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Blue Earth creates unique sound by crossing musical hemispheres

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Asking a band to describe its own sound usually gets one of two responses: a roomful of blank stares or an explanation so complicated it is impossible to understand, much less put into print.

In most cases, a simple answer like "rap" or "alternative" is good enough for the average listener. In the case of Blue Earth, however, labels really don't apply.

Peyton Lowrey, Blue Earth's vocalist, said the band is full of different musical tastes.

"We fight over the radio station when we're in the car," Lowrey said. "That's probably why the sound's so hard to describe. No one likes the same music."

In fact, every member cited completely different bands and artists as their favorites.

But the variety of influences is what makes the whole of Blue Earth seem much greater than the sum of its parts.

Scott Hanna, general manager of

the Crooked Path Ale House, said the band brings a variety of skills to their performances.

"Their music is a combination of solid, funky bass riffs, great drums and keys, masterful guitar work and some serious vocals," Hanna said. "One minute they work through classic blues progressions, the next they sound like radio-quality modern rock and when you expect it the least, they break into a 311/Beastie Boys-style rap tune."

This combination of bass, drums, keyboardss, guitars and vocals (provided by Rob Marr, Jeremy Renaud, Chuck Conser, Dave Duce and Peyton Lowrey, respectively) has been bringing larger and larger crowds to the Crooked Path each time the band plays a weekend gig.

The band's live music is so impressive, the members were asked to play a recent show with Big Wreck at The Theatre in Bryan. Access to the show was press and ticket winners only.

Blue Earth has also released a three-song demo tape and a five-song EP titled *Cellophane*.

True to form, the band's live shows have the same energy as their recordings, and the EP has been well received by several radio stations.

Roxanne Rolls, a DJ at KTSR, said Blue Earth's sound is a great mix.

"Listening to *Cellophane* can't help but dance around said. "They have a way of styles into a sound all their own, not the same song over and over."

Cellophane is a well-received record from a band that wants to be noticed and work hard to get there.

Each song is unique, and the band rolls from the cranked-up "retro-funk" of "Mushroom" with amazing energy.

Even on the first listen, these guys have both the talent to write and the talent to perform.

Every song, including the track, sounds like it was made for the radio, and it is exactly what Blue Earth was hoping for.

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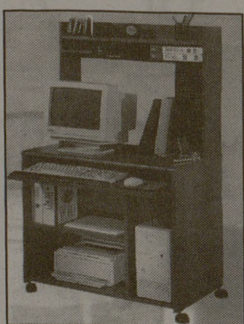
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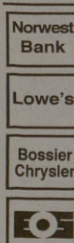
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