



Things are really starting to look up here in the diamond state. Many of the bands have new releases out and we are getting more shows than ever thanks to a few dedicated individuals whom I'll write more about later.

MARCUS HOOK, Wilmo's favorite sons, should have their self released 7" done by the time you read this. It has "Jamocha Island" on the A side and as of this writing an undecided B side. It was originally "Spiritual" but the song ran too long so they had to scratch it. MARCUS HOOK also recently played a show in Dover with Firehose and Scrawl and a show in Connecticut with Laughing Hyenas. To book them for shows call Rick at (302) 736-6752.

Andy Duvall, the singer MARCUS HOOK, has a new band by the name of HIGH KARATE in which he plays drums and sings. Al Duvall (ex RUDE AWAKENING, DAD'S



Photo: Wayne

Scene reports

NEW DRESS, and others) plays guitar and does the lead vocals while Pete Teaney handles the bass chores. They have more fun when they play live than any band I've ever seen. In addition to killer set of originals, they have a slew of cover songs that will burn the house down. Their sound is kind of a cross between Dinosaur Jr. and the Dickies but totally their own. You should check out their demo, No Duhl, available on both cassette tape and 8 track! Ten studio recorded songs for just two bucks. Maybe send an extra buck for postage and beg them with all of your might to put the extra cover songs on the end of the tape. Write to them in care of Andy Duvall at 1313 Quincy Dr, Green Acres/ Wilmo, DE 19803.

Also from Wilmington and immensely popular are INFECTION. They currently have an LP being pressed and it sounds pretty good. The title is Legal Limit and a local record store is putting up the cash flow for it. In the lag time between their out of print 7", Our Pledge, and the LP, Sean has put together a four year retrospective cassette tape featuring all of INFECTIONS line ups (there have been many). You can reach INFECTION in care of Sean Pierce/ 2105 D Prior Rd/ Wilmington, DE 19809 or by calling him at (302) 798-9702.

Two new cassette releases also available are the RAP CORE tape and the SMASHING ORANGE cassette, Rollercoaster Dream. I have yet to hear RAP CORE because everytime I see Marty either I have no money or he has no tapes. But call him about getting a copy for yourself or having them play. The number is (302) 731-4523 and the name is Marty Ford. As for SMASHING ORANGE, I have heard part of their tape and it sounds really hip. Kind of Jesus and Mary Chain like but with more energy and feeling. I'm not

"Green Eggs And Ham". At their last show they even had two guys juggling dead fish on stage. That was the last time for that feat. Anyway write to them at the same address as SMASHING ORANGE but put attention Don Martell on the envelope.

Still available is the FVK/EMG album God's Favorite Band. \$6 to How Shallow Can We Get Records/ PO Box 823/ Milford, DE 19963 will get you your own copy. For shows, call them at (302) 422-6190.

HOMEMADE SIN, the incredible god-like musicians from Wilmington, are putting together a tour for this summer. They have four self released tapes that totally shred all the world and hopefully soon will be recording an LP. Also, they will bring their own P.A. along if you want them to play and don't have one. Write to them at 1413 Fresno Rd, Green Acres/ Wilmo, DE 19803.

Before moving on to shows and new labels I want make one final mention of a new release. SPIT has a new 7" out called Flinch. For those of you unfamiliar with SPIT let me say that his 12", Road Pizza, (or one of the songs off of it, I'm not exactly sure which) was the most requested record on the John Peel show in England! The Flinch 7" is pretty cool and has a bit of an industrial feel to it but is more musical. Also, SPIT has a cover of "I'm All Shook Up" on the RRRecords comp. tape, His Masters Voice. Write to SPIT in care of N.T.S. Productions/ 742 Paper Mill Rd/ Newark, DE 19711 (302) 737 9369.

Wait, one more last minute addition - the NIGHTMARE REALITY tape is available from Terminal Production c/o Scott Wasserman/ 17 Candlewick Ct/ New Castle, DE 10720.

On to the labels! Darren Walters and Victor Alvarez have started their own label,



sure of the price yet because at the time of this writing it is at the pressing plant. Write to them in care of Figurehead Records/ 2501 Concord Pike/ Wilmo, DE 19803. Oh yea, the singer's little sister makes a guest appearance on it but that's all I'll say.

A couple of new bands are out and about. CHARMING ARMS have ex-DRIPS and SMASHING ORANGE bass player Matt Zack with them. I missed their set last week but I hear they're real good. Kind of a slower almost R.E.M. sound though. They're playing a lot of bar shows which is real odd for this town. VON NEUMANN'S CATASTROPHE are a new band with a new sound and man, they are weird but too hot! All of the members are still in high school which is cool and contribute different musical influences to the band. It's a bizarre new wave sound with a touch of psychedelia thrown in. Their hit song is the most hip version you'll ever hear of Dr. Seuss'

High Impact and all seems to be going well for them. Their first release, a 7" by TURNING POINT, sold out in only a few weeks. I don't have their address. but you can reach them by calling Darren at (302) 475-7863.

I too have started a new label under the guise of Twystapretzle Records. The first release is a comp. 7" that comes with an information booklet about censorship. The bands on the 7" are Shudder To Think and Unrest, both of D.C. and HOMEMADE SIN and HIGH KARATE, both of Wilmo.

As for shows in the area, the Dover Rollerrink is still the best place. The person you want to talk to about playing here is Heather and you can reach her at (302) 335-4864 or by writing to: Heather/ RD3 Box 387D/ Milford, DE 19963.

Also, Tapworks in Dover and Union Station in Wilmo have been booking some interesting shows, mostly metal and small

big time bands. Anyway Vicky is booking for both clubs. I don't have Tapworks address but the number is (302) 678-1890. Union Station's number is (302) 571-1995 or write to them at 1206 N. Union St/ Wilmington, DE. Again, Vicky does both of these clubs.

You may want to get in touch with Sean Pierce of INFECTION also, he has put on some shows at a hall in New Castle. Finally, the 817 Restaurant in Wilmo has had some bands playing there on Wednesday night but the owner usually hates them and gets real uptight. Who knows, maybe by the time you read this, things will have changed for the better there. Their address is 817 Market St. Mall/ Wilmo, DE 19801.

That's it for now, finally. Thanks for reading and keep in good health and think! Peace...Wayne Romanowski