

Crap Detectors: That's-the-way-it-is lyrics

The Crap Detector's newest album, *Diseases on Display* has arrived in time for summer. This is the sixth record for the Lincoln-based band that is composed of: Jim Jacobi — vocals, guitar, composer; Craig Kingery — vocals, bass; Gene Lessman — drums and Rex Keeler — guitar (on T-Shirt).

The Crap Detector's sound is rock-n-roll, at times, the overtones can be psychedelic, rhythm and blues,

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punk or country. They have been compared with Lou Reed, Iggy Pop and Frank Zappa.

Jacobi, as composer of the music and lyrics, plays an integral part in the nature of the band's sound. His lyrics are to the point — blunt. You won't find him mincing words for the sake of appearance.

Side one of *Diseases on Display* starts off with the only piece not penned by Jacobi. "The Shape of Things To Come," was originally written and performed by Max Frost and the Troopers, for the film, "Wild in the Streets." This version of the sixties song is bolstered by the shout-singing vocals of "The Hoop Shots." A fun song.

Other notable cuts on side one are "Feeling Amputee," a mournful song of a broken relationship that talks of trying to amputate the pain, and "She Wouldn't Stop," which gives one the sense of being driven down a road by the bass and includes some eerie synthesizer.

"Mundane," might depress or humor you, depending on your state of mind. The lyrics tell of a predictable mundance existence while they rhyme in a similarly predictable way. ("You're really mundane; Don't feel any pain; That's where you'll remain.")

Side two is my favorite. It includes the title song, "Diseases on Display," "T-Shirt," "Marie's Oasis," and "Video-Eyes — Arlene Airline." "Arlene Airline" has an uptempo, body moving tempo. Jacobi says that it was intended as a parody of Joan Jett (former

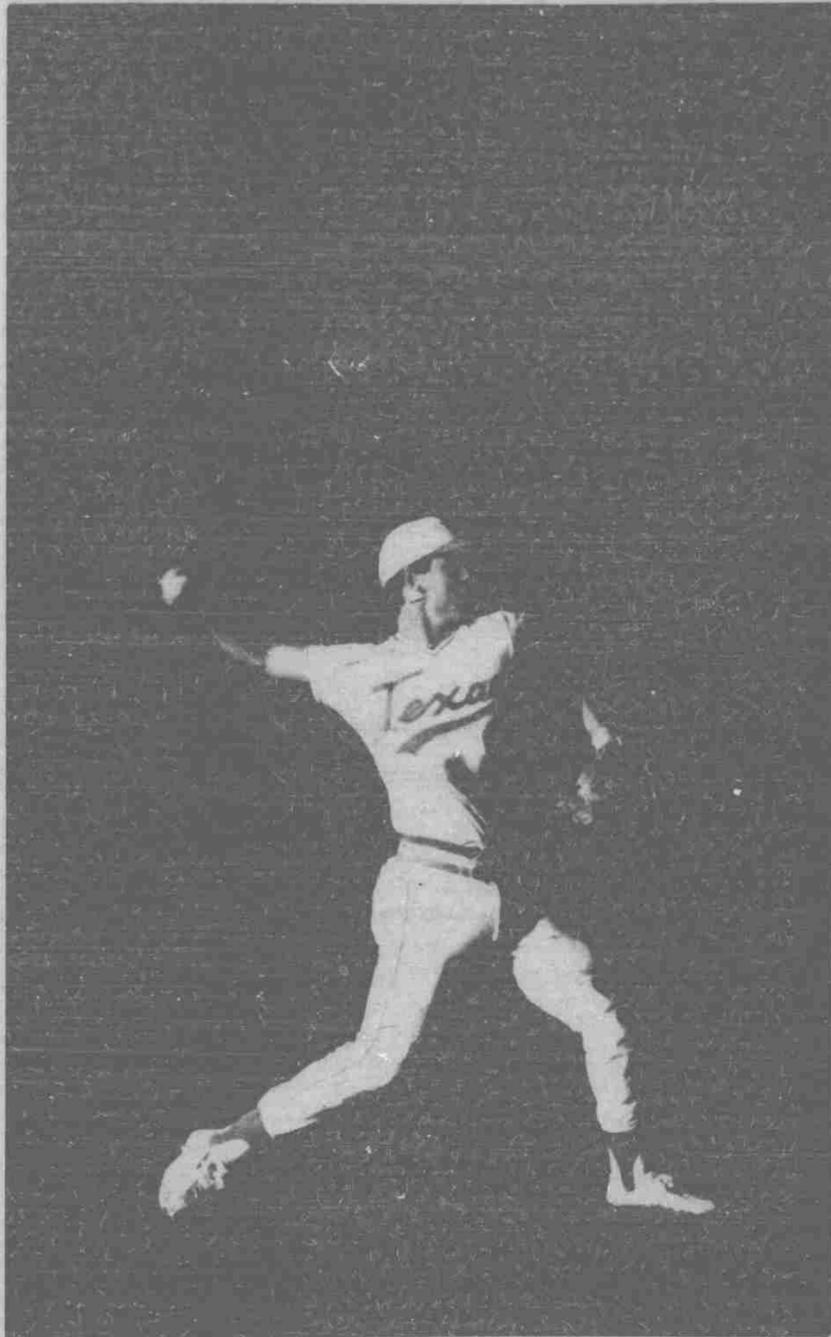
Runaway's member); ("Arlene Airline you're so sublime; Arlene Airline looking so fine; You'd better run, run, run, runaway; Run, run, run, runaway...")

Jacobi's lyrics show a humorous view of society's pitfalls and idiocies. He never glosses over the not-so-good or not-so-nice but, instead, faces up to it as reality, buffered by a grain of humor and a pinch of sarcasm.

"Diseases on Display," belongs in the collection of all Crap Detector fans and I also recommend it to those brave souls who dare try to enlarge their horizons by buying an album that they are not thoroughly familiar which is not totally top 40.

— By Julie Jordan

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