

check out Hot Shots and stumbled upon an Isotopes show. She says the instrumental music “was weird at first — but I actually like it. It allows me to dance with no interruptions, to bop around and have a good time.”



And she thinks the go-go dancers are a nice touch.

“You don’t usually see nerdy guys in lab coats having girls in miniskirts grinding into them,” Goddard says.

“I just love watching them — they’re a lot of fun,” says Rick Yogis, 26, of Egypt. “I don’t think it’s odd — it’s what sets them apart.”

Now back to planet Earth.

What makes these superheroes tick, and who are they really beneath those black safety glasses?

Handsome B. Wonderful, aka Karl Heberger, 26, of Rochester says the band came up with the nuclear scientist scheme right at the beginning. The idea? “Get chicks, play rock and be as ridiculous as possible.”

Lust for women also fuels the band’s desire to finish work on its second CD — an 11-song experiment scripted in the style of a choose-your-own-adventure radio show — and go on tour.

“There’s a lot of girls out of town that we’re not getting to,” Heberger says.

The group hopes the CD will be out by the end of the year.

That’s when Max Power, aka Mike Jayne, 29, of Fairport hopes to “cause more rolling brownouts and suck the power out” of the cities the band visits. He was successful in blowing a circuit at Hot Shots.

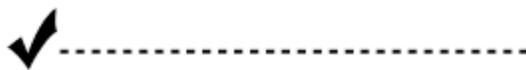
Trent Steele, aka, Paul Pieramico, 28, of East Rochester was recruited for the Isotopes from extreme metal bands. He’s since been converted, determined to create a “full-on rock extravaganza.”

“We like to label it brutal surf core,” says Hercules Rockefeller, aka Kevin Ricotta, 27, of Spencerport.

The drummer comes across as the quiet one in the band. Heberger and Pieramico do most of the talking — about girls and all the fun they can have.

Do these guys ever come down to Earth? Not really.

Maybe living in their world really is the way to go. These guys can’t get too serious — they’re having way too much fun.



See for yourself

Catch the Isotopes on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Monty’s Krown, 875 Monroe Ave. The band takes the stage at 10 p.m., followed by The Emersons and The Blastoffs.

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