

ALL OF US

VOLUME 1 NUMBER 1

"ROCKIN' AND ROLLIN'!!!!" *

Dear Folx,

Well! NOW we're talking! I'm pickled tink that we're growing in leaps & bounds. And just think, maybe someday we'll be a full-blown FANZINE! And you folx can say you were here first! I've got so much to say, so this "editorial" is gonna be a bit patchy...

OK, first off, I have sent the fine folx at GOLDMINE magazine a list of my current subscribers and all who have not dealt with them previously should be receiving a *free issue* in the mail soon! if you're not familiar with this mag, the best I could describe it is that it's just a big ol' newsprint deale that is cover to cover record shop ads!

Before it arrives, you will receive a notice saying your issue is on it's way and an offer of a 1/2 year bi-weekly subscription at \$14.99... I personally urge you to take them up on it!

Goldmine is, in my opinion, an *invaluable* resource. It has been put to me by one fan that they feel it's not that helpful, but, sorry, this person comes from what I believe is a pretty good area to buy stuff in shops-for folx that live in record store bereft areas of the U.S., I think it will be a terrific aid in collecting, & in fact, a *must*

Please, if given the chance, congratulate my good friend Lowell Austin Jr on his recent marriage... the happy groom called me up a few weeks ago & woke the poor girl up to say hi to me! Now let's talk DISCOGRAPHIES-I'm sorry for the lack of one in this edition, but there simply was not room, I'll try again next time. Nowthen, a nice fellow from the U.K. sent me his a few weeks ago and I must tell you now, it was simply *exorbitant!!!* I seriously doubt any of us here could even hold a candle to this seek & destroy warriors' list!

NEW ALBUM & SINGLE!!! Two separate projects, the -fran at FOREIGN MATTER has pre-reserved for me , if memory serves, something like "ships-the covers" which is due out in the U.K. APRIL 24th... I presume it's a single with all the cover tunes they've done recently on one disc (sound redundant?)... that's funny, if you look at it *my way*, SHIPS *is* a cover song! Also, the COUNTRY CLUB has given word of the new album-"without the aid of a safety net", which will be released on JUNE 6th (I assume it will be just a U.K. release so far, so scan those Goldmines!). It is, as the title alludes, a live album (half acoustic, half electric), and the title comes from Stuarts' introduction of Bruce at the shows ("the worlds' only stunt guitarist...").

I'd like to hear your opinions on the whole Kurt Cobain thing, good or bad, to print up here later. ...BIG apologies for any confusion over the SCANDAL SHEET - these are OLD documents spanning steeltown to the sear - BC ARE NOT PLAYING SNL!!! I've noticed LOTS of you seek VIDEO... I'm not as big on it as others are, but if you seek all sorts of video tattles, write Tom Kercheval here in my home state-I have one of his vids myself & it's great!

Anyone who missed it, Stuarts' birthday was APRIL 11th (thank to Marty for that little bit of info!). Check this out: our one & only Canadian subscriber, Maureen Neil, met Stuart on his very own turf-and as he was off to get milk, no less! Marty had the great luck to find something a lot of us seek-the Broken Heart with "made in heaven"...and for only \$4!! She sent me a copy & it's a pretty good b-side! A lot of us are green with envy!

Let's talk about tentative future projects... how does everyone feel about *All Of Us* T-shirts? Would you buy one if it was between \$8-\$10? OK, my new biggie: To preserve our precious vinyl, I want to transfer all the 12" mixes and b-sides to COMPACT DISC. I can do this at the studio where I & my band record (MSA STUDIOS, GEORGETOWN, DE)-now it is expensive... it'd be about \$50 each if we can use a 60 minute disc, \$60 each if we have to use a 74 minute disc. Let me know your opinions, please. This would be great for those who don't have the GREAT BOX and even for anyone just desiring these mixes & b-sides on convenient disc.

If anyone could help me out, I seek b-sides & mixes by the following: *swervedriver*, *curve*, *inspiral carpets*, (any) *urge overkill*, *miracle legion*, *chapterhouse*, *wadding present*, *superchunk* and others too numerous to mention... gimme a call before you mail me anything, & I apologize for using this space for my own personal gain.

BIG OL' THANKES:

christine at kinko's for helping to make me computer-literate, art & mary & everyone who sent clippings and stuff, and also to andrea for the poem by stevie smith... thank to *everyone* for their support and response...

last minute notes... due to the write-up in the 'notice board', combined with our ad in the classifieds in Goldmine, we are growing almost daily!!! and I'm sorry I couldn't get this out any sooner.

note to all newcomers:
please send me your vitals (if possible, dues) so I can print a more detailed list next time.
to those of you already on the list,

if you see anything wrong or missing please let me know...

