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BUCKET TRUCK



POTENT REFRESHING!

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BY FREDRICK VOKEY

The somewhat flaccid crowd got a ripe rush of blood when Bucket Truck took the stage at the Marquee last Saturday night. The sextet hailing from Newfoundland are planning to make the official move to the Metro area in January and will give a good spurt of Ko Ko B. Ware-approved high energy to the all too apathetic cord-and-sandal state of Halifax's music scene.

A metal band torn between Sabbath and the Cure, prone to bouts of early Chili Pepper's punk funk and riddled with a tendency to completely lose it on stage (phallic chocolate bars, free spankings and a dangerously short mini-skirt), they stirred the crowd into a mosh pit and overcame a botched sound job to pull off a truly entertaining performance.

I caught up with the band after their show and asked them a few crucial questions to bring you, the loyal readers, into the intimate proximity only *Gazette* reporting can.

Gazette — What's the best and worst thing about playing in Halifax?

Bucket Truck — We always have a good time playing here. The crowd is always pretty open to new bands. The worst thing is the lack of a heavy scene, but maybe we can help change that.

Gaz — If Bucket Truck were a sex toy, what toy would it be?

BT (without hesitation) — Nipple clamps.

Gaz — What's up and coming for you guys?

BT — Well, aside from making the move here in January, we got a four song demo coming out soon [included is a wicked cover of Sugar Ray's 'Mean Machine'] and in February we plan to go into the studio to start work on our next album.

Gaz — If your music were a WWF wrestling move, which move would it be?

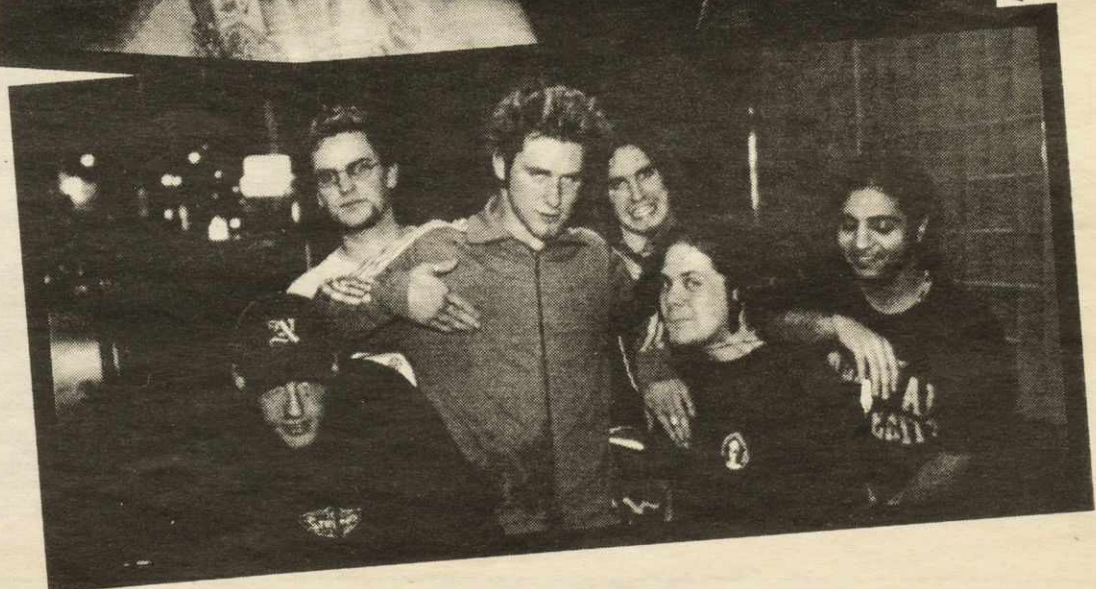
BT (after a moment of careful reflection): —The Jimmy 'Superfly' Snuka Splash from the top of the steel cage.

Gaz — What can people expect from a Bucket Truck show?

BT — We're about having a good time and putting off a high-energy show; if you just want to stay in the back, stay at home.

But, for my sake, don't stay at home! Having lost Burnt Black, the Halifax music scene is in serious need of a set of heavy ones and Bucket Truck is a fat sack of rock that could get the ball (pardon the pun) rolling.

Besides, freaking out to favourites like "Little Green Man," "Rocketmobile" and a kick-ass cover of L. L. Cool J's "Momma Said Knock You Out" is something everybody should do. Bucket Truck is a good way to burn off high calorie rum-and-cokes or take out the frenzy of a head full of chemicals on the welcoming arms of a Bucket Truck-induced mosh pit. Hope to see you in the New Year!



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