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## Sly Letter

B-CS band celebrates release of new album



COURTESY OF SLY LETTER

BY JULIA RECINDUS  
The Battalion

In the dim lighting of Fitzwilly's, Mark McDavid's, Sean Smith's and Chris Ginsbach's flashing grins are still visible.

The three are members of the local six-man band The Sly Letter. McDavid, Smith and Ginsbach are making an appearance to clear the air about the band's name and talk about their CD release party for *These Autumn Skies*.

The group's name comes from the title of a document that band members say granted their friend diplomatic immunity after he was commissioned by the U.S. government for top secret work in Russia.

The band's present day line-up was formed from a complex mix of who-knew-who, bands breaking up and

phone calls made to invite them to join the club. The Sly Letter has opened for such acts as Vertical Horizon, Blue October, Pat Green and The Scabs. McDavid, Smith and Ginsbach said each of the band members have their own musical tastes, but two common influences are The Dave Matthews Band and Vertical Horizon.

"It was completely awesome [opening for Vertical Horizon]. We opened up for them when they weren't that big; we saw them when they were in a big van, and now they've got this huge tour bus," McDavid said.

Other influences come from a wide range of music genres, from jazz to funk to rap.

The band's sound, which can best be described as mellow, earned the band a win at a battle of the bands contest in College Station last spring. As a result of

that performance, the group was invited to play at a music festival in Houston.

"It was a biker festival," Smith said. "We were a bunch of college kids hanging out with a bunch of 45-year-old, 300-pound guys with Harley's and naked Bud Light girls."

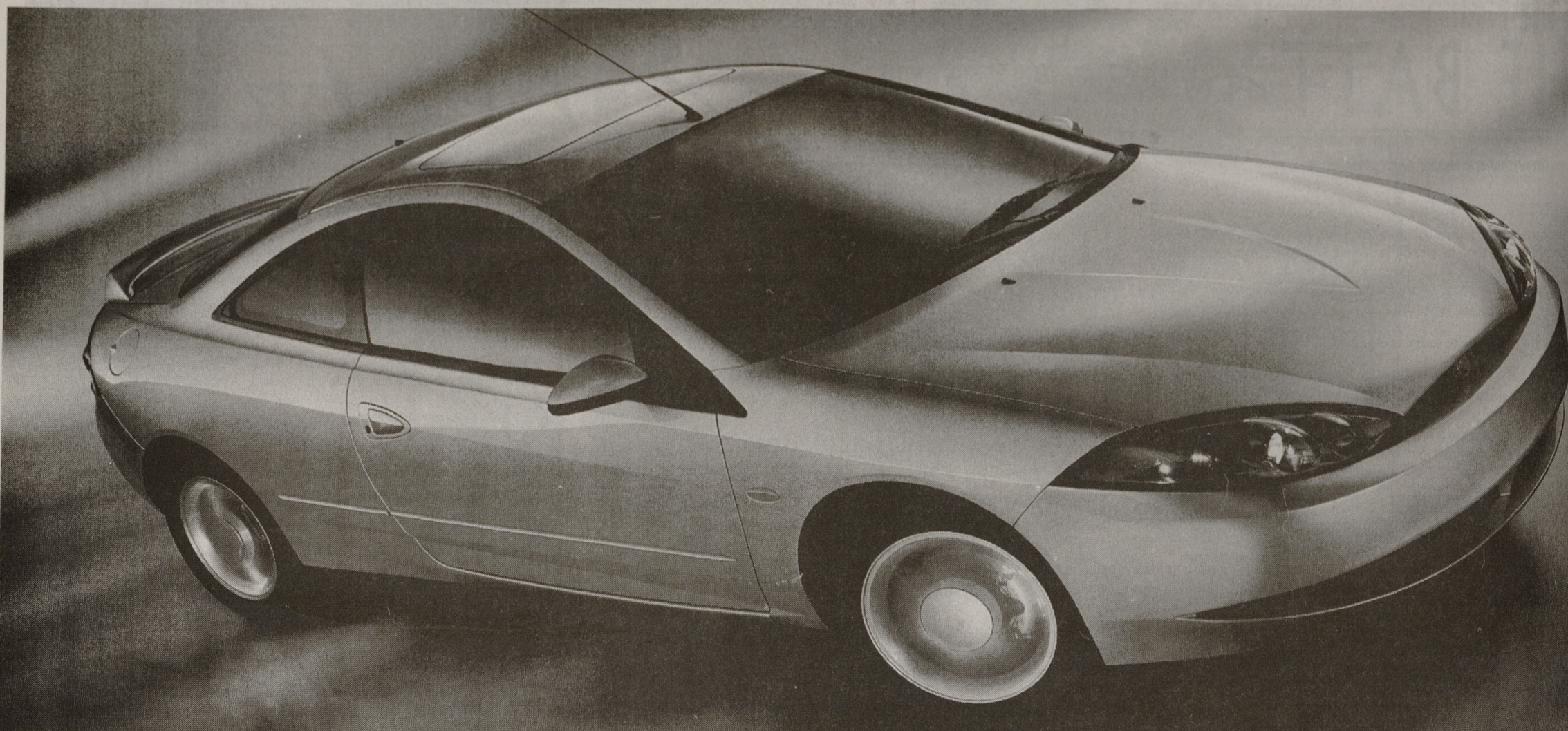
"I guess it was the worst show I've ever had to go to," McDavid said.

The band members said they were surprised by the fact the group of members received their music well and encouraged them.

They thought if they can make it with this bunch then they can make it with any crowd.

The band incorporates an eclectic mix of instruments including the saxophone, the violin and the djembe to the usual mix of bass guitar and drums.

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