



Hello again from Delaware, state of acid rain and four wheel drive trucks... believe it or not, a lot of stuff has actually been going on here. Well, maybe "a lot" is pushing it, but compared to the usual extracurricular activities around here it hasn't been too bad at all. I guess people are starting to realize that not everyone in Delaware chews Skoal.

There were three shows here in January - possibly an all time high and with the exception of a show that featured Dover's MORBID LIFE and two heavy-metal bands, all went pretty well. The MORBID LIFE/heavy-metal show was a complete disaster for anyone who didn't like bad Ozzy covers... 15 or 20 MORBID LIFE fans showed up at a hall in the absolute middle of nowhere only to come face to face with about 200 drunk redneck dudes, who were there (obviously) to see the two cover bands. The crowd was pretty subdued during the M.L. set, but by the time the second band had taken the stage, total chaos had broken out. Tables were broken, fights broke out, syringes were thrown at people near the stage, and about an inch of beer covered the floor. It was worth the \$5 admission just to watch all the stuff that went down...so much for all-American heavy-metal, eh?

MORBID LIFE also played a show in January with D.C.'s Parasite, Philly's Still Stupid, and the Voodoo Love Gods from



Maryland. The turn out could have been better, but overall it was a fun show. The highlight of the evening was a toss-up between the moment when every male in the building dropped their pants and hopped around in their jockeys, boxers, and B.V.D.'s during the Still Stupid set, and the moment when the MORBID LIFE drummer appeared on stage wearing nothing but a strategically placed sock. Unfortunately, the developers screwed up my photographs of both of these picturesque events, so...no pictures!

Another recent Delaware show featured Salisbury's ABRA CADAVERS, Newark's MARCUS HOOK, Out Crowd, MFD, and the Electric Love Muffin. All of the bands were phenomenal, and as if that weren't enough, they were all incredibly nice guys also... Electric Love Muffin didn't even complain when the power was accidentally cut off during their set. And despite the fact that Wade, the singer for the ABRA-CADAVERS, was sick, he got on stage anyway and still put on a great show. So with the exception of the fact that some asshole ripped off a record player belonging to the owner of the hall, everything went well.

By the time this is printed, the ABRA CADAVERS should have their album out, as it's due in early February. And the F.V.K./E.M.G. album, God's Favorite Band, is still available also. They (F.V.K.) recently got a gig playing at Tapworks, an over-21 night club. Apparently it turned out pretty well.

Of the remaining Delaware bands, there have been quite a few major shake-ups. WAXED bit the dust, right after receiving a write-up in the newspaper. Some of its members have gone on to form the Gothic band STREGOICA, while others are attempting to start some sort of industrial emo-core band. Newark's PASCAL's ARMY also fell by the wayside, but a band called RAP-CORE now occupies several of its members. RAP-CORE is actually pretty interesting; they have a sound that is, not surprisingly, a combination of rap and hard core.

Oh yeah, I almost forgot... many thanks go to the F.V.K. guys for lending their "psychedelic love ranch" as a place for Berkeley's Neurosis to play and stay! Neurosis came to Milford on a Tuesday night, and Mike the guitarist emptied out his bedroom so that the band and about 20 spectators could fit inside. Two windows were accidentally broken and the entire house reeked of beer, but everyone had a great time!

Well, I guess this just about covers all of the "action" here in the rural wastelands of Delaware. Shows here are pretty sporadic due to the lack of someplace permanent to have them, but if you'd like to play here then call either me (Heather) at (302)335-4864, or Kevin of MORBID LIFE at (302) 492-0461 and we'll try to help you out. As for bands... ABRA-CADAVERS can be booked through Chet, (301) 742-0064, 102 Ridgefield Dr./Fruitland, Md. 21826. MARCUS HOOK can be booked by calling Rick at (302) 736-6752. RAP-CORE can be reached at (302) 731-4523, and according to Marty, they'll play anywhere for gas money and pretzels. STREGOICA are pretty new, but if you want to call them anyway then call (302) 678-9455, and ask for William. You can get in touch with INFECTION by either calling Sean at (302) 798-9702, or by writing to him at 2105 D Prior Rd./Wilmington, De. 19809, and F.V.K./E.M.G. still have their "vicious rumor control hotline" open at (302) 422-6190. Call any of these people and I'm sure they'll love you for it!

Hopefully I didn't forget anyone, so until next time...

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