MUSIC!

by Lia Braganza entertainment reporter

If "Ordinary Thinking" (Generic Records) is any indication of what college and club crowds can expect from Richmond's Ten Ten, then it looks like the next few years will be more than enjoyable. It doesn't matter whether you like to see a band because you enjoy listening to them or dancing or just enjoy wathing them, because Ten Ten/has got it all; truly everything you could hope for when going out and getting away from it all

Ten Ten is composed of four Virginians, who after successful careers in separate bands, formed their own

success story. Bassist Peter Bell formerly of the Rage created Ten Ten with drummer Lee Johnson of Errol Flynn in the summer of 1983. They were joined by X-Dad Mark Lewis (lead vocals-guitar) and more recently Don Ruzek (keyboards-guitar-vocals) of Raleigh's Glassmoon. After a year of initiating its name into the club and college circuits, Ten Ten has released an impressive debut album.

"Ordinary Thinking," though it is composed of tunes based on the best sounds of today's progressive rock movement, is diverse from selection to selection. For example, the tormented twisted cries from "Doesn't It Seem Strange" evoke feelings of despair and reflect the futile side of love lost. Whereas, the song "Tell the World" found on the first side bursts in with a declaration of love

The sound of Lee Johnson's drumming on his synthesized set resembles that of U-2. His care in producing the mood of this song carries on throughout the album as does the creative incorporation of Ruzek's keyboards (as originally written by their former member Steve Fisher). Mark Lewis' strained lead vocals give the tunes a warm sound in his urgency and intensity.

Peter Bell's contributions can by no means be overlooked, as he pulls "Your World" through the wandering keyboards and Mark's poems to himself to tie a lucid thread to Johnson's precise rhythm works.

Ten Ten makes it clear to anyone who has ever enjoyed and experienced life that music is a visual, audio and personal experience that can only enhance.

Look for their soon-to-be released E-P, or if you prefer to see them before making a purchase, then visit the Brewery on Hillsborugh Street this Saturday night. (But, a word to the wise, be prepared to enjoy yourself.)

ROAD TRIP!!!

by Malinda Britton Managing editor

What is this compelling force that causes one to drive distances for a different scene? There is just something unique about getting into a car and heading out to meet old and new friends. True roadtrippers will go to no extent to have a good time or adventure.

Of course, there are two different types of the famous party animal/road-tripper. The short distance frequenter (SDF) takes trips semi-spontaneously. For a Meredith Angel, this would include trips to places such as Chapel Hill, Durham or Burlington. The SDF doesn't have to plan way ahead or time. Sometimes a couple of hours is sufficient warning.

Next comes the no limit contenders. (NLC)Planning is necessary for these special type of road trippers. Anywhere from a few days to a few weeks is neces-

sary, depending on school, work or degree of spontaneity. The NLC takes various trips to places like Myrtle Beach, Wintergreen, Wilmington, Columbia or Atlanta. "Car sickness" is not in their vocabulary.

Despite the slight differences between the two types, there are two lists that both have in common. The top contenders for worst fears of the roadtripper include 1) having the "wrong" people find out and, 2) viewing that blue light in the rear view.

The list of essentials is also comparative. These essentials include: 1) the infamous Exxon card - or equivalent "gas money"; 2) money needed for expenditures; 3) munchies and/or liquid refreshment; and, 4) a toothbrush.

Finally, a word to the more cautious and conservative who have never "road-tripped" before - Go for it! You might have fun. And remember to drive carefully.

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