## BAND FILE

History Formed August 1977 when Fane got all these jokers together to play his songs. First gig (with Bruno Lawrence and Julie Needham) at the Olympic Hotel, Naenae, as Les Hots. For obscure reasons, Spats' took over as the official nomenclature, about the time the band went on the road inthe Blerta bus. Untold pubs, clubs, snubs and grubs later, the line-up changed to what it is now. Joined up with lan Watkin's Old Steam Wireless Factory in August 1978, to do Robman's Roadshow with Limbs. Records A few demos that no Big Gun has had the perspicacity to spend Big Bucks on. Look out for the bootleg Live at Kawerau.

Management Old Steam Wireless Factory, Box 56-106, Auckland. Ph. 771-249.



Tony Backhouse Guitar and vocals. Born May 23, 1947.

Education Five years at Victoria University. Musical Career Learned classical guitar. Went through usual sixties folk and blues scenes. Sacked from Original Sin. Played bass guitar and piano in Mammal for four years. Learned to play guitar with Tapestry, then Kneedeep, formed Hired Help and then lured into Spats by Fane. Written music for radio plays, TV, films and commercials.

Other Jobs Cleaner, Wharfie, music programmer, cleaner, proof reader, cleaner **Favourites** 

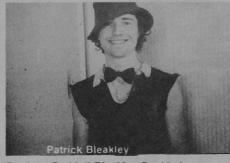
Albums Best Of - James Brown, The Last Record Album - Little Feat, Young Americans -David Bowie, Kind of Blue - Miles Davis.

Single "Sister from Texas"— Aretha Franklin. Guitarists Larry Carlton and Steven Apirana. Singers Lowell George, Natalie Cole and James Brown.

Musicians Jeff Beck, Bill Payne and Mark Hornibrook

## Equipment

Fender Stratocaster, Fender Bassman 100, 2 JBLs, untold useless pedals, 27 useless leads. pair of spats and a pale blue dinner jacket from L.A. tuxedo centre.



Patrick "Paddo" Bleakley Double bass. Born November 1, 1953.

Education St Brigids Convent, Johnsonville.

Musical Career Studied for diploma of music at the Blerta conservatory under the professorship of David Charles Lawrence L.S.R.M. Other Jobs Babysitting and hanging out the

Albums Ah Hun - Charlie Mingus, Jack Johnson - Miles Davis, 8th Street Nites - Back Door. Single "Albatross"— Fleetwood Mac.

Double Bassist Richard Davis.

Singer Mahia Blackmore

Musician Bernie McGann and Stewart Crooks.

Rockit Amp (haven't tried it yet), K140, German Double Bass, Schaller magnetic pick-up for loud music, Polytone contact pickup for acoustic sound and plastic nose.



Peter Dasent Piano Born February 10, 1954.

Education Wellington College, Victoria Univer-

Musical Career Learned classical piano (8 years), studied music at University (2 years), boogie bands with Andy Anderson- the last chords.

version of which Fane joined and thus begat

Other Jobs Postman, dreamer and codger.

Albums Striking It Rich - Dan Hicks and his Hot Licks, Kind of Blue - Miles Davis, Can't Buy a Thrill, Aja - Steely Dan.

Singles "Heroes and Villains" - Beach Boys; 'Set Me Free"— The Kinks.

Pianists Bud Powell, Bill Payne and Bill Evans. Singers Donald Fagan and John Lennon.

Musicians Patrick Bleakley, Bruno Lawrence, Django, Andrew Delahunty and Frank Zappa.

Yamaha CP70 electric piano, Fender twin reverb amp with built in Barcus Berry hot dot box, rubber latex gorilla mask and one pair size 8



Fane Flaws Guitar and vocals. Born May 25, 1951.

Education Wellington College, Polytechnic School of Design and Blerta.

Musical Career Wayne and the other guys, The Dukanes, Blerta for 3 years, Andy Anderson's Express (3 weeks) and sixteen months of 'Beautiful Music and Dangerous Rhythms'. Other Jobs Freelance illustration phone 775-235

**Favourites** 

Albums Bird & Diz Live at Birdland, Reuben and the Jets - Frank Zappa, White Album -Beatles, Parisienne Swing - Hot Club de France, Blues and Roots - Charlie Mingus. Singles "Eagle Rock"— Daddy Cool and "Sittin

in the Rain"— Underdogs.

