

August 27th The First Few Weeks of Transition

Chat Room Name	Username	Message	Timestamp
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Hi Welcome to the Family Chat	8/27/2009 10:55
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: Good morning!	8/27/2009 10:55
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Good morning to you too!	8/27/2009 10:55
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): Good morning!	8/27/2009 10:56
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Hi Hi JJenkins	8/27/2009 10:56
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Crankcamp how was move in?	8/27/2009 10:57
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: I've met Jaime before in here - I know what she does ;) - what dept do you hail from jjenkins?	8/27/2009 10:57
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: Move in was fine - with her having already been in summer b, it went quite smoothly	8/27/2009 10:57
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Great to hear and is the Fall off to a good start?	8/27/2009 10:58
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): I work in the UF Counseling Center and I enjoy working with family preview for new students.	8/27/2009 10:58
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: only issue we had was a late start that sunday morning and she had to report to band camp by 3 pm that afternoon - that was really tight since we didn't get there until almost lunchtime to move her in!	8/27/2009 10:58
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Hi shihan's mom welcome to the family chat	8/27/2009 10:58
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: Hello	8/27/2009 10:58
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: but that was our bad.	8/27/2009 10:58
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Oh yes that is right your daughter is in the UF marching band that is great	8/27/2009 10:59

LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: ya - I was just looking at her schedule and all the required hours - all for one credit!	8/27/2009 11:00
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Shihan's mom how has the start of the semester been for you and your student	8/27/2009 11:00
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes it is a lot but is also an amazing experience	8/27/2009 11:00
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: Well, she loves to complain	8/27/2009 11:00
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): I have heard that being in Band is both an exhausting and rewarding experience. Regardless of the activity, the freshman experience at UF can be overwhelming at first.	8/27/2009 11:01
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: I think she will be fine once she finds a group of friends, all of her better friends stayed in Miami and she feels kind of like a fish out of water in Gainesville	8/27/2009 11:01
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes Shihan's mom the transition can be tough sometimes is she living on campus or off campus?	8/27/2009 11:02
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: yes jjenkins - but I have to say I would highly recommend summer b to anyone who has been accepted. It truly let her get her feet wet when there are so fewer students on campus -	8/27/2009 11:03
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: She is on campus in a dorm because she got it through prepaid college so there was really no choice, and that is a drama for someone used to having her own room and bathroom, she needs to adjust...	8/27/2009 11:03

LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: she seems VERY confident right now.	8/27/2009 11:03
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: what dorm is she in Shihan's mom?	8/27/2009 11:04
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Hi Kimohmer welcome back!	8/27/2009 11:04
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Sharing a room can be challenging, has she and her roommate been getting along ok?	8/27/2009 11:05
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: she's in Reid because sometimes she thinks she wants to be fine arts, but then again she doesn't know, and she was in Hume in summer B which was a bit 'nicer' and she complained about that too! Its lots of complaints lately	8/27/2009 11:05
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: Hi	8/27/2009 11:05
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: My Chelsea was in Reid for summer B!	8/27/2009 11:05
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: how coincidental	8/27/2009 11:05
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: now she is in Tolbert	8/27/2009 11:05
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): It seems like everyone is doing pretty well despite all of the demans and "newness". Just on a side note: we have a few services at the Counseling Center to reach out to students who experience some difficulty with the transition. The campus culture can be very different compared to the students' home town and the size can make it difficult along with the dorm situation. Counselors can meet with students free of charge just to talk about such things and we also have support groups. In fact, we have a homesickness group about to start in a few weeks. Students can call 392-1575 or 392-1171 for more information.	8/27/2009 11:06
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: are the dorms open over Thanksgiving?	8/27/2009 11:07
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: are the dorms open over Thanksgiving/	8/27/2009 11:08

LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes they are open	8/27/2009 11:08
LOBBY	jos4xs	jos4xs: Hello	8/27/2009 11:08
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Hi jos4xs welcome to the family chat	8/27/2009 11:08
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Hi kimkrankin, welcome back!	8/27/2009 11:08
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: I don't think there has been much roommate interaction because she convinced herself before going that her roommate and she had nothing in common based on her roommates email name (which is quite odd) and facebook. I am a university professor and keep telling her to keep an open mind, join an organization, take advantage of the experience, etc, but she has a mind of her own and is quite stubborn...probably like most eighteen year olds	8/27/2009 11:09
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: hi	8/27/2009 11:09
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): kimohmer residence halls typically only close during winter break, between the fall and spring semester.	8/27/2009 11:10
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Shihan's mom, sounds like you have a great understanding of things but you are absolutely right it will be very beneficial for your student to keep an open mind and get out and meet other students so she can find her niche here at UF	8/27/2009 11:11
		crankycamp: good thing about the residen	

