

'RUMOURS' FROM PAGE 4  
pected soon is an Onset-Offset EP featuring the **Bottletops** on one side and **Toerag** on the other ... **No Idea** planning a national tour ... new in town are the **Bohemians** ... **Naughty Thoughts** continue to show promise and recently did a Thursday night at the Gladly with another Timaru band the **Never Never**, who count **RIU** and **Shake!** photographer Colin Bower amongst their number.  
White soul project **These Bad Strings** have recorded their debut single 'Sizzlin' with 'River Deep, Mountain High' ... **Dick Driver** recently left the country to work for his uncle in Malawi.  
**Alister Cain**

**Auckland**  
**Mushroom Records NZ** will continue despite the (amicable) departure of **Mike Chunn**, but will now be run out of the Festival Records office ... busy times at Progressive Studios, with EPs in the pipeline from **Able Tasmans** and **Diatribes**, **Ivan Zagni** and **Steve Garden** working on a couple of film scores as well as their own album, an LP just completed by **Last Man Down** and **Mike Farrell** and **Guy Wishart** doing solo LPs. Recently completed have been a **Not Really Anything** EP and a **Jay Clarkson** solo record. The **Builders** are expected to pop in and record a couple of songs while they're in town to play (new

LP **CoNCH3** just released, distributed by Flying Nun) ... new phone no. at **The Lab** is 602-462. Recently recorded have been an EP by Dunedin's **Look Blue Go Purple**, **Marie and the Atom** and a **Stonehenge** four-track EP. The studio will soon be closed for six weeks while Lab goes to the UK on a gear hunting search and to see his Mum.  
The next **Chills** single will be 'Oncoming Day'. It and other toons (including a couple of recently remixed songs from the Dunedin double EP) will go on a mini-album to be released in Britain (and here as well!) to coincide with their visit there in July. Germany is also doing 'Pink

Frost' as a 12". There's a possibility they'll do a live performance based on their successful live Campus Radio show **The Chills In Space** at some point ... Dunedin's loveable **Doublehappys** borrowed a bit of gear from the Chills and snuck into Radio One to record five songs, 'Needles and Plastic', 'Nerves', 'Moss Monster', 'Some Fantasy' and 'I Don't Wanna See You Again' ... Auckland **Nat Curno** will have a single released by F Nun; features synth playing by Mick Raye of the Table Committee.  
**RIU's** glossier relative, **Shake!**, has its own crack soccer team which has thus far repelled all challenges with almost disdainful ease. Squad is: Damien Holt (Moving Barricades), Adam Holt (Sons In Jeopardy), David Gent (Dance Exponents), Tony Drumm (Meemees), Mike Harriambi (Grey Parade), Eddie Diehard (Grey Parade), Paul Eversden (Katango), Paul Maja (Sons in Jeopardy), Wayne Flintham (Sons in Jeopardy), Karl Robinson (Katango), Terry Towelling (Rebel Truce) and Pat Brunten (all-round good guy) ... and in case you haven't noticed, Mainstreet is no longer with us. The Chase Corporation's demolition men moved in this month.

**Low Profile** are remixing 'Elephunk' for overseas release. Meanwhile Phil Bowering leaves for England early in May. He's hoping to join up with other musicians there and pursue his **Moving Lines** musical theme ... **Gloria's Peccadilloes** have been busily recording a four song EP at Montage Studios and have done a video for **Shazam**. Leila Andrews has joined the band on keyboards ... **Goblin Mix** are to do a single very soon.  
Things should be looking up on

the Whangarei entertainment front with the establishment of the **Goodtimes Promotion Company**, who will be organising regular venues and parties for the local folk. Any bands interested in playing can contact them at PO Box 888 Whangarei or ph 88-912 ... after a week-long stint with Dr Feelgood the **Crew** went into Last Laugh to do some recording with Martin Williams at the controls ... a new feature on the **ZM** network will be **Band Aid**, not a fund raiser, but a chance for bands with demos but no record deals to get some exposure. The half hour show will take place at midnight every two weeks. Scheduled so far are Hoi Polloi (April 29), Politicians (May 13), Last Man Down (27) and the Wait (June 10).

