

# MOSH OR DIE!! THRASH FEST '92 AT BOURBON STREET



**Rude.**

by Mike Shonk

Bourbon Street, a local club known for its Grateful Dead cover bands, reggae, and other alternative bands, became the site for this year's first Thrash Fest. Making up the bill this time around were **Rude** from Ithaca, local punk heroes **Abalienation**, and area thrashers **Akademy Shred**. It turned out to be a high energy show and a lot of fun for those in attendance.

First up on stage was Ithaca's own **Rude**. This three-piece outfit plays an interesting blend of thrash and speed metal with touches of funky, twangy bass guitar, a la the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Lead singer/bassist Kevin Cornish entertained the crowd between songs with some really good dirty jokes that could never be printed here. The same goes for their song about the consequences of poor feminine hygiene. **Rude** kept true to their name as well as their music.

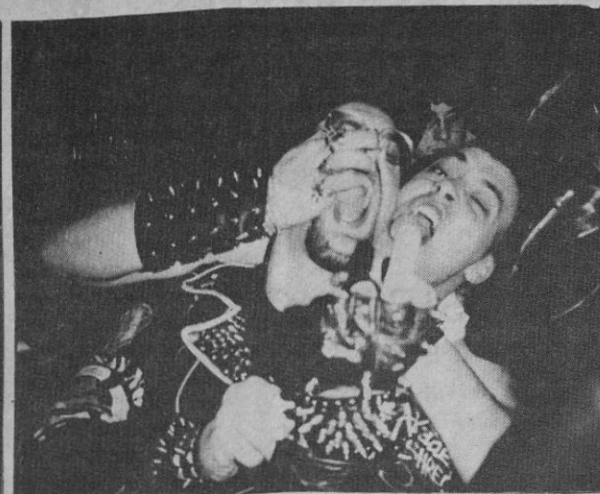
Next up was **Abalienation**, a definite local favorite. They've played with D.O.A., Agnostic Front, Sick Of It All and Italian thrashers Negatione. The name is an obscure French archaic word meaning;

- 1) Mental Derangement;
- 2) Bodily disease or corruption;
- 3) Mental or physical decay;
- 4) Estrangement.

They assaulted the crowd with a 40-minute set featuring 18 short songs in the tradition of the Ramones or the Minutemen. In no time the crowd was moshing and slam dancing frantically to the shouting of lead singer Mike Dickinson and the fury of guitarist Mark Dickinson, bassist Jim H., and drummer Louie Short. It was fun to see the crowd and the band interacting with each other so well.

With songs like "Kaos at the Kwik-fill," "Lick My Crack (you {XXXXXXX} puss sac)" and "Why?", **Abalienation** rocked with the intensity of such classic punk bands as Fear, Black Flag, and the Circle Jerks. Watch for these guys.

**Akademy Shred**, a thrash unit that also shows great potential, rounded out the show. They recently picked up Jim Shear on drums (formerly of Retribution). The group is fronted by lead singer/guitarist Paul Kaminos, with fellow guitarist Crispy, and bassist Bernie Maxian.



**Abalienation.**

The band burned through 13 chunks of speed metal/thrash fury. They did an admirable job for their first time out in quite a while, and we look forward to seeing them again.

Screechers like "Kill It Before It Dies," "Face Down," and "Rude Awakening" kept the crowd moshing late into the night.

It was truly an energetic evening, especially for a Sunday night in Binghamton, and judging from the enthusiastic crowd, there will be more of these multi-band events to come at Bourbon Street this year. If punk/thrash is your thing, definitely check out the next show. Support your scene!!!



**Akademy Shred.**

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