Energy conservation is an issue we all care about. To keep our room rates as low as possible and comply with the state energy guidelines, we are required to maintain room temperatures to 68 degrees during the heating season and 76 degrees during the cooling season.

Steam is piped directly to wall radiators. The radiators have a valve on the upper end that must be opened (rotate to left/counter-clock wise) to obtain heat. Try small adjustments at first so as not to over heat your room.

If you come back to a cold room, you may have left your window open and you may have to wait for the building controls to respond in order to receive heat. Adjusting the slide control on the thermostat may not provide immediate change, as it will require an hour or so for the temperature to stabilize.

It is important to keep your windows closed during unseasonably cool or warm periods, in order to conserve energy and maintain comfort for yourself and other residents.

All of our buildings receive steam from the U.W. Central Heating Plant. It’s used to heat water for hot water systems or to use directly.

Some helpful hints:
1. Help conserve energy through common sense habits.
2. Close your drapes or blinds at night.
3. Open your drapes or blinds on sunny days.
4. Don’t leave windows open.
5. Dress warmly.

Please share this information with your roommate.

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