT". Buy our record or we will come and kill you. By the way Florida rules, everyone that we met is awesome. This place rules.

Darrin - We'll be back next winter.

Nick - We'll be back soon. Thanks for everything.

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