## Landlord problems...

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It's not too appropriate," Stall said the landlord may nost estimate, because Renters can move out without prior notice in extreme situations - if the heat's off in the winter, or there's no hot water, Stall said. Utilities are becoming more and more of a problem because they are costing more, she explained.
"A lot of people find an apartment n a season when heat is not an issue. Then they find out they have to pay for heat, and they have to pay a lot."
Stall said it's unwise to rely on the

Stall said anyone may call the gas company to find out the real cost

They can tell you last year's bills and even project how much it will be this year." Stall said to always include utility arrangements in the rent lease No agreement about utilities not in the lease is enforceable."
Leases can be either verbal or written,
month or term basis. Stall said the term can often be negotiable.
"Just make sure the lease is changed and initialed," she said.
Breaking a lease can cause a lot of problems and cost a lot of money if done carelessly, Stall said. Some students will move out without informing their landlord, which is unwise, she said. Students of the notify their landlords in writing of the date they re moving out, and the reasonable effort
"Even if you're breaking a contract, the landlord has to have made some effort to mitigate your damages," she said.
This can mean the difference between paying three months rent for a place where the student doesn't live and paying only for the landlord's advertisement of the place for rent.

Some people don't take the steps to save themselves some money. All they hese things in writing," she said.

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