## rumours

AUCKLAND

New bands performing soon include King Loser with guitarist Chris Heazlewood (ex-Sferic Experiment and Olla), Glen Campbell from SPUD and ex-Axel Grinders Duane Zarakov and Celia (Stepford Five) Pavlova, back in town after a sojourn in America. King
Loser will be supporting Straitjacket Fits
with SPUD at their Auckland show. Also
look out for **Thighmaster** wherein
Matthew Heine, Shirley (Freak Power)
Charles and Celia go heavy metal... **SB5** are now SB3.... **Sticky Filth** sent
their three-song EP *Deaf Thru*Misadventure to Sydney to be pressed at

Misadventure to Sydney to be pressed at a modern pressing plant, but the plant went into liquidation. The Filth have been told they won't get their money back. Even worse, they're not going to get their master copy back either and the person who was running the company can't be who was running the company can to be found ... Lung got a big long rave review of their CD Cachi in the 25 February issue of Melody Maker ... Otis Mace and David Eggleton take their poetry and song show across the Tasmar for a 15-date tour of Australia in early

Gestalt are recording a double album at Frisbee . . . the Psycho Daizies are splitting up due to gurl trouble (they've been touring a lot of schools lately) **Shovelfingers** have split up...new band **Nothing At All** are still at high school and they already have a song called 'Journey' on BFM's playlist ... **SMAK** are doing a tour of Auckland halls ... Keeley's Nightclub will turn even tackier on two **Vegas** nights aturing Shaft, SMAK and Gestalt, plus dancing girls, an Elvis impersonator, magician and stand-up comic . . . the **Wild Rags** newsletter from Palmerston North is 24 pages of news, interviews and articles plus a mail order sevice for demos,

'zines, indie-releases, T-shirts etc covering all kinds of metal. Send a large SAE for a free copy to Box 782 Palmerston North. Giveaways include Nausea's Crime Against Humanity cassette and Nuclear Death's Carrion For Worm album. Skid Row fans steer clear . . . Sonic Twisters have released a four-song cassette called

Dominic Roskrow is coming back!! Anyone listening to Lizzie T's "Counting The Beat" rapumentary on Student Radio will be pleased to hear that the defunct label Voodoo Vinyl is back this month under a new name. First release is by Slam & Jamm with 'Prove Me Wrong', out this week on white label 12".

The third Curse of Nevermind tape is out now, send \$10 incl p&p to: Steven Sinkov, PO Box 45034, Auckland 8 for a 60-minute chrome tape on which you'll hear never-before-heard aural experiments from the likes of Chris Knox, Letter 5, Hieronymus Bosch, Venus Christ and Fatal

Jelly Space.
From busy Palmerston North we hear that the K-Tel Dancers have split, with drummer Murray Hood heading to Auckland to learn keyboards and Feast of Stephens are planning a full-length

Two cassette releases from Hamilton this month. The Pregnant Hippies, A Decade on The Hamilton Underground is the work of guitarist Ross Holloway. The Hum Sampler 92 is a compilation featuring Craig Pollock, Th'Clap, King Biscuit, Nut House Jam and DONNA YUZWALK

WELLINGTON

Blues artist Dave Murphy is recovering after a serious road accident which left him in a coma for several days. A broken bone is on the mend but he hasn't been able to play ... Earth
Telephone are checking out local studios and producers to do some recording ... Cool Disposition are playing the goldfish bar Route 66 on

Thursday and Saturdays. A bit of a waste of time for his talented young band... Charlotte Yates played in store at Tandy's recently to promote her album and Radio Active sub cards. The earlier editions of Active's shirts have already become collector's items. Listen in for a special NZ music week at the end of the month . . . there will be a five week country music festival organised by Town and Country Radio from 27 April to 1 June using city venues . . . the **Brunswick**'s using any venues... The browners music sessions on Wednesday nights ... Trekkers are planning to enlarge the popular Antipodes bar... a new bar is planned for the old Paisley Park room in Taranaki Street and Naked Angel is ready to come back at a new venue... Evan Roberts from **Trasch** is now based in Auckland but this will not effect the live performance of the band as they promote their second release Chemikaze.

