

a statement from UBU PROJEX:

If you've read the NY Times, LA Times, Chicago Tribune, Rolling Stone, or seen MTV recently you know that Pere Ubu & its record company, Mercury Records, are in controversy.

The decision-makers at Mercury Records don't think that Pere Ubu makes "business sense."

That's okay.

We agree with them.

We make no business sense at all. And we're proud of it.

That's right! We like it this way. Wouldn't know a sound financial decision if it came up & bit us on the hand.



The record industry would be a far better place to be if there were fewer people making business sense!!

Albums are not toasters or refrigerators.

They're hopes & fears, they're the secret poems of the heart. That's what we were brought up to believe. And now we're too pig-headed & too stupid & too set in our ways to change. Maybe you are too.

We refused to abandon WORLDS IN COLLISION.

So, having no business sense to fall back on, we appealed to the kindness of strangers. Donations from musicians, agents, producers & record company personnel poured in to pay the costs of appearing on the David Letterman Show. All these people gave: Lou Reed, REM, The B-52s, Don Was, Jane's Addiction, Iggy Pop, Living Color, They Might Be Giants, The Pixies, Marshall Crenshaw, Miracle Legion, The Buzzcocks, Meat Puppets, The Feelies, & The Sisters of Mercy as well as presidents of companies & even secret contributions from Mercury employees. We are grateful to each & every one. So, having no business sense to warn us off, we've embarked on a tour of America without funding from Mercury Records. Foolhardy? Bound for bankruptcy? Beating our heads against a brick wall? You bet! Oh, but that's okay. We have a plan. It's a good one. **We'll rely on the kindness of strangers.**

So if it seems weird that David Thomas himself is selling the merchandise tonight, or that somebody's mom is driving the van, or that some rock celebrity is acting as Guest Roadie, don't worry. We're simply fighting the Fine Fight so that, maybe not today, or tomorrow, or even the next day after that, but someday in a golden land not so far away your children need never fear BUSINESS SENSE again.

Should any of you care to add your name to the growing list of the great & the small fighting the Fine Fight, we earnestly seek donations. Make checks payable to Ubu Projex and send them to: The Kindness of Strangers Project, c/o The Hornblow Group, 24 Hudson Avenue, Edgewater NJ 07020.

Merchandise can be ordered from Ubutique, 1250 Long Beach Avenue, Unit 127, Los Angeles CA 90021.

We've got a long road ahead before we reach our funding goal. And, you know, Mom would sure like to go home soon.

