

# Pearl Jam at SUB

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"Once upon a time," there was chaos. Then man learned to communicate and there were wars. Then there was music. Now there is Pearl Jam at the Student Union Ballroom.

It's been a long time for man to wait but Jeff and Stone and Dave and Mike and Eddie have finally assembled to bring you *Ten*, their Epic debut. Tonight they bring their music to UMass.

In the mid-80's Stone Gossard (guitar) and Jeff Ament (bass) played in a band called Green River. Stone was "a funny city rock guy with a marshall." Jeff was "a serious Montana skate punk with a basketball."

They moved on to the underground phenomenon Mother Love Bone, where they refined their loud antics and style. Their second album release was marked with the death of lead singer Andrew Wood. Jeff and Stone teamed up with Soundgarden's Matt Cameron and Chris Connell to record a tribute project, "Temple of the Dog," in which Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder on vocals and Mike McCready playing guitars.

Their success was almost instantly

projected. Upon first hearing Stone and Jeff's new work Eddie said, "it was a beautiful thing, that this music would hypnotize me. I would just let it wash over me and keep letting it go." Eddie wrote lyrics for those three tracks the next day. Pearl Jam was completed.

Pearl Jam recently toured with the Red Hot Chili Peppers and the Smashing Pumpkins on the East Coast, and Nirvana on the West. Now they are headlining their own tour, with fellow basketball fiends Eleven (Jack Irons of Eleven and Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam used to play hoop weekly back home) opening the show.

Eleven has toured with Mary's Danish and Soundgarden, and received attention for their song "Break the Spell," which was on the "Freejack" soundtrack. Drummer Jack Irons and guitarist Alain Johannes were once part of Anthym, a high school band Flea played with.

Pearl Jam will be at the Student Union Ballroom tonight, Tuesday April 7. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8. for UMass students and \$10. for all others. Tickets are available at Tix Unlimited on campus, For The Record in Amherst and Main St. Records in Northampton.