

Good year Blimkie

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Last Wednesday night, while York students and funseekers were locked away in closet rooms pounding black ink onto sheets of 8 by 10, Steve Blimkie pounded the floor of his dressing-room searching for the reason. Blimkie and the Boys went from backing XTC at Massey Hall (2,800 people) to playing Vanier where 30-40 students straggled into the half-empty cafeteria.

"This is the worst show we've played!" Blimkie continued to exclaim, even when he was reminded about exam time.

Despite a terrible P.A. system and an absent audience, the group's sound was highly danceable, driving the small crowd to the floor with such songs as "Heart of the City" (Nick Lowe), "What's So Funny About Peace Love" and "Understanding" (Costello), "My Lucky Number's 1" (Lene Lovich) and "I Got This Feeling" (their own). Not only did people begin pogoing on the usual dance floor, but a group of Freebee spectators congregated on the balcony above the dining hall and bopped without paying the \$3 cover charge.

Considering that the band has only been together since last April (they were students of Music Production at Fanshawe



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College), they're doing quite well.

"We were the guest spot on Carole Pope's 1980 Video Album last week. We've backed XTC and B.B. Gabor and we've got an album out," said one member as he carefully deseeded herbaceous material on the back of an old Excal.

Understandably, the poor turnout for the concert was a letdown for Blimkie. When asked what made his group different from any other, he replied defensively: "We're musicians—that distinguishes us from a lot of bands."

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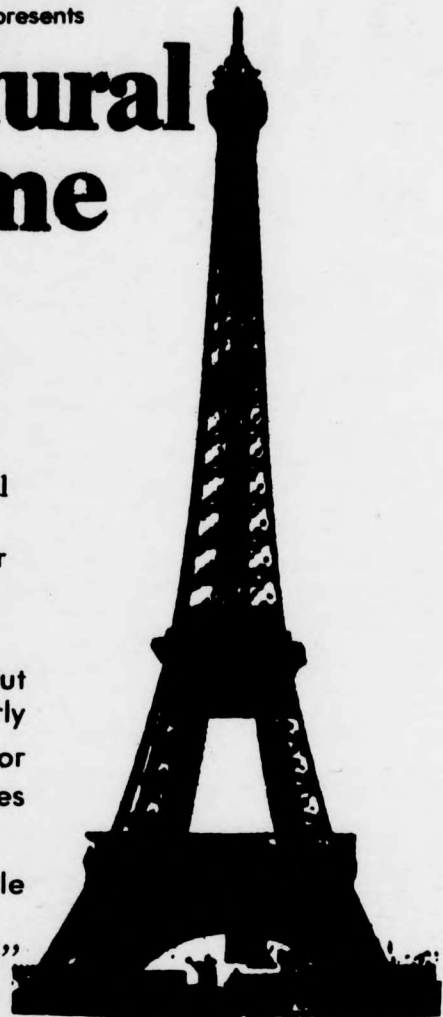
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