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[ gay ] but
NOT happy

>> Homeless
From dumpster diving
to hitting the books

sounds of
LOVE
ethos tackles
talking dirty

ethos experience:
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Well, here I am a marketing major writing for ethos. I've had fun doing my tiny share of the dirty work. After all the dirty stuff is what I do. That's right, I am your sex goddess. I give you that tasteful 'she said' commentary each and every issue. And believe me it has been quite fun learning about every girls' quirky issues in the bedroom. Even reading the guys' point of view is interesting. Who knows maybe the sex god and I can collaborate on a sex story, if ya know what I mean.

In writing about homosexuality, I'm pressing hard on a hot-button issue. Having limited exposure to the moral "rights and wrongs" concerning homosexuality, I wanted to see how different religions interpret the lifestyle and, in turn, show how those guidelines may affect our viewpoints. After meeting students and church leaders who try to live and teach within a heterosexual-dominated, university atmosphere, I discovered convictions stronger than my own and a discussion gaining voice on both sides of the debate.

Before beginning my article on the Dub H, Iowa State's hip-hop dance club, I knew very little about hip-hop. I did know how many times 50 cent got shot, and that Missy Elliot looks better after losing all the weight. After talking to the club members, I learned that hip-hop was about more than just music; it was a way of life. Most importantly, I picked up a couple of dance moves. Watch out ladies!

I grew up in a small town in Iowa where the biggest societal problem was the economic stability of the local grocery store. After living in New York City for a couple years, however, I witnessed actual human suffering—people sleeping on stoops in the dead of winter, a woman, high on crack, stumbling around in bare feet asking for money to buy more rock, and a homeless woman who alerted everyone within shouting distance that she had just simultaneously farted and pissed her pants. This article is meant to shock and awe: humanize a problem that seems worlds away from our middle-class "utopia" by showing that our state is not isolated from the anguish of the rest of the world.

Ethos is here and looking better than ever. The content in the issue is solid, mixing witty repartee with a strong news sense. I was excited to be able to be a part of the story about homosexuality and the church, a story that puts a personal face on an issue some may find controversial. Adam did a great job with the story, and I tried to match it with my photos. I hope you enjoy this issue as much as I did.
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