



If Only I Had Known

(40 things I wish I had known before entering college)

What do I wish I had known? Well, I wish I had known that...

- ... college is not as hard as everyone says it is.
- ... the professors are not all trying to ruin our lives—they're on our side!
- ... it is really not as hard to make friends as I thought.
- ... I would stay up all night studying.
- ... there are so many things going on at one time.
- ... you don't have to try to change to fit in because when you are yourself, then you fit in.
- ... doing well means knowing how to study and take notes.
- ... I should spend more time studying than socializing.
- ... no one would be around to tell me to study, eat right, or clean my room.
- ... I should have learned how to balance a checkbook.
- ... I would miss home and my friends.
- ... there is always something going on and I must say "no" to some things that are unimportant.
- ... when I got sick, I would have to take care of myself.
- ... I would spend so little time in class and so much time studying after class.
- ... tests always seem to come in threes.
- ... I should have some idea of what classes to take and how to read a schedule.
- ... people who are worth knowing--in college and later in life—will accept you for what you are, rather than for how you look.
- ... time flies in college.
- ... you can't put things off until the last minute.



... my underwear will turn pink if I wash it with my red shirt.
... I would have a lot of friends, but only a few close ones.
... people are as friendly to you as you are to them.
... what I've done in the past doesn't matter—everyone has a chance to
 “make it” in college.
... I could study for hours for a test and still do poorly.
... I should not judge people on first impressions.
... only brochures have perfect weather.
... (how) to wash my only clothes.
... my parents would have withdrawal symptoms when I left.
... if I studied all night for a test, I might be too tired to wake up the next
 morning—or too tired to do well on the test I studied so hard for.
... when I have problems with my roommate. I should tell my roommate and
 not everyone else.
... I should keep up with reading assignments daily.
... there would be times when I would miss my family and wish I were at home.
... dorm rooms are not self-cleaning.
... I would gain 10 pounds from junk food and late night pizza.
... every time I called home, my parents would ask, “How much now?”
... I could choose the times I wanted to be in class.
... having an internship is important.
... sometimes I'd need advice.
... growing up is so hard to do.

