## Pumpkins, Morissette grab most MTV music awards

guard - Smashing Pumpkins and Alanis Hagar wasn't a team player and wanted Morissette - took home the most a solo career. awards. But it was the old folks who made the most noise at the MTV Video bound Roth, who laughed when asked Awards.

That is the point of the year's most reer. outrageous awards show, where a good genitalia joke or creative profanity are appreciated far more than a weepy acceptance speech.

Potbellied veterans Kiss closed the show, which was staged Wednesday night at Radio City Music Hall, with a fire-belching rendition of "Rock 'n' Roll All Night" from a barge underneath the Brooklyn Bridge.

Van Halen, welcoming wisecracking singer David Lee Roth back after a to find anybody better than me," he decade's absence, drew the loudest said. applause both on and backstage without performing a note of music.

The Pumpkins won seven awards, including best video for "Tonight, Tonight." The triumph came two months after their darkest moment: the death of backup keyboard player Jonathan Melvoin from a drug overdose and the firing of drummer Jimmy Chamberlin for drug abuse.

Rapper Coolio won three awards for best dance and rap videos and video from a film, while Morissette's three trophies included best new artist.

Host Dennis Miller was still muttering backstage about his disastrous interview with Russian cosmonauts aboard the space station Mir. Foiled by language and pop culture barriers, he finally looked into the camera and swore in frustration.

"I don't think my visa will be stamped anymore with our friends in Pumpkins, "1979." Russia," he said.

Roth clearly relished being back in It's At." the spotlight with Van Halen a decade after their bitter split. Guitarist Eddie Van Halen coolly dismissed ex-singer Sammy Hagar, who was said to be an-

NEW YORK (AP) - Rock's new gered by the new pairing, by saying

No such worries for the oblivionwhat the change meant for his solo ca-

"What solo career?" he asked.

The formerly feuding Van Halen and Roth embraced warmly, but Van Halen wasn't making any long-term commitments. He said Roth will record two new songs and some videos with the band, and his status will be reviewed after that.

Roth quickly took the microphone from the guitarist."They're not going

Winners of the MTV Video Music

-Best Video of the Year: Smashing Pumpkins, "Tonight, Tonight."

-Best Group Video: Foo Fighters, Big Me."

Best New Artist: Alanis Morissette. -Best Dance Video: Coolio,

,2,3,4 (Sumpin' New)." -Breakthrough Video: Smashing

Pumpkins, "Tonight, Tonight." -Best R&B Video: Fugees, "Kill-

ing Me Softly." -Best Direction in a Video: Jonathan Dayton & Valerie Faris for Smashing Pumpkins, "Tonight, To-

-Best Rap Video: Coolio, 'Gangsta's Paradise."

-Best Hard Rock Video: Metallica, 'Until It Sleeps."

-Best Alternative Video: Smashing -Best Male Video: Beck, "Where

-Best Female Video: Alanis

Morissette, "Ironic." -Viewer's Choice: Bush, "Glycer-





The debut album by the eels,

instead of the typical gag reflex from

the casual "Susan's House" weave a

nice narrative to a Wurlitzer, guitar and

bass. "Susan's House" tells of a guy

friend Susan's house and what he finds

"Novacaine for the Soul," which is

there makes him feel even worse.

captures the sound of it perfectly.

no way the ear can overlook it.

screeching guitars. It's rock-lite.

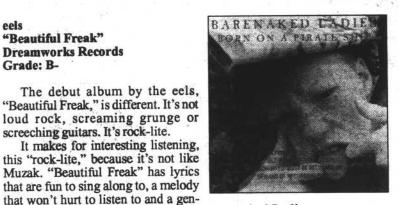
"Beautiful Freak"

Grade: B-

**Dreamworks Records** 

'Novacaine for the Soul," "Susan's couple of ears. House," "Beautiful Freak" and "Your where I can remember specific parts. Creegan and tries for a more solid rock The rest are just sort of a haze.

"Beautiful Freak" is an interesting tired of screaming grungies, and their don." second album will be something to look for.



### eral feel that brings a smile to your face Barenaked Ladies "Born on a Pirate Ship" normal Muzak. Catchy songs like Reprise Records Grade: B

The Barenaked Ladies have never down on his luck who goes over to his made an album to top their debut, "Gordon," and while their third release, "Born on a Pirate Ship" tries, it can't quite succeed.

Then there's the abnormally smug bums to be released from Canada, full of the oversensitive people in the sleek, suave and almost a little jazzy. The tinny music box at the beginning of rock tunes infused with funky key-world. boards and the minor hint of a ska horn section. It's the Wurlitzer that really stands

out among the record. The sound is Should Drive," was a sophomore don't do so until after you've given this something so un-rock-like that there's slump that, while excusable, was still record a chance. It's hard to live down disappointing anyway. It lacked the a fantastic first album. The downside is that a lot of the confidence and the energy of "Goralbum sort of melds together into an don," and was full of little songs that amalgam of music, with very few single

songs sticking out as distinguishable. couldn't quite capture more than a

"Born on a Pirate Ship" marks the Lucky Day in Hell" are the songs departure of keyboardist Andrew

The results? Good, but not great. debut album that's for people who are Could maybe be great, but not "Gor-

"Gordon" was full of songs about death ("Brian Wilson"), stardom ("Be My Yoko Ono," "Box Set"), love ("If -Cliff Hicks I Had \$1 Million") and general bizareness ("King of Bedside Manor").

"Maybe You Should Drive" didn't have the lyrical poignancy of "Gordon," but "Born On A Pirate Ship" starts to work the Ladies out of the hole and into the clear.

"Born On A Pirate Ship" isn't "Gordon" because it doesn't make the instantly likeable but it's not "Maybe You Should Drive" because the songs do eventually grow on you.

There are the true gems on this record, such as "Straw Hat and Old Dirty Hank," "I Know," "Same Thing" and the best song the Ladies have put out in years, "The Old Apartment."

In a very subtle way, "The Old Apartment" tells the story of what happened in the apartment that the narrator lived in long ago, without really talking about it, kind of like a Raymond Carver story.

"Break Your Heart," while not the greatest of songs, is absolutely hysteri-"Gordon" was one of the best al- cal, because the narrator could be any

"Born on a Pirate Ship" is a worthy album and one you should buy, but Their second release, "Maybe You if you haven't bought "Gordon" yet,

- Cliff Hicks

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