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The Binding of Isaac is, by a wide margin, the most emotionally disturbed game ever produced . . . it's also the best five bucks I've ever spent. The game is centered around a modern retelling of Isaac and Abraham, only this time it's with a seven year old Isaac and his shut in mother. Don't ask me how it evolves into a dungeon crawling twin stick shooter that uses the tears of an emotionally

abused little boy because I'm not sure the developers could give you a straight answer. It just does.

The game is unforgettable, for better and for worse. It all depends on just how much of the game's art style you can stomach. It's the sort of thing you have to see for yourself, it's simultaneously horrifying and adorable. but if you can get past, or perversely enjoy, this addictive biblical satire's haunting imagery there's an infinitely repayable game in here for you to play as little of or as much as

you want.

Running to the end of TBOI will take you about an hour and half. Doesn't sound like much does it? Well what if I said the game's staggering multitude of collectibles and power ups drastically change the way you play it every single time, and that every room is randomly generated, and if you die you start all over again. Yep, it even keeps score. I've died 94 out of 99 times, and I still keep coming back. I've never played anything like it, and I doubt any of you have either.

Making preparations for finals

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Students of all years and majors are preparing for what is affectionately known as "hell week," the week of finals that will put all of our semester's knowledge to the test. To be ready for finals requires reviewing of that acquired knowledge and material.

Health Science major and sophomore Marian Price said "Finals are always stressful. I've been preparing by asking more questions in class, like what specifically will be on the upcoming final. And I've been rereading my notes and focusing on whatever the teacher tells me is worth preparing for."

But preparation for finals week involves more than study, it takes planning and the careful maintenance of a routine in what is an otherwise chaotic time. English professor Ken Chamlee said "All nighters and sudden changes in eating habits will leave you

exhausted and brain weary when you most need endurance and clarity." Chamlee also said "Make a plan for what you need to review each day; prioritize either by the timing of your tests or by what you believe needs more preparation. Reviewing class notes is good, but talk through the material with a study buddy and write out condensed notes. If you read it, speak it, write it you stand a better chance of remembering than with just the read-and-cram method." Chamlee concluded saying "It helps to take short breaks every couple of hours to rest your eyes, and get a little exercise to stir the blood. Eat before taking a final, but not high sugar junk."

History professor Scott Sheffield added that students should "Take a deep breath, take one thing at a time and slowly work your way through it, don't procrastinate, when you feel overwhelmed, watch episodes of your favorite tv shows to help you relax, don't drink too much caffeine and get plenty

of rest at night."

If you can put your mind at ease and take things slowly and steadily you will be fine is the moral of the story, in the words of Brevard's scholars. BC is prepared to assist students in finals preparations and relaxing through the AEC and the timeless tradition of the BC pancake break, covered by pancake fanatic Joshua Smith.

