

# Weddings, Parties, Anything!

Dal crowd too cool  
to dance with  
hottest new band of the year

by Tone Meeg

The Australian up-and-coming hottest new band of the year, **Weddings, Parties, Anything** played in Halifax last week. Friday night they appeared at Dalhousie's new Grawood to a predictably dull and unresponsive crowd. I personally enjoyed the concert but felt truly perplexed at the mass of unmoved faces in the crowd.

**Weddings, Parties, Anything** (a title derived from the Clash tune *Revolution Rock*) also played two nights at the Middle Deck Lounge to a very receptive and energetic audience. The band of course sensed this and the result

was a noticeable difference in their performance. They were funnier, more relaxed and musically aggressive. As well, the band members' personalities really came through, making it an excellent show.

The band has been touring non-stop and promoting their second album, **Roaring Days**, since early this spring. They first visited Halifax in May, and toured Ontario and Quebec before returning to Australia for what else, more touring. They are now headed for the West Coast for some gigs and will soon tour for a month with Billy Bragg in the U.S.

WPA has developed a solid following from this personal promotion. Large scale success seems inevitable for a band with so much going for it. They have a clearly defined direction in their music as well as in the band itself, the five musicians are incredibly talented, and their songwriting is rich with captivating stories, humour and poetry.

**Roaring Days** is an album I would recommend to anyone who expects a lot from the music they listen to. Their second album, **The Scorn of Women**, will be released in Canada next January and their third album should come out in late 1989.

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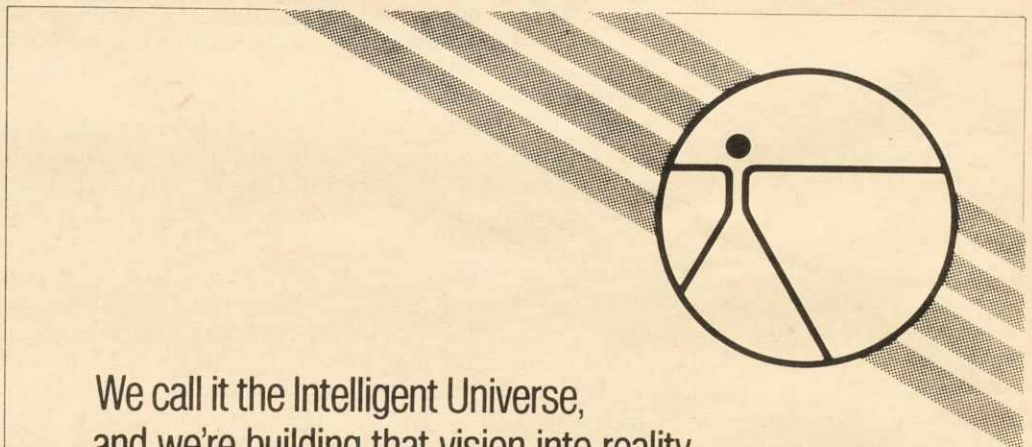
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