The Problem:

The showers of Woodruff have a problem with their temperature control interface. Simply put, the controls are completely backwards.

According to the controls listed on the nob, turning it on initially leads to the coldest water possible. The more left you move the nob the hotter the water will seemingly get. You can infer that this is what the picture is trying to get across by looking at the color scheme. Blue is normally associated with being cold and red is with hot. This is even consistent with all the sinks within Woodruff itself. As many will find out like I did, this is not how the shower works at all. Upon turning it on all the way to the left (red area), I was met with water so cold, it awoke me and the spirit lying dormant within me. However, turning it all the way to the right would make it cold too. And turning it anymore right will turn off the shower. The only way was to gently move the nob from the off position and wait. Upon doing so the water was so hot, my back starting cooking. I was done. The shower control was decently designed having a gauge that was hard to ware off and labels that are still visible after years of use. The “OFF” label is correct but the colors are just wrong. Technically violet is more intense and hotter (hence ultraviolet rays) and red is the least intense (hence infrared). But for common people, red is hot and blue is cold.
Solution:

The solution to this problem is an easy one and that’s to swap the colors. By this, I mean to put red on the right side next to the off switch and blue on the far left. This way people will have an easier understanding of how to use the shower. Since the shower is old, one money saving technique could be to put ultraviolet on the blue side and infrared on the right. Georgia Tech students are brilliant and will be able to understand the differences in intensity. But the most practical way is to just swap the colors. Even using the right color tape would suffice. I am unaware if this is just our dorm specifically but I doubt it because the metal plate itself if painted that color and by the looks of it, has been for several years. A simple fix will really go a long way.