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Goderich punk rockers? Perish the thought

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A lot can happen when you're just sitting around listening to your favourite Ramones records. Doing just that fuelled the beginning of The Queers, who celebrate their 25th anniversary this year.

The Queers' lineup has continually evolved since its creation -- Joe Queer now leads a band that includes Jeff Dewton, Geoff Useless, and Adam Woronoff -- but the Portsmouth, N.H., band has never stopped delivering high-octane, surf-inspired pop-punk.

The Queers' latest disc, Munki Brain, which will be released through Asian Man Feb. 6, drops danceable hooks on songs such as the Beach Boys-esque Houston We Have A Problem and I Think She's Starting To Like Me.

Asian Man will continue to re-release The Queers' back catalogue; 1994's Beat Off will be released simultaneously with Munki Brain, while 1995's Move Back Home will re-emerge in March. To cap off all the Queer goodies coming out, the cheekily titled live DVD Queers Are Here, filled with interviews, music videos and behind-the-scenes footage, is slated for release Feb. 20.

The Queers play Call The Office Saturday with The Heart Attacks, The Riptides and Terminal Wallys. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

The show begins at 9:30 p.m.