

Dorm life: murals and a grand piano

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In an attempt to improve the livability of residence halls the housing department now allows students to paint their dorm rooms.

"We decided it was important for the students to be able to see their rooms as a pleasant place to live," says Marge Ramey, assistant director of the housing department.

Letting students paint their rooms has been permitted for over a year.

The student submits a plan to the area director, and upon approval the housing department furnishes the student with paint, brushes and floor coverings. The student supplies the labor.

Ramey says most students favor graphics or murals on their wall. A student in Smith dormitory last year did a complete mural of Hawaii, she says, complete with clouds on the ceiling.

In addition to allowing the students to paint their own rooms, the department has given permission for the dorms to paint the halls and stairways.

Since the average-sized dorm room is only 10x8, the housing



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Dorm remodeling can become as elaborate as this room — replete with bar and sound system.

department allows the residents to make any changes in the room that do not affect the structure of the building.

The most popular change, according to Ramey, is bunking

the two beds on one side of the room.

There are several common ways to make bunks. The most popular is to take two wooden pallets, set them on one bunk

and place the remaining bed on top.

This isn't the only way, though.

Ramey recalls students who put their bunks up on bricks,

pipes, or milk crates. Others build elaborate structures that bring both beds up to six feet off the ground, allowing them to bring in couches and lounge chairs. One student even had a baby grand piano in his dorm room.

Another proposal currently under consideration is using the Bean East dormitories as experimental dorms. One suggestion is to knock out the wall between two dorm rooms and have one large room with four people in it.

Ramey says that housing receives many requests for large rooms with cooking facilities, but says she finds that students living in dorms like that discover they want more privacy.

According to existing rules, residents are not allowed to have toaster ovens, hot plates, or any cooking utensil without an automatic-off switch. Popcorn poppers and hot pots are permitted.

Ramey says she feels students have done an excellent job in painting and decorating their rooms, and says that they will continue to give students a free rein.

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