

Music affects peoples' personalities

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People say that music makes them feel better, but does it really affect their mood? Or is it really wishful thinking? Music is the echo of the unseen world by being a creation of harmonized voices.

First, what is "music"? Music is either voice or instrumental sounds (or both) mixed together in a way to show form of beauty, harmony, or emotion.

There are different types of music, just like there are different types of people.

"I listen to rock, rap, and R&B," junior Silas Schaefer said. "I'm carefree in a way, but I also care a lot about people. I also like depending on who the person is, and I feel like that they should be treated nicely and what-not."

Music doesn't really alter Schaefer as much as it does others.

"It depends on the music," said orchestra teacher Doug Elmore. "Lately, I really like Aretha Franklin and Wilson Pickett, especially with the stuff they did with the muscle shoals musicians. It lifts up my soul and makes me really glad to be alive."

Elmore isn't the only one who's inspired by music.

"I love the way the beat sounds, especially the lyrics," said freshman Nathan Wayne.

Wayne said he's an upbeat, happy person when he listens to music, but he's not the only one.

"The R&B is kind of a relaxing mellow monotone type of beat and it kind of reflects how I feel, I guess," sophomore Chance Schickel said. "Sort of laid back, relaxed and overall just chill."

Schickel said music kills his worries and nerves, but Wayne said it has a different affect on him.

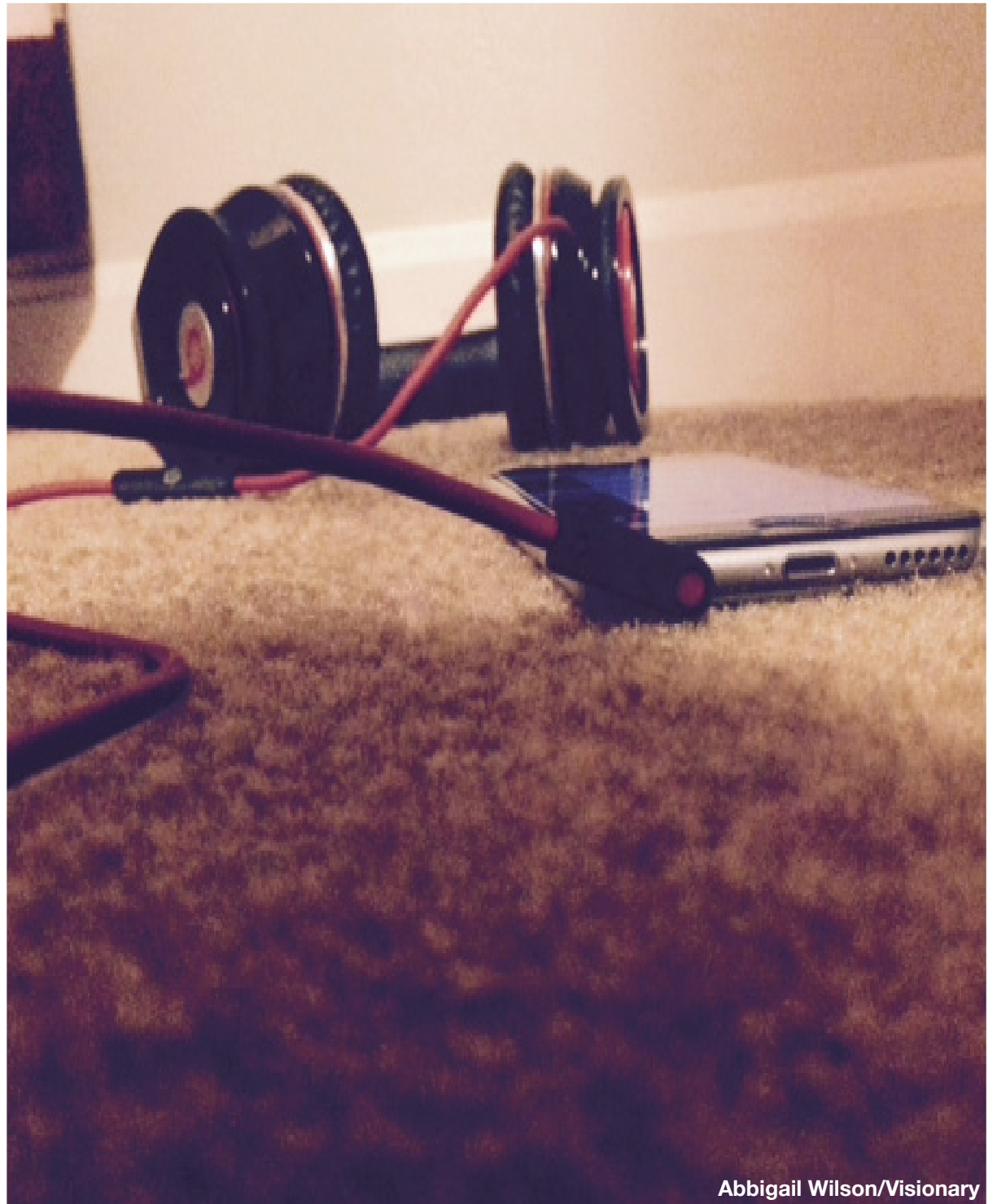
"It makes me pumped up whenever I listen to it," he said.

Some people might be in shock that they meet a person whose personality is different from the music that they listen to, like senior Nick Mohler.

"I listen to rock n' roll and metal," said Mohler. "I'm a positive, quiet, calm person through my thoughts and feelings"

Schaefer said music does not always have to influence personalities.

"If the message of the song is, let's just say not-so-legal or good, don't just take the lyrics to seriously," said Schafer. "It's just a song, and it shouldn't be what you live by or live for"



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"Christian/Rap shows me how to live my life the Christian way," said freshman Noah Metz, whose iPhone 6 plays Christian/Rap music with his Beats on Jan. 13, 2015 on his living room floor by an iPhone 5c camera. Photo by Abigail Wilson.