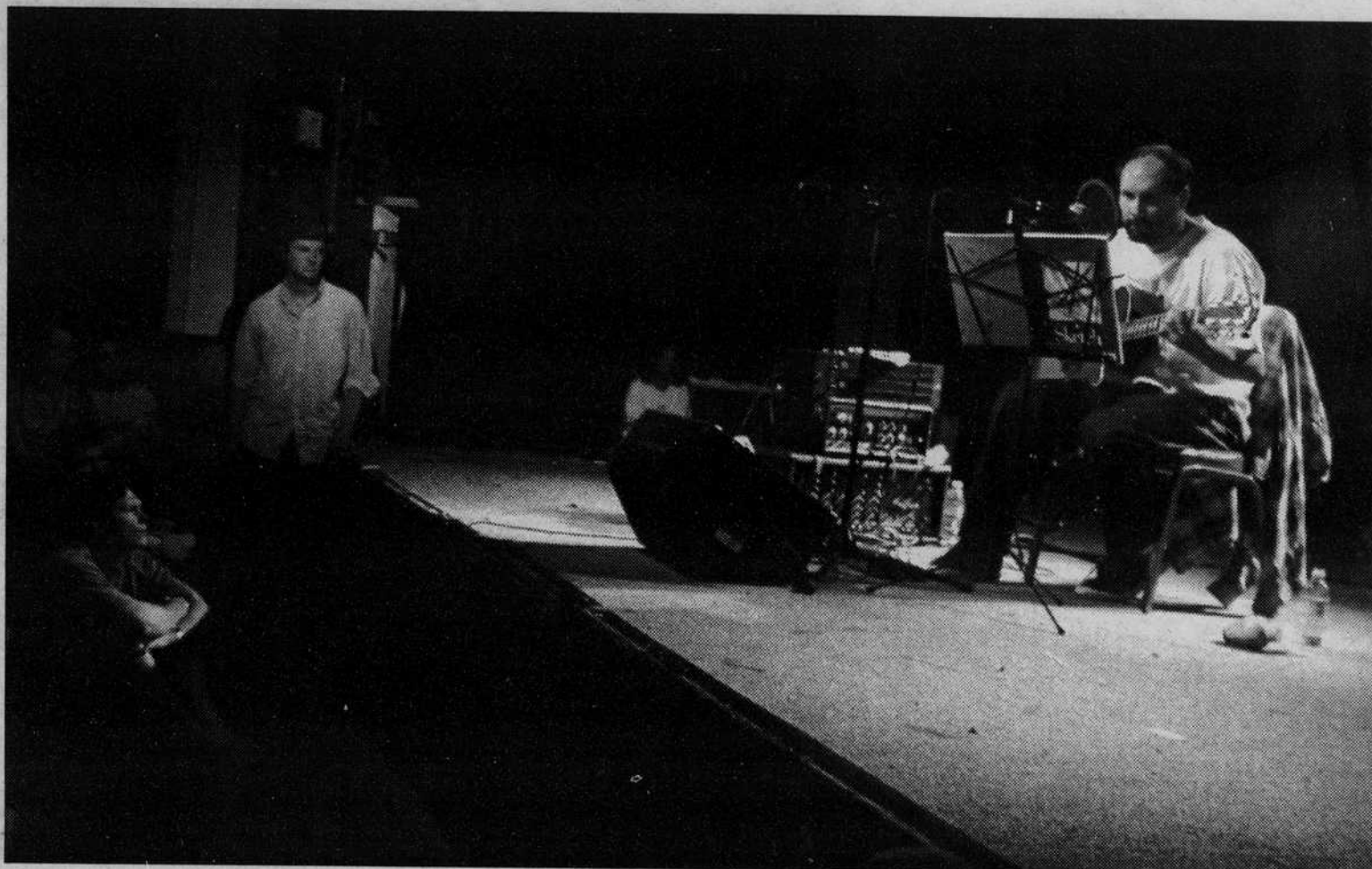


# Pulse

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Doug Martsch, who is most famous for his involvement in the Idaho-based band Built To Spill, performs in front of a WOW Hall crowd June 19. Martsch was in Eugene promoting his new solo album.

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## 'Spill'-ing his heart

### CONCERT REVIEW

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The crowd at Eugene's WOW Hall was small at first, with about three dozen people listening to the first opening act. By the time the second opening act had finished, the crowd had swelled to more than 200.

