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Caruso returns to rock campus

By Cathy McCormick

Caruso is back!

The Detroit rock band is being brought back by popular demand for its second performance at Otterbein. The concert will be on Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center.

According to Newsweek On Campus: "Caruso is one of the hottest bands in the country. Their new single, "London," is driving, infectious pop music. This record could break them nationally."

The four brother team of Joe, Mike, Rob and Dave Caruso have the reputation for being one of the most exciting and entertaining shows on th college circuit.

They have performed throughout the eastern half of the U.S. and Canada at colleges and universities, where they have set attendance records.

Caruso has also opened for bands including UB40, Corey Hart, Joan Jett and Rick Springfield.

In August, Caruso released their new album, "In The Face," which includes their single, "London."

Becky Smith, co-ordinater of student activities, has been partially responsible for bringing the group back. She said that the student response so far has been good. "Everyone seems to be excited, especially the girls."

Several students were lucky enough to have met the band memebers when they were here last. Junior Jennifer Mavis was one of those individuals. She said she felt that the guys were very friendly and down to earth. She said she was surprised at their performance since it was better than she had thought a concert at the Campus Center would be.

By their reputation, it seems sure the show will be a smash.



Face to face with Caruso

By Marcie Hochwalt

It had seemed a hard day's work and Rob Caruso had just returned to find he had to do another interview with a college reporter.

Rob, the youngest of the four Caruso brothers, had spent the day doing his first "in-stores"—promoting the band's new record at Detroit area stores and signing autographs for local fans.

The stores had extended Caruso the "black limousine" treatment, leaving the band with the sometimes uneasy feeling of being celebrities.

"It was really kind of strange for me," Rob said, "I've never had this kind of success with a record before."

But indicators are that Rob and his brothers Mike, Joe and Dave, may not be such strangers to success for long.

Their single "London" is in regular rotation at Toledo radio stations and Rob said Detroit club response to it is fantastic. And they are a band on the run—constantly playing to colleges and bars.

Caruso completed a four-song e.p. this summer titled "In The Face."

Rob said the title reflects their desire to get in the public's face and the frustration of the job. "After a certain amount of years, people are still asking 'So are you all brothers?' ... 'No, that's why we call ourselves *Caruso*...' Then there's the people who still can't remember our name..."

That "certain amount of years" is more like twenty, which can easily seem like forever to someone who is 24, as Rob is.

Rob, at 24, is the youngest. He found it easy to point out similarities between the four brothers ("we're all short,") but not so easy to discuss their differences.

He said he is the wildest, since he is the youngest, and he says Dave is the quietest ("unless you get him alone!") But the brothers all share the demands of the job, demands which basically require all they've got.

However the brothers find time for one of their interests, which is as American as rock and roll—and that's baseball. Rob manages the team, on which the band and their road crew play. They battle other bands and area radio personalities, all in the good name of charity.

But baseball season is over, and it is back to business for the band.

Caruso said the show, which is tonight at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center, will be different from their show here last year. They have added a new guitar player, Lee Thomas, whom Rob said better follows the band's style.

"Our band is a lot more focused now and a lot more together," said Rob. They will also play more original material this time, including their single "London." Rob said "London" is about the "grass-is-always-greener" syndrome. He said, "It seems all the fresh new music is coming out of London."

But tonight, as Caruso faces off, you can catch at least some of the fresh new music coming out of Otterbein.