Warm weather brings smiles

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At a time when homework and studying for midterms is especially stressful, there are only a few things that can help take students’ minds off of their work.

Luckily for them, the weather’s sudden change in mood has treated students particularly well this past week.

Freshman Janessa Reynaldo was one of many who enjoyed the springy weather.

“When it’s gloomy, people seem to be edgier,” she said. “When it’s nice and sunny, people get to dress nice and it makes them feel good.”

The weather has only a slight affect on student’s behavior, according to senior Aimee Kislin.

“I think the weather might have some sort of affect on peoples’ attitudes, but it probably does not play a huge role,” she said. “People will act the way they are, not based on weather.”

Winter weather has been known to make people depressed. However, now that winter is coming to a close, it is nice to see more students smiling.

“I’ve definitely noticed that people have been in better moods this week. Since the weather has improved, so have people’s spirits,” said sophomore Garrett Joust. “I’ve been pretty chipper myself.”

“This week has been just beautiful. This week has been really great. The campus Crab apple trees will begin to bloom in less than a month along the sides of the campus mall.”

Not only does the nice weather make people happy, but it also motivates people to get in shape. Pretty soon, the pants and sweaters will be stowed away, and the tank tops and shorts will be rediscovered.

Part of getting in shape is finding the energy to go to that little white building you might have heard of called the gym. For students like Joust, this is very much an important key to getting ready for nice weather.

“I’m going to the gym a lot more because I want to be in good shape for spring break. I’ll also go outside and throw my football around,” Joust said.

Another important aspect to good weather is purchasing new clothes. Stores all around will greatly appreciate the change in weather because it marks that time of the year again for spring shopping.

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For students who prefer not to clean, however, just enjoying time outside is perfectly fine as well.

“My friend and I went for a walk around the lake because it just felt so nice outside. We took a little snooze in the gazebo and let the sun fall down on us,” said freshman Jamie Elizabeth.

With weather like this, it is no wonder that students want to be outdoors and not cooped up inside doing homework. Students can bring homework to the gazebo, a picnic bench or table, or simply find a small patch of grass to take a load off and get some nice quiet studying done. Just be careful that the geese did not leave a present for you in the spot in which you are about to sit.

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