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# Ween: Loaders + Rippers = Ass Tumors

By Scott Thill  March 24, 2008 | 5:10:38 PM Categories: [File Sharing Clampdown](#), [Getting Artists Paid](#)

East Coast sonic goofs [Ween](#) have been straddling the line between smartass critique and indie commerce for decades now. And the hits, such as they are, just keep on coming.

On May 13, MVD Audio is exclusively distributing their 2007 tweener EP called [The Friends](#). It's a minor offering with a punchy liner note from Dean Ween himself, pictured nude at right, hard (pardon the pun) at work on Ween's official site, as well as his personal blog [Brownie Troop 666](#):



"It is the ultimate party record, filled with good beats and good times. Perfect for your barbecue or doing bong hits or whatever it is that you guys do. If you download it or burn a copy from a friend your karma will be so fucked that you will be reincarnated as a tumor on a rat's ass."

Dean, known to his folks as Mickey Melchiondo, adds further that the band "put a lot of time into this, like 4 years. What is that? 9.5 months a song or something?" I'm not sure about his math, but I am sure that for those who can take a musical joke, even a serious one, Ween is good medicine. Just ask *South Park*, *Crank Yankers*, *Oddville*, *SpongeBob SquarePants* and even *Schoolhouse Rock*, who, among many others, have employed Dean and brother Gene's lampoons for their sometimes less funny programming. As for those who can't take a joke, there's always Coldplay.

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Dude, get your facts straight... the friends EP came out last summer! La Cucaracha came out in the Fall of 07 AFTER the friends EP!

Posted by: [Stev0](#) | Mar 24, 2008 5:54:40 PM

Good catch, Ween fan! Would you like to serve me a chicken/With poison interlaced with the meat? Updated above.

Posted by: [Scott Thill](#) | Mar 24, 2008 8:01:54 PM

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