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see interview, pg. 8
Dear Scene,

After reading the article "Starting Over Again With Eric Carmen (SCENE, Vol. 6, No. 15), I suddenly realized that the majority of people are in the music business for the money and screw everyone and anyone who gets in their way. Well, fine. I agree to a point, but I think Eric Carmen is getting in Magic's way, and using them while he's at it.

"See, I was looking for five tasteful ego-less musicians." Believe me, Mr. Carmen, these fine musicians are more than tasteful and ego-less.

I would have asked Magic also for a back-up band if I had your fame, but please don't call them ego-less or peanut brain musicians.

In the interview, I counted you saying "I" more than 10 times. Well, I think you better start saying "we" or "us," because your logic of "I" does not work in a band.

All of us in Cleveland wish your band the best of luck.

Mark Kyser,
Fellow Musician

At odds about Rush

Mr. David Einstein,

In regards to your review of the new Rush album—FLY BY NIGHT—in your April 3-9 issue, I was amazed. The poor taste shown in your review was unbelievable. Rush has got to be one of the most talented, creative bands ever.

You say that listening to the album in its entirety is most difficult. Well, let me tell you that I could listen to that album every minute of every day of every week of every YEAR, and still never get tired or bored with it.

You refer to "In The End" and "Best. I Can" as being dreary. Well buddy, I think YOU'RE the dreary one! Those are two of the best songs on the album.

You also insist on continually comparing them to Led Zeppelin, and in one case to the Stories. This irritates me more than anything else. Why don't you just let them be THEMSELVES, and quit trying to find someone to compare them with.

There is also nothing wrong with the lyrics. I found them to be quite good.

There is nothing strained about Geddy Lee's voice. It's fantastic.

Why don't you go clear your polluted mind, and clean your ears and THEN sit down and listen to FLY BY NIGHT one more time. I think you'll like it!

Frankly yours,

A Loyal Rush Fan

(and NO FAN of YOURS!)