SGA would like to request that professors require less printing of students, both for economic and environmental reasons. Ways the faculty can help include allowing online/email submissions, not requiring articles and handouts to be printed, and allowing double-sided printing for paper submissions even when it goes against style guidelines.

Based on a quick poll, RU students print an average of 25 pages per week (350 per semester, 700 per year). Last year, students were given $10 worth of printing for free. This amount sustained the average student in such a way that most students never had to put any money out of their pocket toward printing costs.

This year, 25 pages per week is costing students $1.25 per week, $17.50 per semester, and $35 per year. Students are given $5 worth of printing for free instead of $10. Although the amount of money an average student has to spend each week on printing may not sound like a lot to you, it is a lot for students who are accustomed to being able to print their academic papers for free, especially the many students who have no income.

Students at Radford this year are also concerned about the wastefulness of being told they must print single-sided, or that they must print out an article that they could just as easily read online. For sustainability reasons, too, we request that less printing be required.

Nursing majors seem to be particularly hard hit, as they are printing between 50-100 pages per week, which could amount to as much as $140 per year in printing costs. Education majors are also hard hit, and are hoping that their faculty can work to create online viewing systems for handouts.