

## Dave Matthews is out, or is he?

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Music. You hear it everywhere: on the radio, in restaurants, elevators, cars, and dorm rooms. But what are students at NCSSM listening to these days? Just for kicks, I decided to find out.

The type of music you listen to can say a lot about what kind of person you are, your ideals, hopes, fears, and personality. Or, maybe it doesn't. I don't really know, but it is interesting to see how other people feel about their music. Maybe hearing about what other people like will inspire you to try a new band

or buy/burn a new CD.

I started on my musical quest by traveling around the school and asking people what was in their CD player. On the hall of fourteen girls where I live (2C!!) the answers were as follows.

"Cat Stevens; the B-sides (a local band); Cranberries - To the Faithful Departed; Dave Matthews - Everyday; Ben Harper; Widespread Panic; a rap mix cd; the soundtrack to Requiem For a Dream; K95.5 - 'I just leave it on all day;' Shaggy - Angel; Stevie Wonder; Matchbox 20; and 'I don't have a cd player.'"

Tonya, the SLI likes "Terence Trent Darby (a rocker like Lenny Kravitz), Jimmy Hendrix, Jill Scott, and Erika Badu."

Most people enjoy music, but some are obsessed. Senior Amy Westervelt religiously trades Phish shows with people across the country. She currently has over 20 shows recorded.

"The only way I learn about some bands is when they play with Phish," said Amy.

During my travels around the campus, I found that everyone gets down to their own thing. However, the

most common answers were Dave Matthews and 'rap' (Nobody was very specific about a group, but if I had to pick one artist, I'd probably go with Shaggy). I guess the Punk Rawk club was wrong, Dave Matthews isn't out yet.

For those of you with some extra cash or who want to try something new, there are a whole slew of band performing in the area before graduation. Plus there is always good music at local clubs like the Duke Coffeehouse or the Cats Cradle. Go check it out.

"Everyone should go to see Dave," said senior Ashley Rankin, who is a huge

fan.

April 21 - Wide-spread Panic

April 26-29 Merlefest (If you like bluegrass music, this is a great show)

April 28/29 - Dave Matthews Band

June 13 - The Backstreet Boys w/ Shaggy Based on my extremely accurate and thorough research, it seems that everyone basically likes his or her own thing. I have concluded that music is music. As long as it fulfills that one requirement, you'll probably find someone, somewhere listening to it.

## Don't screw up

STAFF EDITORIAL

The end of the school year is always exciting. What with classes ending, summer approaching, and people leaving, everything around Science and Math starts to get more and more hectic and chaotic. And in years past, some of this chaos has been expressed in actions by certain students which jeopardize the futures that they have worked so hard at NCSSM to achieve.

It is seldom the case that the last few weeks at Science and Math aren't accompanied by either expulsions, emergency suspensions, or just general student hijinx. The administration realizes that students are only reacting to their natural impulse to party after working so hard to get through the year, but it would be impossible for the rules to become somehow less enforced just because it's the end of the year. But remember, you aren't allowed to drink alcohol during the rest of the school year, so don't expect that it's any different now. In fact, your chance of be-

ing booted from the school after something like that at the end of the year could even be higher because the administration doesn't have time to deal with a drawn-out trial or suspension. The options for punishment at the end of the year are so limited that expulsions sometimes occur. So don't expect that just because it's the end of the year you can't be dealt with in an even more harsh manner.

The temptation is there. Not only are people's classes ending and there being less work to occupy students' time but also there is the seasonal release from winter. People are excited about leaving school and summer and sometimes this excitement gets mixed up with bad judgement. There are always less risky ways to outlet your happiness at having completed the year. Since school here is so hard, it is almost like we are entitled to celebrate when the year is over, but unfortunately it is still necessary to maintain the rules which have governed the rules of student life during the other 3 quarters of school. Although we work

hard the philosophy shouldn't be that we play hard too. It's not a nice prospect, but imagine being a senior, having worked two full years at Science and Math and because of one stupid move on the night before graduation, you're not allowed to walk the stage and your parents and brother and sister aren't able to see you accomplish the last step of that journey that began when you applied to NCSSM.

While some of the motivation for acting against one's better judgement might come from students themselves, there are also many instances in which the SLI's become complicit when they begin to be more lax in their enforcing of the normal rules. Especially in cases where the SLI is leaving the following year or simply doesn't care about getting in trouble with his or her employers. Just because a SLI turns a blind eye to your mischief doesn't mean every SLI will comply or another student won't turn you in. It's not as though through the non-intervention of an SLI do you somehow get a license to break

the school's rules: that just doesn't work.

Some students believe that there's some kind of scientific law that states, if the volume of rule-breaking is great enough, for some reason no one can be punished. In fact, the opposite is true. When there is a large group of people that choose to break the rules, or simply a group of people that see an opportunity in a certain event to take advantage of the system, it can lead to not only those students that choose to participate getting in trouble but also those people that were simply guilty by being in close proximity to the crimes. An excellent example of this situation was mock graduation last year. Students last year felt that since there was a significant portion of the students breaking the rules that no one would get in trouble. As they later found out, this was not the case and several students faced trials for events related to mock graduation. While this year's mock graduation was relatively uneventful, members of the 2000 class chose to go out with a

bang and many students had to face extensive trials just because they had participated in the general rule-breaking of the event.

Finally, when you choose to break the rules that you have abided by all year you are taking your future into your own hands. One reason why it is especially dangerous to start breaking rules now is that, besides the fact that the administration only has a limited selection of punishments this late in the year, the SLI's and other members of the staff are on the look-out for bad behavior because it is customary towards the end of school. Another thing to consider is that if you haven't been engaging in risky behavior you might want to hold off simply because you're not very good at it. If you haven't walked off campus after dark, gotten drunk in a dorm room, or snuck out after curfew, now might not be the best time to practice. You're more likely to get caught, more likely to get kicked out, and most importantly more likely to let yourself down after all this hard work.

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