

Local Christian band releases debut CD

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Christian bands are becoming more and more popular as the limits of popular music have expanded. South Carolina's local music scene, however, has been slow to catch on with this growing trend. Until now.

As one of the few Christian bands in Columbia, Silers Bald makes powerful music with a powerful message. The band's deep faith in God and inspiring live performances are well-known among Columbia's Christian community.

With the recent release of their debut CD *climbing*, Silers Bald are now poised to bring their music to a larger audience.

"God has given us so much in the past year," said Laura Story, who plays upright bass and piano for the band. "Some people sing about nothing, but we sing about what is most important in our lives."

Along with Story, Silers Bald consists of members Holly Anderson (vocals), Warren Bazemore (guitar, vocals), Jason Jacobs (drums, percussion), Marcus Myers (violin), Alan Reed (bass, guitar) and Shane Williams (guitar vocals). This large ensemble provides for a unique sound that manifests itself into beautiful music and spiritual songs.

"Music is something that we all have in us," Williams said. "We like singing about God and Jesus."

Silers Bald started out as a folk duo last year at USC. They got their name from a ridge on an Appalachian Trail that is characterized by its view and remote location.

As more members joined the band, Silers Bald's music expanded to what they now describe as "folk roots with a rock feel."

The music on *climbing* incorporates that trademark sound with piano-driven

melodies, acoustic songs and several instrumental tracks. According to Read, the CD is the perfect representation of the band's musical and personal journey.

"We are very pleased with this CD," he said. "It is a good reflection of where we are at this point in our lives."

The success of Christian acts like Jars of Clay and DC Talk have opened the minds of those who have trouble taking Christian music seriously.

Though negative attitudes still exist about the music, the future looks promising for bands who sing about the Word of God.

"Christian bands have become more popular in the past couple of years," Jacobs said. "ROCK 93.5 FM and other radio stations are playing DC Talk and Caedmon's Call, and we are along for the ride."

In addition to their music, Silers Bald said they dedicate themselves to their

mission statement, which reads: "Ministering to those who know, and witnessing to those who do not."

This creed speaks of their desire as a Christian band to use their music as a way of spreading the word about God and the teachings of the Bible. It is a ministry complete with three anointed speakers, a management staff and a devoted following.

"I hope that people realize that we chose to use our gift of entertainment to change people forever," Read said. "The music is like one-on-one songs about Christ."

Students at USC may recognize some of the members of the band from their numerous appearances at the weekly "Sunday Night Alive" comedy series held in the Gambrell Auditorium. They also headlined a show at the Booker T. Washington Auditorium for the Oliver Gospel Mission.

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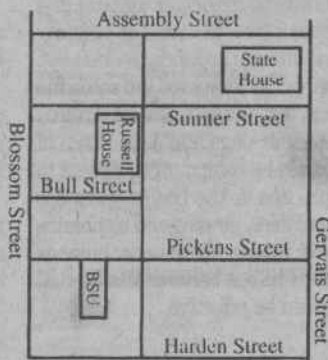
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