

Editorial

Saving Energy A Good Habit

Have you ever lived anywhere that you yourself, rather than your parents, were responsible for paying for your own utilities? I have, and you can believe that once I realized I was footing the bill, I learned real fast not to waste that precious power.

Saving money seems to be a major preoccupation with most students. We learn where to get the cheapest food and the cheapest entertainment. Why then, do we have such a terrible abuse of utilities on campus?

Because we, as students, never see the power bill, that's why. So we go along our merry ways, leaving the parlor empty but with three lights and the television on. Later we go to dinner or to class, again leaving all the lights in our

empty rooms and the television or radio on. Just saving the next person to

come in all that strain of turning the switches back on, huh? Be real. Almost every

day I walk by some parlor or dorm room and see prime examples of this waste.

As students at Meredith we really need to learn to conserve energy; not just to save the school's money or because it's good for our nation's economy, but mostly

just because it's a good habit that we all need to get into. By

learning to save energy now we'll save ourselves a lot of future headaches when we do have to face that power bill.

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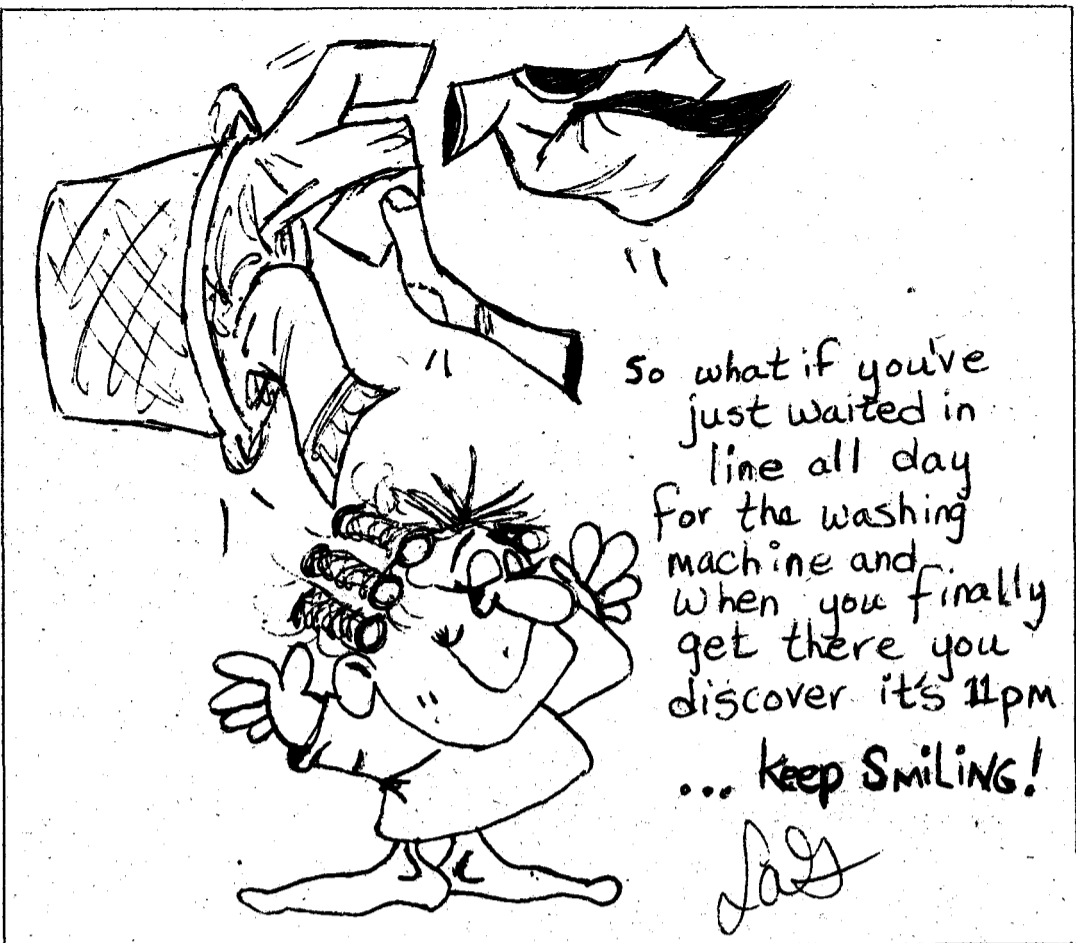
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Washers and Dryers ... The Problem Can Be Solved