The room was dark and relatively quiet as most of the audience sat patiently on the floor

awaiting the main show as if they were children sitting in a library before story time. When the main act took the stage, the crowd whooped and hollered with anticipation. It wasn't the performer's first time in Eugene or even at the WOW Hall, but it was his first time playing alone.

Doug Martsch performed a solo concert on Wednesday, June 19, with longtime friends Mike Johnson and Ian Waters as the opening acts.

Martsch is the mastermind behind the popular Boise, Idaho-based rock band Built To Spill, which has produced numerous hit albums since its debut recording, "Ultimate Alternative Wavers," in 1993. Martsch's popularity, which started with his earlier Northwest bands such as the Treepeople, won him and BTS a contract with Warner Bros. several years ago. His career with BTS has given him the recognition to pursue his solo project, "Now You Know," which he was promoting Wednesday night. The album is due to be released Sept 10.

Martsch's solo work has a much different sound compared to the fast-paced electric gui-

tar rock of BTS. The music was almost all acoustic with a pop/folk/blues feeling. His honest lyrics on life and love and Martsch's dynamic tenor voice gave the songs unmistakable power and sent a wave of positive vibrations through the large audience in attendance.

Concert-goer Brian Poverman said the music produced powerful emotions. "It was a really mentally constructive event with a good feeling, but the feelings touch on more than just a good time," he said.

The major difference between this show and BTS shows was that the audience got to hear Martsch's voice by itself. "Being able to hear Doug (sing) alone was the best thing," said Kelley Holmstrom, a fan who has seen several BTS concerts. "I loved his voice, especially when he sang Cat Stevens."

The only problem with the show was that the guitar playing could have been tighter, and the show could have been organized better. The musicians fumbled hard chord

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## Summer crop of blockbusters offers good, bad and stupid

From horror to comedy, moviegoers have a wide variety of movies to choose from during the summer season

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With the sun shining, the soft breeze blowing and birds singing, what better place is there in which to spend time than a big, dark movie theater? With summer comes the summer movies, as studios race to come out on top. This summer, two anticipated sequels will be released, along with other movies to shock, sadden and scare. Read on for some suggestions of how much time to spend indoors.

### 'Men in Black II'

Release date: July 3

Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith reunite

for this highly anticipated sequel. "Men in Black II" will give viewers the chance to see aliens, guns, big guns and Tommy Lee Jones before he goes into the nursing home. Smith plays Agent J, an alien investigator who gets in over his head with a nasty alien named Serleena (Lara Flynn Boyle). Naturally, Agent J turns to his old partner, Agent K, (Jones) who is happily living his life in ignorance. Together they battle aliens and work to save the human race with a talking dog. Smith once again tests Hollywood by asking the big question: Can viewers stand a movie where the star also does the soundtrack?

### 'Austin Powers 3'

Release date: July 26

Mike Myers is a Hollywood phenomenon. Not only has he successfully recycled the same jokes twice and made a ton of money,

he seems to have retained his fan base even after a Pepsi commercial. But let's face it: He's a hilarious and dynamic actor, and that's why people will see this movie. In this sequel, Austin Powers (Mike Myers) must travel back to 1975 to save his father Nigel (Michael Caine) from the diabolical Dr. Evil (Mike Myers), Goldmember (Mike Myers) and Fat Bastard (Mike Myers). Beyonce Knowles plays Foxy Cleopatra, Austin Power's trusty sidekick. This movie is sure to entertain with many sexual innuendoes, dysfunctional families and British people. Yeaaaaah, baby!

### 'Mr. Deeds'

Release date: June 28

For Adam Sandler, who gained fame in the goofy-but-funny movies "Happy Gilmore" and "Billy Madison," this remake of Frank

Capra's 1936 film "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" may signify a change in his acting philosophy. Or could it be another goofy movie? In this Sandler release, Longfellow Deeds (Adam Sandler) plays a young guy in the town of Mandrake Falls who inherits \$40 billion from his uncle and moves to the big city. As Deeds gets used to his new power, he changes the company and must outsmart people seeking to steal it from him. Sexy tabloid reporter Babe Bennett (Winona Ryder) plays an undercover tabloid reporter doing a story on Cooper. The film also co-stars John Turturro as a valet named Emilio and Peter Gallagher as Chuck Cedar.

### 'Signs'

Release date: August 2

With so many great horror flicks coming

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