

## 50 THINGS I WISH I HAD KNOWN BEFORE ENTERING COLLEGE

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!

...sometimes I would have classes in which I wouldn't know what was going on.

...my freshman year would be so stressful—and it wouldn't be just in academics.

...even at a 'nice' college, there would be kids who drink and use drugs.

...I would stay up all night studying.

...some nights I would have to sleep with the lights on while my roommate studied.

...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.

...you don't have to worry about what people think about you: they don't think about you!

...to do well, you need to study one hundred times more than in high school.

...at times my roommate and I would argue.

...doing well means knowing *how* to study and take notes.

...I should spend more time studying than socializing.

...there were so many cute people—and so much competition—in everything!

...no one would be around to tell me to study, eat right, or clean my room.

...I should have learned how to balance a check book.

...I would miss home and my friends.

...people would borrow my clothes without asking.

...there is always something going on and I must say 'no' to some things that are unimportant.

...when I got sick, I would have no one to take care of me.

...I would spend so little time in class and so much time studying after class.

...people love to play tricks in the dorm.

...tests always 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.

...you have to learn to deal with a whole hall of people 24 hours a day—and often there is no privacy.

...my underwear will turn pink if I wash it with my red shirt.

...growing up is so hard to do.

...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.

...I'm responsible for *whatever* happens in my dorm room.

...even though I wasn't 'Miss/Mr Somebody' in high school, I could still be somebody in college (and vice versa).

...only brochures have perfect weather!

...(how) to wash my own clothes.

...the competition would be tremendous—in all areas.

...some girls are really anorexic.

...my parents would have withdrawal symptoms when I left.

...social pressures are ten times worse in college than in high school.

...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.

...everytime I called home, my parents would ask, "How much now?"

...I would miss my mom's cooking.