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Sloan Rocks the Wave, Gets Soaked As Thanks

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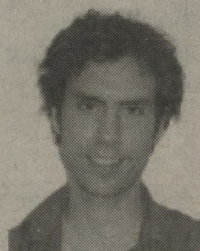
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After a seven year hiatus from Prince Edward Island, Sloan came back to a packed house, energized crowd and beer in the face. The last time this seminal Canadian band played at UPEI was in 1998 in the Barn, which they were a little disappointed to find out had been turned into a parking lot.

After jetting (or rather bussing) around Canada and the US to promote their new album, a greatest hits compilation titled 'A Sides Win', Sloan decided to do a small Maritime tour. The desire to play some shows near his hometown of Halifax came from not having been back in a few years, said guitar (and bass, and drums) player Jay Ferguson.

"We kind of started touring in May, so we sort of did a US and Canadian tour," said Ferguson. "Once



Photo-Neal Gillis

the summer hits then you end up doing a lot of festival shows. So that's kind of all we've been doing, lots of festival shows here and there then little runs to the US or out west."

"Out here, we're doing a little maritime tour. We haven't done really a maritime tour in a couple of years, so we're just playing a bunch of shows. We're playing here in Charlottetown, we played Moncton and Antigonish and we're going to play Halifax and Fredericton."

Opening for Sloan at the courtyard was The Stills, a smoking hot band hailing from Montreal, Quebec. While some felt they started their set a little early, the crowd quickly grew and the floor was nothing arm raising, head-banging praise for these rockers.

There were only 14 tickets left at the door when Sloan sauntered on stage and were met by over a thousand yelling, screaming fans. Since they recently released their greatest hits

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