

Monsters to Rock PSH

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Penn State Harrisburg is planning some seriously rockin' events for this year's Earth Day celebration. Amidst the usual inflatable climbing walls and club tables, the Monsters of Rock Tour will thunder and roar.

Featuring bands like Iron Maiden, Skid Row, Demons & Wizards, Slayer and many more, the bands will kickoff their summer arena tour at PSH. The show will last all day and take place between the new library and the Olmsted Building.

Earth Day coordinator Jeremiah Sensinig is very excited about the event. "These are some of my favorite bands. I never thought that I'd get a chance to see them right here on campus."

The tour was procured by Sensinig when he received a phone call from the show's promoter Rick Rock. Rock happened to be driving on campus during one of ASME's car smashing fundraisers and noticed that this campus, "knows how to have a good time." Sensinig was ecstatic and booked the show immediately.

Sensinig is not the only one

who is excited. Humanities faculty member Crispin Sartwell is ready to rock. While throwing his fist in the air, Sartwell's only reply was, "F**k yeah! Rock 'N' Roll!!!"

Rock also donated a guitar signed by the "gods of metal" to be auctioned off. The proceeds of this auction will benefit the Jesse Gutierrez Fund.

Gutierrez, a recent PSH graduate, just can't get himself away from campus. The fund is designed to find other things for Gutierrez to do such as bowling and playing arcade games at the mall.

President of the JGF, Brad Grissinger, hopes to win the guitar himself. "It will make a lot of money to get Jesse out of the radio station and give me a cool guitar signed by all of my musical heroes."

The show will be accompanied with many merchandise tables, similar to the H.O.R.D.E. festival. Vendors will be selling band t-shirts, silver pagan jewelry, iron-on patches and lightning bolt keychains.

Free lighters will be distributed for use during the ballads played by each band. The lighter was specially designed by Hessian/Metalhead expert and

PSH student Phil Yerger.

"I came up with this rockin' design. It will pay homage to both the school of Penn State and the traditions of heavy metal music." The design features the Penn State Nittany Lion playing a guitar atop a fjord in Scandinavia.

Some of the original plans for the show had to be cancelled due to problems with Harrisburg International Airport.

"The laser and smoke elements of the show were a concern. We were afraid the pulsating lasers and loud guitar riffs might be distracting for incoming pilots," said an HIA spokesperson.

Plans are also in the works for increased crowd control. "The show is sure to attract Middletown locals as well as PSH students so police services will need to beef up their manpower," says Sensinig.

Riot squads are rumored to be hired in order to keep the incessant number of smokers away from the doorways. Smoker and PSH student/expert Michelle Myers is concerned that these metalheads might try to steal her spot.

"They don't know that the main



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Monsters of Rock show girl with signed guitar to be auctioned.

entrance of Olmsted is my spot. I don't mind sharing my space, but they better not get in the way. I have to see Sebastian Bach in his tight pants and long silky hair."

Myers got too heated to finish her response and resumed her position in front of Olmsted to

smoke another cigarette.

All of the proceeds from the merchandise sales will go to the new library. Since the amount of income is expected to be quite high, there is a good chance that the library will be named after the Monsters of Rock tour.

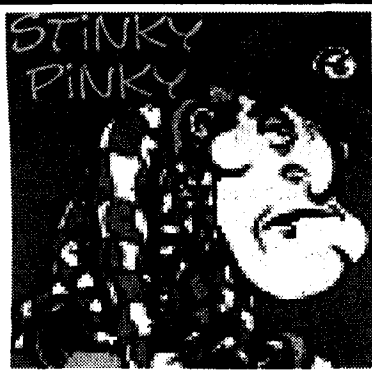


Reviewed by: Dali Llama
Artist/Group: Mad Buddhist Rappers
Album Title: Monks Pack Gats Too
Label: Shaolin
Release Date: March 21, 2000
Genre: Rap
Overall Rating: ***

There is really not much to say about it. The title of the album gives it all away. The lyrics and so-so and are usually drowned out by the chanting.

I really don't think that this album is a keeper. The Rappers are trying to represent their monastery. Doesn't work too well! Keep trying y'all.

For Fans Of: Midnight Oil, Gregorian Chants

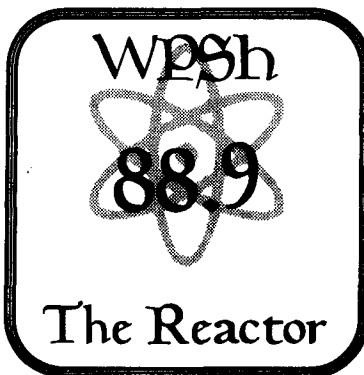


Reviewed by: Dirty Sanchez
Artist/Group: Stinky Pinky
Album Title: I Got Crabs From My Sister
Label: Genes Recirculated
Release Date: 1974
Genre: Country
Overall Rating: ****

Yee-haw! There ain't nuthin' better than a good 'ol sh*t kicking, chaw spittin', wife smackin' record with lots of fiddle. With Bobo Jenkins on the jug and Mama Sue on the washboard, this 8-track will never leave your pickup truck.

With tracks like "Chuckin' Beer Canz" and "Pa Drunk Up All My Wiskey," your boot will never stop a' stompin'. I tip my hat to this'un, y'all.

For Fans Of: Cow Patty, Buffalo Chips and Pigs 'n Slop



Ratings Key

Horrible *
I've Heard Worse **
Borrow or Steal It, Don't Buy It ***
I Would Probably Buy It ****
Stupendous *****

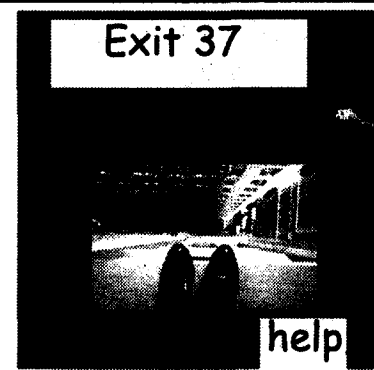


Reviewed By: Captain Hollywood
Artist/Group: Sweat Stains
Album Title: Mullets Unite
Label: Dirty Hippy Records
Release Date: April 32, Y2K
Genre: Jazz
Overall Rating: *****

Straight out of Johannesburg, this progressive hip-hop group sounds like the new millenium's response to "Charles In Charge."

With classic songs like "Punching Myself In The Face" and "Like Wow," Sweat Stains deliver like no other. WARNING: May cause inability to control bodily functions. Dennis Danell R.I.P.

For Fans Of: Boston, Willie Nelson, Junkyard



Reviewed By: Dr. Peter Venkman
Artist/Group: Exit 37
Album Title: Help
Label: Think Tank
Release Date: April 1, 2000
Genre: Modern Rock
Overall Rating: *****

If you love dork rock, you'll love this three song sampler. This band's key instrument is the accordion with key supports by a harmonica and a kazoo.

Track 3 has an incredibly erie kazoo solo that can outdo any guitar solo. If you think you're drunk or that your wife is cheating on you, this is the music for you. Only Exit 37 can create great music with an accordion, harmonica and kazoo.

For Fans Of: Dana's Navel, 2nd Day of February