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Crazy 8s will play in Eugene tonight

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If the seriousness and tedium of college classes have already begun to build up, perhaps a dose of the Crazy 8's would help.

No, Crazy 8's aren't some new hallucinogenic drug or opiate. They are a seven-member band who hail from Portland and are famous for their boisterous, energetic stage shows. The group will perform tonight at 10 p.m. in the WOW Hall, located at the corner of Eighth Avenue and Lincoln Avenue.

The last time the band appeared in Eugene, in February of last year, they recorded a live album during a concert held in the Erb Memorial Union. This time the Crazy 8's

are promoting their fifth album, called "Dogapottamus World." The group has also recently released a nationally distributed video for the song "The Key."

Because of the band's distinct sound, they are hard to place in any particular musical category. When group started out in 1983, their style leaned toward ska, which is an intense version of reggae music. Now, however, Crazy 8's music is described as a combination of Latin rhythms, funk, R&B and reggae.

The band has been compared to groups such as Oingo Boingo, UB40 and Madness. But what distinguishes the sound of the Crazy 8's seems to be its brass section. The unique horn solos that add to their party-band sound undoubtedly was a factor when Rolling



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The Crazy 8s is a popular band that has played the Eugene circuit many times before. They will be at the WOW Hall, located at the corner of Eighth Avenue and Lincoln Street, tonight for a performance that will begin at 10 p.m.

Stone magazine named Crazy 8's one of the nine new bands to watch in 1985.

Despite the band's national recognition and increasing popularity, the Crazy 8's have yet to be signed by a major record company. They have recorded each of their five albums on their own record label, called Red Rum.

While the band is quite proud that their music is difficult to peg into any one style, the unique sound has probably hindered them from being signed by a major record company, according to WOW Hall Publicity Director Mike Walker.

The group's sound, Walker said, "isn't as easily pigeonholed as most groups are. Their

music is very distinct.

The high-energy, extremely danceable sound of the Crazy 8's have made them a tremendous success when performing live. Tickets for the show tonight are \$7 and are available at the EMU Main Desk, House of Records, Record Garden, Cat's Meow, Balladeer Music and the WOW Hall office.

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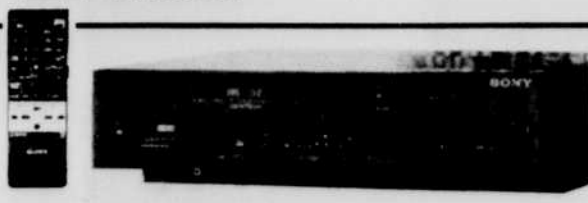
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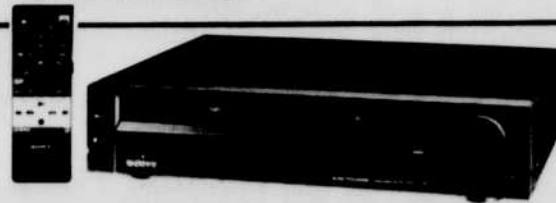
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