

University scrubs away laundry fees

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The days of swiping for laundry are officially numbered as the university prepares to eliminate laundry fees entirely starting next semester.

This new initiative effectively erases a major student stressor, making laundry one less expense for students to worry about.

“Beginning next year, laundry will be included in the cost of housing, and students living on campus will not have to pay extra to use residence hall washers and dryers,” Residence Life sent in an automated email to all residents on March 27.

The university’s decision to transition to free laundry facilities was met with overwhelming enthusiasm from students.

Relieved of constantly swiping their Hoot Loot card, residents have embraced the new policy as a significant win for both their budgets and their peace of mind.

“It’s actually amazing. Like, I’m so excited for that,” accounting major Kendrick Lagamo, a



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The flyer that was posted on the Residence Life Instagram on March 27.

junior, said. “I had three years of paying for laundry, so I’m ready to save money for my last year.”

Lagamo said he is excited to be free from the constant cycle of paying to keep things clean.

“I would spend like \$4-\$8 every week just on

laundry, so my money would be going down the drain for simply cleaning my clothes,” Lagamo said.

For Lagamo and other students, free laundry represents not just convenience but meaningful savings over time.

Public health major Marvin Escalera Jr., a



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Public Health major Marvin Escalera Jr., a junior, in the lobby of Neff Hall.

junior, also supports the idea. Escalera said that the new policy is a game changer for residents tired of hauling heavy bags of laundry across town every weekend.

“It’s more convenient; a lot of people don’t have to go back home to wash their clothes,” Escalera said.

Despite the convenience, Escalera questioned whether the change actually reduces costs or simply shifts them elsewhere.

“The laundry is not completely free because we are still paying for it in our bill,” Escalera said.

However, Escalera also raised concerns about

the potential downsides of increased demand.

“I feel like everyone is going to be using the laundry, and it’s going to make laundry day longer,” Escalera said.

Due to the absence of funds, it is likely that communal laundry rooms will evolve into high-traffic hubs of student activity.

Escalera is also concerned that the increased activity could lead to more frequent equipment failures.

“There’s a high possibility for the machines to be broken due to the extensive usage, and the utility room is going to be messy,” Escalera said.

To address this, Escalera suggested the university consider adding more equipment to keep up with demand.

“I think they should add another set of washers and dryers to prevent that,” Escalera said.

Overall, while free laundry gives students financial relief, the university’s ability to maintain and possibly expand the facilities will determine how successful the program is next semester.

Students unlock career paths with self-awareness workshop

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A workshop designed to guide students toward purposeful careers was hosted at the School of Business on March 31, called The Power of Self Awareness. The event used the Predictive Index Behavioral Assessment testing tools to help students take an introspective approach to career planning.

Organizers stressed that the assessment is not a test but an objective way to identify natural tendencies.

“This workshop really helped me understand my behavior more and focus on not only my strengths but my weaknesses,” business major Zachary McCarthy, a junior, said.

The session focused on five key mental drives: dominance, extraversion, patience, stability and formality. Students learned how each creates specific needs and predictable behaviors.

Attendees were encouraged to map their “self-graph” results and reflect on strengths that come easily as well as potential cautions, such as a tendency to lead without listening.

Speakers highlighted practical applications such as improving mentor and faculty relationships, strengthening teamwork, enhancing resumes and preparing for interviews. Informational interviews and mentorship were presented as low-stress ways to explore career fit and build networks.

Students reflected on how the workshop helped them learn about their own capabilities and opportunities.

“It will help me tremendously to communicate with other people, especially in teams. I think it is important to practice being a team player and developing transferrable skills,” McCarthy said.

The session underscored that aligning work with intrinsic motivation can reduce stress and increase job satisfaction.

Through side-by-side



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Laurie Cirillo, from AE Freeman Associates presenting a slideshow to the students.

comparisons, attendees examined how differing needs create both friction and motivation. Several participants shared real world experiences, recounting how mutual awareness of personality differences smoothed collaboration attempts.

