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## Let's do our part

This past summer it was ridiculously hot throughout Texas. The temperatures reached triple digits for at least 30 consecutive days, and to make matters worse, there was very little rainfall. As a result the Lone Star State had a water shortage problem. State officials were forced to institute regulations such as sprinkler usage and how many gallons of water could be purchased from stores.

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Editor

I thought I had left all that behind when I returned for the fall semester.

However, when I returned I discovered that during the past four to five months Greensboro and surrounding areas had been experiencing a situation similar to my summer in Texas: dry weather, scarce rainfall. And now I have to relive the restrictions.

In Greensboro, the lack of rainfall has resulted in mandatory restrictions such as when to water grass, as well as not washing cars at home. Why are there so many restrictions? Why is the water table low, although it has rained? Answers: The city reservoirs are drying up and the water supply for this city is minimal, and a minimum of 15 inches is needed to begin to refill reservoirs.

Belles may be saying "These are Greensboro's problems." However, water conservation is something we all need to be concerned about. Besides, our college is in Greensboro, and many of us plan to be here at least four years. Everything depends on water. Not only does it make up 75 percent of our bodies, but it is also necessary for the survival of all of our natural resources.

There are simple ways that we Belles can help to save the water supply: *Don't run the water while brushing your teeth, washing dishes, or shampooing your hair. It is also a good idea not to run the water too long before getting in the shower.*

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## What have you done to conserve water?

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*I have preserved water on my campus by making sure that all of the faucets and showers are not left dripping water.*



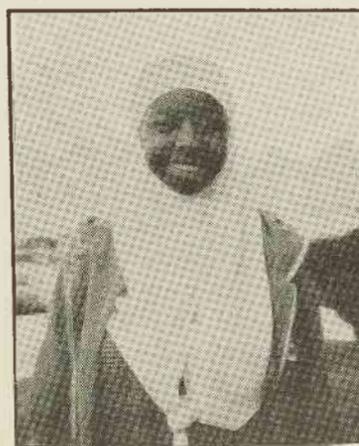
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*To preserve water I take 15 minute showers and skip a week of washing my car.*



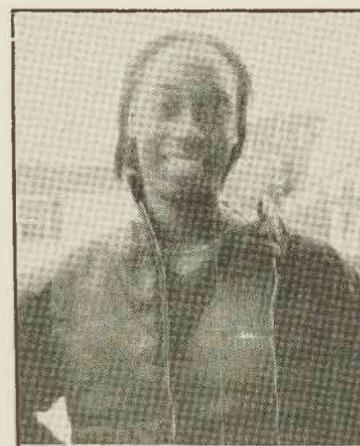
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*Since the passage of the law to conserve water, I make sure that all faucets in the dorm do not run water.*



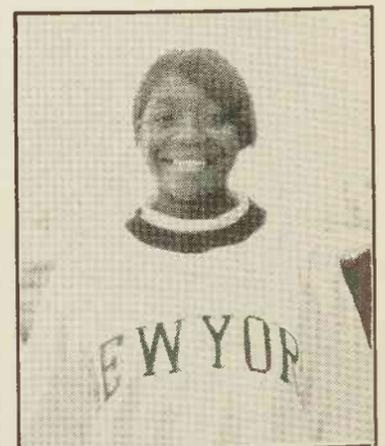
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*I do not run the water before I actually take a shower so it can get hot.*



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*When I wash my car I wash it on the lawn so the water will serve two purposes. It will clean while it waters the grass.*



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*Personally, the little everyday things like turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth and only turning on the water when you are ready to get in the shower will have a great impact on conserving our water supply.*