The finale of the Fringe Festival featured performances by the Love Factory band and Head Like A Hole at the Repetory was oversold by about 100 people. Whatever happened to fire regulations, let alone some sense of comfort at a gig ... expect a reshuffle in the line up of **Dr Versuve's Uranus Moon Orchestra**... after some delays with the pressing and cover the Flesh
D-Vice official bootleg 10" should be available by the time you read this . . most of the former Brooklyn Express have turned up as the five piece **Zephers**... erry Casey has a hot new band, the Shakedancers with Murray Patterson on guitar and vocals, Richard Percival bass and vocals and veteren Billy Brown on drums playing strong Casey originals . . Let's Planet secured several Crowded House supports and went down well, receiving praise from Neil Finn. JOHN PILLEY

DUNEDIN

Echo Records held an instore gig in celebration of the release of the CD version of Out Of The Yellow Eye which

Music Awards (SJ Fits top male vocalist, holds 5/6 songs each for **Cynthia Should**, **Funhouse**, **Wheetbix** Boys and My Deviant Daughter. Each band played for 20 minutes or so, hopefully it may happen more often. The continuity of the Yellow Eye label depends on the success of this sampler not bad for a town better know for its green eye . . . a poster war has started up, bands covering other bands, removing one another's etc. Not a pretty sight. One or two irregular venues are to blame as well. Whatever happened to that unspoken law which kept all things nice? . local boys done good **Straitjacket Fits** looming first local appearance for over a year is causing a stir. They're also gumbooting it down to Invercargill, following quite a few others who have headed south-er in recent months, including **Verlaines**, **JPS Experience** and numerous others....

Bats play Sammy's the weeked after Easter...Polyp are now a three-piece. The new look lineup has been playing here, there and everywhere including a gig with the Psycho Daizies . . . NZ's comedy mag **Jester** returns, yet another credible cover featuring Belinda Todd, available at all good bookstores...
usually conservative ticket buyers have lapped up Crowded House passes, prompting a second show. No support has yet been confirmed though Crowded House interest has been directed at wait for it — 3Ds... new and newish bands dept: **Dating Godot** with Andrew Spittle, newcomer Gabriell Ryan and a drum machine; **Travis**, who are best described as 'glam rock'; Pivot who debuted in February and are now taking a break to gather some 'intensity' and there's Don't Give Me Culture, Green Mind and Waiting For Dog, an all-star combination currently shrouded in secrecy, yet debuting in May with the Websters at the Crown ... bye bye to Radio One ad man Tim as he, fi and baby Becky skip town. Steven Stedman will fill his shoes . . . good to see Dunedin, NZ's most heralded music centre, got all of two nominations at the

top international) ... Ex-Pistols are cool and they mean that and they're on tour... Gwynn and Peter Kaye are co-ordinators far the all new **Upstairs** Cellar Bar in the Provincial Hotel, geared for comedy and poetry ... good news: the Crown is dropping door charges 'to make music more accessible'. The \$6 average could drop 50 per cent People's Promotions South Island circuit gets underway with Blackthor in early May . . . the first Red One's party is May and will double as the Solid Cold Hits launch, apparently . . . if I've missed you out or you've got some news, get in touch with me thru Radio One or drop the info in. NATASHA GRIFFITHS

CHRISTCHURCH After finally starting to get some attention the **Babels** are back to square one with the departure of singer Annette who is heading to Greece . . . the Babels played their last gig with the Psycho Daizies at the Chinese Cultural Hall which looks like becoming a regularish venue. Hendrix fans the **Dwellers** have released a cassette of original material as have Warners Hotels' other regulars Shyster. Shyster's effort received extensive airplay on 98RDU and they are now looking for a label to release their next cassette ... KATS Studio is now up and running with Throw and Leadleg recently making full use of the place . . . Flat City is now self-funding with their first release Golf Course Alligators selling particularly well in the North Island (maybe having a substitute teacher for a guitarist is an advantage?). Next up is a CD from **Love's Ugly Children** and a cassette from John Kelcher...the
Jeremy Experience are looking at touring to a town near you with a cassingle to coincide . . . Silium 19 were heading to Dunedin, but decided to take separate holidays instead, hopefully not permanently... **Submit To Desire** are definitely going to be playing in Dunedin, supporting the **Puddle**... the Templars have reappeared after a long break . . . Justin MacLaren, ex-Amez-Amez, has joined ex-H-Clubber Aaron Reilly, Paul Dench, Jason Hurrell and Dean Rioden to

