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Sleep deprived, hungry, constantly busy, excited and stressed with little to no money may be common words to describe the average college student.

A day in the life of a student would make anyone exhausted. But what makes students' lives get that way?

Sophomore Mettie Steiner is an art major who also works at Taco John's. On a typical day, she attends her classes and works. She described her experience in college so far as busy, time consuming, stressful, fulfilling and fun.

During a typical day Steiner goes to class in the morning. After class, she goes and eats lunch with her boyfriend. Steiner then goes to her afternoon classes and, afterwards, either works on homework or goes to work. In her spare time she likes to watch "Bob's Burgers" or see her friends.

"College is difficult because it takes a lot of time management," Steiner said. "It's sometimes hard to find time to work at Taco John's and work on art projects."

Since Steiner is an art major, she has lots of studio classes that require her to work on projects outside of class. Steiner guesses that she probably spends around 16 hours outside of class working on projects.

One of Steiner's favorite things about college life is the coffee options. She often goes to Starbucks or Einstein Bros. She also loves classes in her major, which reinforces her decision in knowing she is choosing the right thing to dedicate her life to.

"I like learning about art," Steiner said. "I love being able to develop my artistic abilities."

However, Steiner's words to describe her college experience are a bit different than sophomore Cody Grusing's. Grusing is a wildlife ecology and conservation major who works at Sonic. Grusing describes his college experience as stressful, mind opening, redundant, "wild as hell" and maturing.

"Classes and school can be difficult sometimes," Grusing said. "But I've met a lot of cool people here and learned new things."

Grusing lives in a house with three other people. On a typical day, he goes to class in morning and takes a nap in the afternoon. After that he goes to work, does homework or socializes. Grusing also likes to go out on the weekends to the bars or fish if the weather is nice.

Sophomore Safa Owaishir is a dietetics major. She is also an international student from Saudi Arabia. Owaishir describes her college experience as stressful, fun, hard, freeing and busy.

“Studying is stressful at times because English is my second language,” Orwaishir said.

However, Orwaishir feels her college experience is also fun and freeing. She loves that she has met many new people and experienced new things. College allows her to be independent because she is on her own.

“I am able to be here on my own,” Orwaishir said. “It’s my choice to stay or go.”

During a typical day Orwaishir begins her day by going to her morning classes. During lunch she eats at her apartment. She then returns to campus for afternoon classes. She, like Grusing, takes an afternoon nap before studying. Orwaishir either studies or hangs out with friends in the evenings.

College can be described in many words and ways. For these Bearcats, the good times definitely outway the hard ones.