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## Halloween cont. from pg. 4

Scout Taylor-Compton) with only some minor action detail differences.

If complete senseless brutality, overdone vulgarity, and nonstop stomach-queasy-ing gore is your definition of a Grade A horror film, this one is for you. Unfortunately for Zombie, if you fall in the majority of horror connoisseurs seeking suspenseful terror with something even slightly revolutionizing in the current trend of similar slasher films, you are sure to be disappointed and let this movie slip away from memory into the pot of "just another one of those movies I saw."

#### Green cont. from pg. 5

ing will remain a controversial issue, but Brown settles the matter best by remarking, "This is a revolution that needs to happen. We want everyone to wear, buy, and eat organic. It's about everyone winning."

### Restrictions cont. from pg. 5

almost every day, and no announcements about conserving water have been directly given to the students. As you can probably guess, when students enjoy green grass and nice flowers, they feel as if there really isn't a drought. Sophomore Meghan Kent says, "All our lush grass and sprinkler use makes me forget there's a drought. Maybe if we had to deal with it, I'd think about it more."

Our alternate water supply allows us to continue the practice of watering the grass; when you come through the front gate, there is even a sign stating that Meredith has its own water supply. I suppose it's there so people don't think we're breaking the water restrictions when they come in and see our sprinkler system watering the sidewalk.

Even though we have our own water source, Meredith students and faculty should also implement water conservation plans. If we conserve now, then we will not have to panic if the drought continues to become worse in the future.

Challenge yourself to come up with inventive new ways to conserve water. Don't wash your clothes until you have a full load. When you bathe, remember that showers are better than baths and short showers are better than long ones. Put a cup in the shower with you and use the water that collects in it to water the plants in your house or dorm room. Try getting one glass of water instead of two when you get your drink at lunch or supper. Whenever you turn on the sink or the bath, please think about what you're doing and how precious water really is.

# **Recycling--Good for the Campus**

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I hope you recycle. If you buy paper, aluminum, plastic, or glass products, you need to recycle them when you're done. It's not hard. I recycle receipts and Starbucks cups. I recycle the paper my candy was wrapped in and carry trash home from the movie theater so I make sure it gets recycled too. I have also reached in trash bins where I knew people threw recyclable materials away—what really gets me is when the trash bins are next to recycling bins (I do this a lot in the Cate Center.).

This campus makes recycling really easy. Put one of the provided blue bins in your room and put the right stuff in it. I understand that it's hard to care when the effects aren't right in front of you, but try and picture them. I'll bet more blue bins would fill up if more people were forced to watch the polar bears drown-yes, whether you recycle has an effect on these bears, and so many more animals.

I like fall. I like win-

ter too. I can appreciate spring and summer, but it's those colder seasons that I like. Blame it on my being a mountain person, but I like when the seasons change. It'd be awfully unnatural for them not to, right? We're in the middle of October, and I've seen hardly anything other than green in the trees. Raleigh used to have a winter. I've heard stories from the elders. Raleigh used to get a healthy amount of snow and everything. We got a quick blanket last year, but that was it.

We Americans have managed to screw up a lot. Don't get me wrong, I'm proud to be an American, and our country has gotten plenty of things right. But treating the environment with respect is not one of them. It's the little things—running water while you brush your teeth, drying your clothes with a dryer instead of hanging them up, throwing paper and plastic products in the trash instead of recycling them, and driving when you could've walked.

I truly believe that

people who don't recycle should be ashamed of themselves. They need to open their eyes and take a good look at our planet I don't care if throwing stuff away is more convenient for you because of how busy your schedule is or if recycling feels like a pain-you are in no way more important. Here are some things you can do to use less energy and literally help save the world:

Turn off the lights when you leave the room, and go buy energy-saving light bulbs. They last for years and save hundreds of dollars in the long run.

Turn off your TV and stereo too.

Get out of your car and walk, bike, skip, rollerblade, or jog instead.

Close your computers when you're not on them AIM is not that important.

Stop wasting water. This wastes energy because electricity is what's needed to clean water so we can use it over and over again. If you have a leak, get it fixed immediately. Oh, and take shorter showers. We go to a women's college and it's finally jeans weather—quit shaving your legs so often.

Buy reusable batteries (or products that don't require them) and take your old batteries to a toxic waste disposal. They contain deadly toxins such as arsenic, zinc, lead, and mercury. When in a landfill, they eventually leak into the ground. Imagine how much has already seeped in.

RECYCLE. RECYCLE. RECYCLE. It's not hard and you don't need a

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**Conserving Water?** 



Water in the courtyard behind SMB Photo submitted by Amber McKinney