

SPRING BREAK! PREP YOUR APT

1. Set your thermostat to 70. You are responsible for taking care of your apartment even if you aren't there. Setting your thermostat to 70 degrees prevents pipes from freezing which causes expensive damages.

2. Close and lock your windows/close blinds. Leaving your windows open can cause pipes to freeze even if your heat is on high. Use this as a good time to make sure the locking mechanisms on your windows are working properly too, for security purposes. If not, be sure to call NDSU Service and Repairs (701.231.7282) so they can come and fix it. Closing your blinds not only will help to keep heat inside of your apartment, it also promotes good energy efficiency practices for the future!

3. Unplug anything that is not being used. Even if electronic consuming items are turned off does not necessarily mean they aren't consuming residual energy. The only way

to be sure no extra energy is being used in your apartment while you are away is to unplug anything that can be, with the exception of maybe your refrigerator and a fish tank.


4. Dispose of perishable foods in your refrigerator. Ridding your apartment of perishable food will ensure pleasant smells in your apartment on your arrival. Rotting food can also attract other unwanted guests into your home like bugs. Please notify NDSU Service and Repairs (701.231.7282) if anything like this occurs.

5. Find someone to babysit your fish. Don't let your spring break be the end of your beloved pets! Ask friends who are staying around to feed them for you or maybe even your Complex Manager!

LIBRARY REFERENCE OUTPOST

Representatives from the library will now be coming to the apartment area on select days for the next several weeks! Visit the Niskanen community center with any library related questions or if you would like to learn how to use the new library website interface!

APARTMENT TENANTS
CHECK IT OUT!



REFERENCE OUTPOST
NISKANEN COMMUNITY CENTER
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LEARN HOW TO USE THE BRAND NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE EFFECTIVELY

March 24: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
March 25: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
April 7: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
April 8: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
April 21: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
April 22: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

INCOME TAX

An Income Tax Reminder:

April 15, 2013, the deadline to file individual tax returns (Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ) is approaching. An Automatic Extension (Form 4868) can be requested to provide an extra six months to file your return. Payment of the tax is still due by **April 15th**. You can submit payment for tax along with the extension form.

All international students and scholars who have earned U.S. source income must file federal and state income tax returns by **April 15, 2013**. Income includes money received from assistantships and scholarships. Usually, if you are an international student or scholar you will need to file Form 1040NREZ (or 1040NR) and Form 8843. Even if you did not earn income in 2012, as an international student you are still required to fill out Form 8843 regarding your tax filing status and nonresident alien status. All F-1s, F-2s, J-1s, and J-2s are required to file Form 8843.

The Office of International Pro-

gram has set up tax seminars for international students. The upcoming seminar dates are:
March 5th in FLC 122, from 5:00pm-8:00pm there will be a special tax advising session for students from India Only. India has a special income tax treaty with the United States which makes federal filing requirements different for Indian students.

March 19th in FLC 122, from 5:00pm-8:00pm there will be a special tax advising session for "All International Student Excluding Individuals from China and India."
March 28th in FLC 122, from 5:00pm-8:00pm there will be a special tax advising session for "All International Student Excluding Individuals from China and India."

Please bring the following items to the tax seminar you attend:

- Passport
- Social security number
- 1099 INT, 1099 MIS
- Any stock and investment dividend forms
- W-2 form
- 1098T for tuition

-Any other income or expense proof (such as medical bills, charity donations, major items sales tax, etc.)

-Bank account information for refunds

-Pencil and/or pen

MARCH MADNESS

March Madness 2013: How Do Recent Losses Affect Potential Seeding for Top Teams?

Source: <http://bleacherreport.com/articles/1546328-march-madness-2013-how-do-recent-losses-affect-potential-seeding-for-top-teams>

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2012-13 will go down as one of the most unpredictable seasons in college basketball history.

The thought of an undefeated season is a distant memory. Only one current AP Top 25 team, No. 2 Gonzaga, has two losses, while none of the teams to hold the coveted No. 1 ranking so far have fewer than three.

And after a host of recent losses, many top 10 teams could see their hopes for a top seed fall by the wayside.

The most high-profile team to bite

the dust in the past week is Indiana, which will almost assuredly lose its spot atop the Top 25 after a 77-73 loss to Minnesota on Tuesday night. Though the Hoosiers had been ranked No. 1 in the last four AP polls, Gonzaga, conference rival Michigan and either Duke or Miami (FL) could all surpass them in next week's poll. Tom Crean's team will have to rely on solid fundamental play and a little luck to reassert themselves as a top seed in the season's final weeks.

