Leaving town

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After exams are over, the only thing most students will want to do is hit the nearest bar. Unfortunately, there are other things to get out of the way besides exams.

Before leaving school for the summer, students need to make sure that everything is turned off, packed, disconnected, locked and otherwise taken care of. Only then can they feel free to drink themselves into oblivion.

Dorm residents will receive a memo from their resident directors explaining storage of refrigerators and other items, and room check-out. Each RD writes the memo for his own area, according to Russ Perry, assistant director of operations for University Housing.

"There are so many different types of buildings on campus that it is necessary for each RD to handle his area. Situations differ from dorm to dorm," Perry says.

Evelyn Loftin, a resident assistant in Spencer Dorm, says that her main problems at the end of the year involve room check-out and storage.

"People tend to forget that RAs have a lot to do at the end of school," Loftin said. "They come by the room and want me to open the storage room right then

it can really put you on the spot."

Loftin encourages students to think and plan ahead. "Residents should

Remember to have phone, power, water turned off, mail forwarded

tell the RA ahead of time when they'll need to get into the storage room. Also, room check-out would be a lot easier if roommates would plan a time with their RA when they would both be there," Loftin says.

Loftin also warns residents planning to leave refrigerators in their rooms to mark them with their name. According to RD Penny Rue, all untagged refrigerators will be gathered up and sold.

Students also need to disconnect their phones before leaving Chapel Hill. Each dorm resident should have received a disconnect order, which should be filled out and returned to Southern Bell as soon as possible. Each

student should inform Southern Bell of the date he wants his phone service to stop. Otherwise, the company will continue to charge him.

Students should also supply Southern Bell with a forwarding address and phone number for billing purposes.

Apartment and house dwellers who do not plan to stay in town for the summer need to make arrangements to have their power and water turned off.

Frances Cole, a service representative for Duke Power Co., says that it's important for residents to contact Duke Power before leaving.

"Students should give us a call and tell us when they want their electrical service taken off, and to have their account taken out of their names," Cole says. "This is really important, as it prevents anyone from using it."

Cole adds that students should also leave a forwarding address for bills or deposit refunds.

Students living in houses need to contact Orange Water and Sewer Authority to have their water turned off. As with Duke Power, students should inform OWASA the date for service cutoff, and have their accounts canceled.

Marie Moss, a service representative, says that students should have their water turned off even if they plan to return to the same residence in the fall.

"Residents would be liable for any water consumption during their absence," Moss says. "If they plan to be out of town for the summer, they should let us know, and we'll cut service off for three months. There is no charge for cutting the water back on."

Another meddlesome but necessary task for the student is informing the post office of his address change. A change-of-address card can be filled out at either one of the Chapel Hill post offices or at the Campus Mail Center to ensure the forwarding of all mail.

One permanent address should be filed by May 5. The post office provides free change-of-address kits.

Students who plan to rent a trailer to help them move out of Chapel Hill need to reserve one as soon as possible. There is a great shortage of U-Hauls, according to Don Holloway of the U-Haul Company of Eastern North Carolina.

"There aren't many around—all the trucks are out West or down in Florida. Everyone seems to be moving there," says Holloway.

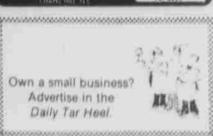
The shortage is because students do not have to return the U-Haul to the place they rented it.

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