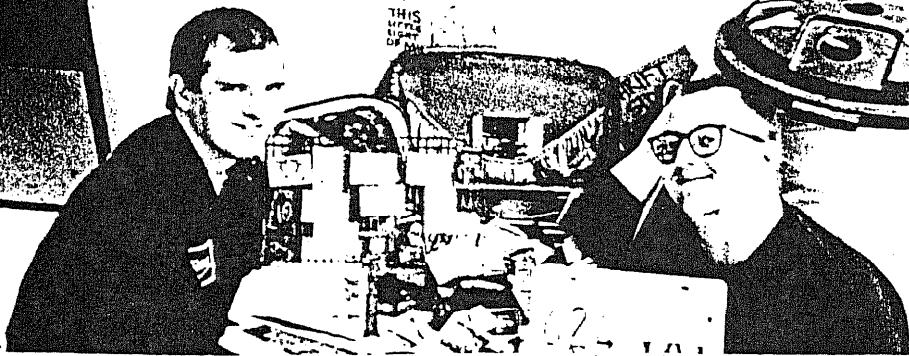
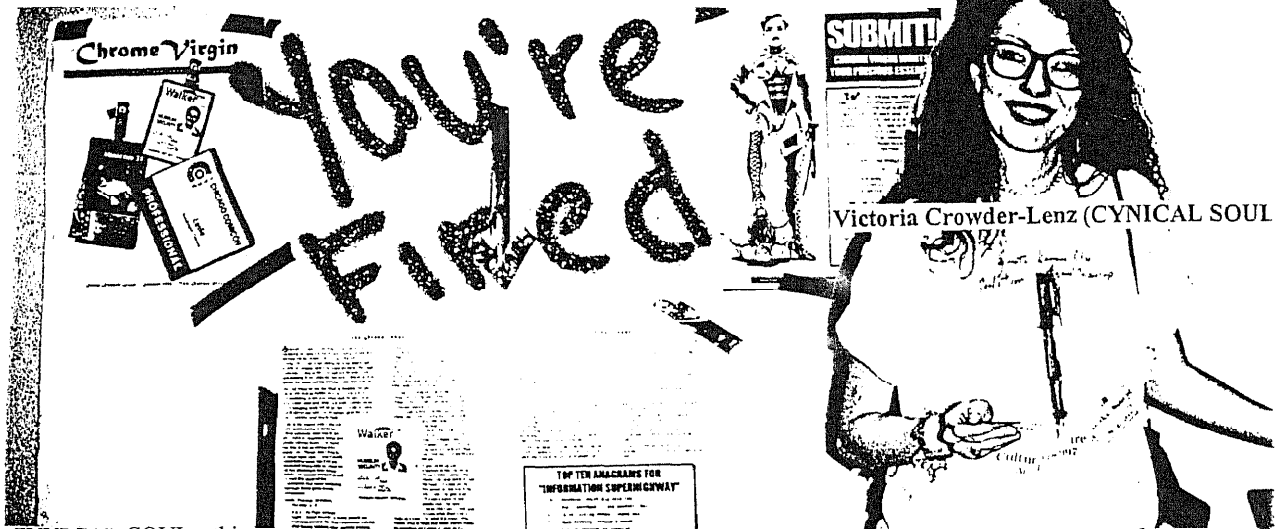


The DOORMAT, TX Guys



DOORMAT, TX - these guys from TX aren't exactly zinesters - they're home tapers. Part of the cassette-culture; people who perform their own music, record & distribute it themselves. These guys drove 12 hours to the conference, & got in just as the symposium opened. I traded with them for several of their tapes - weird, strange & exciting stuff. "Public Domain" by 'Caleb Fraid' is a collection of covers, including "Here I Go" (Dolly Parton), "If This Is It" (Huey Lewis & the News), "Closer To Fine", that annoying Alanis Morissette song (the one with one hand in her pocket), plus other inspired choices, the arrangements distorted from the original versions. I like these type of covers & most of them actually make the original songs palatable; the second tape is Ribeye's "Cusp" - weird in a Butthole Surfers type way, but more approachable; and the fourth volume in their compilation series, "Mein Comp". Most of it may be a bit primitive for some, but it ain't boring, which is more than you can say about most of the "product" in the stores. If you're adventurous & want something different, check these guys out. They offer a catalog & the tapes are cheap - \$2 apiece, which isn't a lot to try something out - you spend more than that on beer alone! Not a bad deal. They (or rather members with Doormat) should have a zine ready very soon.



CYNICAL SOUL - this is the zine by Victoria Crowder-Lenz. Mainly a melange of a lot of things - poetry, essays & bits of fringe-type stuff. The issues are thematic, but the application is rather loose and somewhat anarchic - mainly for the first issue; the second & third issues (Pain & Glamor, respectively) are more focused. She also has contributors and there are glimpses of V's personal life. It's a very appealing zine. Victoria was also responsible for the exhibit ZINE: The Story of a Four-Letter Word, to which she made a companion zine/program to; if you didn't see the exhibit, it at least gives you some of the flavor. Copies may still be available.