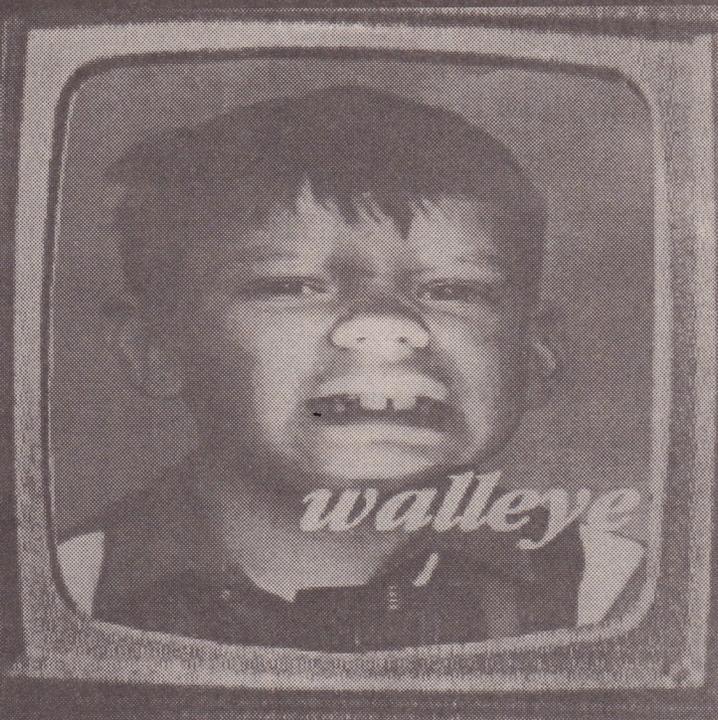


Walleye were interviewed at The Kitchen Club in Coconut Grove, FL. Originally, both me and Nelson planned to conduct the interview. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, hello Hazel, I was left with neither a camera nor a partner to do this interview with. As intimidating as it may be to interview five or so manly men at the wee hours of the night, with the moral support of a very dear friend, Karina, I did my best and this is what followed. I'd like to add, because of the abundance of voices during the interview I couldn't accurately decipher who said what. I apologize to the members if I misquoted them, or made them sound stupid, or damaged their egos, or caused them to reevaluate their sexuality. It was just too damn confusing.

Walleye are:
Darin Clower
Shane Evans

Joe Simpers
Nick Rotundo
Jeff Tirabassi



RI: Could we start with an intro and small history of the band. Previous bands.

Nick: I play drums.

Joey: I'm a retard and I play the ghetto bass.

Shane: I sing.

Darin: I play guitar.

RI: How long has Walleye been in existence with a consistent lineup and what happened to Railhead?

Shane: We broke up in our second tour and I was in WALLEYE at the same time. It's kind of like another band. I joined after they were together.

Darin: WALLEYE has been together for almost three years with the line up we have now. It has taken us a while.

RI: Do the girls love your hair, Joey? And how did you get it like that?

Joey: I don't know.

Darren: Years of neglect.

Joey: The seven day act. You take a dog, you tie it up and stick a cork up its butt. You beat it with a baseball bat. On Indian Summer Week. Then you let it sit there for a week so it gets really hot and juicy. Then you come back and pull the cork out of its butt and let it drain on to your hair and then never take a bath for the rest of your life.

Tim: That's why the band smells really bad.

Joey: And fuckin people braid my hair and tie it in knots and stick it in shit.

RI: Has the reason for being in a band changed now since when you first started?

Shane: No.

Joey: The only reason to be in a band is to play the music that we love and have fun.

RI: Have any of you ever been diagnosed with a venereal disease or have you ever detected unusu-

ally prolonged itches?

Joey: Fuck no.

Darin: Joey's got lice.

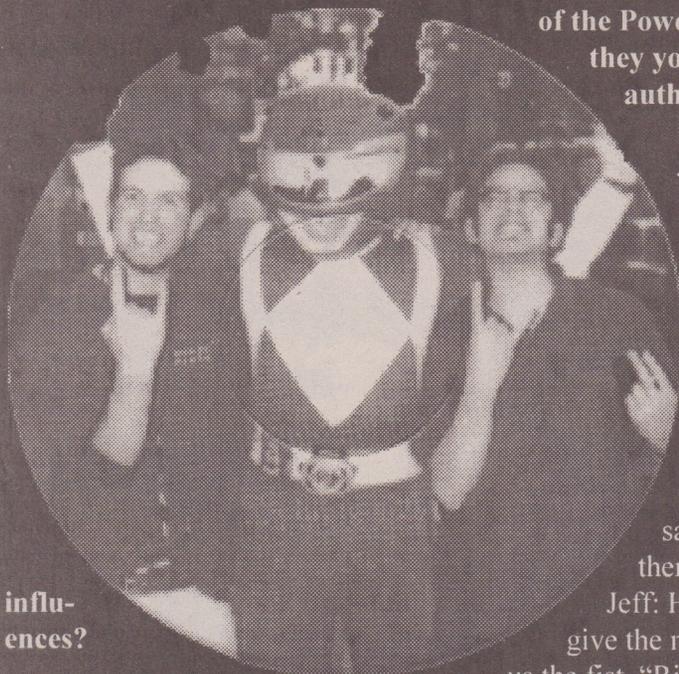
Joey: I had the chicken pox.

