

*"Love is Blind by Eve is a special song to me because my best friend was in a relationship like the one Eve describes. Luckily, my friend got out of that abusive relationship."*

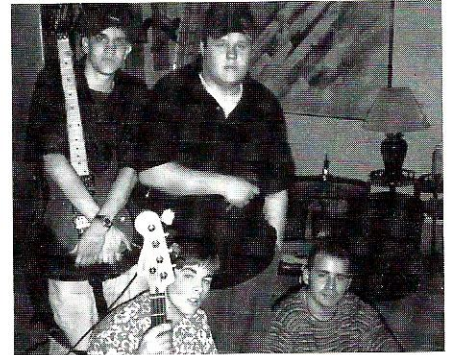
*-junior Becky Bennett*

"Music in the classroom helps to calm the savage beast and make for a more relaxing atmosphere as well as help with test anxiety; putting everyone in a better mood," said American Government and Economics teacher, Mrs. Lynn Jones

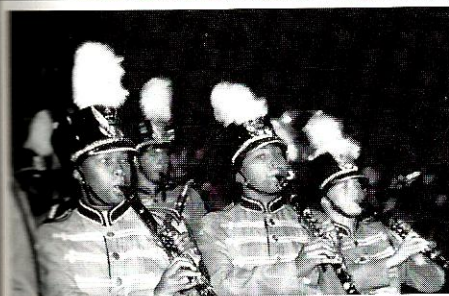
Music has been scientifically proven to stimulate the brain cells and increase creativity. Some believed that classical music was the best to listen to while studying; however, others disagreed. "I find that music I relate to helps me concentrate more, allowing me to complete the task at hand," quoted Senior Luca Quinones.

Many music lovers go as far as to choose a career that involved music. Radio or Television Broadcasting is an excellent example. "Music has influenced me in a lot of ways to become a broadcaster. I have always wanted to be a MTV VJ and with the influences of music today, it would be awesome to VJ for them." said senior Jaclyn Grigg.

-Amanda Lucas



**Spotlight on XO-Dust.** Formed in 1997 by juniors Ben McMillan and Jacob Murdaugh XO-dust is a hard rock band with two other members - senior Eddie Rumpfelt and sophomore D.J. McCollum.



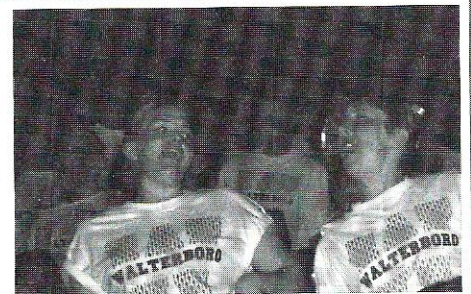
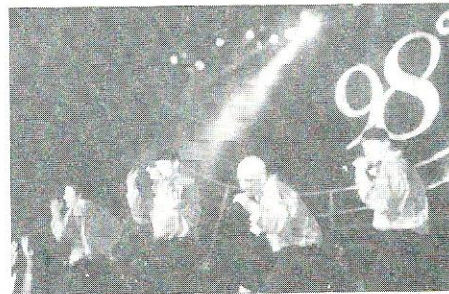
Living in a small town does have its disadvantages. One of the biggest was the lack of entertainment. However, living near Charleston always lifted the spirits of many music fans.

Groups such as 98 degrees, artists on the Hard Knock Life tour, Shania Twain, and many others have been the most recent to visit the Charleston

area.

"I recently attended the Hard Knock Life concert with Jay-Z and Redman," said sophomore Christina Brock. "It was off the hook!" The lowcountry also hosted many outdoor concerts such as the Moja Festival, a jazz music festival.

Concerts are vital to attend in music lovers lives because they can hear the



music live as well as interact with the artist and many fans with the same passions.

"98 degrees was the best concert I have ever been to! While we were there, my friend tripped over a step twisted her ankle in front of hundreds of people. Although I felt sorry for her, it sure was funny," said JoBeth Banas.