LOBBY	crankycamp	t halls - there's a BIG game thansgiving weekend and Marching band doesn't get any time off EXCEPT Thanksgiving Thursday - lol.	8/27/2009 11:11
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): Hello jos4xs and kimkrankin. I just wanted to respond to Shihan's mom and say that it sounds like the frustration she may be feeling is quite normal. Keep in mind that the residential assistants (RAs) in the dorms can be quite helpful.	8/27/2009 11:12
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: What time are football games? My daughter needs to go to work sometime Sat sep 5 in the late afternoon, returning to campus bout 8, any advice?	8/27/2009 11:12
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: many of them are still TBA	8/27/2009 11:12
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: some are as early as 1 pm	8/27/2009 11:13
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: and others are at night	8/27/2009 11:13
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: she needs a parking map & info on where to move er	8/27/2009 11:13
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Crankycamp is right game times vary you can check out www.gatorzone.com to see more specifics	8/27/2009 11:13
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: oops move her car on home games	8/27/2009 11:14
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: yes, needs to find her niche...what are the stats in terms of kids who end up leaving during or after freshman year? I teach at a mainly commuter school so most students live at home, it is very different	8/27/2009 11:14
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): I don't know of any data on this, but it seems that many factors are present in terms of how a student finds his or her niche, especially in a school this size. Does she have a passion, interest or hobbies? Her involvement may be more telling than where she lives. However, the transportation and parking issue might be another thing to consider.	8/27/2009 11:16
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime):	

LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	Great question Shihan's Mom, UF actually has one of the highest retention rates for a state school with about 90% retention of first year students who return	8/27/2009 11:16
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): Shihan's mom, hi my name is Sarah and I work in the Center for Student Activities and Involvement, I would encourage your student to stop by the Student Organization Fair on the Reitz Union Colonnade on September 10 and 11 from 11-2, to meet some of the student organization leaders on campus	8/27/2009 11:17
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): So have your students talked to you all about New Student Convocation	8/27/2009 11:19
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: my daughter has a scooter - is it possible to drive it to an outlying parking lot, switch to car (she doesn't really drive scooter off campus)? If so are the spots to park where she could use a u-lock & must she park in motorcycle parking or bike or is a car spot ok?	8/27/2009 11:19
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): or the classes they are currently talking	8/27/2009 11:19
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Hi spunkyfd welcome to the chat	8/27/2009 11:19
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: mine did and she liked it except for the trouble getting in that morning	8/27/2009 11:19
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes it was a busy day	8/27/2009 11:20
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: She wasn't able to get to her seat until after it had started	8/27/2009 11:20

LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: mine loves all her classes - the verdict on only one teacher is still out	8/27/2009 11:21
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: but all of the others she really likes	8/27/2009 11:21
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: same here on the classes	8/27/2009 11:21
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: I can encourage of course, but believe me she makes her own decisions..., she wants to act in TV and film so I keep telling her to get involved in whatever UF has to offer in terms of that but she complains that its all theater and she's done that (as if an actor could ever do enough theater!), basically she wants UF to be located in Hollywood which clearly is not going to happen so she needs to accept her situation, work with it and learn to love it (I hope). She didn't go to convocation because didn't want to leave Miami until last minute...I had really hoped she would be excited about going away and college in general but so far it hasn't happened.	8/27/2009 11:21
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): kimohmer your student can indeed do a switch from a scooter to a car, but make sure she is parking in the designated scooter/motorbike lots	8/27/2009 11:21
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: has classes with over 300 and then one with less than 20 in it	8/27/2009 11:22
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Wow sounds like your students are experiencing quite the spectrum of the academic experiences here at UF, from large lecture to smaller class settings	8/27/2009 11:23
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: i think all my daughter's classes are large. She's experiencing some weed out classes	8/27/2009 11:23
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: i was truly surprised than an english class would have that few students in it :)	8/27/2009 11:24
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: Chem 1. but that's okay. She knows that	8/27/2009 11:24
		FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah):	

