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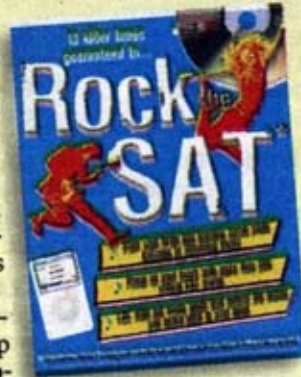
Crammin' & jammin'

IT'S the bane of every college-bound teenager's life — and next Saturday, the dreaded SATs return.

If you've spent the last few months plugged into an iPod instead of the schoolbooks, you can still get a leg up: "Rock the SAT" (McGraw-Hill; \$16.95), a new book/CD package, takes 264 of the most commonly tested SAT vocabulary words and sets them to music.

Each of the 13 songs on the CD — ranging from emo and alt-rock to pop and indie rock — cleverly incorporates about 20 of the words and their definitions in a radio-worthy way.

In "Spitball in the Eye," for example, the Rock



the SAT band sings: "I thought for sure I was too **demure**, too modest and reserved/**Insipid**, boring morning chatter echoed all around/I had to concentrate, to **cogitate** and try to work up my nerve."

The book also includes definitions, synonyms and antonyms, places them in funny sentences and has mini-multiple choice tests.

But no one has to know that you're brushing up your vocab while you're plugged into your iPod. If your too-cool-to-study friends ask what you're listening to, just tell 'em it's a revival of college rock.

— Maxine Shen