Miami, meanwhile, could see itself fall out of bidding for the top 10 entirely by the end of this week. A loss to Wake Forest last week dropped the Hurricanes from No. 2 to No. 5, while a key matchup with No. 3 Duke on Saturday has major implications for both teams. The winner will have a signature victory to rely upon come seeding time, while the loser will likely drop out of the AP Top Five altogether and have to play catch up in its final few games of the season.

Michigan State is in full-on panic mode after falling from No. 4 to No. 9 in this week's poll. The Spartans could now end the week on

a three-game losing streak. After dropping games to Indiana and Ohio State last week, they'll take on rival Michigan on Sunday, with the loser almost sure to kiss its hopes for a top two seed goodbye.

But the Wolverines have been shaky of late as well, going 3-3 in their past six games and losing to Michigan State on February 12.

As for Florida and Syracuse, too many losses in the past few weeks have already ended their hopes for anything better than a third seed. The Gators fell to unranked Tennessee, 64-58, on Tuesday night, after a 63-60 loss to unranked Missouri last week.

Meanwhile, Syracuse is now 4-5 in its last nine games, including losses to No. 11 Georgetown last Saturday and No. 22 Marquette on Monday. But if there's one lesson to be taken out of this college basketball season, it's that it only takes one or two games for a team's prospects to change entirely. Gonzaga could blow it against BYU on Thursday night, Duke could lose its high-profile matchup with Miami and the upward-trending Kansas and Georgetown teams could fail to capitalize on their opportunities

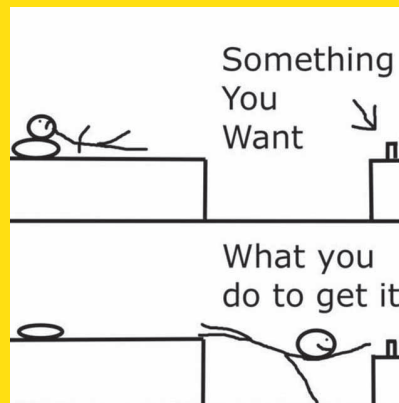
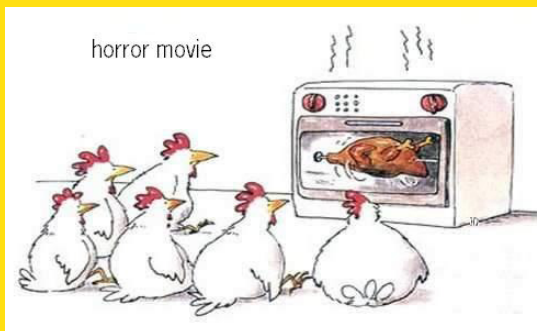
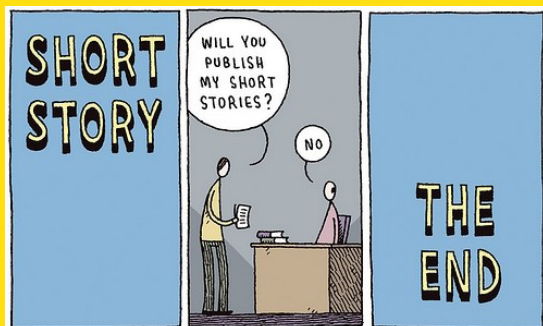
this week.

If any of those things happen, this week's losers may be able to breathe easy as the week becomes a write-off. Putting faith in another team to lose isn't the easiest way to recover from a defeat, but if there's ever been a season to do it, this might be the one.

TRAVEL IDEAS

Are you still looking for places to travel to during spring break? Check out websites like priceline.com or Travelocity.com if you want to go on that mega adventure all over the world! Otherwise, there are few little adventures that you can have even if you are staying in Fargo, now that you have some free time! If you want to have a reasonably cheap nights stay in a bed and breakfast, there is one in Walhala, ND that is worth checking out, (It's called sanctuary B&B). Other places in Fargo that are entertainment/relaxation locations include: The Red Raven, The Hotel Donaldson (if you want a luxury experience, or any other hotel to get away from your place! Don't want to spend much, savecoin.com is a great place to find great deals in the F/M area. Well, happy spring break!

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