Dorm laundry prices increase

Residence hall washers, dryers to take CatCards, cost more than coin models

By Alexis Blue

Students who live in residence halls might have to start pinching pennies if they want to have clean clothes. Laundry prices will soon increase by 25 cents in all residence halls and students will have to use CatCards instead of quarters to pay for a load.

By the end of November, all 20 residence halls will have brand new washers and dryers that charge $1 to wash and 75 cents to dry. While a quarter increase might not sound like much, some students aren’t happy about shelling out the extra money.

“I think it sucks. It’s too expensive to do a load,” said nursing freshman Nicole Tager while washing her clothes at La Paz residence hall.

La Paz is one of about nine residence halls that already have new machines, said Jim Van Arsdel, director of Residence Life.

Nursing freshman Samantha Gray, another La Paz resident, said she doesn’t understand the price increase and doesn’t think the new machines are any better than the old ones.

Gray said she doesn’t like that the new washing machines are front-loading and can’t be opened once you’ve started a load.

Over the weekend, Gray said she was frustrated when she forgot to put a pair of pants in the washer and was unable to throw them in mid-cycle.

“Now I'm going to have to wait like another week,” she said.

Van Arsdel said the front-loading washers are more accessible, particularly for students with disabilities.

“A student in a wheelchair will have a much easier time accessing a front-loading machine,” he said.

Van Arsdel said the machines also have more room since they don’t have a center agitator.

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Funding process difficult for clubs

By Dana Credo

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By Elizabeth Demar

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