

Rental at 5657 Forbes Ave available for showing



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Hi,

The above property is available for showing on Monday between 1 and 4pm. We will start accepting application for May or earlier move in date.
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Thanks

I moved into my current house May of 2014, the end of my freshman year, with four other individuals. Two of them graduated at the end of my sophomore year and were replaced by two new housemates. Everyone that's lived in this house, including summer subletters, has been on the crew team during some point in time.

The process of finding a place to live took quite a while; I started looking around late January. I and two of my housemates did most of the searching, starting with people we knew (some houses were already promised to other individuals, two people refused to give me their landlord's contact information because he was that awful). Ultimately we ended up on Craig's List, looking for anything that could fit five people within a mile of school for under \$600 a month/person. We visited eight or nine places before settling on this house.



My room is quite small, probably just barely 100 square feet. I took the smallest room because I'm mostly in studio and I thought small quarters would keep me neat. That clearly has not been the case.

Placing my bed next to the windows and radiator was more of a logistical decision; there really was no other place to put it. During the winter, it's nice having the radiator close but the windows aren't sealed particularly well. Duct tape hasn't been effective.



Various cracks and peeling. It's started the past couple months. I could call my landlord and he'd be down to fix it in less than a week but I'm lazy so that's on me. It's a bit hard to tell, but there's three different shades of green on the wall. It's ugly but again, I'm too lazy to actually do anything about it. I'd love to have white walls (it'd open up the space a little more) but painting is such an ordeal. If I was here longer, I'd probably be more motivated to paint.



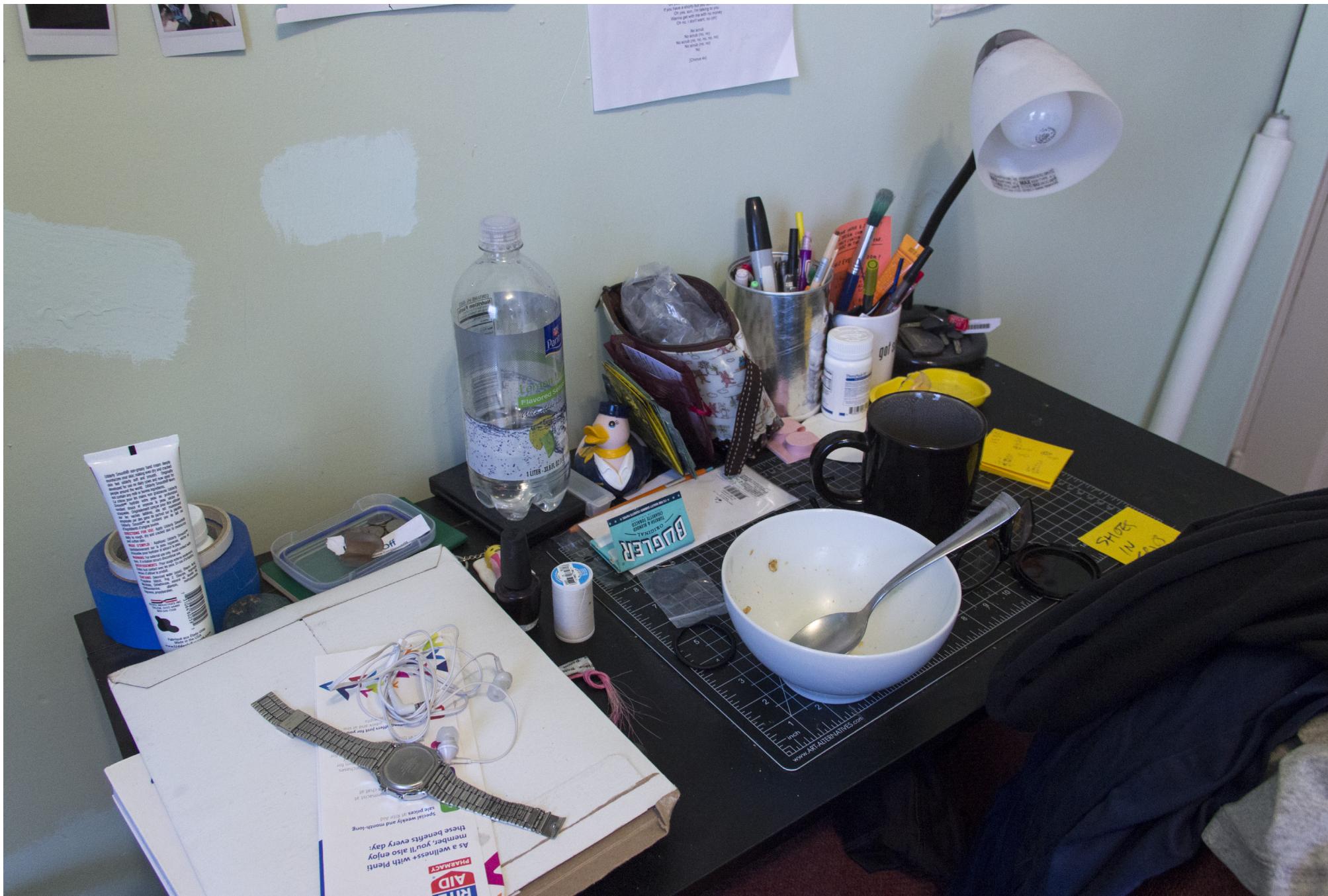
Organized chaos. Everything has a specific place, but it's still a mess.



