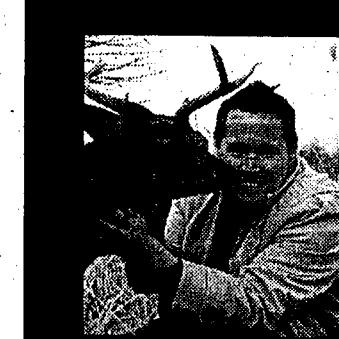


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## Green Tip for the Week of February 25

Implement an eco-program in your residence hall or office.

During the 2008-09 academic year, Meredith College's campus theme is "Sustaining our Environment: Developing our Greenprint." To help the Meredith community make daily choices that are beneficial to the environment, Angels for the Environment have compiled a year's worth of tips for greener living. To view green tips from previous weeks, visit [www.meredith.edu/campus-theme/environmental-tips.htm](http://www.meredith.edu/campus-theme/environmental-tips.htm).

## ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?

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With spring just around the corner, finding fun in Raleigh is a high priority for students. With about 875 students living on campus, it's almost impossible to be bored around the clock. Whether sitting in dorm rooms watching movies or outside exploring what Raleigh has to offer, everyone is looking for a good time.

As the seasons change, mood levels start to rise, and students are ready to get out of the dorms and find some enjoyment. When the weather is nice enough, you can find many students lying out in the quad between the freshmen dorms and Faircloth (also known as Meredith Beach). Many students bring blankets, magazines and music to listen to while getting some sun between classes. Others bring soccer balls or volleyballs to get some exercise.

Other ways to have fun can include giving back to the community. Zandra Blanksenhip enjoys volunteering at the SPCA, the local animal rescue shelter in Raleigh. Volunteering is a way to meet people and give back to the community all while enjoying yourself and having a good time. Blanksenhip says she volunteers because she loves animals and wants to heighten her future career options: "I hope to become a veterinarian, so I volunteer there to gain experience about different kinds of animals and how to handle them."

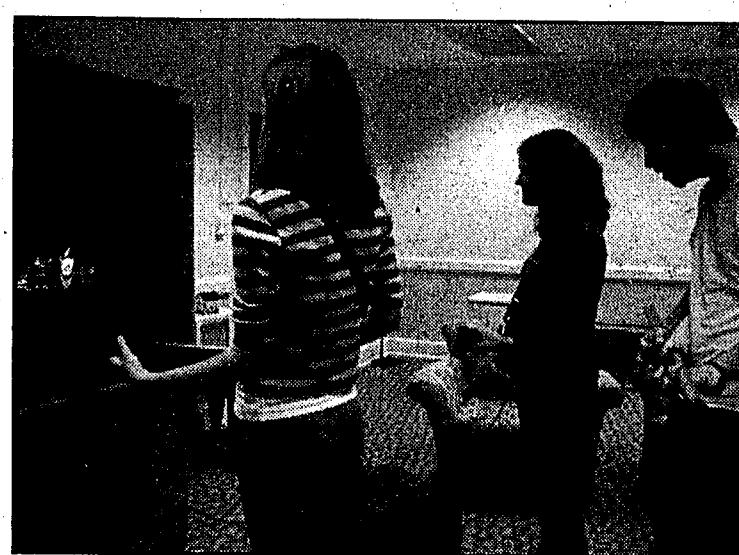


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If you feel like relaxing for the day and treating yourself to something nice instead of using any physical labor, the shopping in Raleigh is unlimited. Junior Sarah Goforth and friends like to go shopping at North Hills or Crabtree Valley Mall, which include designer stores and boutiques, while student Emily Leite sticks to the simpler and more affordable Target.

"We will go to Target if we're bored and just shop. I never really buy anything though, just look around. I found out they don't make EASY-BAKE ovens anymore!" said Leite, "We could only find the ovens that cook those nasty spider-shaped gummies." Even when you aren't spending money, going to large shopping centers or department stores just to unwind is more common than one might think.

If you want to save money while shopping, the flea market at the State Fairgrounds is usually open every Saturday and Sunday, and it is a great place to spend the day finding steals on furniture and jewelry.

But not all students stay in Raleigh for their fun. Junior Katie Young usually skips town on the weekends. "I go to Emerald Isle," said Young, "I love the beach because it's so relaxing." Along with Young, another junior usually leaves the area to find interesting things to do. "When I have a moment, I go home and play with my dogs or just take a bubble bath," said Kaylee Prather.

Although leaving town can be exciting, campus is a bit livelier when students stick around on the weekends, so various student organizations have come up with ways to encourage students to stay on campus.

In the spring, large events like STUNT and Spring Fling weekend usually keep the majority of students on campus. STUNT is described by students as a mini-Cornhuskin' with competitions between the classes such as lip syncing and powder puff football games. Spring Fling is a small outdoor fair-like event held the Saturday after Spring Formal. Both activities are interactive and fun for those who live on campus and for those who commute.

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