### BUNCH

You Gotta Believe

As a member of New Kids on the Block, Donnie Walberg is obliged to retain a clean cut image — even if his role in this latter day version of an adolescent Village People is to be the 'Bad Boy'. On stage he tweaks his willy, says the 'S' word, and the fans shriek - he's so naughty!

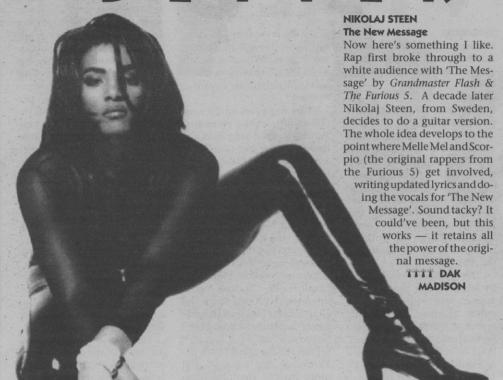
Living this straight life has its stresses and has in the past led Donnie D to start small fires in hotel hallways. Rather than continue in this manner Donnie has discovered a new release for his frustrations: MM & TFB. Mark is Donnie's brother and through him Walberg can do everything he can't do with NKOTB, namely rap to fonky hip hop beats and say the 'F'

Okay so Marky raps but Donnie writes and produces the whole album (almost) as well as popping up here and there for guest spots. But what of the music you ask? Strong dance orientated rap with some great backing vocals from Darcelle Wilson.

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### **NONA GAYE** Love For The Future

This gal is so sexy I'm going to insist we print her picture. She's one of the few 'Sexy' female vocalists who sounds as good as she looks. (Most of the current crop of girlie singers are all style and no talent). Her impressive voice is matched by a range of equally impressive funky toons. I presume she's being groomed for something big because this 11 track album is produced by SIX (count 'em!) different production teams. Luckily they're all in a similar groove — rather than making the album sound disjointed (as can happen with multi-production) Gaye gets



some diversity to her sound. 111+ DAK MADISON

#### **DANNII MINOGUE** Show You The Way To Go

I bumped into her a few years ago and she was very young. Ouite timid and totally under the thumb of her manager, she looked like any other teenager fresh skin, puppy fat, mo' cutey! While her sister did pop with Stock, Aitken, & Waterman Dannii went to New York to get some hip hop flavour. She's back now with a new single and regretably it sounds like she's ditched that sound. Regretable because there's nothing here to set her apart from any other girlie pop singer. At least she'll always be better looking than

TH NICK D'ANGELO

#### **BOBBY BROWN Good Enough**

The album is fine but as a standalone single this falls flat. Superbly sung, superbly produced, but bland none-the-less. This is a shining example of how a slick video can make you think a song is good. Notable only for its mantra for Sensitive New Age Guys: "If it ain't good enough, I'll try harder'

TT- NICK D'ANGELO

#### **EN VOUGE**

### Give It Up, Turn It Loose

I must be having a bad week. Even the otherwise wonderful En Vogue sound boring! This really is just a middle of the road radio ballad. Vocally they're in fine form, but once again I recommend the album. TH NICK D'ANGELO

### **VARIOUS Balistyx**

The sleeve details are skant so I don't really know whether this is a sampler compilation of Balistyx artists or what. The EP opens with D'Lil 'I told Ya'. D'Lil is the street name for David Faustino from Married ... With Children. Were he not thusly famous I would be dismissive but Bud Bundy a.k.a. Grandmaster B is such a lovable character D'Lil gets another look in. His rapping ability is respectable but needs more work. Lots. The production does too, and they could start by throwing away their 1988 copy of Simon Harris' Break Beats & Scratches

Nona Gaye

Next up is Rainbow 'Keep It Up', followed by Love & Games 'Total Opposite'. One half of

this duo is the dancer from In Bed With Madonna who sued because the film implied he was a closet homosexual. Calling themselves The MHNC Crew everyone gets together for 'Music Has No Colour', a rousing rap against racial tensions (as seen in L.A.). It's good, as is the Drum-a-Mental mix of 'I Told Ya' which closes the EP. This version proves good production can help an artist immensely. TIT DAK MADISON

### **Hot Sex**

This was the standout track on the Boomerang soundtrack, even though it wasn't actually in the film. It's a 'spicey' number about the joys of sex, all done in the best possible taste of course. The EP also includes Everything Is Fair', a rather long 'Scenario', and finishes with the UK 'Hip Hop Mix of Butter' (the next best track).

THE NICK D'ANGELO

# LETTERS

ALL TWO OF THEM.

### **IRRESPONSIBLE?**

After many years of enjoying your wonderful magazine, and considerable soul searching as to whether to criticise it, I write to support Ms Pope's letter ("Get A Life") in the November issue.

To be frank, I too find D. Zarakov's asides both meaningless and annoying. Take his reviews in the same issue. I'm not interested in his flatmate's nose, on where he thinks Mudhoney should sleep (Mudhoney review), his highschool days (Neil Young), nor do I find his garbled grammar or pointless truncations either amusing or easily readable.

What annoys me most is his put down of Ms Pope when she was making a relevant (if needlessly insulting) point. Perhaps Mr Zarakov should take the advice he so flippantly gave to Lisa Pope — he should have stayed in school and learned how to write complete sen-

While I can appreciate individual styles of writing, this should not stand in the way of informing readers. Zarakov's personal anecdotes and insights too often appear with no regard to his journalistic responsibil-

### M. MCLELLAND

## **NOT SLACKERS**

I'm writing to let anyone who attended Satan Feast in Christchurch on October 1992 know the reasons why Cyrrhosis weren't there. It's not cos we are a slack bunch of unreliable wankers but because someone put our name on the posters and advertised us as booked without bothering to let us know first. We're not slackers who don't turn up to gigs. We're just not into being exploited by money grabbers who don't bother to ask us first and be filmed by the media who just want to paint death metal as a non-intelligent, suicidal fad.

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