



Marla McNeill and Marcia Asheworth's room in Jones features soft designer pastels and a soft touch.



Yet another loft arrangement, with neatly arranged shelves for storage and easy access.



Crates make for great storage in Penny Lane's room in Jones. They also give you a place to arrange your stuffed animals, too.

# Your home

## Not your typical dorm room dungeon

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Through a little creativity and a lot of effort, many Brevard College students are discovering new ways of adding space to their dorm rooms and making them into their "home away from home".

Lofts and bunk beds are rapidly replacing the traditional single beds on campus. Lofts are wooden platforms which support a mattress, high enough to have chairs, tables, desks, dressers, and even couches underneath. Students are also discovering that bunk beds can add much-needed space to the room.

Freshman roommates Bridgette Jenkins and Betsy Bell are very happy with their lofts. "Bridgette's parents had the lofts built over the summer," says Betsy. "They make the room very comfortable and spacious...very homey."

Many students are also adding carpet to their rooms, either wall-to-wall or carpet pieces. Some even use colorful throw rugs to brighten up the room.

Besides having a bed to sleep in and a desk to study on, what do BC students need with all of this space?

Sophomore Mark Duffy says, "Our room isn't built for studying, but for relaxing — like a home. It's a one-room house with your kitchen, living room and bedrooms all in one."

One essential item for that "home" feeling is a refrigerator. Some rent them from the College while others buy larger ones for future use. They supply everything from colas to frozen dinners (typical college diet). Other essentials include small microwaves, TV's, stereos, VCR's, CD



A couple of loft ideas: This Green room's occupants are Brett Morgan, Mark D...