By Cynthia Church

If you are tired of wearing dirty, smelly, molded clothes, are tired of waiting to use the washers and dryers or are tired of waiting for machines to be fixed, *read this article!* This is the first in a series of articles on how to make Meredith a better place to live and be.

After talking to several

residents of each dorm, I have drawn the conclusion that the washer-dryer situation on campus is more than a problem, it is a hassle. Rene' Folds, a freshman, explained that the current system is very inconvenient, and said, "There are not enough facilities and I have to wait in line to use the machines and there is always the chance that people will

take my clothes out before the cycles are finished." Carolyn McLeod, a junior, said that this year is better than last because there are washers and dryers on every floor in her dorm (Poteat). A senior agreed with Miss McLeod and added that she feels more machines are necessary.

Every person I have talked to has expressed the need for more machines. When I asked if they felt the laundry service alleviated any of the problems, they said "no" because the service only accepts a limited amount of clothing. Everyone I spoke with feels the laundry service is a waste.

I also agree that the laundry service is a waste, so why not destroy it and add additional washers and dryers to the basement of Faircloth, where the service is now. Why not keep the machines in the dorms but add, let's say, fifteen washers and ten dryers to that area and make it the Central Campus Launderette. It could handle the overflow and would be open during freshman hours, six a.m. through one or two a.m. This would prevent us from having to wait a long time to wash and would keep us from having to go off campus to do our laundry.

Tara Owen, a sophomore, agreed that this would relieve the overloads in the dorms and would serve as an alternative to having to leave campus to wash and having to wait in line. Joe Baker, Vice President of Business and Finances at Meredith, also agreed with this suggestion and added, "The laundry service doesn't amount to anything and we will investigate this."

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Lefties Have Rights

To the editors:

Anyone who does not believe that being left-handed is a handicap must be right-handed. Unless you are a lefty, you cannot understand how frustrating life can be for a left-handed person. Because we lefties do everything "backwards," we face barriers when doing even the simplest things. For instance, we have trouble dipping soup because the spout on the ladle is on the wrong side for us, we must buy scissors specifically made for left-hands, and we cannot follow most needlework instructions in books because the directions and illustrations are for right-handed people. Situations like these often make life frustrating because lefties must adjust to doing things that righties do quite naturally and easily.

Fortunately, I have learned to live with these problems. However, there is one problem I have never been able to adjust to - the problem of being lefty forced to use a right-handed desk. A righty cannot understand how frustrating and painful it is for a left-handed person to use a right-handed desk. The whole problem is that the arm-rest is on the right side, meaning

that the lefty's arm has no support when he-she writes. How can the left-handed person write comfortably when his-her writing arm is literally hanging off the desk?

Therefore, I believe that Meredith needs MORE LEFT-HANDED DESKS! After visiting classrooms in Harris, I found that several rooms in this building have tables, which suit either righties or lefties. However, in rooms having desks, I found no left-handed ones!

I also visited six classrooms in Joyner, finding an average of 30 desks per room. However, on the average, there were only two left-handed desks per room. Thus, if there were several lefties in one room, they must compete for those two desks! If Meredith had more left-handed desks, situations like this might not occur.

People are very concerned these days with breaking down barriers for the handicapped. Thankfully, Meredith has even built several new ramps for those unable to use stairs. Yet, let's not forget the barriers facing left-handed people. We deserve equal RIGHTS, too!

Melody West

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