

Not the last of Terry Crawford

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On January 5, 1984, the Terry Crawford Band played to a capacity-filled Barn in what was supposed to be one of the final legs in their last university tour.

However, there is a contradiction in the phrase "last university tour."

According to lead vocalist Terry Crawford, the band was to finish its booked dates in Nova Scotia. Members of the band would then take a few months vacation, during which they would organize a new stage show, write new songs, and make some unspecified changes.

Band members thought this a practical move because their current show was becoming dry. According to Crawford, the show was "like going through the motions." She added that the band thrives on pressure.

The Terry Crawford Band started off in Winnipeg in 1971. Terry, her husband Rick Johnson, and the members of the original band played at high school dances and sock hops under the name Crawford.

Fate smiled on these teenagers as they made more and more money and finally became old enough to play in bars.

In order to break into the music business, the band moved to Toronto in 1976. After playing in bars and nightclubs there, the band received its first recording deal in 1980 with RCA.

Since then, they have produced three albums under the famous record label, but are currently looking stateside to MCA, who wish to take four songs from the "Virgin Heart" album and produce an E.P. Crawford cautioned that this was only a tentative offer.

When asked about the band's music, Crawford confessed that the Beatles had some influence on it, as well as Neil Young and the Motown artists. Also, growing up in Winnipeg, she and Rick could not help but be impressed with the success of homegrown "The Guess Who".

However, Crawford tries not to copy material from other artists and disagrees with people who call her "another Pat Benatar clone".

Crawford's husband Rick Johnson is the chief songwriter for the band, and has a portable recording studio containing tracks for voice, bass, percussion, and guitar, which he uses on the road.



Crawford is enthusiastic about Johnson's writing, noting that he was inspired to write "I'm Sorry" from the "Virgin Heart" album while the band travelled to a performance in North Bay, Ontario.

What does the future hold for the Terry Crawford Band?

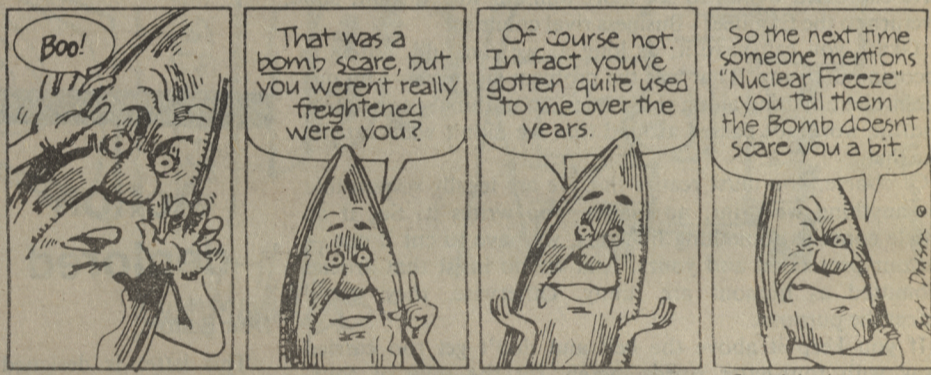
The band would like to receive an American deal as soon as possible. Crawford says she likes singing, but considers her profession chiefly as a means of making money.

When she's not working, Terry Crawford is mainly a country girl. Her passion is horses — she currently owns an Arabian called Andy. Things like gardening don't interest her any more, since she doesn't have any time for them.

We wish the Terry Crawford Band the best of luck in 1984. Hopefully, they'll be successful in the U.S. and still manage to make a return trip to UPEI.



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