* ...DON'T LAUGH-THAT'S WHAT OUR HEROES HAD, LIT UP
ON THE DESTINATION SIGN ON THEIR TOUR BUS...

thank -
Jan

THE BC SHOPPER

EQS MUSIC-NY 315.252.1999 some 12" vinyl
 WORLDWIDE CD-IL 312.665.0030 steeltown uk cd
 YODELIN' PIG-MD 410.788.5463 various, mainly cd
 THE OLD HIPPIE-KS 913.242.2879 radio shows on cd & vinyl
 MUSIC MACHINE-MD 410.356.4567 buff. skimmers uk lp
 BY ANY OTHER NAME-po box 304 corte madera ca 94976...
 various cool posters

MARS-CA 909.597.7741 promo cd's

FOREIGN MATTER-NY 516.423.6824 uk cd singles, etc
 BAGS UNLIMITED 800.767.BAGS great company that deals in
 record collecting supplies-poly 7" & 12" bags, cd cases, ETC ETC!
 call 'em today for a free catalog & 7" bag samples!

TONY COHEN-(contact me) Skids' "days in europa" lp
 with original cover... \$8 postpaid.

When you need to get up with me, a letter is fine, but remember, a call is quicker and more personal-my number is 410.479.0777 and I'm available weekdays from 10 am to 2 pm and weekends is anyone's guess...I love talking to you folk and I try to call you myself, unfortunately, the costs are just too much to warrant too many calls, so *call me!*

* SURVEY QUESTIONS *

I'd like everyone to send me their:

- *first memory of BC
- *favorite track from "Skinners"
- *favorite album
- *favorite single
- *favorite b-side
- *favorite album design
- *favorite single design
- *what you consider the most hard-to-find item(s)

HEY! Part of our purpose here is to help those who don't have much BC get the stuff they can't find...so if you come across a store that has some cool goodies, help 'em out & let me know the details so I can print it up here... Unlike the fans of other bands, I think it's safe to say that we don't scoff at those who don't have a "power discography"-most of us are more concerned with the music and less with "collecting"...

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..ok, here it is-the part where I ask for money. I don't like to, but realistically I have to. I'm not going to set up any "formal" rules-just send me \$5.00 by JUNE 15TH... IF you're a real go-getter, any extra is appreciated, and if you have extra stamps you can spare, I'd be *really* grateful. All subscriptions will start in JUNE, with the exception of "new" subscribers - hopefully making it easier on us all to keep track of dues. This is *YOUR* network, so please send me ANY ideas or constructive criticisms you might have. Thank you

..all-

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PLEASE!

send me any clippings, essays or articles (keep brief), good photocopies of pictures and any other jazz...thanx!

ANYONE who has not yet mailed me their info, please do so NOW! On a 3"x5" card list:

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER (optional), AGE, YEAR YOU BEGAN COLLECTING BC, & IF YOU'RE OK WITH CORRESPONDING WITH OTHER FANS.

DISCOUNTS? WHYAM I DISCOUNTING???

has everyone tried the pillsbury BIG COUNTRY biscuits??? they're pretty good, and they're fortified with 20% of the U.S. daily recommended allowance of a-howl! Look for them in your grocers' dairy section, folks...

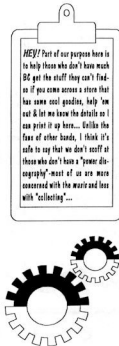
WANTED: CASSETTE tape in good shape from 1980's group Diesel "Watts in The mer Nights". Please write with price, Jack McCartan, P.O. Box 9453, Newark, DE 19714.

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... OUR AD IN GOLDMINE...



bad weather gathers all along the coast
when the storm clouds gather and my blood runs cold
if we can't go further when we get to the shore
then we have to turn around and fight some more

we'll go together i have room in my soul
that's enough of watching people trading hearts for gold
i can see you on the beach on your knees
spilling more salt in an already dead sea

we'll feel the wind and the rain in our face
you can do it yourself but i heard of a place
it's got to be now and it better be together
when spirits make a meeting you can feel it forever

run away with me again time for us to grow
run away with me again all of us alone



Big Country, where will you, that first time
camera captures?