Guitarists Django and Jimi Hendrix.

Singers Billie Holiday, Aretha Franklin and Captain Beefheart.

Musicians Lester Young, Mark Horrybrooke, Bud Powell and Sonny Rollins.

Equipment Gibson Les Paul deluxe, Marshall 50 and McKenzies Kazoo.



Michael Knapp Drums and cymbals. Born August 24, 1956. Education Christchurch, Auckland and Hamil-

Musical Career Airwaves 1 & 2. Other jobs Post Office **Favourites** 

Albums Any Stones or Beatles.

Single "Saw Her Standing There" — John Lennon and Elton John Band.

**Drummer** Bruno Lawrence

Singers Mick Jagger and Mary Knapp. Musicians Keith Richards, Dave Maybe and

Phil Itall. Equipment



**Annette Morrison** vocals

Born December 5, 1959.

Education St Oran's, Lower Hutt Musical Career Short periods of piano, guitar, recorder and violin training. Upper Hutt Opera-

Other jobs Usherette and candle seller.

**Favourites** 

Albums Second Childhood - Phoebe Snow, In the Pocket - James Taylor, any Beethoven, This Is the Life - Blerta and Little Criminals -Randy Newman.

Singles "Dance All Around the World"— Blerta and "Disco on My Radio"/"Money"- Neville

Singers Beaver, Rick Bryant, Ian Watkin and Musicians Randy Newman, Terry Grayford

and Neil Hannan.

Equipment tootling on piano (4 years), early 1977 played in Cowbell, tambourine, maraccas and vocal





The Enemy The Scavengers Sheerlux

Auckland University Cafe

The Enemy from Dunedin gave their first North Island performance to mixed reactions. About 400 people sampled a good and bad programme, the concrete dance floor, canned beer and incidental violence. A lot of them had a good time, a few got hurt and one of them souvenired a \$100 microphone

The Scavengers, Johnny Volume — guitar, Des T - drums, Ronnie Recent - bass and vocals, with Buster Stiggs (on loan from Reptiles) on second guitar did a pretty professional

The audience liked "True Love" and "Mis--ter X" songs which the Scavengers hope to release as a single, and the Enemy liked "Glad All Over" and "Get Me to the World on Time", Dave Clark 5 and Electric Prunes oldies.

They were followed by Sheerlux with punk standards and some Ultravox and Bowie. Roland Kooreen and Graham Schnell on bass and drums form a competent rhythm section, Jimmy Jurecivich distinguishes the band with fine guitar playing. Mal Licious is a truly ghastly vocalist. He can slaughter a song that was good two

By contrast. The Enemy's whole act is their vocalist. Chris Knox free ranges the stage and audience — a grotesque, shambling figure leering under a mohawk head shave — delivering an off the cuff manifesto on misogyny and the modern world within a two and a half octave range with weird vibrato.

They are unbalanced but impressive. I liked '1978" and "I Can't Get It Up". The vocals are overwhelming and Mike Dooley, their sweet little drummer belongs up the front. Bass player Mick Dawson has a classical background and knows his stuff. Alec Bathgate plays rhythm guitar and, the band is consequently limited by its lack of a strong lead instrument.

The Scavengers' second set was drunken, dirty dancing music. This band can excel at real tough rock 'n' roll, their own and others.

Sheerlux again . . dull . . . while somebody got done outside. A lot of the audience left.

The Enemy were limited to two last songs, 'Green Walls", a song about death . believe it could happen to me," and "Iggy Told Me", a manic voodoo chant and their piece de la resistance. All stops out. The survivors were devastated

Jewel Sanyo



THE SCAVENGERS FRI. & SAT. OCT. 7 & 8

TWO TOP NEW WAVE **BANDS EVERY FRI. & SAT.** 



**Easy Street** 

Lion Tavern, Dunedin

Easy Street are a six-piece Gisborne band formed eighteen months ago, and for the last twelve of these months they've been professional, pounding the North Island pub/club circuit. The members, Mark Barnes (lead vocals), Lennie Lawton (guitar, vocals), Maurice Priestly (guitar, vocals, harp), Dene McLeod (drums), Phil Young (bass, vocals) and lan Fussell (keyboards, vocals), have never played in bands before, but a year on the road has more than made up for that.

