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- a television
- a 10-15 foot coaxial cord (all rooms receive FREE basic cable services)
- a VCR or DVD player
- a small stereo or portable CD player
- headphones in case you bring a stereo/television
- a small sewing kit
- an iron and a small ironing board
- a good supply of hangers for clothes
- boots, a winter coat, scarf, gloves, and an umbrella
- sporting goods (baseball glove, tennis racquet, racquetball equipment, etc.)
- microwave-safe dishes and cooking utensils (Note: A community microwave and small cooking facilities are provided in North, South, Boehlert, Bell, Burrstone, and Tower Halls. Thus, there is no need to bring a microwave oven to campus.)
- dishcloths, dish towels, and dish detergent
- a can opener
- a small refrigerator (no larger than 3.0 cubic feet)
- a coffee maker in case you wish to boil water in your room
- the usual desk supplies, including a pair of scissors, a stapler, tape, and a ruler
- stationery, stamps, envelopes, and an address book
- a wall or desk calendar
- a day-planner for keeping track of class assignments, papers, and social events
- a personal computer with Ethernet, Ethernet cable, and wireless card
- a flashlight and extra batteries
- towels and washcloths
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- Band-Aids
- linen for your twin bed and at least one pillow (No need to bring extra-long sheets!)
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- board games and playing cards
- an electric fan
- an alarm clock
- fun-stick masking tape for hanging posters/pictures
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