

RUMOURS

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In the rush to finish off record pressing here, somehow an (excellent) cover version of the Spencer Davis Group's hit 'Keep on Running' appeared on the B-side of the **National Anthem** single 'Wonderful Reason.' I'm sure there's a wonderful reason, somewhere ... **Beaver** goes to London this month for a two-week season at the prestigious London jazz club Ronnie Scott's. Joining her will be bassist **Andy Brown** and pianist **Geoff Castle**. So she's giving two farewell gigs at the Gluepot on Oct 16 & 17, with **Billy Kristian**, **Tuhi Tumoti**, **Brian Smith** and **Peter Wood** supporting. Tickets from Ponsonby's Soundhouse.

Wrap Up is a seven track LP by **David Eggleton**, with rap, rant and rock, out on Partisan October 14 ... **Herbs** are doing some warm-up gigs this month before a major tour from Nov 13 ... the **Elation Foundation** leave for Melbourne possibilities in November ... Tauranga R&B band is **Beasley Street** ... **Rob Schrieber**, ex-Texas Rangers, now fronts **Jumping Bones** ... touring this month is acoustic guitarist **Mike Harding**, with a new album *From the Edge* out on City Folk Records, PO Box 919, Hastings ... the **Warners** go south this month, with a record on On-slaught out soon ... issue three of Gisborne fanzine *The Captain's Fanzine* is out, with Verlaines and Dead Ken-

Wellington

Over 50 demo tapes have been received for the **Student Radio** compilation album ... Brent and Linda Murphy's band **Cowboys and Indians** turned down the offer of resident band at the Crickets because they don't want the venue lost to touring bands ... **Flesh D-Vice** debuted new bassplayer Andy Drey at a private function at the BNFU hall ... drummer **Tim Robinson** (ex-Jive Bombers, Neighbours) has joined the Rutherford-Brookes band ... the **Brothers Gorgonzola** reformed for a final gig at the Rock Theatre, and offshoot band the **Electric Church** are recording at Write Studio ... the **Rock Theatre** is now operating on a

week-by-week lease, and are running three bands a night ... **Dave Murphy** and **Marg Layton** are touring their "blues and hokum" duo. **Skank Attack** and **Wazzo Ghoti** missed out on getting their new 7" singles pressed after Skank boss **Steve Cochrane** made comments on the pressing situation in the newspaper ... **Frontier Studio** has arranged pressing in Australia and are now able to do digital mastering. The first digital mix was for **Taipan's** new three-track EP which will be pressed by CBS in Sydney. They can also transfer analogue to digital. This should lift the veil of depression that has settled over local bands, and keep the recording studios working. **Jonahs** have their EP *Bills of Happiness* in the shops ... the new **Wild Poppies** single 'Where is Wellington' is out now and the band is playing final gigs before heading to London.

Ian Morris aka **Tex Pistol** is working on an album at Soundtrax to follow up his successful (No 9 in the charts so far) *Game of Love* EP ... solo artists having completed recording singles are **John MacRae**, **Derek Pearson** and **Scott George** ... new band on the cafe circuit are **Black Doris and the Plum Duffs** ... the *Madness to Mana* compilation album featuring the **Subdominants**, **I-Shence**, **Flying Poakas** and **Tim Golder** recorded at Write and funded by a TAP scheme is finally in the shops ... the **Sonic Circus** will be held on October 31 with guests **Ivan Zagni** and **Jonathan Besser** ... the **Capital** band are recording an LP to be released through Kiwi Pacific ... new

trio **Martha's Vineyard** playing Upstage ... the **Crawbilly Creeps** with their album in the can are shooting a video of their 'Crawbilly Song' ... new bands include **Fallen Angels**, **Surgical Brain Implant**, **Geisha Girls**, **Blase Plag**, the **Wart** ... **Kiwi Zoo** are to be known as **Kaihana**. **John Pillely**

Christchurch

Flying Nun look like solving the record pressing blues by signing a distribution deal with one of the major companies. They are also finalising details to release a good selection of Nun material in Germany, including the **Chills**, **Gordons** and **Birds Nest Roys**, and in case your record collection is looking boring keep an eye out for lotsa American and Australian indie imports coming your way soon through Flying Nun. Speaking of the **Chills**, their album should be out in the next month or so.

Audio Access have been busy recording the likes of **Ricky and the Reflections** and **Tex Amplifier**. The Audio Access **Six of the Best** contest provided some interesting entertainment at the Gladstone, and the six winners (**Eklec Club**, **Bel Air**, **Moa Hunters**, **Camelias**, **Wax Tadpole** and **Mea Culpa**) will be recording in the studio for a compilation EP.

Blue Factory Cassettes is a new outfit set up by Lijon Mihell and Shayne O'Neill as a distribution company for local recordings that might not otherwise reach the shops. Enquiries to (03) 791-162 ... and just when you thought it was not safe to come out we receive news that the

Bush Inn is being renovated, renamed the **Powerhouse**, and could be the next big thing. It will certainly be interesting to see what happens as the venue plans to compete directly with MacKenzies.

Bits 'n' Pieces: **Jaytee Enterprises/Alphabet Recordings** are looking for new bands interested in work, phone 884-887 ... **Spy Vs Spy Ltd** have taken up residence at the New Zealander ... **Love Horror Web** are heading for Auckland for gigs later this month ... **Nelsh Bailter Space** have recorded six tracks at Progressive ... and **Soundman** are running a second sound engineer's course for '87 and as entries are limited anyone interested should apply at Soundman immediately.

John Greenfield

Calling All Bands

Searching for bands this month are the Battle of the Bands, the Rheineck Rock Award, and for next year's Orientation tours, the Students' Arts Council.

Already nearly 200 entries have been received for the Rheineck Rock Award. It's worth \$60,000, with half the money going towards recording an album, and the other half for a tour to support the album. Any New Zealand groups or individuals can apply for the awards,

even those who have recorded before.

The Battle of the Bands kicks off in Dunedin October 8. For the winners there's a prize package worth \$80,000, which goes towards recording a single, making a video, and \$40,000 for a nationwide tour. It's for "all original NZ bands who don't have a signed recording or management contract."

Entries must be in 10 days before the local heats (see the *Coruba Calendar* for the date of your town's heat). The final will be held at the Galaxy November 1. For more details, contact New Music Management, PO Box 5564, Auckland 1, or phone (09) 797-784.

The booking conference at which the Students' Arts Council decides which acts will tour at next year's Orientation takes place on November 16 and 17. The Orientation tours take place from mid-February to mid-March next year, and provide great exposure. They're interested in all types of acts: bands, solo, mime, theatre, etc.

To be considered, you must submit by October 23 a press kit with any posters, video, press clippings, tapes, and so on, to the Students Arts Council, PO Box 9266, Wellington. For more details ring Sue Dempsey, (04) 850-214.

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