March Husky Tracks

Spring Events
Conversation and Coffee
March 18th is our first Spring Conversation and Coffee event. Join us for free coffee, casual conversation, and your chance to ask any questions you may have about the finances of off-campus living. Come to the Indoor Quad from 8:30 to 9:30am to speak with a Financial Aid representative and Off Campus Student Services!

Get Involved
Local Community and Volunteer Activities:
First-Annual Massachusetts Non-Profit Service and Career Fair
Do Something Different!
Learn about full-time and service positions offered through AmeriCorps and other non-profit organizations.
Register online:
www.MANonprofitServiceFair.org

Wednesday April 2nd from 5-8pm
City Year Headquarters
287 Columbus Avenue
Boston, MA 02116

Fenway Young Professionals Night
Fenway Young Professionals Night will be hosted by the Fenway Civic Association and will take place on March 26 from 6-8pm at La Verdad Taqueria on 1 Landsdown Street.
Mingle with neighbors and enjoy complimentary appetizers. A cash bar is also available (21+).
To sign up, email Erica Mattison at: ehmattison@yahoo.com

HELPFUL TIPS:
• Summer 2008 Class Registration: Begins 3/24
• Fall 2008 Class Registration: Begins 3/31

CAMPUS EVENTS:
• COMING SOON: Off Campus Student Needs Assessment: Watch for our survey—Your opportunity to speak up about life off-campus and win prizes for responding!
• Matt White Performance: 3/27
  Doors open at 8pm
  Location: afterHOURS
• 40th Celebration of the John D. O’Bryant African American Institute: 3/31
  Register online at:
  www.northeastern.edu/aai/celebration.html
The Boston Rental Housing Resource Center is a great tool for Northeastern students who encounter issues while living off-campus. This city service provides a large amount of support including:

- Mediation for Housing Related Disputes
- Legal Rights and Responsibilities for Renters & Landlords
- Safety-Net Programs
- The Good Neighbors Handbook (free informational guide for landlords and tenants)
- Education Seminars & Community Meetings

http://www.cityofboston.gov/rentalhousing/
617-635-RENT (7368)

Subletting FAQ’s

What is Subletting?
- Leasing all or part of a leased apartment to another person (s)

Is subletting legal?
- Subletting terms are usually specified in your lease, but discuss any subletting issues with your landlord first to avoid any legal or financial confusion later

Who is responsible for problems or damages while a sublet is in effect?
- The original tenant is responsible for the actions of the subtenant

How do I go about subletting my apartment?
- Notify your landlord and obtain a written sublease
- Craigslist, NU Apartment Registry and the Co-op Housing Share on MyNEU are useful places to post available sublets

Can my landlord charge me a subletting fee?
- Discuss specifics with your landlord, but subletting does often require an additional fee

Spring Training: The Apartment Search

If you missed out on our informational “Your Move Off-Campus...Putting the Pieces Together” series, there is still a lot to learn before you lease your apartment for September. Here are some important facts:

- The realtor’s priority is to represent the landlord or property manager when showing apartments, NOT the tenant.
- It is important to “shop around” to find a realtor that you feel comfortable working with.
- Only a licensed real estate agent can charge you a broker’s fee.
- Your landlord’s property insurance probably does not cover you, as a tenant. You can purchase renter’s insurance for a very affordable price.
- Before you move into your apartment, walk around and take dated pictures of all damages. Don’t lose a portion of your security deposit for damage you did not create.
- If you need to sublet, you MUST have a written agreement with the landlord before subletting, otherwise, it is ILLEGAL to sublet.
- If you are moving to a Boston neighborhood, you can expect to pay 4 month’s rent before moving into the apartment: first month’s rent, last month’s rent, a security deposit, and the broker’s fee.
- Get the name and contact information from your realtor of the person that will take care of issues once you move in (i.e. landlord or property manager).
- Stop by our office in 226 Curry Student Center with any questions or issues you may have before, during, or after your apartment