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THE MENTORS
El Duce Vita.
(MVD)

Shock rock can serve two purposes; enhance the sonic experience and/or divert your attention from shitty m legendary perverts The Mentors the latter applies. As shown in this compilatory DVD; the band was known fo their sexist lyrics which brought them much attention via Tipper Gore's Parent Music Resource Center (PMRC that claimed poplar music was responsible for increase in teenage pregnancy, teen suicide and rape), drummer/vocalist Eldon Hoke, more commonly known as El Duce. Both factors are up front on the seven so-cal the band's 'popular' songs; "On the Rag", "Golden Showers", "Donkey Dick", "Sex Slave", etc. And when I say should expect nothing even remotely close to a professional recording. In the liner notes, bassist Steve Broy Heathen Scum claims that *'we mined hours and hours of footage to get you the best possible material'*. Really what the rest looked like.

My problem with the videos and The Mentors' music itself has nothing to do with their lowbrow nature, and is di validity and quality content. The songs themselves are mildly entertaining for a few minutes but grow tireson pounding of the band's bad mannered juvenile antics. Like their titles reveal, the band's fascination with bodily : with putting down women are all that seemed to matter. The songs are sloppy demonstrations of retard-o pur crappy recordings on top and what you get is a two-note riff and a sexist joke that's repeated about seventee themselves are nothing worth putting on a DVD; one consists of scattered shots of El Duce, drink in hand he f apartment complex and on occasion reveals his chunky white ass and penis. Others are the same rehashed a of the band and friends hanging out at what looks like a backyard barbecue along with some skunks who are pretend they are on their periods, let El Duce's bald head get close to their crotches, and even take some fake (piss and shit on the face. And in case you think that actually sounds like fun, think again, it simply isn't.

As a bonus *El Duce Vita* includes live performances at Austin, TX and Minneapolis, MN. Both are one-camer surprisingly mild band succinctly running through their 'biggest' songs. None of their famous rambunctious, sexi behavior is in display here. Had the band grown tired with time? Perhaps. During the last months of his life E greatly affected the band. His dependency was so strong that he was barely able to play the drums, forcing the drummer and even then, the recurrence of shows being cut short because of El Duce's inability to perform was April 19, 1997, only days after El Duce appeared in Nick Bloomfield's documentary *Kurt and Courtney* claiming had offered him \$50,000 to kill Kurt Cobain, while under the influence he was hit by a train and died on impact. was done then and there, but in 2005 The Mentors made a come back with a new line up and a record, *Over ti* famed Bill Metoyer and Jack Endino.

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