

ROTGUT

I spoke with BOBO and Bill Rude of the Philadelphia band ROTGUT on 4/11/92 right before Alice Donut hit the stage...

FOE If I were to tell you that I thought you blew the Dwarves away when you opened for them at the Khyber Pass, how would you respond...

BOBO Did you expect anything less? That was an off nite for them.

Bill They ruled when we played with them before, about a year and a half ago at the Firenze.

BOBO We felt they played better than us at the Firenze, and we said, that's never gonna happen again.

FOE You did a hell of a job demolishing your instruments tonight...

BOBO I didn't destroy anything...

Bill It's something I always wanted to do.

FOE You really went all out tonite... free t-shirts, bass player dressed in catholic school girl garb, BOBO here in his golf attire, driving plastic golf balls off the stage, banter between you and the crowd and to top it off, the demolition of you equipment...

BOBO ...and we didn't get paid, I might add. We damaged the stage and broke their sound equipment... so...

FOE I saw them pointing at the stage after you were done...

BOBO Yeah, there was a couple of holes in it. Broke a couple of mike cords too. It's all in good fun.

Bill If we were trying to live off this band we'd all be dead.

FOE How long have you been around?

BOBO About 2 and a half years...

FOE Did you put out the 7" yourselves?

BOBO Yeah, there was a different line up then. Me and Bill, and Jim Beam, and a different drummer and different rhythm guitar player, who were both killed in bizarre gardening accidents... One was killed by a chicken...

Bill ... the other involved a hoe, I don't know... Our original bass player was thrown from the teacups...

BOBO ... at Disneyland, thrown to his death. It's one of those things they try to keep quiet. You don't hear about that kind of stuff.

FOE So where is your current bass player now?

BOBO That's a question we often ask ourselves!

Bill We thought he'd been at home watching COPS, but that's over by now.

FOE And your drummer was in Electric Luv Muffins...

BOBO Yes.

FOE So how is your golf game for real?

BOBO I've never played a real golf game in my life... Some chip n putt and some miniature golf...

Bill I shot a 143 the last time I went out... and I didn't replace my divots! I once went to a golf course with 20 balls and came home with none!

BOBO Going to the driving range was a lot of fun. You don't have to be good. You can just beat the shit out of the ball and it doesn't matter... Our stage antics are a product of our frustrations at work. We've got to have an outlet for all that creativity.

FOE Where do you all work at?

BOBO Me and Frank the drummer, work for a Reality Agent. Frank is a carpenter and I'm like whatever they need for the day... Jack of all trades, master of none. Dan is still in school. Jim Beam is a mechanic, and Bill is the white collar worker of the band...

Bill I'm an auditor for a bank.

FOE What was the best fight you ever saw?

BOBO I can tell you the worst one I ever saw... and I was on the receiving end of it. I was 17 and drank a half a bottle of whiskey and had no shoes on and thought it would be a good idea to get into a fight with this guy. So I wound up with 8 stiches in the back of my head by the end of the night.

Bill I saw a fight at a show one time and a guy had like carpenter's tools on his tool belt and was hitting this guy with a hammer and this other guy threw a full 40 of Colt 45 at the guy. The best fight I was in was when I was 12 years old, playing in the backyard and this guy was riding his bike and I literally clotheslined him with the clothesline. He flew off his bike and then he came at me and I beat the shit out of him.

BOBO ...and that's where we get our drive from!

Bill ...that's why I go to East Coast Hockey league games... Johnstown, Hershey...

FOE Have you ever done anything more punk rock than Alice Donut?

BOBO ...that would have to be the time I staple gunned my testicles to this guys overalls on 40th street...

FOE Are you going to release anything in the near future?

BOBO We have another 7" recorded. We've got to remix it. Another few months, it'll be out. Basically we're fucking lazy and it takes us forever to do anything... Not really lazy, just completely unorganized. But it wouldn't be punk rock any other way.

FOE Were you in any other bands?

BOBO Jim Beam was in Futile Effort, Trenton's first HC band.

FOE Wow, I have their demo, and I helped set them up a show at the West Catty Playground building, like around 1984 or 1985.

BOBO I don't think he even has a copy of their demo...

FOE So how much money have you guys made selling your underwear?

BOBO I heard that one guy was getting \$300 a week! That's pretty good cash for not wiping your ass and bringing your underwear in three times a week. But no, none of us actually knew Uncle Ed.

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Vocals
Bob
McGillicuddy

PEACE
LOVE
SAMMY