

COLLEGE CORNER

Go To The Head Of The Class With Online Local Search; Online Services Help College Students Ace “Relocation 101”[™]

(NAPSA)—Mom and Dad drove hundreds of miles to drop you and your belongings off at your new college dorm room, which is the size of a toolshed. Not only is the room small, but you'll also be sharing it with a stranger for the next nine months. How will you stay sane? How will you know where to eat and wash your clothes? By getting out and exploring your new town and surrounding area—online.

One of the leading Internet local search sites, Yahoo! Local (<http://local.yahoo.com>), can help smooth out your first semester and make you feel like a local pro by making it easy to do everyday things such as:

- **Munch at Midnight:** It's 2 a.m. and your study group needs a burger break. The cafeteria is closed, but with Yahoo! Local, you and your classmates can easily view the operating hours of nearby eateries—and even narrow your search for late-night dining. You'll see where you can go for a burger and fries that will satisfy your cravings or find a pizza place that will deliver to your dorm's doorstep.

- **Stock Up on Supplies:** The student store doesn't have the painting supplies you want for your art project—and your dorm room is looking bare. Before you call to ask Mom to prepare a care package, check out the art stores nearby on Yahoo! Local. They include ratings by customers who'll

tell you what they think of the store's selection. Your mom will thank you for your self-sufficiency.

- **Look Like a Local:** Your favorite aunt is coming to town—and she's in the mood to spoil you rotten. Help her reach her goal by plotting a weekend of special splurges. Yahoo! Local includes user reviews of local restaurants, theaters and hotels. Plus, Yahoo! Maps shows you where to find the closest ATMs and can plot your multipoint itinerary. And don't forget to take credit for your excellent research skills.

- **Plot Your Escape:** Believe it or not, spring break is only a few months away. You know that the masses will also be heading to the beach—and it is your mission to find the prime hot spots first. Use Yahoo! Local satellite maps to search for hotels near the best beaches and entertainment by neighborhood or zip code. Event listings will also give you insight on activities and events you can check out during your stay.

- **Make It a Three-Day Weekend:** You were clever enough to plan your class schedule so you have Fridays free to hit the great outdoors. Give yourself an “A” for ingenuity and get driving directions on Yahoo! Maps, which you can send to your mobile phone for easy access. Leave your books in the room—but don't forget your sunscreen!

Study up by going to local.yahoo.com.