

'Out of This World'

Trying to get back to space, Man or Astro-Man? performs in Eugene so they can collect dirt

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"Calling from space is a tricky thing," according to Birdstuff, drummer of the band that asks the ultimate question, Man or Astro-Man?

The story behind this band, whether human or alien, dates back seven and a half years when the band's spaceship crashed on earth just outside Alabama.

"We were interstellar beings on our way to do something else, we had a mistake and plummeted to earth," according to Man or Astro-Man? band member Coco the Electronic Monkey Wizard.

Because they have no way of getting back to grid sector 26.B2, where Coco claims they're from, they asked "what's the best way to go unnoticed [on earth]?" Become a band of course.

The next step is to tour the country in search of all of the parts to their spaceship, collecting them as they visit each city.

The band will land in Eugene tonight to perform at the Out-of-This-World Space Ball at the WOW Hall, which includes a costume contest. One that the band members will no doubt win, because Coco assures that they will appear in full space attire complete with an eeviac operator's outfit.

"The only thing that we could do is dress up like a rock band in

jeans and t-shirt, but I doubt it," Coco said.

The show is not the only reason that the band is coming to Eugene.

"There's a composition of soil that is unique to Eugene," Coco said. That should help them put their spaceship back together or to experiment further in the Astro lab.

"We're just coming up for the dirt," Coco concluded.

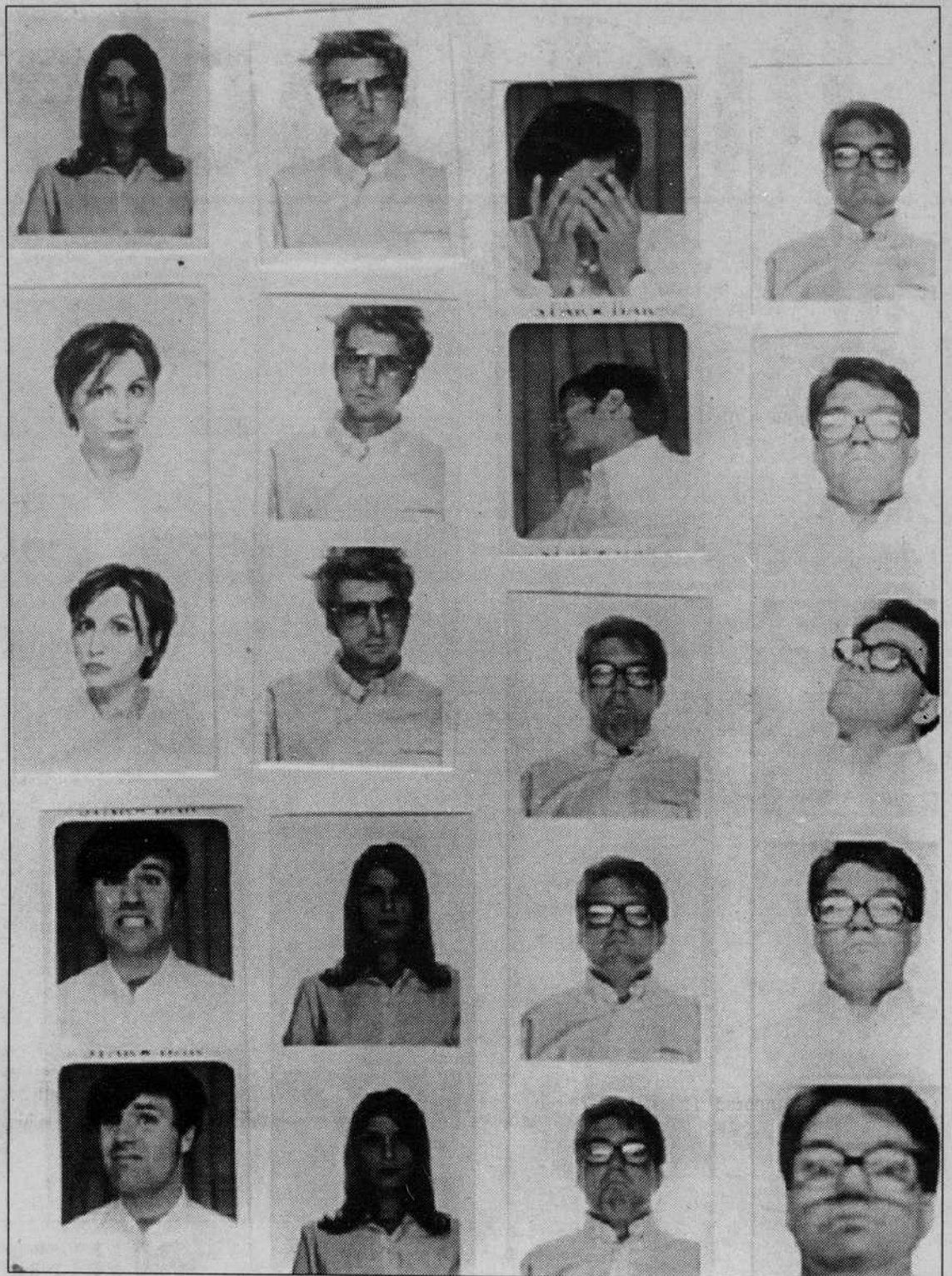
The band's influences are namely instrumental guitar and surf music of the late fifties early sixties. Some notables that have helped shape these Astro-men's sound are Link Wray, The Ventures, Dick Dale, The Shadows and Duane Eddy.

They've further progressed their sound in their latest release, "EEVI-AC: Operational Index and Reference Guide, Including Other Modern Computation Devices."

Coco refers to this sound as "mixed-phased sound" that he claims is too advanced for human who might be ready for it in about 47 or 48 years.

Since the band is behind schedule in putting their spaceship back together, they will stay with us and continue touring in search of a way to get back home.

Tickets for the show are \$8. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. and the space suited Man or Astro-Man? hit the stage after Causey Way and Bob Log III.



Causey Way joins Man or Astroman? at the WOW Hall tonight. Bob Log III is also on the bill.

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