

# Different strokes

Art department catches eyes

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Anything but ordinary can be expected of the department of the arts. The teachers are constantly striving to keep students on their toes and ready to learn something new. From painting, to photos, and from sculptures to ceramics, this department offers it all.

Always looking to keep their students entertained, **Mrs. Margaret Copfer** and **Mr. Michael Hahn** led their architectural design and AP art seminar classes downtown to draw.

"It's important for the students to get out of the building to sketch," said **Copfer**.

This jaunt was significant to the department because it was the only field trip that the classes were able to take due to the budget cuts.

"Students appreciated the opportunity to be outside, experiencing the light and the space that makes a difference in creating a good sketch," said **Copfer**.

With the large variety of courses in the department, students are given many more choices to pick from, rather than being obligated or limited to one specific art course.

"It's nice to have so many classes to pick from, because it seems kind of ridiculous to try to confine every type of art into one course for everyone," said **Lisa Murphy, 11**.

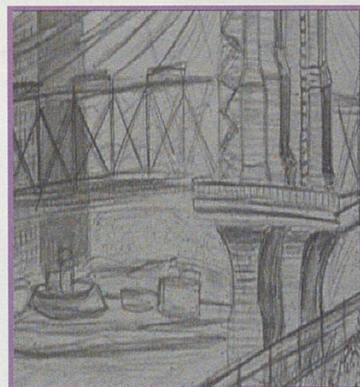
It is the one time of day when students get to decide for themselves how the assignment should be completed or let alone, what the assignment is at all.

Some of the additional classes that are offered to students are sculpture, advanced photography, gourmet foods, and fashion design.

The courses' unique aspects help bring out students' individuality and discover new interests.

"I went into fashion design not really thinking anything of it, but we did so many cool things and now it's probably something that I want to study after high school; I loved it," said **Caroline Hodgson, 11**.

Clearly there is just something about this department that draws others in and challenges their intellectual curiosity; this in fact, most certainly does not go unnoticed.



**HEATHER LO, 12**, created this piece of artwork while on the field trip downtown. The sketches that were composed, such as this one, were painted and hung on the walls around the school.

## Art course variety

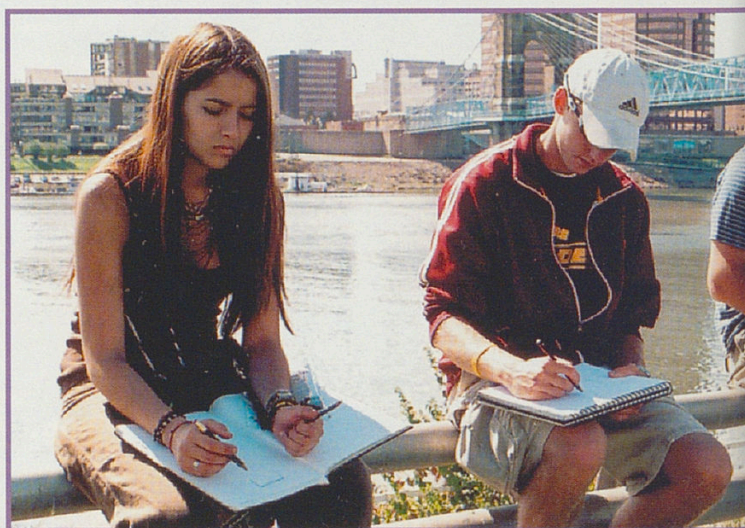
**q:** What was it about *your* art course that interested you most?

**a:** "Photo was fun because even though we were given general assignments, it was still a very independent class, where we had a lot of freedom, and we could express ourselves through our pictures," said **Holly Phillips, 11**.

**a:** "Ceramics is the best part of my day. Paul Melnick is a living legend," said **Alex Reed, 11**.

**a:** "Architecture class makes it fun to draw floor plans and the idea of designing your own structure has always seemed neat to me," said **Lisa Murphy, 11**.

**SEAN MULHOLLAND, 12**, finishes cooking a meal. He, with others, put on a restaurant for teachers and parents during the school day. This, with other activities, made the gourmet foods class stimulating.



**ISELA GUTIERREZ, 12**, and **GREGORY MARTIN, 12**, are in the midst of the action. While on the field trip, the two art students sat just over the Ohio River, while they sketched one of their drawings. All of the great paintings make it evident that the trip was a success.