



Scotty Stets serenades the spirit of Hamlet at Shakespeare's legendary birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon.

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Scotty Stets of Fall River, MA, traveled extensively around Europe with his Backpacker, which he has affectionately named "Yvette." He wailed for the ghosts at Warwick Castle north of London, he yodeled at the ruins of the Marquis de Sade's chateau in the foothills of the French alps, his vocals venerated the stormy beaches at Normandy, he crooned at the "upside down scallops" of the Roman aqueducts in Lisbon, and in the photo above, he serenaded the spirit of Hamlet at Shakespeare's legendary birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon. "To strum or not to strum?" No question here. Scotty chose to strum!

Scott's dad, Stanley J. Stets Jr., loves to belt out Hank Snow tunes on his old D-41, so it's a family thing.

Scott is planning more excursions and wants to know whether there are any places that the Backpacker should go that it hasn't already been to? Have any ideas? In the patriotic tradition, he exclaims: "I have not yet begun to

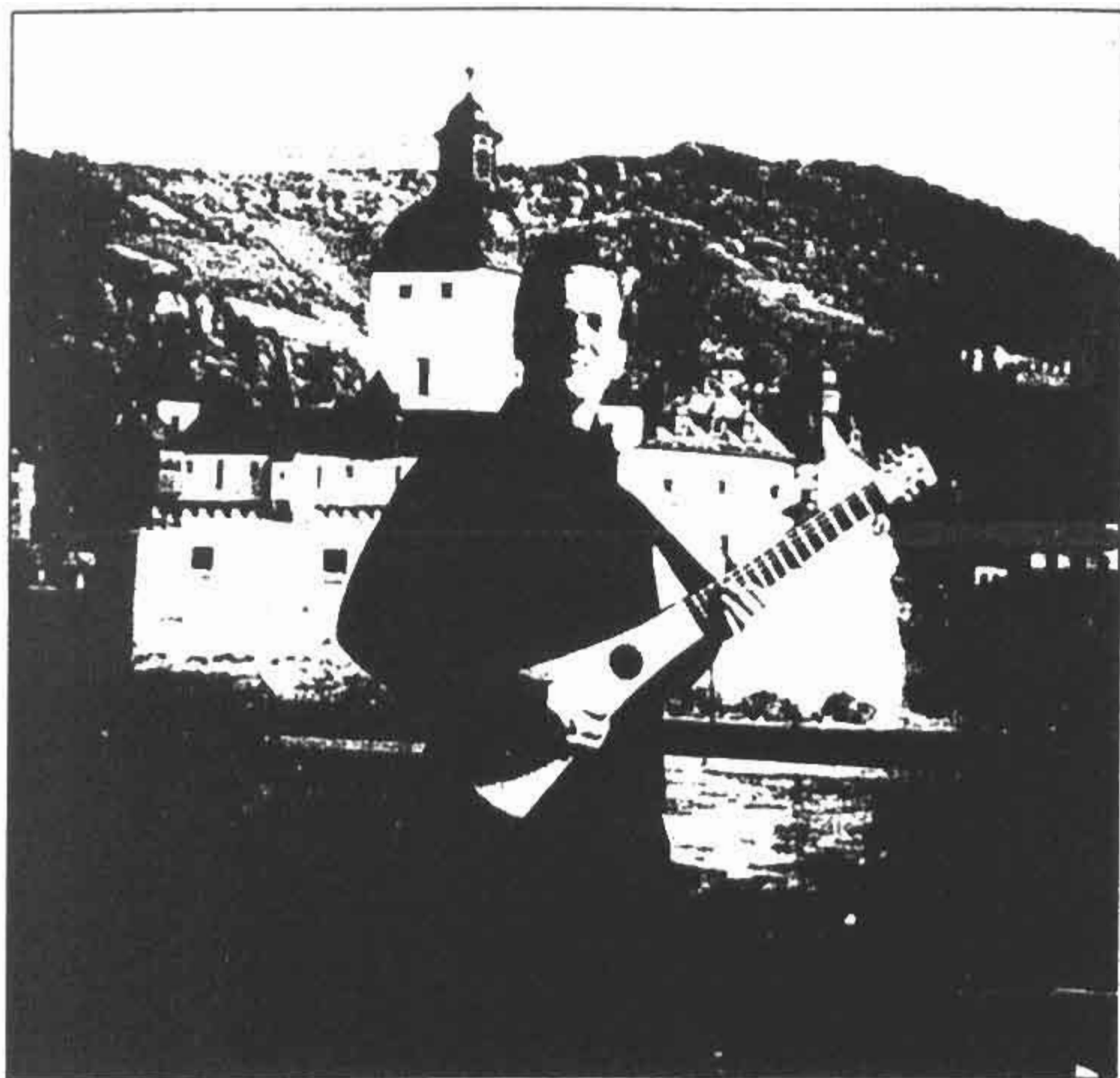
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**Scotty Stets** is full of Backpacker stories (see Sounding Board Volume 2, Page 11). Recently he made some extensive travels throughout Europe with his Martin Backpacker<sup>®</sup> at his side: from the ruins of Castle Dracula up high on a mountain top in Romania, to deep inside the Pal-volgyi Caves in Budapest, Hungary... from Sighisoara, Transylvania (Vlad Dracula's birthplace) to many of the castles throughout Germany.

Above, Scotty poses with his Backpacker in front of the famous Pfalzgrafenstein Castle on the Rhine River in Germany and Scotty's self-portrait (below) was taken at the ruins of Castle Dracula near the Arges River in Romania.

Scotty and his band **Phoenix Rising** were on a European tour playing in Castle Dracula and in parts of Germany. He entertained over 100 spellbound college students using his Backpacker at Castle Dracula. While there, Scotty was interviewed by BBC Radio, and of course they wanted to know all about his Dracula teeth and that great sounding, "funny looking" guitar. ❖