

Taking care of lounge patrons

Bratty and the Babysitters

by **Scott Neily**
 ou've got to hand it to the Middle Deck. They do know how to book entertainment. At the beginning of the year they had the Sattalites

packing the place. Next came big hit Blue Rodeo. Now, Bratty and the Babysitters are making an appearance. Based in Toronto, the Babysitters play a wide variety of music styles. The group is led by Beverly Bratty, a former sales and marketing career woman who quit her job three years ago to pursue a life in the music industry. A self-taught musician, she has been actively building the profile of her band over the past few years with a long string of club dates and benefit concerts. Last November, Beverly and the band went on to the studio to produce an EP. The album, *In a State*, proved to be a great learning process for the songwriter. "In making a recording, I learned some things that

are an essential part of me today. Doing your first recording is a learning experience, a focusing, but I don't feel at my peak right now. I mean, the major problem I have with the album is, it does not successfully capture the live energy of Bratty and the Babysitters. But I am very happy with it. It's not the best, obviously, it's the first, the virgin, and a lot of things get better once you lose your virginity. You can't belabour where you went wrong, though. If you want to succeed, you have to look where it went right."

Despite the reservations Bratty may have about her new album, the critics and the major record labels have given it a favourable nod. "It certainly succeeded in raising our profile considerably," she said. "I never intended it to be a break. However, the live performances often exceed the expectations of the reviewer, which is positive."

The band's music is diverse enough that category labels are hard to place. Somewhere between mainstream pop and

alternative funk, the music is not targeted towards any particular audience. "I don't aim when I write — I just do it!" she says. "I feel my music is very accessible and is the kind of music that could go over in a big way."

As one more Toronto band with a great deal of potential, future success may depend on major label backing. However, Bratty is keeping her lips sealed as to just who is interested. "Loose lips lose deals," she says with a smile.

Although another album may be planned for the future, spring of '88 may see the release of a single and a video. Current plans include touring and more concerts. Very unconcerned with the band's overall image, Bratty said the band is more concerned with the music than the fashion of today's industry. In her own words: "We're just a hard-working band."

Bratty and the Babysitters will be playing at the Middle Deck until Saturday, Dec. 12.

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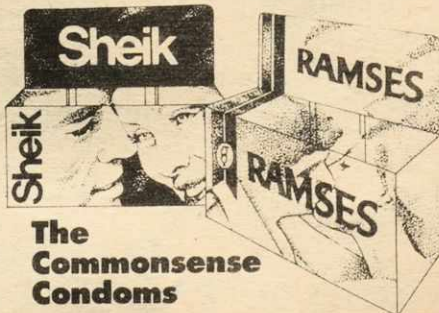
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Africa Night celebrations

marked the end of Africa Week, which started on Monday, November 23rd. A Symposium on "Alternative Views on Africa" was cancelled, due to inclement weather, but rescheduled for Friday, the 27th of November. Ms. Rebecca Naptola, from the Kenyan High Commission in Ottawa, delivered a paper, "The Challenges of the Professional Woman in Africa."

This year's Africa Week has been a tremendous success. The executive committee of the African Students' Association must be congratulated for a job well done.

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