

July 1

Hi Phil,

It's taken me til now to get around to thanking you for the Erik Satie tape and the Pergolesi. The implication here being that I've been really busy, but as usual, for my part, there's always a little bit of 'putting things off' involved too. Anyways, it's a good tape. I've always wanted the Gymnopedies. They're longer than I thought - go on forever. Nice. And the Pergolesi - well, who the hell is Pergolesi, anyways? But, it's nice. I usually put it on Sunday morning, or Saturday night before I go out. Gets me in the mood, you know. Thanks! Good music all.

I discovered a new band this weekend which you may have heard of - The Bronski Beat. I have a feeling it's a band that's probably been a rage for at least six months now, but I just heard a tape this weekend. Great female vocalist. A la Grace Slick (certainly one of my all-time faves) and yet the band's got a sound that is almost reminiscent of every English folk-rock band I've ever heard.

BACK AGAIN...

It's a few nights later now - two-ish - that high energy period for me and I've just wrapped up some editing, and I'm too buzzed up to just go home and get prone, so here I am back at the glorified correcting selectric, better known as....a PC.

The band I mentioned above - upon reading the liner notes, I welcome myself to the 1980's. Of course it's not a female vocalist. It's actually a guy with an ultra-high-pitched voice (castrato?) and the three members of the the group are gay. Lawsy me! And the title - Age of Consent - refers to the legal age for homosexuality. Well anyway, far be it for me to buy GaY music, but my opinion still stands as stated above. I like the group.

Speaking of rock and roll, of sorts, I went down to Telluride a few weeks ago and shot the T'ride Bluegrass Festival. Good to get to a truly beautiful part of Colorado that I don't find much occasion to go to. The music was pretty good, even though Bluegrass ain't exactly my favorite. But after shooting numerous groups each day, a good stroll away from the festival grounds was my most welcome way to spend a break. Long days, but worth it financially (I think, if the guy who hired us is ever able to cover his bounced checks. Ha, ha, ha. Yes, actually, that did happen...). Well, two paragraphs of letter and my poor burned out head is crying for pillow. So...

And back once again.

How's life going? Are you running a lot? Training for triathalons? Or are those on hold for now? They are sure getting to be the big rage around here these days. Tomorrow is the (get this) Governor's Cup Triathalon with Dick Lamm the Guv actually competing. It's a very pared down one, but still. I would like to give one a go sometime but I'm just not willing or physically able time-wise to devote the time to training. I'm still just Mr. Bicycle. My racing schedule this summer is looking like a carbon copy of last summer's, except for the fact that this year you weren't there on the course waiting to hand me up a water bottle. Yeah, I did the Morgul this year with the same attitude as last year, only this time I didn't attempt to continue racing. I just went for a ride up a nearby canyon after those guys summarily spit me out the back the first time up The (dreaded) Wall. Haven't raced since, but am attempting to ride regularly just to stay in shape. That plan has met with erratic success.

And how goes cabinetry school? I may hire you to design and build some cabinets for the van. That is, if the roof doesn't cave in first from all the bird shit that's been dropping on it in its current semi-permanent parked position on Emerson St.! And when will you be a journeyman?

I'm gradually easing into the bike race (Coors Classic) fold these days. The race office itself is as frenetic now (7/13) as if it was actually race time. Tomorrow we meet with the NBC people who will be covering it and their two "experts," Connie Carpenter and Alexi Grewal. Plus a ton of other preparation shit that seems to be the mainstay of what I do with this crazy circus every summer. They'll be shipping me out to to San Fran on Tuesday, July 30 so we should plan on getting together sometime that week. (Tell Tom). Race starts August 3 with the Prologue Time Trial up to Coit Tower from Fish Wharf. I'll enclose a schedule. If possible, I would like to do some riding with you that week (Ha! Who am I trying to kid?!). Well, there may be time. In which case, could you possibly line up a bike I could use? I ride a 52 cm (20 1/2"), which is close to what many women ride, so that may be a line to pursue. And anything close to a 52 would do. Please don't knock yourself out trying to locate one, 'cause like I say, I may not have the time for it anyway. But it would nice if the option for some riding did exist.

The current big news on the race is that Bernard Hinault, Greg Lemond, Steve Bauer and some other hot shot European Pros will be attending. They should kick ass. That is, unless the East German and Russian amateurs happen to get in their way. We'll see... Stay tuned...

Well, so much for now. Take care and I'll be seeing you in a couple of weeks.

-STU

Just DEBBIE SAY HI

7/23

Boy oh boy...

Getting a letter off to you is no simple task. What with my own sporadic writing habits and sending it (once again!), to the wrong address, it's been quite a trial. Anyways...

I'm sticking in a magazine - Ultrasport - which I get complimentary by virtue of being a subscriber to a bike racing slick. There are some pretty good articles in it. I'll read 'em and pass 'em on to you.

Also, don't take my request for a bike TOO seriously. I may be pretty busy when I get out there - so busy that I may not be able to fit any riding in. Who knows? We'll see...