A core takeaway was the distinction between the “self-graph”, natural tendencies, and the “self-concept,” how one adapts to perceived expectations.

The self-graph remains relatively stable across years, rooted in early personality formation, whereas the self-concept shifts when life circumstances change.

Interactive exercises encouraged partners to identify potential strategies for effective collaboration.

Discussion revealed that teams lacking diverse viewpoints risk stagnation while mixed structures and spontaneity often yield stronger outcomes.

The workshop stressed a growth mindset; behavioral data should inform development, not excuse poor performance.

Organizers warned against using assessments as fixed labels or disciplinary tools. Instead, they promoted mutual understanding

and compromise to build stronger working relationships.

“There is always room to grow together and try to understand each other’s perspectives. Knowing that everyone works together differently helps to connect in each other’s work environments,” business major Francoise Soropogui, a sophomore, said.

Attendees were encouraged to seek the additional resources on campus that are available to them through Design Your Life programming.

The School of Business has certified staff that can help translate behavioral insights into resume language, interview practice and individualized coaching.

The workshop combined self-reflection with concrete tools to help students convert personal awareness into collaborative effectiveness.

“I learned a lot about myself because I always struggle between differentiating between my self-concept and myself. So, it was really nice to see that my self-concept never derives far away from myself,” Soropogui said.

Attendees left with practical insights to discuss differences, and give participants tools intended to reduce conflict.

SINFEST makes a comeback



PHOTO | VICTORIA CRUZ
Sociology major Nailah Herbert and psychology major Nyenye Herbert, juniors, performing to a crowd on Thursday, April 2.

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On Thursday, April 2, WSIN Radio revived SINFEST, a live concert that brought students together for a night of music, celebration and community. Performances included P.R.I.S.M, Sideshow, and SALIMATA. The event showcased the station’s role in promoting student voices and local talent.

The night opened with a standout performance from sister duo, sociology major Nailah Herbert and psychology major Nyenye Herbert, juniors, who lit up the stage with their stage presence and natural chemistry.

“I loved the show. The crowd was amazing and matched our energy completely. Shout out to WSIN Radio for having us perform with the other talented artists that we shared the stage with. I can’t wait until the next one,” Nailah said.

As the duo moved effortlessly between sharp lyricism and playful confidence, they immediately energized the crowd.

This not only truly set the tone for the night but also highlighted the depth of talent within the student body.

As students

themselves, their presence resonated strongly with the audience, setting an exciting energy for the night.

“I had a beautiful time, was able to express myself and share my art with others who seemed to enjoy it as well great atmosphere altogether,” Nyenye said.

Tigrayan rapper Sideshow brought powerful and dynamic presence to the stage.

Born in Tigray, raised in the DMV, and now based in Los Angeles, his music reflects a blend of global influences and personal experiences that resonate throughout his work.

Sideshow delivered a high-energy set by pulling the crowd in with his lyricism and introspective delivery. His storytelling and authenticity left a lasting impression.

Next, Brooklyn-born rapper Salimata took the stage with a presence that was impossible to ignore.

Blending the confidence of a seasoned performer with the creativity of a lifelong poet, she brought a vibrant energy that immediately lit up the room.

SINFEST, a formerly long-standing event that has not taken place in many years, was

celebrated by attendees; this made the night feel even more significant.

Bringing back the tradition was a dream for communication major Gerryiki Williams, a junior and the WSIN Radio General Manager.

“SINFEST returned with a massive bang; three incredible artists from around the east coast came and rocked the stage for us,” Williams said.

Williams reflected on how far the station has come in just a short amount of time thanks to the work and support from his team and campus community.

“SINFEST” was a shining reminder of how far the club has grown over the course of just a few semesters. WSIN has created a community of amazing people who I look forward to seeing every day,” Williams said.

With the successful return of SINFEST, the radio station is already looking ahead, with more shows planned for next semester.

As momentum builds, students can expect even more opportunities to come together and connect through music.

WSIN will host autotune karaoke on Tuesday, April 14 at 5 p.m. in Adanti Student Center Room 301