The Gruesomes - GRUESOMANIA

(A Vinyl Frisbee Review) (Og Records)

by Chris Vessey

These boys are in pain, that much is obvious. They sing as if they are hung over. Maybe they are. To be truthful, all the songs sound pretty much the same. Whang whang whang on the guitar (they sound like they're raping their guitfiddles with sledgehammers). Sounds like early-70's bad British rock. What could you truly have to say about a group who title their songs "Outta My Mind", "You Said YEAH" and "Leave My Kitten Alone"?

In case you haven't guessed, this is another great production of Og records. To quote the jacket, "This record has been recorded in OGOPHONIC simulated stereo and will sound good on any mono or stereo system no matter how bad."

These people were responsible for the Dik van Dykes. Mr. McGrath (see last week's review of the Gem) was WRONG— THIS disc is the ultimate in tacky-garage-punk music. The lead singer does not - he moans and groans and yells. The musical effects are not— age old tremolo (that wow-wow effect) and the use of feedback (when you put a microphone in front of the speaker it's playing through) are the only real "effects". It's low-tech and low-budget. It's also bad.

I did not enjoy doing this review; as a matter of fact, I've tried to put it off for as long as possible. If you don't believe how bad these people are, listen to them for yourself.

Oh, yeah, we need a favorite. If I had to pick a favorite it would be "You Said YEAH", simply because it's the best example of the worst music. But if you win YOU can be the judge!

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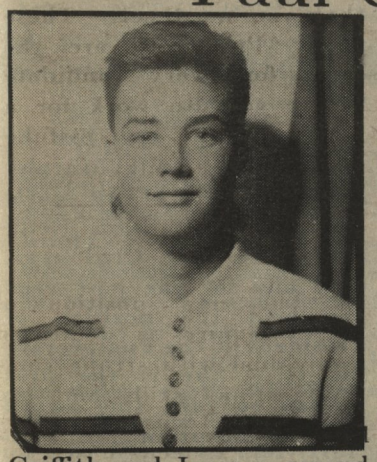

Griffith and I am a second year psychology major. I am really enthusiastic about the upcoming election on April 6 and 7 for the position of Vice President of Communications. I believe that this position is long overdue and it will benefit the S.U. Council tremendously. However, being new, this position's success depends on the person elected, as it's duties require constant evaluation and upgrading.

I feel that I am qualifies for this position due to my past experience with students and student council. This involvement includes participation in a number of committees which have concerned such things as the future needs of UPEI, wet/dry pubs, orientation and the establishment of the VPC position. I have also sat on Council for the past year as the Arts representative.

Probably the most important quality the elected person must have is to be outgoing. He or she must be able to communicate what is happening around campus to the student body, o they can be informed and aware.

Past experience has proven the best way to communicate is through talking, a skill I enjoy and use frequently. So on April 5, come to the general meeting at 11:30 in the pit. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON APRIL 6 AND 7!! Best of luck to the other candidates.

—Paul Griffith

a lust for position or other political motives. I'm not a politician. I just want to do the job. We don't need some political type in this position who can only talk; we need a person who can listen and related what's been said effectively without coloring the issues with their own opinions.

We students need to know more about what's going on inside the Student Union and they in turn must be able to hear us. The SU is supposed to REPRESENT US, and I think making sure it does is the first duty of the VPC.

Elections are on the 6th and 7th. Thank you for your support.

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We can't come up with a good use for the record Gruesomania we reviewed this week. It's no fun to play, and it's no good for a frisbee (it's a bit to sharp-edged for that).

Why not send in your suggestions of the best use for this record? We will review them, print the better suggestions and whoever submits the BEST IDEA will win this valuable addition to your wax stacks.

Next week YOU could be the proud owner of this album. Then you can do with/to it what you want. That's right, kiddies. Send your suggestions to the GEM office. Here's how:

Bring it to the basement of the utility building and drop it in the GEMVELOPE,

or

Write to GEM via VAXMAIL, with a subject of "GRUESOMANIA GAME".

In EITHER case, put your name, address, and tellyphone number on it. The winner will be announced in next week's GEM.

Please note: The GEM cannot be responsible for any of the psychological effects of listening to this music. We have enough trouble keeping our own sanity without worrying about yours. All discs are used at your own risk.