



"I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it." - Voltaire

## Changing it Up

By: TaShauna Jones

As many of you are aware, the students that were in Burris have now moved in to the ADL's. As you could imagine, this has been an interesting experience for everyone involved. St. Andrews has done its best to accommodate us all. The major way in which they have accomplished this is through an agency that is based out of Lumberton, NC. One of the most important highlights is why it was so important for the school to give students with disabilities the help they need to continue their education at St. Andrews; to answer this question we must go to the man in charge of meeting the needs of all students.

When asking Glen Batton, the Dean of Students, why it was important for the Burris students to stay he stated, "It is important to me because St. Andrews has a history of working with all sorts of students, students with various disabilities. The ten

students who are here now, who started off at Burris, I felt like they needed an opportunity to finish and become St. Andrews graduates." This is refreshing to hear, especially since most of us who were living in Burris, wasn't sure what we were going to do when we first received the news in spring 2005.

The adjustment for students living in the ADL's has been relatively smooth, with all things considered. The fact that we have had to experience a whole new group of people taking care of us has not been an easy task. However, for Patrick Newman, living in an ADL seems to have benefited him more than anything else. "It teaches those who used to be in Burris, I hope at least, to be far more independent than what they can do in the atmosphere also over here I feel far more relaxed and a lot less like I'm in a hospital like a patient."

The overall attitude of students in the ADL's is, we are just glad to continue our education and to not have to worry about how our

daily personal care will be met. This is a huge weight off our shoulders because unlike the rest of the student body, we always have to think about how our needs are going to be met and who is going to meet them. At the end of the day, we came here to do the same thing as the rest of the students have, and that is to get a degree in something that we love. And now, we are able to finish what we started.



(Loryn Herring in her ADL. Picture courtesy of Lyndsey McCall)

## Dorm Space: College Style Living

By: Danny Pinsker

To have a spacious dorm room on campus may seem unbelievable, but it's possible. Though they seem small, the dorm rooms on campus are actually larger than some dorm rooms at state colleges and universities across the country. It takes time and effort in planning the right setup for a dorm room, a setup that will be the most practical. A room can easily be transformed into a living and social area, or a place of solitude after some good planning and organizing. But it's up to the people living there to set up the room as they see fit. Of course, this may involve some trips to Wal-Mart and tracking down the Resident Director to find runaway furniture. The rooms become a part of the people living there, the walls decorated with everything from religious posters to family photos to car posters. As long as whoever is living in the room is happy with the finished product, any setup can be good.

Obviously, those who are lucky enough to have a single have an entire room to fill with whatever they want. These rooms usually have a futon and an extra chair or two along with the bare essentials: the bed, a television, and a small fridge. The added extras vary from wall-to-wall poster decorations to floor carpet to inflatable couches and other various things. These rooms are also good study rooms, but it depends on the

suite, whether the neighbors enjoy peace and quiet or partying till dawn. The most common setup is having the bed along the wall near the door to the room with the desk next to it, and the television in between the closets, while everything else is arranged in various places.

Normal rooms occupied by two students can be set up in two different setups; the default setup and the bunk-bed setup. The default setup can be described as "your half, my half" with an invisible line that separates the room, the beds against the walls while the desks are next to the beds, with the fridge in the middle, separating the desks. If both occupants utilize space for storage, bookcases, closet drawers, and the shelves above the closets, this creates a spacious area in the center of the room where chairs can be placed for guests. For those who don't mind breaking a leg climbing or jumping, then a bunk bed is worth setting up, and all you need for it is the metal pieces to secure the beds together. A bunk bed setup is great since it opens up the other side of the room for useable space. There are different variations when a bunk bed is involved, but the best thing to go with is the bunk bed away from the window, because during the winter the window doesn't keep the cold air out. It would be advisable purchasing a stool or even bringing a ladder

from a bunk bed at home to use, since climbing up to the top bunk is somewhat difficult. The bunk bed is a fun and practical setup found in most dorm rooms. As for having a futon in the room, medium to small futon sizes will do as long as space permits, and even though small, those futons are still comfortable. There are many different ways in setting up a dorm room, and if both people don't mind the setup for a semester or a year, than whatever works for them is good.



(Andrea Totaro displaying her room. Picture courtesy of Lyndsey McCall)