Dunedin's Lion Tavern in recent months has been forced by residential pressure to suspend rock bookings, but with a week of Easy Street playing there, rock 'n' roll is back in the suburbs. It's difficult trying to pigeonhole the band as they play a diversity of well-paced, volatile nonoriginal material drawn from Tom Petty ("Breakdown"), the Motors ("Dancing the Night Away"), the Doors ("Roadhouse Blues") and Boomtown Rats ("Looking After No. 1") amongst others.

Much of their repertoire is staple pub band boogie designed to get people on their feet and keep them there, but they are slowly accumulating their own songs, two of which, "Suicide Mission" and "Smash Your Television", they play regularly and hope to feature when Radio With Pictures film them early this month. Easy Street are ambitious but they are more than aware of the realities of pub gigs, the restrictions of playing songs the crowds are familiar with, yet playing with taste to keep people coming back for more. The Lion's Tavern was jumpin' and I was more than happy with a few under the belt to get into muscular deliveries of "Roadhouse Blues" and Tom Robinson's "2-4-6-8 Motorway"

Time will tell if Easy Street can extend themselves beyond the pub scene, and to do that they would need a record contract, something for which they are hopeful, and a wider selection of their own songs. If they can continue their present work rate, something must happen. George Kay



## LIVE MUSIC

Bruce Morley Little Big Band October 7, 1am at Ace

of Clubs

Easy Street October 11-14, Waikiwi Tavern, Invercargil. October 18-21, Lady Hamilton Cabaret, Hamilton. October 23-28, Sandown Park Motor Hotel, Gisborne. October 30 to November 4, Cabana Hotel, Napier

Shady Lady October 2-7, Cabana Hotel, Napier. October 9-14, Mayfair Hotel, Hastings. October 16-21, Te Mata Hotel, Havelock North. October 23-28, Awapuni Hotel, Palmerston North. Flight 7-7 October 11-14, Headquarters Rock Cafe,

Auckland. October 16-21, Windsor Castle, Auckland. October 26-28, Gluepot, Auckland. Rough Justice October 12-15, Last Resort, 21A Cour-

tenay Place, Wellington. Rockets October 9, 10, 11, 30, 31 and November 1, 6,

7, 8, The Crypt, Auckland. Wednesday to Saturday Esplanade Hotel, Devonport. Reel to Real October 11-14 and 18-21, Quinns Post,

Uncle Remus Wednesday to Saturday, Caspar's

Cabaret, Park Avenue, Otahuhu, Auckland. Citizen Band October 18-21, Gluepot, Ponsonby. Golden Harvest October 5-7, Castlecliff Hotel, Wanganui. October 19-21, Otaua Tavern, Waiuku. October 23-28, Potter's Wheel, New Lynn. November 13-18,

Hillcrest Tavern, Hamilton. Godley Head October 5-7, 19-21, Headquarters Rock

Cafe, 54 Upper Queen Street, Auckland. Berlin October 4-7 and 11-14, Globe Tavern, Auckland. October 19-21, Island of Real. October 12, Auck-

land University Cafe. Alastair Riddell Band November 9-11, Last Resort,

Wellington. **Luna Sea** October 26-28, Last Resort, Wellington. **Sam Hunt and Gary McCormick** October 11, Island

Th' Dudes October 5-7, Island of Real, Auckland: October 12-14 and 19-21, Gluepot, Auckland: October 30-Nov 4, Sandown Park Motor Hotel, Gisborne. Lip Service October 12-14, Island of Real

Hard Jazz Sunday October 15, Island of Real.

Johnny & the Hookers November 2-4, Last Resort.

Equinox October 8, Island of Real.

Half Moon October 16-21 and 23-28, Lion Tavern,
Wellington. October 29, Last Resort.

Rough Justice October 12-15 and 19-22, Last Resort,