

3-52 The classrooms and faculty offices of a university campus are not occupied an average of 4 hours a day, but the lights are kept on. The amounts of electricity and money the campus will save per year if the lights are turned off during unoccupied periods are to be determined.

Analysis The total electric power consumed by the lights in the classrooms and faculty offices is

$$\dot{E}_{\text{lighting, classroom}} = (\text{Power consumed per lamp}) \times (\text{No. of lamps}) = (200 \times 12 \times 110 \text{ W}) = 264,000 = 264 \text{ kW}$$

$$\dot{E}_{\text{lighting, offices}} = (\text{Power consumed per lamp}) \times (\text{No. of lamps}) = (400 \times 6 \times 110 \text{ W}) = 264,000 = 264 \text{ kW}$$

$$\dot{E}_{\text{lighting, total}} = \dot{E}_{\text{lighting, classroom}} + \dot{E}_{\text{lighting, offices}} = 264 + 264 = 528 \text{ kW}$$

Noting that the campus is open 240 days a year, the total number of unoccupied work hours per year is

$$\text{Unoccupied hours} = (4 \text{ hours/day})(240 \text{ days/year}) = 960 \text{ h/yr}$$

Then the amount of electrical energy consumed per year during unoccupied work period and its cost are

$$\text{Energy savings} = (\dot{E}_{\text{lighting, total}})(\text{Unoccupied hours}) = (528 \text{ kW})(960 \text{ h/yr}) = 506,880 \text{ kWh}$$

$$\text{Cost savings} = (\text{Energy savings})(\text{Unit cost of energy}) = (506,880 \text{ kWh/yr})(\$0.082/\text{kWh}) = \mathbf{\$41,564/\text{yr}}$$

Discussion Note that simple conservation measures can result in significant energy and cost savings.

3-53 A room contains a light bulb, a TV set, a refrigerator, and an iron. The rate of increase of the energy content of the room when all of these electric devices are on is to be determined.

Assumptions 1 The room is well sealed, and heat loss from the room is negligible. **2** All the appliances are kept on.

Analysis Taking the room as the system, the rate form of the energy balance can be written as

$$\underbrace{\dot{E}_{\text{in}} - \dot{E}_{\text{out}}}_{\text{Rate of net energy transfer by heat, work, and mass}} = \underbrace{dE_{\text{system}} / dt}_{\text{Rate of change in internal, kinetic, potential, etc. energies}} \rightarrow dE_{\text{room}} / dt = \dot{E}_{\text{in}}$$

since no energy is leaving the room in any form, and thus $\dot{E}_{\text{out}} = 0$. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{E}_{\text{in}} &= \dot{E}_{\text{lights}} + \dot{E}_{\text{TV}} + \dot{E}_{\text{refrig}} + \dot{E}_{\text{iron}} \\ &= 100 + 110 + 200 + 1000 \text{ W} \\ &= 1410 \text{ W} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting, the rate of increase in the energy content of the room becomes

$$dE_{\text{room}} / dt = \dot{E}_{\text{in}} = \mathbf{1410 \text{ W}}$$

Discussion Note that some appliances such as refrigerators and irons operate intermittently, switching on and off as controlled by a thermostat. Therefore, the rate of energy transfer to the room, in general, will be less.

