

Rumours

CHRISTCHURCH

The **Bats** hope to base themselves in London for two months, heading off next month to capitalise on their deal with Rough Trade... **98 RDU** is going through more changes, this time moving into new studio offices complete with windows and air conditioning... new cassette label **Flat City** has two releases out already — another Christchurch compilation and **Golfcourse Alligators' Mad Dogging The Elephant**.

Love's Ugly Children's recording at Geronimo turned out to be rather frustrating due to time and cost. An EP is still planned, though, and in the meantime their popularity continues to grow as the gig at the Dux DeLuxe proved... **James Wilkinson** has broken up his jazz band **Hampster** and is currently touring Australia with **Rua**. James has just released an eight-song cassette **Wilding Pines**... after numerous final Fat Sally gigs, **Keith Palmer** is off to Australia. His solo cassette has had interest from Pagan among others... **Amez-Amez** have split after around five years of holding residencies all over town. Paul Mason is to retire whilst Justin McLaren is threatening a 'muscle' band. One of Paul's former colleagues, **Dick Driver** is back in town and considering putting together a band... the **Christchurch Rock Shop** now boasts the South Island's first drum shop... new bands around town include **John Wayne On Acid**, **Pumpkinhead**, **Excellent Soul Therapy**, **DVB** and **Sellum 19**.
J. GREENFIELD

AUCKLAND

The **Trains** were spotted performing on *New Zealand Today*, part of singer/songwriter Greg Fleming's enterprising quest for exposure. The band have just finished recording their debut album with Matthew Heine in the Lab and have made a video with Grant Campbell, although they're still shopping for a label deal... **Dead Famous People** have been asked to contribute a track to the Leonard Cohen tribute album *I'm Your Fan* which will also feature tracks from the Pixies, REM, John Cale and Nick Cave. DFP are currently working on their second LP due for release later this year... Palmerston North's **Lung** have signed a distribution deal with Plastic Head Records in London to put *Café* in shops across Europe in conjunction with their imminent USA and European tour... still in Palmie, **Ethiopian Lard Farmers** are a new punk band featuring the great hulk who belly danced on stage at Fugazi. Also new are **Fruithead**, while the **Flickering** have split, as have **Noddy On The Cross**. Melodic Levin pop band the **Same** are putting out an EP on cassette, **Rake** are planning a release

on Yellow Bike Records, speed metal band **Josephine Bewitched** are now a four piece and there will be no more gigs at the Stomach. If you want to read more about the PN scene, write to *Valve Magazine*, PO Box 586, Palmerston North.

Nightline ups pop content — *Freak The Sheep's* Lisa Van Der Aarde, in association with TV3's Suzanna McNamara, will soon be presenting semi-regular music reports. If you think you've got something worth seeing, contact Lisa at BFM or Suzanne at TV3.

New promotions company **Positive Projection Productions** aims to supply musicians with an alternative to self-promoted and self-funded gigs. They also hope to expand contacts overseas. Their first show is an April Fools Day Party at the Gluepot with the Headwriters, the ANZACS, the Peter Thornley Experience and **Hard To Handle**. Phone Gireesh on 4785-478 for more information.
DONNA YUZWALK

WELLINGTON

Head Like A Hole have recorded their debut album at Writhe with Brent McLachlan. Look out for a single soon on Wildside... also due soon is a six-track square vinyl live set from **Flesh D-Vice** on Spizz Records... **Paul Urbana Jones** has recorded an album at Marmalade with Nigel Stone and Trevor Reekie at the controls for a mid-year release... the **Warratahs** have parted company with drummer Rob Clarkson and are looking for a replacement for a South Island tour, a trip to Europe later in the year and the recording of their fourth album. Ross Burge is a likely replacement initially. Barry Saunders still has four songs to do to complete his solo album, but is having trouble getting into Marmalade with Annie Crummer busy with her album... the **Inhalers** have their second album *Holy Family Three Pack* out now on tape and CD on their own Henry Boy label and they have been busy up and down the country on their Orientation tour... **Darren Watson** has a new band in the pipeline and look out for a big showcase debut gig. Watson's current duo partner Dave Murphy is off to the States again for three months to take up offers of work and take in the New Orleans Jazz Festival... **Cool Disposition** guitarist Julian Dixon so impressed US visitors the Le Roi Brothers that they took him to Auckland to play support... **Amazing Broccoli** have lost their keyboard player and changed their name to **Clay**. Both Clay and **This Will Kill That** will be the first releases on Paddy Moran's new local indie label. These will be tape-only releases with a CD compilation to follow... **Codhaven** have recorded three tracks at Writhe... the new **Spines** line-up is Jon McLeary, Neill Duncan and Andy Craig with strong new McLeary songs and a more straightforward rock sound than earlier Spines... **Naked Angel** has folded in the present building, but may

come back at another venue. Snapper had to move their gig to Bodaga, which is having problems with late night noise... **Operation Music Storm**, the Carpark Battle of the Bands, is running at the moment with the final on the 21st. Next door, the **Exchange** is now running live music on Fridays... the streets are alive with the sound of music, with the International Festival and Fringe drawing good houses and offering an endless variety of entertainment.
JOHN PILLEY

