

FANZINES

Here's that long awaited rundown on fanzines I've finally gotten around to putting together. All are highly recommended. Fanzines are the best source for regional information and besides they're plenty of fun to read. If you want to write to any please add an extra 50¢ for postage to all prices, even the one's that say "free".

THE OFFENSE #13 (1585 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43201 \$1.50)--- One of my favorites! Pages of record reviews, a fantastic letters section, personal insights, a regular column on the eternal music of Frank Sinatra plus much more. Editor TKA puts the whole thing together. Intelligent but funny writing that primarily deals with the British stuff (Factory, 4AD, Postcard) but there's a little bit of everything.

TERMINAL! (P.O. Box 2141B, PHILA., PA. 19103 \$1.00)--- Fantastic cover photo of X! An incredible issue with coverage on some of my favorite bands like ESG, X, and the Slits. Also a very interesting article on some of the concert promoters in Philly.

CATCH 22 #5 (25 GOULD DRIVE, Ashchurch Tewkesbury, GLOS. GL20 8RL England)--- The only fanzine I've recieved in the mail from England. A great zine with coverage on the Damned, Bauhaus and even some lesser known bands (at least from my American perspective) like Strychnine, Skid Risk and the Lost Famous. I enjoyed this very much and Kevin assured me that not everyone over there was into funk. I'm not sure of the price but send something.

WASHINGTON WAVES (821 N. Taylor, Arlington, Va. 22203 free? send SAE) A one sheeter similar to NY's Short Newz, that's full of local news and record reviews. Plenty of content and intelligent writing make this worthwhile. They like the Stick Figures too!

THE HATES IN IRAN (4200 W 34th, Box 132, Houston, Texas 77092 no price but send \$)--- A comic book- great idea! In order to free the hostages millions of Hates records are shipped to Iran as tactical weapons.

SONGS FROM THE WOOD VOL. 3 #10 (8951 SW 53 St., Cooper City, FL 33328 free plus 50¢)--- When I first saw this I thought OH GOD! a fanzine named after a Jethro Tull record! Well the name is still distastful but how can you knock a guy who has covered Charlie Pickett, the Bobs, Larry Jee & the Rockabilly Rockets and other worthwhile causes in recent issues. You can't beat the price either!

NEW MUSICAL EXCESS #15 (3118 43rd St., Lubbock, Texas 79413)--- From the land of Buddy Holly comes this great fanzine. Plenty of info on Black Flag, Toxic Reasons, Red Rockers, Vast Majority and a whole lot more. Send a buck to Robin, you can't go wrong.

IDLE THOUGHTS #7 (5462 44 Av. Delta, B.C., Canada U4K-1C7 50¢)--- Thus came in at the last minute and all I can say is... WOW! The scene in Canada looks like it's cookin'... plenty of reviews and write ups covering Canadian bands like Moev and the Modernettes plus American bands such as X and Suicide.

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OP "I" ISSUE (P.O. BOX 2391, Olympia, Wash. 98507 \$1.50)--- These guys cover all areas of alternative music from polka to Throbbing Gristle. Intelligent and generally unbiased reviews.

FLIPSIDE #29 (P.O. Box 363, Whittier, Ca. 90608 \$1.00)--- The print's still smaller than ever but if you can afford a pair of good glasses it's well worth it. Another incredible issue with stuff on Black Flag, Necros, Gun Club!, Meat Puppets and all the latest parties. An entertaining letters section also.

SAVAGE PINK #4 (1248 Day St., Phila. Pa. 19125 50¢)--- Dead Kennedys, reviews, Sadistic Exploits.... Put together by some very charming young ladies but what's all this "sadistic dyke" stuff? I don't understand.

THE BOB DEC. ISSUE (508 Whitby Dr., Wilmington, DE 19803 free but send \$)--- U2 plus a Siouxsie interview. Siouxsie gets cruel and almost shatters my dreams. Primarily covers the Philly scene. TSOP?

NOISE #7 (3588 Southbrook Dr., Xenia, Ohio 45201 \$.75)--- Good hardcore zine from Ohio (the state with more fanzines than bands). UK punk, 45 Grave, reviews and mucho more.

FALLOUT #4 (3838 Nebraska Av., Tampa, Fl. 33603 free plus \$)--- Not really a zine in that it's put out by a radio station, WMNF. Good reading on bands that have played the area (Bad Brains, Red Rockers, etc.) plus plenty of local stuff and reviews. Why can't WSHE put out a paper like this? Maybe they aren't "listener sponsored" like WMNF. I don't think many of these were printed but if you see one lying around pick it up.

RIPPER #6 (1494 Teresita Dr., San Jose, Ca. 95129 75¢)--- Another hardcore zine from California. Good interviews with Black Flag, TSOL, and Wasted Youth. Excellent photos and layout make this a good bet. Also an Au Pairs story.

BORINGTON JOURNAL VOLII #1 (2421 Nassau Rd., Mirimar, Fl. 33023 free+ 50¢) I decided to review this even though editor, Dave Fun didn't mention Suburban Relapse in his list of fanzines he's heard from. Well I'm finally over my initial hurt and depression so what the hell? A cool issue that includes a Throbs interview, L.A. report, almost nothing on U2 or Adam & the Ants, D.C. news, and the latest from Haulover Beach. To get to Haulover you just take a left at Hunnington Beach from the north and travel in a diagonal line for about 3000 miles. See how easy it is?

JETLAG #21 (P.O. Box 7941, St. Louis, MO. 63106 50¢)--- I wonder if we'll be around for our 21st issue? A good zine with articles on the Blasters, Rick James, and Bow Wow Wow.

AFTERTASTE (P.O. Box 65592, W. Des Moines, Iowa 50265 50¢)

BE MY FRIEND (3636 1/2 Univ. Av., San Diego, Ca. 92104 free but send \$)