*Hey, I know a lot of you folk either play in bands or know people
who do, so if you can send me a copy of some local bands stuff...*

Devon Meade, Gregg Buch-
walter, Tamara Champlin, and
a band called Joe 6-pak, as
well as some jingles for Henry
Weinhard's and Pabst. And
congratulations to Ron on his
703... (circled) ...to Dennis
Johnson.

Mark Brzezicki has been on
the road with Big Country.

Johany Dee recently toured
Europe... (circled) ...
Johnny is also working with a
new band in the States, When

Re-releases

BIG COUNTRY Through A Big Country (Greatest Hits)

MERCURY #4622

A greatest hits package often signals the end
of the road for an act and it would be no
surprise to find Big Country were suffering
from at least some sort of creative burnout, given
the musical nihilist vision dispensed on this
14-track collection. It comes as something of a
surprise to find that they'd racked up 10
consecutive Top 30 hits but here they are,
discreetly covering the debut *Shivers* album
and pulling together the singles from their four
LPs plus *Save Me, Best By* but also those from
their last five greatest hits era: *The Crossing*
— especially *Fields Of Fire* and
Chance — where the reworking singles
arrangements show off the postamble songs to
best advantage. The rest is a rather
forgettable clutch of releases but very nicely
scouting authentic guitar songs, where Stuart
Adams' personal dynamism and
compassionate touch use wit to weak
melodies and leads arrangements. Given the
critical lack of informative packaging here
and the fact that Big Country's singles simply
do not equal *The Best Of*, the non-compiled
might do better to seek out *The Crossing*
repack. ***
Jan Chessa



not waving but drowning
stevie smith
1902-1971

nobody heard him, the dead man,
but still he lay moaning:
i was much further out than you thought
and not waving but drowning.

poor chap, he always loved larking
and now he's dead
it must have been too cold for him his heart gave way,
they said

oh, no no, it was too cold always
(still the dead one lay moaning)
i was much too far out all my life
and not waving but drowning

BC PAWN, INC

TOM KERCHEVAL has videos-send him a SASE & he'll send you his list...
CHRIS RAATHS has a few copies of the WONDERLAND clear vinyl! 12" to sell...

COLE C LAUBER has one extra copy, i believe, of NPLH on cd...
If anyone wants me to tape stuff for them (mixes, b-sides, etc) just give me a call &
we'll talk...

COPIES of the FOX records U.S. press kit for Buffalo Skinners are
available from me for \$3 postpaid. It consists of xeroxes of the bio sheet & 8x10
photo in a nice protective cover. Sound good?

Write me today!

FOR "BEST OFFER":

The Crossing U.S. LP... very good condition
Steeltown U.K. GATEFOLD LP... really good condition
Against All Odds soundtrack U.S. cassette... STILL SEALED,
with NO "cutout" hole!

Send me bid & SASE by JUNE 15th.

Notes: the Ships single mentioned inside was a FALSE ALARM, sorry.

POSTMASTER: please forward if necessary...

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Dash Post #12195

Big Country: Politics as Usual

"We've come dressed as Big Country," announced lead singer Stuart Adamson at the Bayou, Louisiana night show at the Bayou. Not much of a costume, but at least it guaranteed that nobody would recognize them. It's been a while since anyone asked, "Where are they now?" of the group voted 1983's best new band by Rolling Stone magazine.

as the anti-tax distribe "What Are We Working For?" predominated. But, on the whole, the band's more personal songs were its most engaging, particularly "Pink Marshes," "Mellow Moon," a rare foray into whimsicality, and "Ships," a plaintive ballad about lives misapost.

—Nicole Arthur

The always anthemic Scottish quartet's latest album is its first since 1988. And as its title, "The Buffalo Skimmers," suggests, the band is as politically minded as ever. But if the lyrical content of such songs as the apocalyptic "All Go Together" ("The water boils with toxic waste") is predictable, its guttural assault suggests that the band is trying to reinvent itself as Living Colour.

It's so Big Country's credit that its spirited (so pun intended) Halloween show was more than a long wait for its signature tune, "In a Big Country." Politicized rave-ups such



here's me with some fella I met after the show...

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Text of Message:

Both Nancy Sullivan and myself are waiting for confirmation on the availability of Big Country in Los Angeles and New York.

In Los Angeles Nancy is planning a day of interviews as previously discussed, on the 19th from approximately 11:00-6:00. We also need a day, as I requested, for a photo session (perhaps the 13th). We need an immediate answer on this.

Also in New York I am confirming that we will be using them on the 25th from approximately 11:00-6:00.

Have you booked the hotels? Are you expecting us to?

Your immediate attention to this matter is appreciated.

cc: Nancy Sullivan
Harry Anger