DUNEDIN

Big news for the month is the debut release from the recently formed Yellow Eye label instigated by Simon Vane. **Weetbix Boys**, **Funhouse**, **Cynthia Should** and **My Deviant Daughter** feature on this compilation, three specially recorded songs per band. The cassette is available this month with a CD version to follow. Keep a lookout... Dunedin's Family, the **Chins** have put various properties up for auction. One being Sammy's Cabaret, a bit of a worry as it is our biggest accessible venue... **Able Tasmans** provided the new-look Crown with its first full house of the year and proved a full Crown is now a comfy Crown. The venue is booked solid for the next two months and the **Verlaines** and particularly the **Bats** have expressed interest in booking weekends. Those who value their hearing will be pleased to know, thanks to Stephen Kilroy, the Crown has a decibel meter and it's being used to protect that sensitive sense... **David Kilgour** played a dazzling record release — with no record. But *Here Come The Cars* will be out by end March... just one of lots and lots of Dunedin releases looming. Radio One's *Solid Cold Hits* is promised to transpire at the end of the month (if you don't know by now, it's a young-ish artists compilation)... the multi-talented (and highly motivated) **Andrew Spittle** has released his second solo cassette *Songs of Shallow*... Sandra Bell's *Dreams of Falling* adams record shelves now... **3Ds** play a Super 8 *Hellzapoppin* release gig Friday 18th, the actual release won't be far behind... **Snapper** have found their drummer, ex-Toy Lover Mike Dooley. *Shotgun Blossom* is out now... although the bassist has moved to Christchurch, **Kid Eternity** vow to remain a band as he will return for gigs... **Ada Delroys** are no more and haven't been for a while really; Paul Forde now assists the **Webbsters**... **Super 8's** been getting into the groove with dance parties, including a non-alcoholic, under age affair — the likes of Radio One's Mike T have been drawing crowds of hundreds to what looks likely to become a regular event. Meanwhile Super 8's been moving into the fire protection area, a good idea... three-piece **Stiltskin** are making a name for themselves as something to keep an eye on
NAIASHA GRIFFITHS



Head Like A Hole, Superliquorman, Palmerston North.

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PLAYLIST FRANKIE HILL

Not many people know that **Fatal Jelly Space's** badass guitarist **Frankie** also moonlights as **Annarexia**, a smoochy solo torch singer given to heart-warming renditions of *noir* classics. But her main game is the **Fatals**. After a prolonged silence, in which they've found a new keyboardist and a renewed sense of purpose, they've played a couple of triumphant Orientation shows, done **Palmy**, and are about to unleash themselves on Auckland on March 20 at the Dog Club with **Lung**. Should be a gas!

TOP FIVE ALBUMS

- Big Brother And The Holding Company *Cheap Thrills*
- Butthole Surfers *Locust Abortion Technician*
- Patti Smith *Radio Ethiopia*
- Anything by the **Skeptics**



DISAPPOINTING ALBUM

Patti Smith *Dream of Life*
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SUNDAY	MARCH 29 • BARRYTOWN TAVERN	MONDAY	APRIL 13 • KAIKOURA, QUEEN'S BOTTOM
TUESDAY	MARCH 31 • WESTPORT, LARSEN'S TAVERN	TUESDAY	APRIL 14 • PALMERSTON NORTH
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 1 • GREYMOUTH, REVINGTONS	WEDNESDAY	APRIL 15 • MASTERTON, ASHES NITE SPOT
THURSDAY	APRIL 2 • TIMARU, STAFFORDS	THURSDAY	APRIL 16 • NAPIER, SHAKESPEARE HOTEL
FRIDAY	APRIL 3 • CHRISTCHURCH, CHINESE CULTURAL HALL	FRIDAY	APRIL 17 • GISBORNE, ALBION RIVER
SATURDAY	APRIL 4 • DUNEDIN, THE CROWN	SATURDAY	APRIL 18 • WHAKATANE MOTOR LODGE
SUNDAY	APRIL 5 • QUEENSTOWN, WESTIES	SUNDAY	APRIL 19 • MT MAUNGANUI, CROCS
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