

THE ADOLESCENTS

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The Adolescents were interviewed by Shawna & I after their show with Youth of Today, Token Entry, & Immoral Discipline. Paul's jacket was stolen from the 'band room' during Y.O.T. set. It's really too bad that one or two lame-o's had to ruin things for them. If you know where it is, SEND IT BACK!!!

Thanks,
-Pam

THE ADOLESCENTS ARE:

Rikk Agnew=guitar, vocals Steve Soto=bass, vocals
Paul Casey=guitar, vocals Sandy Hansen=drums

HOW LONG HAS THE PRESENT LINEUP BEEN TOGETHER?
Paul-I just joined the band this year, so it's been about months.

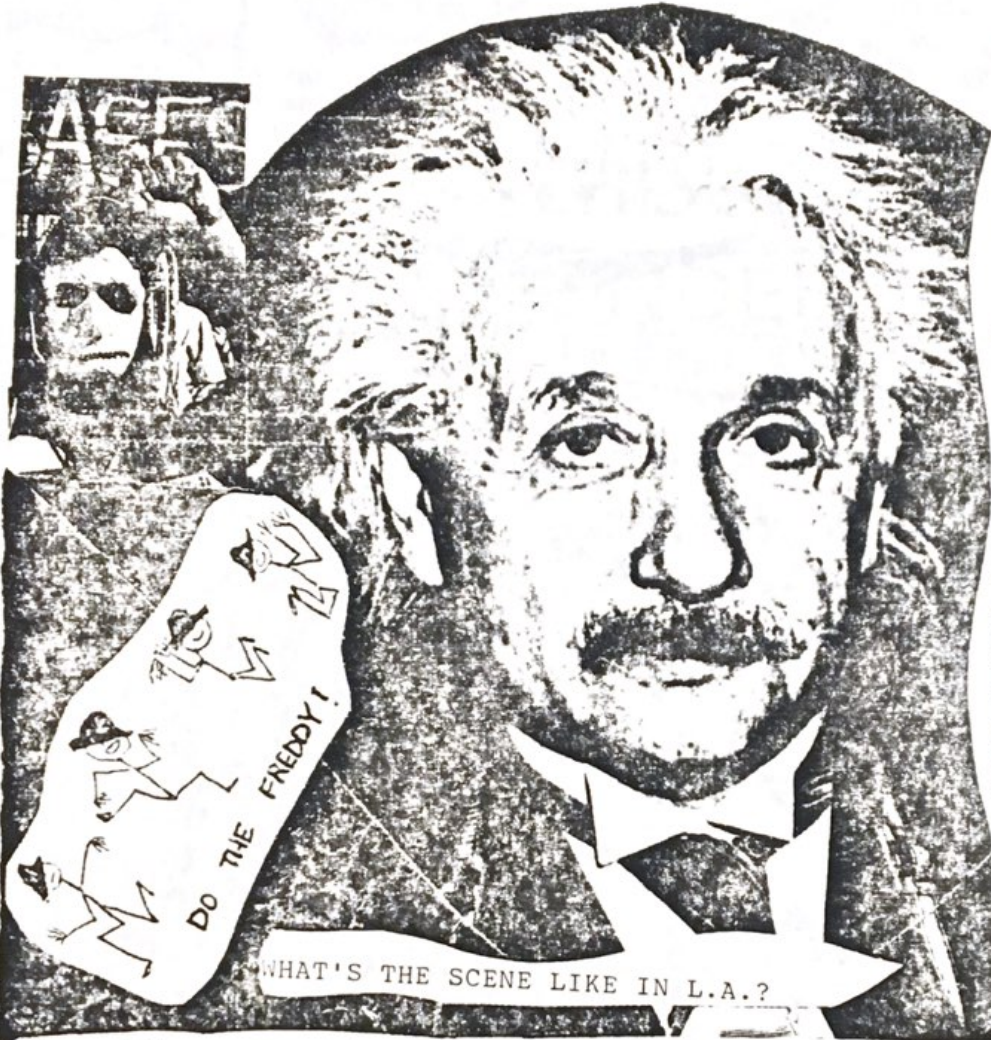
WHY DID IT TAKE SO LONG FOR BRATS TO COME OUT AFTER THE FIRST ALBUM?

