

**O**h my gosh, look at her shoes! Those are so last year."

"Who does she think she is, wearing that?"

"I sooo wore that last week... has she been shopping in my closet?!"

These were some side conversations that can be heard through the halls of Walterboro High School. It really does not matter what school it is, there are always going to be elite groups of friends or "cliques."

There are many types of cliques ranging from Preps to Freaks. Not quite as extreme, are the Rednecks, Bookworms, and Athletes.

"I feel stereotyped for a good reason. I'm a Dork, and I enjoy difficult school work. I choose to be a Dork and I would a million times rather be a nerd

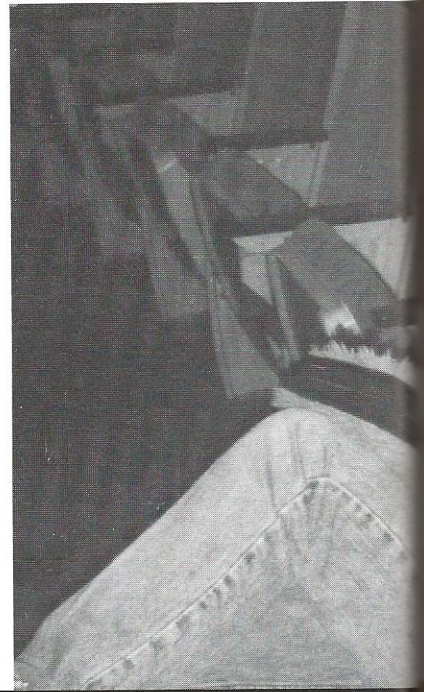
than a prep," said senior Dorothy McDowell.

Some didn't even know they were in a clique, but others stereotyped them as one of these labels. Some cliques were very cruel. Not talking to someone just because of the clothes he/she wore.

"When I walk in the hall you can tell what people think by the faces they make....or they whisper (obviously) to their friends. Sometimes I can even hear what they are saying," said sophomore Jamie Avant.

To some it bothered them to be stereotyped, but to others it was a part of everyday life.

-Morgan McDaniel



Cliques	Person	Morning
<i>Prep</i>	Tara Middleton Senior	"I pull myself out of bed around seven. After I get ready I drive to school. I only stay at school for a little while then I head to the hospital for clinicals."
<b>Redneck</b>	Jeffrey Crosby Senior	"I jump out of bed in the morning and rush to take a shower because I'm already late for school. I go to keyboarding, and I try to figure out which button to push. I give up hope of learning to type, and end up playing solitaire."
<b>FREAK</b>	Jamie Avant Sophomore	"My alarm clock goes off, but I hit the snooze button three times before I get up. I get to school, and I greet my friends on the corner where all the "Freaks" hang-out in the morning."
<b>Nerd</b>	Dorothy McDowell Senior	"I get up and go to school. My first class is Calculus. I go to lunch and eat with my friends (or whoever follows me). Then I go to AP English and I'm somewhere in between drowsiness and argument."
<b>Athlete</b>	Sieldrick Wright Junior	"I get up and get something to eat.. My first class is math. I usually just joke around during that class. By 10:00 I'm in Acad. Asst. class writing essays."