RI: Do you think punk is still a name that has any sort of relevance or validity? What does it mean to you?

Joey: Punk nowadays has turned more into a fashion, but to all of us it means friends and fun and doing what you want to do. Whatever makes you happy.

Darin: It also depends on who you use the term punk with. I tried to sell a 7" to a girl at a show a couple of weeks ago. She got really offended by the word punk. I said "it's punk, you won't see it on mtv." She got really mad at me and started yelling at me saying I'm not a punk rocker. We can joke around with our friends and say that's punk. It's sill around in the underground.

RI: What's your biggest musical



influences?

Shane: It's a hard question to answer since we all have such varied influences. We've been told by a couple people we fall somewhere between SAMIAM and THE BLACK TRAINS.

RI: Would you have played with or against Magic Johnson knowing he has aids?

Joey: I would have played right beside him.

Nick: One on one.

Joey: I would have whipped his ass all over the court.

RI: What is a Walleye?

Shane: It's the Wisconsin state fish and each year they have a parade about it and they have the Miss Walleye Contest. Every punk rocker we met in Wisconsin fishes and knew everything about the walleye and recommended where to go fishing to catch great walleye fish.

Joey: (mocks pseudo hillbilly fisherman)

RI: The insert photo has a picture

of the Power Rangers. Are they your main moral authority?

Joey: Well, ever since the white Power Ranger...we kind of lost hope.

Darin: It was just a thing in our home town. Me and Jeff went down there and saw them and liked them.

Jeff: He wouldn't let us give the metal sign. He gave us the fist. "Right on". He didn't understand the power of fucking metal.

RI: If I gave you a chance, do you think you could take me out with one punch?

Joey: Fuck yeah.

Darin: Maybe Doctor James. We'll stick Dr. James on you.

Shane: This guy Doctor James who follows us around is a pretty tough guy.

Darin: Or Alex the bass player for DAMNATION. He has a lot of pinned up aggression. He's an angry young man.

RI: Other than you guys, who else lives in Delaware?

Joey: Bob Marley's grandma.

Nick: George Thoroughgood is from Delaware.

Shane: Susan Waters.

RI: Do you think the fact

you play in a band makes you more attractive towards girls?

Nick: No way.

Joey: All sweaty, nasty, crusty ass...

Shane: Yeah, we are pretty damn crusty. Everyone in the band stinks and everybody in DAMNATION blames it on us. There's something in Delaware...

Darin: I'm still attracted to you guys though.

Shane: We're just a bunch of redneck hillbillies

Darin: Cuz we like to fish all the time.

RI: How has the homocore movement helped Walleye?

Shane: It hasn't helped us much, but I got a lot of tennis matches lined up.

RI: Not that it's not obvious by the recording, but have any of you had music lessons?

Darin: Going back to that question about one punch...

Joey: No.

Nick: Pretty much self taught.



RI: What's the

song monsters about?

Shane: I guess I have a friend who got married really young and had a kid. Over the last year I've seen him change from one person to another. I guess it's about growing up really fast.

RI: Why did you guys decide to sign to Jade Tree rather than Columbia Records?

Darin: Tim has a nicer butt.

Joey: For the record, Darin gives good head.

RI: Does your mom take what you do seriously? Do you?

Joey: Absolutely. My mom's the official WALLEYE pit starter.

RI: When do you know you're oversexed?

Tim: When my hand gets tired.
Darin: When my lips get tired.

RI: How far would you be willing to go to be on the cover of Flipside? Would oral sex be a possibility?

Joey: I wouldn't.

Tim: Second part no. It's just a thing. I wouldn't go out of my way to get on it. If they asked us to be on it it would be cool.

Joey: Plus if your were asked to be on the cover you wouldn't be on it for a year.

RI: Tell me about the split 7" and can we get one?

Tim: The split 7" is with Damnation. A song each. It's such an honor to be on a 7" with such an awesome band



with awesome people.

Darin: Why don't I go down the street, so you can say what you really want.

Tim: Plus they gave us the opportunity to tour with them and find out how much they really hate us.

RI: What do you think is the sexiest part of your body?

Darin: My lips.

Joey: Daren's lips are big.

Shane: Behind my ears.

Tim: My hairy crevice

Joey: No comment

Tim: Joey packs a wad.

RI: Is there a universal moral standard in the band?

Joey: Drink, fight, fuck.

Shane: Skate, fuck, skate, die.

Tim: Nothing

RI: Who do you think would win a power ranger or OJ Simpson with a knife?

All in unison: A power ranger

Darin: I don't know. OJ is pretty fuckin tough.

RI: Anybody made this tour uncomfortable for you guys?

Daren: The stench in the van.

Tim: The guy who shot the other guy.

Shane: We saw a shooting in Atlanta from like here to that corner. We saw some guy get blown away.

RI: Did it have anything to do with your show?

Shane: It had nothing to do with our show. We just made a wrong turn.

Tim: Besides that, Florida has been the best state we toured. Florida's been incredibly fun.

(Conversation wanders into Florida and how they feel like they fit in here)

Shane: We have an LP coming out hopefully Spring/early Summer. We'll be back hopefully later this year.

