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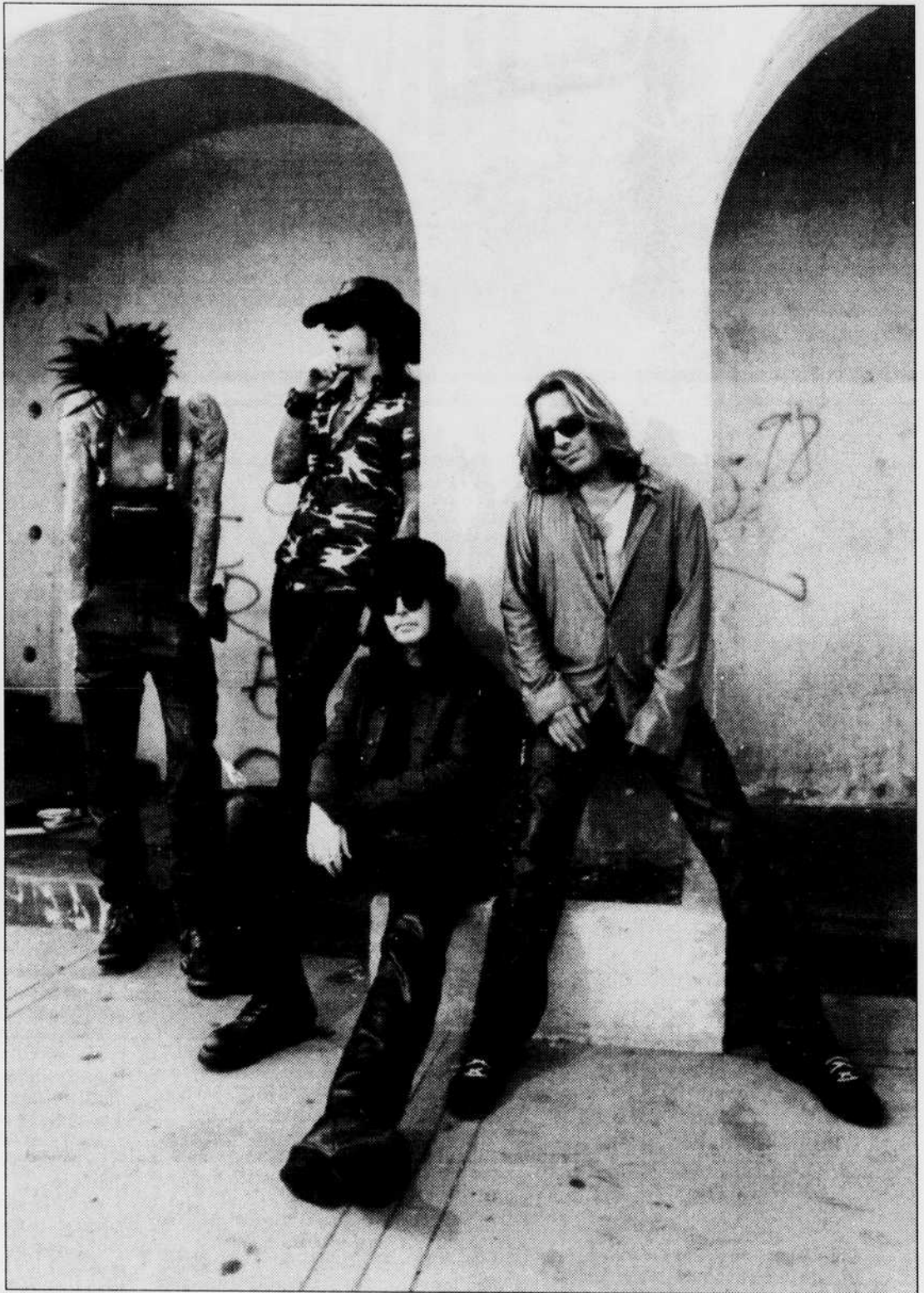
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Tommy Lee, Nikki Sixx, Mick Mars and lead vocalist Vince Neil are the members of glam-rock band Motley Crüe. *Courtesy photo*

Motley Crüe brings 'Wild Side' to Hult

The popular '80s band has played to mostly sold-out audiences

By Jack Clifford
 Oregon Daily Emerald

Some rock 'n' roll acts — once they reach a certain level of stardom or begin to creep toward middle-age — try to re-ignite their high school/garage band days. Then there are groups like Motley Crüe, which seems to have never really matured past 12th grade and has a freaking blast proving that fact.

The glam-or-be-damned boys from L.A. — bassist Nikki Sixx, guitarist Mick Mars, singer Vince Neil and drummer Tommy Lee — are set to rip it up at the Hult Center, and no rock cliché is safe. So if sporting high hair, donning leather pants and black make-up and flashing the devil-horns sign was your M.O. in the mid-'80s, then circle March 24 in cherry-bomb lipstick.

To hit the concert circuit these days, it seems as though the only requirement is that each band member has a pulse. (Keith Richards' is probably checked

between each Rolling Stones song.) For the Crüe, that's a big accomplishment, considering the quartet has sometimes pushed a death-defying envelope.

Sixx nearly died from heroin overdose several years ago, and

Coming up

- **WHAT:** Motley Crüe live
- **WHEN:** March 24 at 8 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Hult Center
- **COST:** Tickets are \$29.59 and \$39.50. Call 682-5000.

a couple of car crashes nearly took out the guys as well. In addition, there have been numerous arrests, mostly relating to Lee's frightful "Look dudes, I'm on Entertainment Tonight!" marriage to Pamela Anderson.

Silicone and home video jokes aside, if there is a more embarrassing union than the one between these head-space-for-rent twins, the world has been spared.

Yet, despite this behavior, Motley Crüe has a loyal, fairly strong following. The band has played to mostly sold-out venues on this

tour to promote their greatest hits album, which boasts 17 tracks, including "Girls, Girls, Girls," "Wild Side," "Kickstart My Heart," "Home Sweet Home" and, of course, the Brownsville Station cover "Smokin' in the Boys' Room."

Two new tracks, "Enslaved" and "Bitter Pill," bring the band up to speed for the late 1990s.

A spokesperson for the Hult Center said approximately 500 tickets are left in the 2,500-seat Silva Hall for the upcoming Eugene show. If glam rock is your swig of Mountain Dew, phone the ticket office at 682-5000 and then soak up the show, which the boys provide with teenage delight, smoke machines and all.

On the liner notes for "Greatest Hits," each rocker puts into words his emotions about being a Crüe member. Mars, the guitarist, writes (his punctuation and capitalization included): "NIKKI SIXX, VINCE NEIL, TOMMY LEE, MICK MARS: MOTLEY CRÜE!! Together in life, together in death, together forever!!!! Long live MOTLEY CRÜE!!!!!"

Ah, to be in high school again.

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