

Photo by: Richard Chiavetta
the Lion's Den's game room.

PSH student Jerry Fritz watches as Tom Rossman gives a pool exhibition in

Record Review

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Robert Plant--
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"Hey, hey mama, seen the way you move. Gonna make you sweat, gonna make you groove."

No, this is not "Black Dog" from Led Zeppelin's untitled (and most famous) fourth album, but "Your Ma Said You Cried In Your Sleep Last Night" from Robert Plant's new LP, Manic Nirvana.

That is the only place on this album you will find the spectre of Zeppelin, however, as Plant continues to move further and further musically from his past with his seventh solo disc.

Manic Nirvana is a collection of tight, well crafted hard rock songs with a touch of artistic indulgence by Plant, resulting in some weirdness that can be overlooked. (Plant's excesses are welcome in the face of an impending new LP by Milli Vanilli)

The hot tracks on Manic Nirvana include "Hurting Kind" (which is getting enough airplay on MTV to kill it), "Tie Dye On The Highway", "Anniversary," and the haunting acoustic guitar piece "Liars Dance."

There would be many more hot tracks if it were not for the inconsistent guitar work by the usually excellent Doug Boyle. On songs like "SSS&Q" and "I Cried," Boyle's harsh, dissonant playing keep them from being possible single releases. The worst example of Boyle's playing is on "Nirvana," where Boyle cannot seem to decide whether he wants to copy Slayer or INXS on guitar.

Plant does have one homage to Zeppelin...the liner notes (or lack thereof). This is the '90's, and for my ten bucks, I expect more on the label than just a listing of the bands' names.

Overall this album is a continuing move forward for the legendary Plant, but he should think more of the people who buy his albums rather than pandering to big-time critics. If you liked Plant's Now and Zen LP, or Zeppelin's In Through The Out Door, or if you just want to hear one of the great

Things to Look For

1990 CENSUS ARRIVES IN PENNSYLVANIA: ONCE-IN A DECADE COUNT HAS IMPORTANT BENEFITS FOR STATE

Ten years ago, using just a pencil, residents of Pennsylvania helped bring in numerous new highways, hundreds of playgrounds and millions of dollars in state and federal funding to their home communities. In about a week, by filling out the 1990 Census questionnaire, they'll have the chance to do it again.

On March 23, the Census Bureau mailed a copy of the 1990 Census questionnaire to over 4 million households throughout Pennsylvania. Householders will be asked to provide information for themselves and the other members of their household on such topics as age, race and marital status. The information collected will help to provide a "snapshot" of the State--who lives where, how they are housed and their social characteristics and needs. However, answering the census will also have important benefits for every resident of Pennsylvania.

Nominations are now being received for the Eric A. and Josephine S. Walker Award. This award is given to a Penn State Harrisburg student in recognition of outstanding scholarship, leadership and citizenship. Nomination forms may be obtained in the Student Activities Office, room 212 and must be returned by 1 p.m. on Monday, April 16.

INTERN OPPORTUNITIES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

A one-half day session designed to inform undergraduate and graduate students about the many intern opportunities at the federal, state and local levels of government will be held at the CUB beginning at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 18.

The program is being sponsored by the Penn State Downtown Center. For more information and registration forms, call Nancy Karlick at 783-0433. The deadline for registration is Thursday, April 12.

CONTINUING EDUCATION TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

Faculty, students and staff are invited to attend Continuing Education's open house at noon, Monday, April 23 in the Gallery Lounge.

Stop by for a few minutes over the lunch hour to learn more about Continuing Education and the many year-round educational opportunities it offers.

IMPORTANT TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED

Ms. Peggy Ross from Planned Parenthood will be the featured guest for a program on abortion issues at 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 4 in the Dining Hall. Find out why there is abortion, what it is and how recently passed legislation will affect you.

This program is being sponsored by Marlah Bonner and the RLPO. Refreshments will be served.

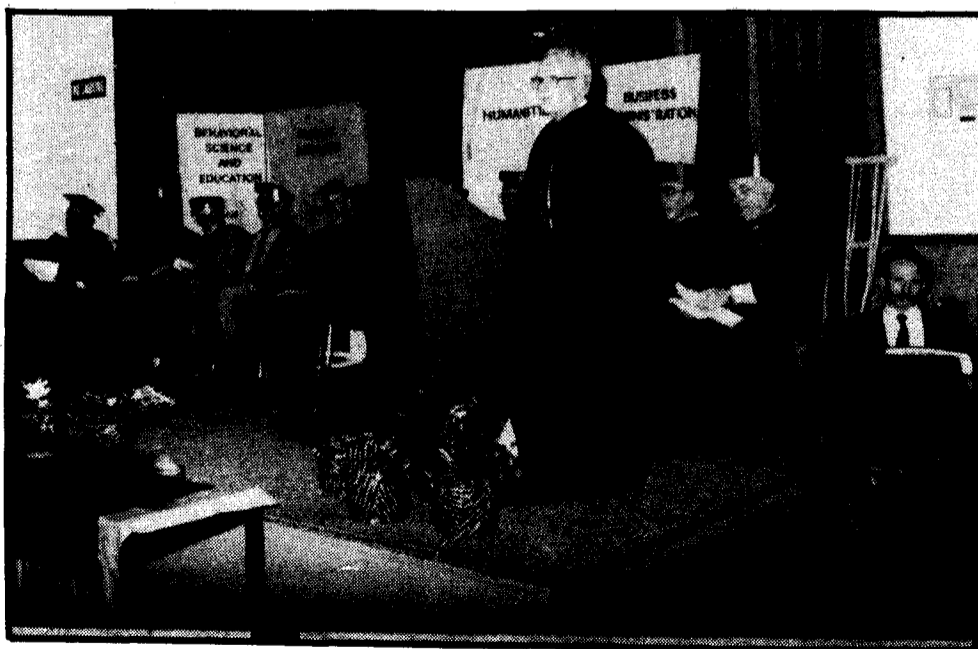
rock singers of all time, pick up Manic Nirvana.

"Hurting Kind" will be blasted on my car stereo for weeks to come, and I sit at night trying to play "Liars Dance" on my guitar, but this schizophrenic album needed someone besides Plant and

keyboardist Phil Johnstone in the production chair, if only to hold the reins on Boyle.

It's worth the money, but Plant is capable of so much more.

RATING (out of five stars)---***



Awards Convocation

The annual PSH Awards Convocation is scheduled for Sunday, April 22 at 2 p.m. in the Student Center of the Capital Union Building.

Some of the awards being presented include one for dedication and achievement in teaching, excellence in the Humanities division, excellence in

research, and outstanding service.

Among the people presenting awards include Provost and Dean--Dr. Ruth Levanthal, Dr. Howard Sachs, and Dr. James South.

Approximately 20 awards will be presented at the ceremony.

ANNIVERSARY SALE

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Penn State Bookstore

Owned and Operated by the Pennsylvania State University

10% off Grandma's natural snacks and candy.

10% off Ecology (Earth Day) books.

20% off Alumni merchandise, holograms, plush animals, posters, art prints.

50% off Computer books, other selected items.

Wednesday, April 18, there will be a poster printer demonstration. Free posters to the first 15 people. For details contact bookstore.

Hours: 8-8 Mon-Thurs, 8-4:30 Fri.