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Interview Transcript

McKenzie Swift-Ramirez: Hello?

Devin Brown: Hi!

MSR: Hello!

DB: Thank you so much for allowing me to interview you! So first, I have to ask, um, if it's okay to have your consent to record this just for my class.

MSR: Yes, that's fine.

DB: Okay, thank you. So can you just state your name, major, and year?

MSR: My name is McKenzie Swift-Ramirez and I'm an Animal Sciences major and I'm a freshman.

DB: Ok, what residence hall do you currently live in?

MSR: I live in LAR. Lincoln Avenue Residence Hall.

DB: So, what's your usual method of doing your laundry?

MSR: My laundry? Um, well they have laundry down in the basement so I usually do it every week on, like, Thursdays or something because it gets really packed and people will take my clothes out of like the laundry itself so I try to avoid laundry on days while it's busy.

DB: So do you have to pay for your laundry?

MSR: No, no, no. My laundry is provided by, it's like part of my tuition.

DB: So are you satisfied with, like, the overall quality of the laundry room?

MSR: It's okay.

DB: It's okay?

MSR: Yeah, the laundry room, I think like one of the machines is broken. One of the washers are broken. And, it's like decent

DB: Are they clean, or have you ever had an incidence of like your laundry getting stolen?

MSR: No, that's like, not a thing. Like you can pretty much leave your stuff down there and no one will take it. They will take your clothes out of the washer to use the washer, but - but they won't actually take your clothes.

DB: Okay.

MSR: So as far as laundry goes, it's pretty good.

DB: So, if you were to talk with... um, the people who manage the laundry in the residence hall, like, what would your major complaints be? Like, or would you have any? Or would you have anything good to say to them? Like what would you want to change if you could?

MSR: I think the maintenance is pretty good, uh... I mean, like you can only have so many laundry machines. I mean, I think there should be more, just because the residence hall is so large and that people need to do their laundry. It takes people forever to do their laundry just because there's so many people.

DB: Yeah

MSR: But, other than that, I'm satisfied. It's fine.

DB: So like, what do you think about having to pay for your laundry? Because, like in Bromley people have to pay for each load they do - so like, would you be upset if you had to pay, or like...?

MSR: Yeah. Definitely, like especially being a freshman I'd be like a little bit angry if it wasn't a part of the tuition already. I feel like they should make it already part of the tuition so you're not worrying about how much you're paying and how much laundry because... I know people who won't do laundry because they have to pay for it.

DB: Yeah.

MSR: It's kind of like, I'm paying the school so much already that I don't need to pull out of my pocket to do laundry.

DB: Yeah, I totally understand.

MSR: Like I understand if someone is in an apartment and they're in a situation that's completely unrelated to the school, but the school should be able to make it easier for students - especially like freshmen.

DB: So, would you say it's completely unreasonable to ask freshmen - or like, any dorm residents - to pay additionally for laundry?

MSR: I think it is. It's a little obnoxious for them to separately cost the laundry.

DB: Thank you, so that's all I had to ask you. I'll let you know if I use a quote from you!