### Teens want skatepark close to home

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**The Tattoo**

Bristol Central High School senior, Thibault Truscio, is promoting the idea of a skatepark near his school. Although Truscio is a leader in this movement, he is not alone.

When the band Doozer appeared at Bristol Central High School last Wednesday, it reinforced my certain opinions about what is wrong with punk today.

I bought it in Asbury Park, N.J., where my family and friends had been singing along with Bruce Springsteen, my favorite artist.

I'm not even sure what the essence of punk is. Is it the wearing of leather jackets and bobby socks, the obsessions with sex and drugs, or the non-conformist attitude with which we label every band that's out there today? Punk has become just another sound to be replaced by looks, rather than music. The only thing punk has ever done is change faces, but not music itself. It's extremely whiny and mannequin-oriented. To me, it's quite plain, they're all pop artists dressed to appeal to the masses. With an array of clothes and hair-dos, they could look like anything from Alekovich & Patch models to the hard-faced metal band, Guns N' Roses.

The absence of world-renowned bubble-gum pop groups such as N'Yync and the Backstreet Boys, the 21- to 30-year-olds who are getting more rock and music, and make fewer faces to front music.

**What I say**

When the revived label of bubble-gum pop comes about. This one has been how current day pseu-

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Doozer plays in the cafes on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at Bristol Central High School’s Spitz Works.

I listened and listened, through, getting excited about such strong songs as “Mary’s Place” and “Longtime Ago.”

As I left for college, the album helped because I was away from my family and friends and the one thing I could still do to make myself feel like I was home was listen to music.

So much of today’s music is the music today. It’s just a bubble gum punk phenomenon, some credit it to the competitive teenage girls who were precocious, or had no personalities.