

'The River'

Album captures Springsteen's vision

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One of the first things you notice about Bruce Springsteen's fifth album, 'The River,' is the enigmatic back cover photo of paper dolls in a marriage ceremony set up before a background of an American eagle and flag...

The River comes closer than any of Springsteen's previous albums to capturing the power he has in concert—he is one of the most dynamic performers in rock 'n' roll.

Complaints have been made that 'The River' needs editing and that there are a few songs that simply don't belong on the album. Of course, there isn't a double album in rock history, not even The Beatles' 'White Album,' that doesn't have some weak points.

Unlike 'Born to Run' and 'Darkness on the Edge of Town,' which were unified thematically, the songs on 'The River' are connected only in the most peripheral sense.

1. The Songs of Escape. These songs closely resemble those on the previous two albums, but there are some important differences. Gone is the teen-age innocence of 'Born to Run' and the triumphant tone of 'Darkness.' Escape this time around comes much harder, if at all.

The imagery stands out on these songs and sets a tone of a cold and aloof world with few sanctuaries. In the title track, a young man finds escape from the overbearing responsibilities

of a premature marriage and poverty with the allegorical cleansing of the river, but unlike Springsteen's earlier albums, this only provides a temporary resolution.

2. The rockers. In the grand tradition of "Rosalita," Springsteen and the E Street Band let loose on these tunes with a gusto that captures the essence of rock 'n' roll vitality.

The lyrics of Springsteen's rockers are just above the inane, but what counts is the passion expressed. The purity of joy on songs like "Sherry Darling," "Crush On You" and "I'm a Rocker" is so exciting that it is impossible to listen to them sitting down.

These rockers are teen anthems with roots deep in the rockabilly music of Buddy Holly and Eddie Cochran. In contrast to the other songs, the situations are often comic and the sole objective is the pursuit of fun.

3. The Ballads. Springsteen has a mellow side, too. On "I Wanna Marry You" and "Fade Away," the E Street Band slows down and Springsteen's voice swoons to a tenderness that has made him in many ways the most romantic American singer since Al Green.

What really makes 'The River' click is the E Street Band. Where the album is weak, as on "Ramrod" and "The Price You Pay," the band is too slick to convey the tension of the lyrics.

Springsteen's guitar solos are quick but intense, and he even makes a viable instrument out of the harmonica. Several instrumentals stand out—Danny Federici's haunting organ on "Point Blank," Steve Van Zandt's guitar on "Crush on You" and Clarence Clemons' saxophone throughout—but the overall group sound is what really impresses.

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Dance

The internationally known Murray Louis Dance Company will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Memorial Hall. Louis, the company choreographer and feature dancer, has earned critical acclaim and is the recipient of numerous awards...

Campus Calendar

Public service announcements must be turned in to the box outside the DTH office in the Carolina Union by 1 p.m. if they are to run the next day. Each item will be run at least twice.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

The Black Student Movement Graduate Action Committee will have a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Greenlaw 104 to discuss plans for the coming reception for graduate students.

The Election Laws Revision Committee will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. in room 215 of the Union. Craig Brown, former Elections Board chairman and Roy Cooper, Student Supreme Court chief justice, will discuss election laws; problems and remedies. All are welcome to attend.

Gay Awareness, sponsored by Carolina Gay Association and the Union Human Relations Board continues with a workshop and a lecture on Feminism and the Gay Movement at 3:30 p.m. in room 207 of the Union and "Jerry Real—The New Conservatism" at 7:30 p.m. in 209 of the Union.

The new students will have a meeting at the Battle House from 9-10 p.m. Want to educate the campus about the E.R.A.? 1981 is the last chance for the amendment in North Carolina. Come help the cause! Meet at 4 p.m. on the balcony of Great Hall.

The Devotional Life Study Group will meet at the Battle House from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Pauline Armitage Collection in Canadian Literature will be received into the English Department library, 522 Greenlaw Hall at 4 p.m. All are invited to a short reading of Canadian Poetry as read by faculty members.

There will be a Winter Retreat Planning meeting at the Battle House from 5-8 p.m. Pre-Veterinary students—Come to 311 South Building this afternoon for help in planning required courses and institutional registration for courses taught only at NCSU. Meeting of all interested in the new North Carolina Veterinary Medicine, Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. Watch for announcement of place of meeting.

The Media Board will meet at 5 p.m. in 321 Greenlaw. The Student Nurses Association invites students in the School of Nursing and those freshmen and sophomores interested in joining SNA to attend a program on self-defense at 7:30 p.m. in the Wrestling Room at Woollen Gym. Wear comfortable clothing. SNA members are reminded to bring refreshments. Overseas Anonymous Meeting—No dues required. At 7 p.m. at the Chapel of the Cross.

The Toronto Exchange presents "The ultimate in sportsmanship—ROLLERBALL." James Cavan starts at 7, 9:30 and midnight Monday in Carroll Hall. Admission is \$1.

The Carolina Committee on Central America presents "Revolution or Death," a documentary film produced by the World Council of Churches Monday at 7 p.m. at the Newman Center.

Do you want a great job next summer? An early start is extremely important! Come learn about the resources available which can help! Take 45 minutes of your time today to attend a meeting sponsored by Pre-Career Experience Program. Next summer you may be glad you did. Meet at 3 p.m. in 208 Gardner.

COMING EVENTS

The New Science Fiction and Fantasy Club will meet at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in room 213 of the Union. Call 3-1566 for more information.

Phi Kappa Phi will have a covered dish dinner at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Gigi Smith's apartment, C-3 Tar Heel Manor. Call 929-6458 for directions.

Let the Association of Business Students treat you! We invite all business school faculty and students to our Halloween party on Wednesday, from 3:30-5 p.m. in rooms 202 and 204 of the Union. Wine and refreshments will be served.

There is an Animation Art Sale/Exhibit in the Carolina Union lounge (opposite) Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Come see original pictures of Bugs Bunny and the Roadrunner and more.

CHEC, now meeting in the new Student Health Service building, Health Education Suite, every Tuesday at 7 p.m. CHEC provides information breast and pelvic exams had contraceptive methods.

ECOS, the campus environmental group is having a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 104 Greenlaw. Everyone interested in the environment is welcome.

Walker Hyde, Carter N.C. Chairman, will answer questions from the audience and from Reagan and Anderson representatives. Watch the debate on the big screen afterwar. UNC Young Democrats Club, Tuesday at 8 p.m. in 202 of the Union.

The Anderson for President committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 105 Gardner. Everyone is urged to attend.

The Hunger Action Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in 106 Campus Y. Come if you can. Hillal will have a board meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Hillal House, 210 W. Cameron St. The square dance and other November events will be discussed. All board members are urged to attend.

James David Barber, a James B. Duke professor of political science and author of 'The Presidential Character,' will speak on the perspectives of the 1980 presidential election Wednesday at the Hillal House after Hillal's Dell Night. Enjoy New York-style sandwiches and cream sodas beginning at 6 p.m., then listen to Dr. Barber's predictions on who will be the next president.

There will be an organizational meeting of the Society for Creative Anachronisms Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Chapel of the Cross (Room A). All interested in the current Middle Ages are invited.

AIIESEC mandatory meeting for members at large. Tom Browne from National Committee will be here. There will be a potluck supper afterward. Meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

AIIESEC Board of Directors meeting—Members please attend Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dr. Irvin Ehrenpreis, professor of English at the University of Virginia, will speak on "Doctrine and Formula as Terms of Literary Criticism: The Example of Gulliver's

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