

Advice From Students



- My folks filled me in on family news but didn't call everyday. They found a balance.
- **My dad wouldn't let me come home on the first weekend, even through I really wanted to.**
- Send care packages. Don't be afraid to call or write, because we miss parents, and we want them to miss us too.
- It takes a while to get adjusted.
- The first few weeks are really expensive, especially if you are living off campus. Rent deposits, books, and apartment

supplies drain the funds quickly. It's nice for parents to be aware and help out if possible.

- I wish my parents would have known that, even though I rarely said it, I probably missed them more than they missed me.
- My parents called, sent letters and packages, sent e-mails, too me out to dinner—gave lots of hugs!
- **My parents called and left messages for me just to say hi, but more importantly, kept themselves up-to-date with U activities and info through the parent newsletter.**



- My mom told me she was proud of me and that I had to take care of myself.
- I got words of encouragement when I thought I couldn't make it



or when I missed home.

- Reminded me they were always there for me whenever I needed

them, but still pushed and encouraged me to get out there on my own and be independent.

- Don't change your kid's room until they've been gone at least a year.
- Don't tell us answers to our problems—guide us in the right direction. Making my own decisions was a huge part of my first year in college.

- My parent let me live my life. They never randomly “stopped by.” They let me have my space and independence.
- I wish my parents let me be more in control of my own finances—have an on-campus job and my own account.
- I wish my parents would have gone through my finances with me. There were some bumps along the ways that could have been avoided.
- I learned how much harder school is—exams, homework, projects, etc.—and not to expect the same grades as high school.
- I wish my parents would have been more involved with my life at college (meaning inquisitive) while at the same time given me more independence.
- This way my first real chance at independence. You may have curfews in high school, but in college the responsibilities lie directly on your shoulders. Whatever the outcome—success or negative consequences—being a freshman is about being on your own and learning about what you can and cannot handle.