

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## TAD



TAD, 1991 (from left - Gary Thorstensen, Tad Doyle, Steve Wied, Kurt Danielson): 'Skinny dipping, anyone?'

**F**ormed in Seattle in 1988, TAD - led by hairy, hefty frontman Tad Doyle - pioneered the grunge rock sound. In 1989, they were part of the same Sub Pop Records UK package tour that included Nirvana. After five albums, TAD finally called it quits in 1999.

So... guess which one is now working as a debt collector?

Conner of Screaming Trees and Mudhoney's Dan Peters. After, I started The Quaranteens, an electronic pop studio project. Then I moved to Paris with my French wife to get some psychological distance from everything. I taught English and wrote a novel. Now I work in a video store, but I have a new band, Misericords. The lyrics are dark but I feel I've lived enough now to write about interesting things."



**TAD DOYLE (VOCALS, GUITAR):**

"After TAD, I formed Hog Molly with a couple of guys in Seattle. I wanted a punkier sound. We recorded one album [*Kung-Fu Cocktail Grip*] but I'd had a bellyful of touring so I moved to San Diego for two and a half years, which is where my fiancée, Peg, comes from. I enjoyed other stuff, like a relationship and the sun. I worked in network recruiting for health plans and I was an internet marketing consultant. One day, I flipped on the radio and heard Black Sabbath's War Pigs. I thought, I need to rock. So I've formed Brothers Of The Sonic Cloth. Peggy plays bass. I moved back to Seattle in 2006. I was book-keeping for a record store and now I'm a debt collector. But I'm having more fun in music than ever. I've never been in it for the money or girls, and not so much drugs and alcohol. That's one of the contributing factors to why TAD broke up. I was a mess. The cat's out of the bag now. It was no secret anyway."



**STEVE WIED (DRUMS):**

"I left TAD in 1991 [to be replaced briefly by Rey Washam, Josh Sinder and, finally, Mike Mongrain]. Tad's a cuddly guy, but abrasive too. I had to do my own thing. I formed Foil. I was singing, wearing a demolition outfit with goggles and a hard hat. The goggles would fog up and I couldn't see, which helped with my stage fright. I did that for near 10 years. I sang with a band called Sspys, but then switched back to drums for a group called Helen Waite, but that broke up. I'm playing guitar again now; I'm done with lugging drums. I've been invited to play lead guitar in a band but I still get stage fright. Now I play with this guy on drums and we find bassists here and there. Work-wise, I'm a vendor for candy and pop, driving a truck around Seattle."



**GARY THORSTENSEN (GUITAR):**

Left in 1994. Still lives in Seattle, playing in Tularosa. Made one album, *The Holographic Principle*, in 2007 under the pseudonym Sparky. Danielson: "For the most part, he's turned his back on his career with TAD, including the TAD DVD [2008's *Busted Circuits And Ringing Ears*]. He didn't even return our calls. It's speculation but I just think he got fed up with the business."



**KURT DANIELSON (BASS):**

"TAD split after 10 years of hard work, misadventures and lawsuits [TAD were sued for using the Pepsi logo on the artwork for their Jack Pepsi single]. I escaped through drugs. I was already playing in this hard rock band, Valis, with Van

## The DIARY



**20 AUGUST** **Animal Collective** play a one-off date at London's Brixton Academy.

**21** Girl-kissing **Katy Perry** (above) headlines Glasgow Barrowland Ballroom (and Birmingham 02 Academy, 25 and Newcastle 02 Academy, 26).

**21, 22 & 23** Go to Wales. It's the Green Man Festival at Glanusk Park, Brecon Beacons. Attractions include **Jarvis Cocker** and **Wilco**.

**22 & 23** **Oasis, The Killers, MGMT** and **Lady GaGa** play V Festival at Hylands Park, Chelmsford and Weston Park, Staffordshire. Go to [www.vfestival.com](http://www.vfestival.com) for more details.

**25** New To Q rapper **Asher Roth** headlines The Scala, King's Cross, London. **Faith No More** play Edinburgh Corn Exchange as part of The Edge Festival. See [www.theedgefestival.com](http://www.theedgefestival.com) for more live music events in Edinburgh in August. >>>