Miscellaneous posters, prints, photos, and drawings I've picked up or been gifted in the last three years. I used double sided tape because I didn't want to put holes in them but it hasn't always held up hence blue tape. Something I could fix but I'm too lazy.

Paint patches were there when I moved in.

The pile of clothes in the corner is stuff piled on top of a clothing rack. I try to be neat but trying doesn't really count.



Not a real desk but just a place for me to leave things.
Messiness isn't so much due to use but due to my lack of
diligence in keeping up with my mess.



My sad attempt at installing a shelf. I'm not sure it's perfectly level.

There's some headphones, a gifted calendar, a sketchbook I put through the wash, miscellaneous periodicals, books I bought and was gifted that I've tried reading but will probably never finish, and an empty box among other things.

I put in the shelf to move stuff off my desk but also because I liked the idea of being a person who owned and read books, but it's also silly to be buying books and not reading them.

A lot of my room has bits and pieces of this idea of who/what I want to be but ultimately I'm too lazy/tired to actually be that person. I don't feel particularly motivated to make changes to my space either since I'm only here for another year.



Having a real kitchen is really nice. It's usually messier.



A lot of the things in the house are communal, such as cookware and silverware. Some of it was bought together, others used to belong to just one person. Sharing a lot of things allows for a wider selection of things and cuts down on clutter to a certain extent, but sometimes things get a little beat up.

As for the house itself, there are all these little nails scattered across the house that have been painted over. I'm not sure why they're around; they aren't holding the house together and aren't really meant for hanging things.



A cluttered table. I don't know what belongs to who or who made what mess. It used to be more for shared food, but it's become a place to leave random things.

I don't see my housemates too often because of our schedules and my preference for staying in studio/on campus for most of the day. When I do see them, it's usually in the form of clutter or personal belongings strewn across the place, which I really don't care for and I just end up bitter and resentful.



Not my housemates, except for the one pouring juice.

The shared spaces are often littered with personal belongings and in my head they become more of a liability rather than a space to relax in. I forget that I can actually have people over or spend time with my housemates and enjoy said space.



Unofficial subletter gift wall. Kind of funny and endearing, kind of embarrassing.

Unfinished painting – Lauren (summer '14)

Star Wars poster – Felipe (summer '15)

Dave & Andy's order form – Christine & Laura (summer '15)

Tiny raccoon drawing – Laura (summer '15)

Rat cut out – Laura (summer '15)

Pipecleaner sculpture – unknown



The doorman. A housewarming gift from a former teammate.
He used to be a bit of a klepto.