Entertainment

Freeze!!! Don t get caught without your rubbers at the AIDS Benefit...

Okay, how many people out there were prepared for the sudden cold snap that hit like a surprise quiz worth 30 % of your mark? I know I wasn't, not this early any way. So, welcome back to Art Views, home of the biggest thrills, the biggest spills...oops(Coke on the keyboard). Aaaannywayyy...this week I take you back, Back To My Roots..uh.. sorry about that...back to Thursday, October 7, 1993 and the AIDS Benefit.

It was a quiet and, so far, uneventful night at the SUB, when a bunch of guys set up shop at the bottom of the Social Club stairs. At 8:30 p.m., the table suddenly grew a variety of pamphlets, pins, shirts and..(gasp, good God- and other cries of dismay) condoms (da, da, da, dddaaaahhh!!!). The AIDS

Benefit began upon the arrival of the S.W.A.T. (Sex Without AIDS Today) Team. In support of AIDS Awareness Week, the Team and two bands were present at the Social Club. Many people were on hand, picking up red ribbons, condoms and alcohol. The crowd was pretty supportive of the Benefit, along with the two bands; Dennis Legere and Bird's

Dilemma.

Dennis Legere and his band started their set at 10:30 and was met by a good crowd. Let me tell ya, the man has excellent vocals and quite a good backup. Dennis Legere on vocals and lead guitar and harmonica or accordian, ran through some great classics, such as Neil Young (Helpless, Long May

You Run and Pocahontas), Cat Stevens (Cats in the Cradle) and James Taylor (Fire and Rain). Richard Frenette , on bass, and Chris Boisvert, on drums, provided great sup-

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background vocals. For the most part, the music that came from these guys was mellow and classy; ballads from the past and present. I really liked this group.

After their set, two members of the S.W.A.T. Team came up to announce who

they were and that throughout the night, pins, pamphlets and condoms would be handed out to those who wanted them. Then, Bird's Dilemma hit the stage. When I say hit, I mean hit! This group came on upbeat

and hard with their opening number, Fogtown. Bridget Sullivan, on vocals, cut through the haze in the Social Club with a tough-as-nails- edge and powerful singing. From there, they whipped right into their next song, If I Can't Change and into Aspire, Amanda Jones and on and on. The musicians and background vocalists for Bird's Dilemma, gave their all to keep the music alive and ripping. Rick Bastedo (acoustic guitar), Peter Hicks (electric guitar),

Barry Hughes (drums) and Calvin Pert (bass) sweated, pumped and jammed the night away. The band finished their set, and returned for an encore performance, to the roar of an enthusiastic (not to mention slightly tipsy) crowd. Then, just as quickly as it began, the night was over. The bands packed up and said their goodbyes, the S.W.A.T. Team packed up (minus a lot of stuff) and all and sundry went home, tired but having enjoyed a good night for a good cause. To everyone who came and gave their support, we (AIDS New Brunswick, the S.W.A.T. Team and the bands - Dennis Legere and Bird's Dilemma)thank you for helping a worthwhile cause, have a great weekend folks, and catch ya on the flip side next time! Ciao!!!

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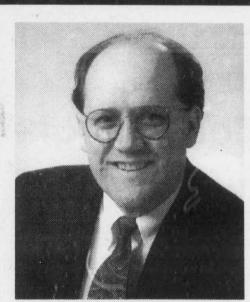
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