



An interview with **Edmonton's own 20 Feet**

interview by Don Teplyske

The current line-up of 20 Feet was formed two years ago in the cultural hub of Alberta, Grande Prairie. The band is composed of four personable young musicians: Ian Menzies -guitar, keyboards, saxaphone and vocals; Don Pardell - guitar, keyboards and vocals; Mitch Millan - drums; and Derek Nyberg -bass guitar. 20 Feet is managed by Mark Ireland. The band has moved from Grande Prairie and is now based in Edmonton. 20 Feet are constantly touring the Western Canada campus circuit and have built a sizable following on many of those campuses.

What follows are excerpts from a lengthy but enjoyable interview held earlier this week.

on their influences

Ian: A contemporary influence is U2; really anyone with a sense of dedication and energy. Steely Dan is a personal influence. though it does not come across in our music. I grew up with their songs so they must have had some effect on me. Not that I'm interested in sitting in the studio smoking Ger-

man cigars all day. Derek: Peter Tork's orange turtleneck. (More seriously) I like M & M and Parachute Club. lan: I can also respect Billy Idol, to an extent. He knows what people want and is giving it to them. The image. The good dance songs.

Derek: I'm a lot like Edith Bunker. on their audience

Derek: The common denominator between the band and the people who come to see us is that we all want to have a good time.

lan: We like to get involved with our audience. The last time we played Dinwoodie we probably had over a hundred people on stage dancing.

Mark: 20 Feet seems to always go over well with engineers.

Mitch: The campus community... are our kind of people. People at the Rex do not appreciate us. They don't buy records, they eat them.

Derek: We go over well with bikers. No, don't print that - I can see the headline now -BIKER BAND PLAYS CAMPUS ..

Don: We're an ugly band and ugly people like us.

on what type of band they are lan: We're a dance band. A rock'n'roll band. There is nothing wrong with being known as a rock'n'roll band.

Mitch: Someone called us "techno-Ramones". What does that mean?

lan: Keyboards with sweat?

lan: We're not visually oriented. We do not want to be known for our clothing or our hair. Our image is created by our music and our personalities.



JOYSTICKS **DISK DRIVE 5** different models Shuggart Apple Compatible 143K full size M for your Apple WHEN: OCT. 30, 1:00-3:30 pm system WHERE: HUB MALL ***289** \$ ENTRY DEADLINE: 4:30 pm at HUB from ADMIN. OFFICE, 9106 **APPLE II+** IBM HUB MALL, FRIDAY, COMPATIBLE 117 COMPATIBLE STID SYSTEM SYSTEM **OCTOBER 26th** 84K, graphics, sound, Runs 20,000+ progra **PRIZES: GRAND PRIZE: \$50 HUB BUCK** 2699 **RUNNERS-UP: \$25 HUB BUCK** North Edmonton South Edmonton St. Albert 114 Village Tree Mall 458-0383 DETAILS AT HUB OFFICE, 9106 - HUB MALL 12918-97 Street 10632-82 Ave. 478-4628 433-6113 Open daily from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday 'till 9 p.m. Friday & Saturday - HUB Mall Sidewalk OMPUTER The affordable Alternatives alternative Sale — Great Bargains! Thursday, October 4