

SWINGERETTE



Hiskunks! We're the Swingerz and contrary to all rumours we are still alive and well. This holiday issue of the Swingerzette is only two pages... basically because we couldn't afford to print a larger issue. But we still wanted to get information to the masses so please take what you can get! Since our last issue, good things have started to happen here in Filthy delphia. Omni's continues to draw larger crowds each week. People definitely into new music. The club Fills the void created by the Hot Club's demise. Siouxie and the Banshees blew us all away on their American concert debut at the Starlite Ballroom. Thank to David Carroll. The Starlite should be so good every night! A reliable source states that when Emerald City management was asked about booking the Banshees they replied, Siouxie who?" So much for Emerald City! There are now four (court them - Swingerzette, New Sound, Terminal, and Public Address) now sound scene newspapers on the street. Support them all by buying copies and asking for them at your local newstands Transmitters being overhauled at WKDU for more power and a wider listening audience will bring their great new music coverage to that many more people. WKDU and wxPN continue to be the only radio stations covering new music in this town. The Swingerz say: SANTA'S OK SO HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!!! Don't buy Christmas presents. Just get them!



JAN. 2nd- THE CONTRACTIONS at Omni's; 907 Walnut St. 925-7799 JAN. 9th- FRED FRITH at Omni's JAN. 17th- X at Omni's

Emerald City doesn't know so call 923-0233

Starlite Ballroom's tape machine doesn't know- 634-8965

JAN 29+30 - ELVIS COSTELLO at Tower Theatre

13 SOUNDS TO SHING TOO!

1 - OUR DAUGHTER'S WEDDING - Lawnchairs (45) 2- SIOUXIE AND THE BANSHEES- Israel (45)

3- BAUHAUS- Double Dare(from Flat Field LP)

4- FAB GADGET- Insecticide(LP)

5- MICROFUN- Master Blaster (12 inch)

6- PROFESSIONALS- Just Another Dream (45) 7- ELECTECH-Death is a Constant Reference/Hazard(tape)

8- BUNNYDRUMS- Warning(tape)

9- METHOD ACTORS- The Method (45) 10- THE CLASH! - Police on my Back (from Sandinista LP)

11- TRINITY- Don't Stop Till You Get Enough (45)

12- TIREZ TIREZ- Etudes(LP)
13- YOKO ONO- Kiss Kiss(45)

Allison of Sic Kidz recently passed away ... our condolences go to the band ... she'll be missed

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One of the most exciting things The Swingerz have had the opportunity to be involved with began recently with the arrival of a tape by a band called Electech. The members of the band, all living in the Philadelphia area, have chosen an entirely new way of bringing their music to the scene, and The Swingerz are proud to be able to spread the word about Electech. As opposed to playing The Starlite or Omni's or the New York club circuit, Electech has a different plan ... But first, here's some info on the band supplied by bass guitarist David Hopkins. David, who grew up in Colorado, played in a long line of bands both in Colorado and the New York area. While in Colorado, one of David's bands had the infamous Jello Biafra (Dead Kennedys) singing and writing material ("He was as crazy then as he is now, and no, I won't tell you what his real name is.") Lead guitarist Den Hagarty is originally from New York and is close friends with Bush Tetras guitarist Pat Place. He appears (uncredited) on the Tetras' single "Too Many Creeps" and recorded with The Clash on two tracks at Electric Ladyland Studios this past spring. David says, "Den is listed on the credits for the 'Sandinista!' Clash album, but they spelled his name wrong." keyboard player Philip Samton is originally from Philadelphia, played with a lot of local bands (including The Nazz "for about three weeks") and then moved to Washington D.C. Drummer Noel Cox is the only non-American. While in his native Britain, Noel played on television soundtracks written by Roxy Music sax-man Andy Mackay, and played with The Adverts, among others "who you'd never have heard of." Noel came to Philadelphia to visit a close friend, met the other Electech's, and has decided to make Philadelphia his home indefinitely. David says, "The whole story of how we all got together would take too long to tell, but basically we have enjoyed being able to work on our material somewhat anonymously. It wasn't until now that we've felt ready to have people hear our stuff, either recorded or live (a tentative date is set for Omni's in early February)." BUT NOW FOR THE BEST NEWS!!!!! Through a special agreement with Electech and their management, The Swingerz will be able to offer a special recorded sample of Electech's first single "Death is a Constant Reference" and "Hazard" several weeks before it's release and their first live show. Just send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Swingerz/Electech, 2043 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103 and we will send you a free tape!!! Please be sure you send a stamped envelope because we can't pay the postage on the tape. Let The Swingerz put you in the know first about Philadelphia's newest band!!!!

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A CERTAIN RATIO to owner the T. HEADS song "Houses In Motion" with GRACE JONES doing lead vocals. If the partnership is successful an album will probably result. For those into such things here's a sampling of some of this years Xmas I releases: " Santalet Us Microchips For Christmas" by Future Shock (on Whisper) > "Christias Day" by Squeeze (on A&M), "There Asit Me Sonity Chus" by the Downed (on Chiswick) , AND " Jagging Along With Me Roundoor" by John Kinkpetrick (on Brugles).

MUNGO JERRY lead vocalist, Ray Dorset, put out a 45, "Forgotten Land" on his own Satellite label.

Band Break-ups: THE HUMAN LEAGUE have lost original members Martyn Ware and Ian Marsh, who left to form there own production company. And THE CHORDS have parted company with their lead vocalist & guitarist Billy Hassett, They are looking for a replacement.

"King Of The Read" is to be a future Specials single.

Hollywood Heartbeat 12:30 Sun. nite Rockworld 12:00 Friday nite TV shows that have at least one great group (Furs, Stiff Little Fingers, Surf Punks, etc.) per episode ... WKDU has added another wonderful show with Leon Goddfrey each Thurs, at 6 AM called In The City ... TLA's last picture show is Jan. 4thlook for relocation... SEENIES WEEKEND at Omni's Dec. 26th and 27th sponsored by SWINGERZ, NEW SOUND, TERMINAL, WKDU, WXPN, etc. with lots of great local bands!!!