To some of Mr. Berry’s ideas we agree to and some we don’t. This paper will be a mixture of debating and complimenting his thoughts on technology.

Our response to Wendell Berry’s article is that we disagree with his work mainly because of his nine standards of technological innovations. These include many strict ways that technological innovations should be more environmental or it should perform the same or better as the one it replaces. Some of his ideas are close to insane. This includes that the newest devices should be smaller, it should cost less or it should not disrupt anything good that already exist. These ideas are not only hard to imagine, but in most cases this could be close to impossible, as we near the 21th century.

We disagree that computers are less eco-friendly than pencil and paper. A good majority of computers can be recycled. There are a lot of companies that collect old computers that can be recycled for parts in new computers. Some computers are now priced to a point where you don’t have to buy a new computer. All you would have to do is to upgrade the operating system your computer is running, and if your computer doesn’t have enough memory you can also add more.

We do agree how he prefers to write instead of type. We believe that when you write a paper you will feel a since of accomplishment. The process of typing is more complex than the process of writing. When you are in the process of typing you must first follow several steps such as starting the computer and opening a word processing document, such as Microsoft Word, and then you may begin. But when you are writing with a pencil and paper you’ll be able to start immediately while your thoughts are fresh in your mind. Also, you can’t always trust spell check on a computer. We agree with his list of technological innovations that a computer should use solar energy of some kind, because a computer powered by solar energy is more efficient than the average computer today.

In conclusion, we think he is both wrong and right. We believe that he could get more done with a computer by using the super information highway known as the Internet. However; it’s his decision to use the old-fashioned ways that work best for him, and that he has built his family and life on. We want him to know that a computer is not as bad as he thinks it to be on an economical and environmental front. Finally, we respect his need to stay with the older style of laying out information, but think he could also benefit from using a newer style of finding resources while still using the same basic pen and paper style of writing he always uses.