South College uses steam generated by the steam plant to heat water through a converter located in the mechanical room. The hot water is then circulated throughout the building. Each dorm room has its own thermostat that operates a valve which controls the flow of hot water through the baseboard radiation. The temperature of the room is controlled by turning the dial on the thermostat to the desired setting. The dial should be turned clockwise for more heat, counterclockwise for less heat. Please note that the baseboard cannot be blocked by beds, desks, etc. They need airflow for proper heat operation.