

One of my passions is music. I love all aspects of music, but here are a few of my favorite things to do with it.

- WHAT?

I play two instruments; one of them is called the clarinet. I have played clarinet since 5th grade, and I was in band for two years in middle school and all four years in high school.

- SO WHAT?

Most of my close friends are in band. Making music in a group gives me such a happy and fulfilling feeling. I also love a challenge, and worrying about tone, tempo, dynamics, rhythm and articulation all at the same time provides adequate stimulation for my brain.

- NOW WHAT?

I did not want to leave music behind when I left high school, and so I tried out for the marching band at Cincinnati. In high school I somehow managed to be first chair and valedictorian at the same time, and so decided that I could balance music with my studies. I have met a lot of astounding people and am so glad that I made the decision that I did.

- WHAT?

Another instrument that I play is piano. I started playing piano when I was five or six, and ended up taking lessons for eight years with three different teachers. I stopped in high school and taught myself, but my senior year I played for our jazz band.

- SO WHAT?

I loved it. Playing little solos written into my pieces was so much fun! Plus they sounded super cool. Even if I decide not to join the jazz band, I know I will continue to play because I love the sound and feeling I get when I play. It's a great way to calm my nerves and put me in a state of tranquility.

- NOW WHAT?

Currently I am debating whether to play in the UC's jazz band during second semester. I believe it would be a valuable experience. The question is how I would practice, as I did not bring the baby grand piano I had at my house with me to college.

- WHAT?

I am not quite sure if one's own vocal chords count as an instrument, but I play those as well! I have loved to sing as long as I can remember, the way the music resonates in my throat is comforting and exhilarating at the same time. I sing when I am scared, happy, angry, excited...etc. I was involved in several honors choirs as I mentioned above, one at ONU and one at the Ohio State Fair.

- SO WHAT?

Both were excellent experiences and I loved every second. Some other friendships that I have kept throughout the years originated in choir.

- NOW WHAT?

I hoped to be in the Vocaholics, one of UC's acapella groups, but so many people tried out and I ended up not getting in. I still sing for fun wherever I go, and I thought about possibly starting my own singing group.