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Boulder has some kind of dirt in its ears. But it's not the type vegetables grow in. This Durt mixes funk, jazz and southern rock. The five-member band frequents the Boulder club scene and regularly performs at Brandon's Cafe and The Sink on University Hill.

"You can't categorize our music," says Paul Kluetz, Durt's guitarist and co-founder. "Everyone brings something new to the band."

Travis Stinson, the band's 22-year-old lead singer, grew up in a home filled with the sounds of gospel and bluegrass music.

He represents the band's blues and country element, while Kluetz contributes funk influences.

Then there are the other members of Durt. Keyboardist Kyle Hillingsworth brings jazz piano training to the band's songwriting process, while drummer Gordan Beesley and bassist Jim Barnes throw in rock influences.

Kluetz, who picked up a bachelor's degree in business from CU, says Durt wants to play its own style of music and isn't interested in being categorized.

"Our music is more than just a gimmick," he says. "We want people to walk out of our shows humming two or three songs even if they hadn't heard any before then."

Music, incidentally, isn't just a hobby for Durt?it's a driving force. "I wouldn't get up in the mornings if it wasn't for music," says Stinson, a CU junior majoring in humanities.

Durt's mixed this attitude with a little hard work and is edging slowly toward its goals?putting out a CD and touring the South. They've played in Nashville, Tenn., and plan to play some Denver clubs and ski resorts this winter.

But they still love to play Boulder, Stinson says, because the area has been attracting record industry executives lately.

Durt's sole single to date, "Perpetual Motion," has earned some airplay on KBCO. It also appeared on the soundtrack for a locally-produced film called Trailer Park. The one-song CD "gives new meaning to the term EP (extended play)," Kluetz says. The band plans to record a full-length album, though, sometime in the fall. For more information on Durt, call 891-DURT.



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