

From your PA's:

## Top Ten Survival Tips

What you will need to know when you go home!

10. Try not to refer to Mercer as "home."
9. Realize things **HAVE** changed. Some for the better, some for the worse.
8. Do some things to appease your family. Show you are mature. Don't make issues "too big" if they really aren't.
7. Remember you are still their "baby."
6. Think about how you will balance your time between your home friends, Mercer friends, and your family. Be sure to schedule "family" time.
5. Prepare yourself and know that people at home won't completely understand what you have gone through.
4. Realize that just as you have changed, so have your friends and family. Remember to have a positive attitude about change.
3. Share your life with your family and friends. **Listen** to their experiences, too.
2. Talk with your family before you go home about their expectations of your time there. Are there any events planned you need to attend? Will you have a curfew?
1. Pretend laundry isn't the only reason you came home! (But, be sure to take it with you!)