Steve-We were all pretty messed up and we couldn't get a long. Too much drugs and alcohol. The band got back together in '86 and things are going great now. We drink every once in a while but we stay away from drugs.

YOUR NEW ALBUM IS CALLED BALBOA FUN ZONE. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
Steve-Balboa is a place outside Newport and Huntington Beach ..an amusement park. There were lots of riots going on around there. There was a surf contest on MTV and a really bad riot broke out, involving about 700-800 kids. One of the worst riots was there in Balboa, so that's what Balboa Fun Zone is all about.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE SOUND OF BALBOA FUN ZONE? MORE LIKE THE FIRST ALBUM OR BRATS?

Steve-It's definitely more like the first album. We weren't really happy with Brats. It has a few good songs on it, but it was too metal for us. The first album was hard to follow, but the new one sounds more like it. We're really happy with the way it turned out.



Steve-Well, we wrote our first anti-drug song. It's called 'Till She Comes Down'. Then there's another one called 'Allan Hotel', about a cheap motel where people end up when they're really bad off. Paul lived there for a little while and Rikk worked in a porno shop above it. Rikk-The song 'Tattoo Time' was recorded using a real tattoo gun while I was getting this tattoo. (shows us a weird negged lady on his upper arm.) We write about things we've experienced. Everyone has different beliefs and ideas and we don't want to preach or try to push our beliefs on other people. If you want to talk about politics, you should be a politician. If you want to play rock-n-roll, you should play rock-n-roll.

WHAT'S THE SCENE LIKE IN L.A.?

Steve-It's really big. Anytime it gets that big, it's also hard to control.

HAVE YOU SEEN A LOT OF VIOLENCE OUT THERE?

Steve-No, not really. Whenever a fight breaks out while we're playing, we'll just stop. We don't want to be background music for a boxing match.

DO YOU THINK THE SCENE HAS PROGRESSED SINCE YOU FIRST GOT INTO IT?

Rikk-Well, that all depends on where you go. We really like playing Florida, New York, D.C., Raleigh used to have a cool scene, but it's sort of dying out now.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THE BAND?

Steve-We just want to keep playing every night. We don't want to be on MTV or anything. That would be nice, but that's not what we're after. We just want to keep it going, stay on the road. In fact, we just bought a van. We used to all split up the money we made from playing, but now everything we make goes back into the band.

Rikk-We love the feeling of adrenalin we get when we play. Adrenalin is one of the best drugs in the world.

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WHAT ELSE DO YOU DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT TOURING? OUTSIDE JOBS?

Steve-Sandy is a courier, Paul is a shipping clerk, and Rikk and I just work on the band. WE're involved in everything that goes on in the band. We used to have managers back when we were always fucked up, but now we're in control of everything ourselves.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU PRACTICE WHEN NOT TOURING?
Steve-Three or four times a week.

HOW LONG WILL THIS TOUR BE?

Rikk-Well, it started in... the last week in April, and we'll be on the road for about 2 months. We're going to Europe at the end of the year and hopefully to Australia & Japan. We know some people from Australia & they said we could play down there, so we're excited about that.



WHO ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE BANDS?

Rikk-Guns and Roses, Metallica, Megadeth.
Paul-I still like Iggy alot!
R & S-Bad Brains, Social Distortion, Flipper, Husker Du, Replacements.

ARE YOU GUYS FRIENDS WITH SOCIAL D.?

Steve-Yeah! In fact, ..that song 'Kids of the Black Hole' is about Mike Ness's apartment-the black hole. We used to stay with him.

TELL THEM WE LOVE THEM! WE HAVE THEIR NEW ALBUM. OKAY... ANY CLOSING COMMENTS?

Rikk-This has been one of our best shows on our tour so far. We've met some really cool people. I also want to say that some of the nicest people we've met on this tour have been skinheads.

They get a bad rap, but I don't think they really deserve it.
Paul-If anyone has my jacket, give it back.