form **Rex Everything**. Whilst another H-Clubber Tony Mosely has landed the role of Sam Cook in the Aussie production of Buddy ... the MAD Entertainment Guide has been growing stronger with each fortnightly issue while their competition, the C93 Gig Guide is becoming harder to find ... how to subsidise your original band — form a covers band. The **Snakes** appear to have mastered the art although we can still tell it's you under that wig Shane . . . Stark Naked won the band competition at the New Brighton Tavern which earned them \$1,000 and a residency . . . new ska band in town is the Undertakers ... Ken Ackroyd advises Smokin Jacket are "happening" with a song on ZM, their own line of merchandising (T-shirts, tour jackets and

shower curtins!) and a possible tour of Fiji
.. Excellent Soul Therapy are looking at taking their environmental reggae round high schools . . . the Dixie Down Under Promotions Aids Benefit Concert at the Carlton featured over 10 acts and around 500 people.

J. GREENFIELD

Caped Up

ANDREW SPITTLE Songs of Shallow (Demolition)

Dunedin's most prolific noisemonger/singer/songwriter (no not in that sense) returns with a mere 17 new songs. This should please his two fans in Kamo (fact!) and also everyone else who likes absurdly fragile melodies delivered at discomfort speed, almost but not quite overpowered by (what sounds like hundreds of) guitars that don't

excoriate like, say, Rake's, but are more genuinely unruly than just about any others playing pop music outside the 3Ds. This time round the shiny rigour of a drum machine exaggerates the sonic and emotional disintegration all around it. Right thinking citizens should dispatch \$10 to 17 Pioneer Crescent, Dunedin, forthwith. MATTHEW HYLAND

HIERONYMOUS BOSCH & LEPTER ANYLUM Suckman/Whoregod/ **Tortured Remains** 

A promotional tape thingy sold for \$2 at gigs by someone who looks suspiciously like the bellowing anit-rock star Max Ego without the Marcel Marceau make over. Hieronymous Bosch have wisely not attempted to recreate their percussion-monster live sound in the studio. The result is that the sample based 'Suckman' shudders and squirms quite attractively, but "Whoregod' sounds like it might from outside the Gluepot.

Leper Asylum play a variant of Death Metal whose vision of hell seems to involve loud, clean, unplayable guitar solos over mud coloured staccato rhythms, with a voice deeper than the bass frequency and sweaty tattoed biceps everywhere, sounds fairly accurate to

MATTHEW HYLAND

## RHINO & ATLANTIC

Indie compilation / reissue label Rhino Records will now be distributed internationally by Warner Music and Rhino will have access to the Atlantic vaults to reissue the label's classic soul recordings.

The first CDs to be issued by Rhino

will be double collections by Wilson Pickett and Solomon Burke and single CDs by Percy Sledge and Clarence

Rhino will also issue double CDs by Atlantic artists the Rascals and J.Geils Band, the final three Otis Redding albums and Dusty Springfield album Dusty in Memphis and Brand New Me, both with additional tracks.

The first Rhino/Atlantic boxed set will be an extensive Aretha Franklin collection.

Planning to embark on a career in music while on the dole? Good idea but maybe create a cool stage name as Social Welfare Dept are working with Inland Revenue to research musicians' names from publications such as RipltUp and Hatties' Gig Guide to investigate earnings ... Nine Livez have a new single in May Take Me Back' ... Hinewehi Mohi has released a single 'Kia U' on the Tangata label ... Rumblefish may release live tapes from their March Gluepot gig ... Head Like A Hole will follow-up their May single 'Fish Across Face' with a debut album 13... Dead Flowers will soon release a single 'Lisa' / Walking in the Sun'... new Southside of Bombay single is 'All Across the World'... forthcoming single from David Parker is KC & the Sunshine Band's 'Get Down Tonight' ... the Music NZ Convention at the Aotea Centre, Sunday April 5 was well attended and topics covered were Management, Record & Publishing Deals, Media Exposure and Exporting Music. Transcripts are available for \$20 from MUSIC NZ CONVENTION, PO Box 8135,





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