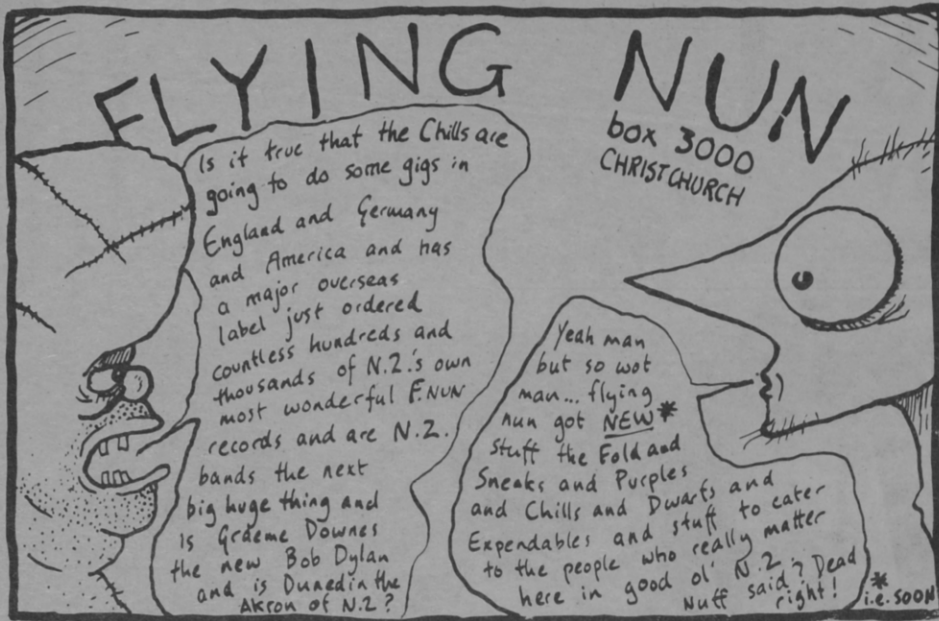
**Tracy and the Coldstep** is an Auckland music/theatre group presently booking a two month tour thru the country's pubs, prisons, galleries, and universities. Lineup at present is Bruce Davis-Goff (vocals/dance/saxophone), Roy Martyn (guitar/synth/vocals), Phil and Gareth (bass and drums) and Bruce Naylor (dance), although others will be added soon. One song has been recorded for a single.  
**Russell Brown**

**Palmerston North**  
Great news for Palmerston North is the formation of a local record label, **Meltdown Records**. Initial funding comes from the recent Battle of the Bands held at Massey Uni. Spokesman Peter Sheppard informs that first recordings will be the **Mannequins**, the **Remarkables** and **Dosage B** ... **Radio Massey**, 92FM, is half way through its longest broadcast yet. All concerts held at the Uni will be broadcast live on the station ...

newish vehicle for the more alternative bands to play at is **Manelitos Mexican Restaurant** ... soon to visit PN and not to be missed are **Sneaky Feelings** ... Massey Orientation went extremely well, strong support for all events. Orientation organisers due a lot of credit.  
**D.W.L. Reid**

**Wellington**  
**Vietnam** are active again and release a five track EP next month ... Steve Wilson's new band is **Violet Summer** (not Violent Summer as reported last month). It comprises Mr Wilson and Leo Kean (ex Steroids and Gale Force and the Cyclones) and has "absolutely nothing to do with the Legionnaires". Their record 'The Morning After' should be available as you read this ... local reggae outfit **Aotearoa** release a 12" single in early May ... other vinyl from local acts out now includes Rodger Fox/Midge Marsden collaboration **Let the Good Times Roll**. The new Spines album does not have a title like a Cars song. It's called **The Moon**.  
**David Taylor**

**Dunedin**  
The age of chivalry is not dead: the **Rip** won a recent Chingford Park live competition but gave the free recording time to the **Orange** ... the Rip's **Alistair Galbraith** plays violin on the new **Bats** six-to-nine song EP ... the new **Sneaky Feelings** single will have horns and strings ... the **Rip** are scheduled to record an album, probably in Christchurch ... **Luke Hurley** has recorded and taped a band version of 'Japanese Overdrive' ... Graeme McLauchlan has left the **End**, so they're looking for a new drummer.  
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