Room Heating Tips.

Be certain that windows are shut tightly.
Don’t forget the upper section of the window.
Windows that are not completely closed allow cold air into the room.
If your windows won’t shut properly call Facilities Management at x8280 to report the problem.

Closing you window shades or draperies can help keep the cold out.

Don’t place heat producing lamps or other appliances near the thermostat as this can fool the thermostat into reducing the heat supplied to the room.

Be certain that nothing blocks the air into or out of the vents on the heating unit as this prevents the unit from heating the rooms air.

The heat for Mertz dorm is supplied by boilers in the basement of the building. The boilers burn natural gas.

The boilers heat water which is circulated through each room’s fan coil heating unit.

Each room has its own thermostat to control the space temperature. The occupants can adjust the temperature up or down to suite their needs.

College policy for heating in occupied times 68-72°. Thermostats are limited by the automation system to a maximum heating temperature of 72° and not lower than 64°.

Last year Mertz dorm used 2,019,200 cubic feet of natural gas for heating the building, heating domestic hot water and the clothes dryers. During the same time frame 1,222,285 gallons of domestic water were used and 625,749 gallons of that was for domestic hot water.

More College energy information can be found at; http://www.swarthmore.edu/x29161.xml
Mertz dorm room heating system.

Warm air out

Room air in to be heated. (Don’t block this area!)

Present room temperature

Slide bar to adjust temperature