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MEDIEVAL

Heaviest of them all?

Question. Whom are the HEAVIEST unsigned metal band of them all? I suppose if You really wanted to, one could substantiate a solid basis for any one of several bands around the world, depending on your own personal exposure to whichever one you lay claim to.

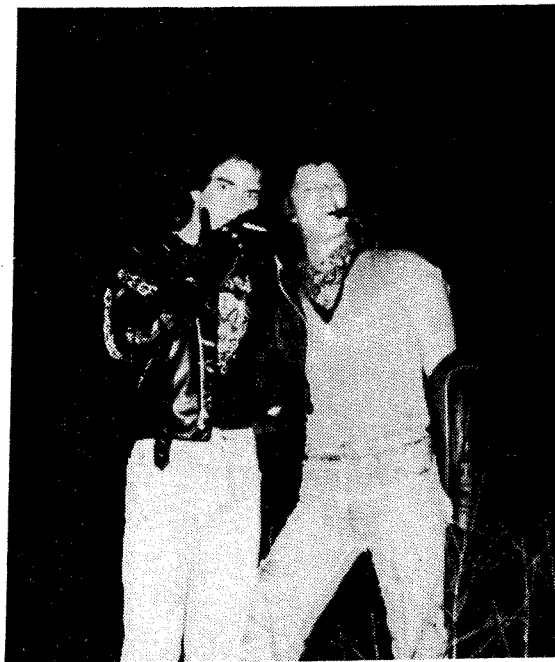
I'm here to tell you though, that I don't care how many bands you've heard or how many fucking albums you own. Your collection is NOT complete unless you've had the chance to experiance a band named MEDIEVAL. And don't make the mistake I initally did and listen to their earthmoving, hell raising, death inspired cassette on a \$25.00 MINI tape player with one three inch speaker. NO DICE PEDRO. (I mean, that's like fucking Farrah Fawcett's belly button. It's probably good but it could be so much better!)

WIPE THE BLOOD off this massive monster and SHOVE it in a system that will at least give you an idea of what manner of pounding power this tape is worthy of. Then sit back and wait. oop, there it goes! HIT THE DECK!! CRUNCH!! Boom-a-BOOM-a-BOOM-aBOO-O-OM!! ah-h-h-h!! GASP! WHEEZ!! CRUNCH!!! CRUNCH!! sma-a-A-A-A-SH!!!!!!

That's not to say that there aren't any flaws because there are two, maybe three songs that I still haven't been able to grasp in my present insipid state. (those being 'Warriors', 'I don't like You', and a ridiculas ditty entitled 'Clean Record') But three out of TWELVE taint bad, and the other NINE MORE THAN MAKE UP FOR IT!! (Guarenteed to lay you in a coma!!)

SO, Who are these MONSTERS OF MALICE, these MAGNETIC MADMEN of MIND MELTING METAL? (...well as soon as I get done with this hypo needle I'll tell You!... UH!...ah-h-h-h-h!)

Hailing from Kalamazoo Michigan, Timmy and Willjious Amsbuist formed MEDIEVAL in 1981, intent on creating the heaviest, bone-splitting metal possible. By the summer of '82, Elwood Chew was recruited as bass player AND THE REST, as they say, is heavy metal history!



Timmy (L) and Willjious (R) search for Elwood's grave.

The future, indeed, looks bright for MEDIEVAL and it's three bludgeon style metal members. We persuaded the trio, all still only NINETEEN YEARS OLD! to sit down long enough for us to interview them. The following is NOT intended for the weak at heart...

MEDIEVAL MAKE NO FALSE PRETENSIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU DO. BONE CRUNCHING METAL IS WHAT YOU ADVERTISE AND BONE CRUNCHING METAL IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU DELIVER. OKAY, SO TELL ME, NOW THAT THE DEBUT TAPE IS OUT ARE YOU GUYS GONNA MELLOW OUT?

Willjious: No! Hell No!! NO WAY!!! NO FUCKING WAY!!! Medieval will get nothing but heavier.

Timmy: Well, I had a chance to join Air Supply. But I don't like curly hair.

Elwood: Fuck No!! If anything I want to make the next production with MORE intensity. If anyone ever told me that I was mellowing out, I would torch myself.

WHO ARE YOUR MUSICAL INFLUENCES?

Willjious: Strangely enough, Timmy taught me the basics of drums when we were in sixth grade. Besides that, I owe my talent to

a big note songbook.
Timmy:I started with Motorhead as a mere child and have stuck with them till recently, because of Brian Robertson, and have expanded to Holocaust, Venom,Raven,Metallica,and the like.
Elwood:Motorhead,Venom,John Entwistle.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT OUT MAKING EARS BLEED?

Willjious:Listening to other music that makes MY ears bleed.

Timmy:Going in debt,paying bills,and coming up with one more riff to make those ears bleed a little more!

Elwood:Breaking the seals on bottles of Jack Danials.

WHAT KIND OF PUSSY DO NINETEEN YEAR OLD ROCK STARS GET?

Willjious:Sometimes fine,sometimes pitiful...pitiful...

Elwood:Not nearly enough.

HOW OLD DOES A GIRL HAVE TO BE BEFORE YOU'LL FUCK HER?

Elwood:Old enough to bleed. Old enough to butcher.

ARE YOU PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE BAND? DID YOU THINK THE BIZ WOULD BE HARDER? OR HASN'T THE ROAD BEEN AN EASY ONE?

Willjious:I'm somewhat pleased with



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the progress but am looking forward to bigger things. The business is tough but so are we.

Timmy:Pretty much. We have some internal problems that WILL be solved. The hardest thing is to find gigs. Metal is becoming more popular,but it's still hard to find gigs.

Elwood:I would like to be playing more often,but since we are plagued by being the only heavy band in the midwest,we're fucked.

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA SPEND ALL YOUR MONEY ON ONCE THE WORLD FINDS OUT ABOUT MEDIEVAL?

Willjious:Beer and chips.

Timmy:Paying off my fucking bills. Some people have a coke problem, I have an equipment problem!

Elwood:Marshalls and basses.

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO TELL TO ALL THE DIE HARD HEAVY METAL FANATICS WHO WILL BE READING THIS INTERVIEW?

Willjious:Heavy Metal is better than Aerobics.

Timmy:Catch the tape.It'll be worth your while. If not, send it back and we'll send you some Air Supply. Power Metal Lives!!!

Elwood:If You are sick of listening to a bunch of money-oriented,pseudo-heavy metal bands,get out the Medieval tape and bang your heads until they fall off!!!

ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO ADD?

Willjious:DESTROY ALL SMURFS!

Elwood:Fuuuccckkk Top 40!

SLEDGEHAMMER PRESS gives the MEDIEVAL cassette album it's highest five star rating, it being one of the year's best and CERTAINLY HEAVIEST releases. And the sound quality is EXCELLENT, each tape individually recorded on Ampex Grand Master Chrome cassette tapes. Thirty six minutes of bone-crunching heavy metal can be had by sending a \$6.00 money order payable to MEDIEVAL,