

Local 'screamo' quintet admits cliché

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A mixture of sounds both familiar and distinctly unique, Reclaim the Fallen could not have picked a better title for their debut EP, "Cliché While Still Captivating."

"We chose that because there are a lot of bands that are our style of music, but we're trying to stand out and be captivating," said guitarist Grant Blomdahl.

Reclaim the Fallen has been together for a year and two months. Their EP, released last September, consists of five tracks which remind the listener vaguely of a host of other bands, yet

retains an undeniable originality.

The "Where have I heard that before?" effect is sure to catapult them to success. The familiar feel makes their music easy to begin listening to, moving them past the crucial barrier many would-be music fans erect against anything new. Once in, however, their music refuses to pass quietly into the night, the notes and lyrics finding a firm grip in the mind.

According to Blomdahl, the five man "screamo" band finds this sound in an open process of collaboration.

"It's really a group effort," said Blomdahl. "One of us will have an idea, like a riff, then we start throwing all our ideas together."

The band has spoken with sev-

eral labels based in Tennessee, but for now continues to handle the sale of their albums on their own. They are currently in the process of creating a new album, which they hope to begin recording fairly soon. Blomdahl projects that their sophomore effort will release in September.

Until then, "Cliché While Still Captivating" can be purchased online via iTunes or the band's web page, www.myspace.com/reclaimthefallen. In addition to CDs, the web page offers T-shirts, streaming sample songs, and links to each of the band members MySpace pages. For those uncomfortable with purchasing items online, the album is also available at the band's shows.

Reclaim the Fallen will be per-

forming at Rock 'N' Roll Pizza (11140 SE Powell Boulevard) on Saturday, Feb. 11 as part of a

cystic fibrosis benefit show event, which is open to all and begins at 7 p.m. and costs \$



(Left to right) Grant Blomdahl, Joel Morton, and Brock Judah, Jeremiah and "Duck" Leary are Reclaim the Fallen.

2006 Portland International Auto Show



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ABOVE LEFT: The 545 horsepower Ford GT rests behind velvet ropes. BELOW LEFT: Bentley Continental GT, MSRP \$164,990. ABOVE RIGHT: Volvo SUV built with Legos on a rolling chassis.



The Portland International Auto Show kicked off the auto show season last weekend.

Ford garnered quite a bit of attention with their new GT, and also showed the 2007 SVT Shelby GT 500 Mustang and the 2007 Eagle. Among the entries from other car companies were the 2007 Audi Q7 and the Jaguar XK.

Concept cars are one of the main reasons that car enthusiasts go to car shows, yet this year's International Auto Show was noticeably lacking in this department. Attendees looking for the Challenger, Camaro or other sports

car concepts being shown at the nation were left with only Suzuki Sea.

Aside from the lack of concept models, the show managers cover a wide variety of categories: everyday street models, cars, SUVs, motorcycles and more. Attendees were allowed to touch or get into 99 percent of the vehicles on site; some companies even sold floor models, such as the Dodge Viper.

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