		Shihan's mom, there is actually an improv group on campus called Theatre Strike Force, http://www.theatrestrikeforce.org that students really seem to get some great experience acting as well as enjoy the ability to get up and perform across campus	
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator		8/27/2009 11:26
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: kimkrankin - chelsea loves her chem 1 teacher	8/27/2009 11:26
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: it's her fav class	8/27/2009 11:26
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: and that IS her biggest class	8/27/2009 11:26
		Shihan's Mom:	
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Thanks, I will suggest it to her	8/27/2009 11:26
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): I know it is not quite acting but we also have some modeling groups too if that is also of interest	
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator		8/27/2009 11:26
		spunkyfd: Why are tests scheduled at different times than is scheduled. My son will be having a test at the same time he is supposed to be in a different class?	
LOBBY	spunkyfd		8/27/2009 11:27
		kimkrankin: She likes the class but thought the teacher came across tough. But she's okay with that.	
LOBBY	kimkrankin		8/27/2009 11:27
		crankycamp: shihan's mom - is she taking First Year UF?	
LOBBY	crankycamp		8/27/2009 11:27
		kimkrankin: Other teachers came across more friendly I guess	
LOBBY	kimkrankin		8/27/2009 11:27
		kimohmer: I guess there's designated scooter/motorcycle sections in the parking lots? Don't take a car spot right?	
LOBBY	kimohmer		8/27/2009 11:27
		Shihan's Mom: yes she's taking it, she said it wasn't as boring as she thought it would be, that is about the biggest compliment you will get out of her right now. In the summer she loved her Bugs & People teacher though	
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom		8/27/2009 11:28
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime):	
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	Yes kimohmer the scooter spots are separated	8/27/2009 11:28

LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: my daughter has a scooter as well - and she is amazed at how just about EVERY parking lot has scooter designated parking	8/27/2009 11:28
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): I can say that students talk about those large "weed out" classes a lot when they come to see us in the Counseling Center. It seems like they are notorious for causing some students a great deal of stress. Then again, some find the courses interesting and do really well. I like to encourage students to get to know the professors and TAs as much as possible. A personal relationship can be very helpful but may take a lot of effort on the students part. Utilizing office hours is a great way to do this.	8/27/2009 11:28
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Shihan's mom has she mentioned any things of interest to her at UF	8/27/2009 11:29
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: I seem to be having computer (or operator) problems so pardon me if a message gets repeated - I don't know where they are going! lol	8/27/2009 11:30
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: shihan's mom - that class will expose her to a lot on campus over the semester. It;s not a tough class, but it does getting you 'attedning' things with other students	8/27/2009 11:30
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: unfortunately no, she wants to make sure we all know she is miserable at all times (plus she is an actress so quite dramatic)	8/27/2009 11:31
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Also I am thrilled to hear she is taking First Year Florida or FYF, I think she will really come to enjoy it, also since she seemed to like her Bugs and People class make sure she knows she can still seek out that faculty member as a potential mentor even if he/she is not her current instructor	8/27/2009 11:31
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Hi tibet2001 Welcome Back!	

LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator		8/27/2009 11:31
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: Thank you	8/27/2009 11:32
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: Great point Jamie...Chelsea definiltey 'bonded' with Uncle Marty during the summer - lol....she will be happy to hear she can stay in touch with him!	8/27/2009 11:32
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: yes, I told her that and told her to ask him for advice on other classes/professors she might like, but I doubt she will. I'm very glad the FYF class will get her attending things with other kids, I think that'll make a difference	8/27/2009 11:32
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): With the week winding down have your students mentioned what they will be up to for the weekend	8/27/2009 11:32
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes FYF really gets students out and engaged in the campus (sometimes whether they want to or not:)	8/27/2009 11:33
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: ha - I certainly hope most parents here are hearing more from THEIR students than I am hearing from our student - lol.	8/27/2009 11:33
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: my friend couldn't participate today - wants me to ask about an organization "cru" campus crusade for ***** - wondering if it's sanctioned, etc	8/27/2009 11:33
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: mine is going to watch her friends on the girls soccer team play their first home games	8/27/2009 11:33
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): kimohmer, one second let me look up the group for you!	8/27/2009 11:33
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: if I wasn't on facebook everyday, I would know anything	8/27/2009 11:33

LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: wouldn't*	8/27/2009 11:34
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes and if your students have not already checked out our Weeks of Welcome events or WOW! calendar make sure they do	8/27/2009 11:34
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: Mine will be riding her horse & working - studying I hope	8/27/2009 11:34
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: yeah, facebook lets me know she is not totally miserable every minute so I am grateful for it, hasn't mentioned any weekend plans and I'm afraid to ask	8/27/2009 11:34
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): There are tons of free great events for them to attend	8/27/2009 11:34
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): Kimohmer, Campus Crusade is registered student organizations at UF, their website is http://www.ufcampuscrusade.com	8/27/2009 11:35
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: crankycamp, I didn't hear from my daughter very much this week. Just a call to ask about why I hadn't bought all her materials for her classes	8/27/2009 11:35
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: and they can see those on a calendar online, Jamie?	8/27/2009 11:35
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): There is even a WOW! facebook group they can join to get daily updates about campus events	8/27/2009 11:35
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes the calendar is http://www.dso.ufl.edu/nsp/wow/calendar.php	8/27/2009 11:35
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: Speaking of Mentoring, my daughter got accepted to the University Minority Mentors program but hasn't met her mentor yet b/c she missed the reception due to a scheduling conflict with a class. Are any of you familiar with this program?	8/27/2009 11:36

LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): tomorrow there is the Asian American Student Assembly, IRHA's welcome bash and Gator Nights	8/27/2009 11:36
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: facebook has also been my window into what she's doing	8/27/2009 11:36
LOBBY	jos4xs	jos4xs: What is the facebook link for UF?	8/27/2009 11:36
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes Tibet I am familiar with UMMP (the mentoring program you are speaking of)	8/27/2009 11:36
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: I'm assuming it will be helpful to her in making connections with faculty etc?	8/27/2009 11:37
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: I am my daughter's "friend" on facebook. So I can see what she posts. But UF does have several groups on it too	8/27/2009 11:38
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): yes Tibet2001 it does indeed connect students with faculty and staff	8/27/2009 11:38
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): the facebook group for WOW! is UF Weeks of Welcome and you can go to www.dso.ufl.edu/nsp/wow and click on the join here link	8/27/2009 11:39
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): You can also follow WOW on twitter for instant updates too!	8/27/2009 11:39
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): UMMP is a great program and for those that didn't attend the reception make sure they touch base with Multicultural and Diversity Affairs to get their mentors contact information if they don't have it already	8/27/2009 11:40
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: Great. I know she is looking forward to it.	8/27/2009 11:40
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: I think my daughter and her roommate are going to Gator Nights, too. What is that?	8/27/2009 11:40
LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: my daughter attended several Gator Nights activities last year and always talked about what a good time they had	8/27/2009 11:41
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): GatorNights, is a weekly program held in the Reitz Union, http://www.union.ufl.edu/gatornights/ free popcorn, crafts, movies, novelty acts and a midnight breakfast	8/27/2009 11:42

LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: sounds fun	8/27/2009 11:42
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: One thing I know my Daughter did was send a Volunteer application to Shands hospital. She is hoping to volunteer in the Emergency room. I believe they hold interviews starting Sept. 1st..	8/27/2009 11:42
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): last week there were over 3,000 students at GatorNights so its a great way for new students to also meet friends as well!	8/27/2009 11:42
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: wow!	8/27/2009 11:43
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Tibet2001 that is great I know several students that volunteer there an they love it, not to mention it is a great experience	8/27/2009 11:43
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: She's pre-med & loves hospitals so hopefully that will work out for her.	8/27/2009 11:44
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): It sounds like your students have been keeping you all updated on how things are going so far, is that correct?	8/27/2009 11:44
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: well - I did get a 15 minute phone call last night, with details on all of her classes. yea me!	8/27/2009 11:44
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: Mine has. She told me all about her classes. She loves them.	8/27/2009 11:45
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: most of the time with her scedule it's text messaging about books, money and such.	8/27/2009 11:45
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: yes, but it is somewhat reluctantly. You know, she's busy... has lots to do, no tim,e to talk ... will call us when she's free	8/27/2009 11:45
		crankycamp:	

LOBBY	crankycamp	but I'm good with how happy and confident she seems to be already.	8/27/2009 11:45
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: Speaking of money, when does bright futures get credited to their tuition?	8/27/2009 11:46
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: crankcamp, I think our experiences are very similar	8/27/2009 11:46
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: good question	8/27/2009 11:46
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: sounds like it kimkrankin - maybe you should add me on facebook:)	8/27/2009 11:46
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: how hard is it to get a room transfer?	8/27/2009 11:46
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: I saw pre-pay, but not bright futures	8/27/2009 11:46
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: I know that's why I was wondering?	8/27/2009 11:47
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: the stuff that came out during the roommate contract with my daughter and her roommate has made her convinced she will be miserable all semester and is not allowed to talk in the room	8/27/2009 11:48
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes great questions	8/27/2009 11:48
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): it will go after this first week know as drop/add week after the first week students are no longer able to drop or add courses thus making their schedules set	8/27/2009 11:48
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: ok	8/27/2009 11:49
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: Great. So next week sometime then?	8/27/2009 11:49
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): yes next week sometime	8/27/2009 11:49
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: also , between pre-pay and brightfutures, will the extra funds automatically go toward our deferments or do we have to do something to make that happen	8/27/2009 11:50
		FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS):	

LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	I believe room transfers must be addressed through housing, is that correct Jaime or Sarah? Do we have a link for that? I believe it depends on the situation, available resources, etc.	8/27/2009 11:50
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: Shihan's mom - that's awful, needs to be addressed - RA?	8/27/2009 11:50
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes the roommate contract is meant to be set up to make it a good living situation for both students	8/27/2009 11:50
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: Can I ask a question about the Rec center? I believe it's free but are the special classes free? Yoga, Pilates etc?	8/27/2009 11:51
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): If your student feel that the contract is not reasonable she should talk to her RA to make sure she has a comfortable living learning environment	8/27/2009 11:51
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: I know the Zumba class is free	8/27/2009 11:52
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: so I am guessing those are too?	8/27/2009 11:52
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): The RA's are trained to deal with difficult roommate situations. Couseling faculty also team up with RAs to help address difficult roommate situations when necessary and requested by the RAs.	8/27/2009 11:52
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: My daughter hasn't had a chance to get over there yet but she's a big Yoga fanatic..	8/27/2009 11:52
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): The classes at the Rec Center are free as long the student as their Gator 1	8/27/2009 11:53
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: Thank you.	8/27/2009 11:53
LOBBY	spunkyfd	spunkyfd: If a student changes meal plans, how long before the change is instituted?	8/27/2009 11:53

		Shihan's Mom:	
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	she won't talk to the RA for sure, she just wants a room transfer	8/27/2009 11:53
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: she already applied for one on the first day	8/27/2009 11:54
		crankycamp:	
		room transfers are really really tough to come by - you really need her to talk to someone if you can. Maybe another student could encourage her to go to the ra? or maybe the RA can 'check in on her'?	
LOBBY	crankycamp		8/27/2009 11:54
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: Shihan's mom - Chelsea is in a permanent triple and was in aperm triple for summer as well.	8/27/2009 11:54
		crankycamp:	
		transfers are tough - but they would be done if they know there's personality conflicts perhaps?	
LOBBY	crankycamp		8/27/2009 11:55
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): Spunkyfd, I just called Gator Dinning and the meal plans are changed once a week on Wednesday Morning	8/27/2009 11:55
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes you are right typicall UF Housing tries to get students to find a way to live together first, this is done with roommate contracts and just good old fashion conversations between the students and the RA if necessary	
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator		8/27/2009 11:55
		FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): Parents can also call RAs and counseling faculty to report what they feel may be an unhealthy environment for their student. This way, it is brought to the attention of the appropriate person although it is still the responsibility of the student to communicate with the RA about their concerns.	
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator		8/27/2009 11:57

LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: its a matter of feeling uncomfortable not actual conflict, just wish she had found someone to live with that she felt comfortable with and would like to have as a friend, rather than someone she tries to avoid so much that she doesn't want to go back into her room and feels that she can't talk once she is in the room..	8/27/2009 11:57
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: Is traffic just horrible everywhere in Gainesville on home game Sat.? Can my daughter expect to get back on campus during the game vs say an hour before or after?	8/27/2009 11:58
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Well Shihan's mom hopefully as the semester continues your student and her roommate can find some compromise and if need be they can seek out the RA	8/27/2009 12:00
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): just a side note, it might be a good idea to talk to your student first before doing this...as you said, it might not be necessary but only a desire to have a better situation. About traffic, yes it can be very heavy on game days. It can be managed, especially if one takes alternative routes that do not go through campus.	8/27/2009 12:00
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: Shihan's Mom my daughter had a similar situation while at a summer program she was attending & she & her roommates ending up having a meeting with the RA & the Dean & they worked it out. Were forced to really & while it wasn't perfect they worked it out.	8/27/2009 12:00
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Because she should feel ok being in her own room, on the upside hopefully this will also encourage your student to seek out friendship in other arena such as student organizations	8/27/2009 12:01
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): As for campus on games days...well kimohmer as you can imagine it is pretty busy	8/27/2009 12:02
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): but it is not impossible to navigate around	8/27/2009 12:02

LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): I would try to avoid it at about an hour before game start and at the end of each game that is when there tends to be the most traffic	8/27/2009 12:02
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): getting on campus seems to be easier during the game compared to the hours before or after. People tend to start piling out the third quarter on...however it isn't always predictable.	8/27/2009 12:02
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes JJenkins is absolutley right!	8/27/2009 12:03
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): So I know we have chatted a lot about your students transition but what about yours? How are you doing with your transition as a parent of college student	8/27/2009 12:03
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: Shihan's mom - Chelsea's summer situation was much the same....her roommates were VERY private and VERY shy - but there were so many girls she met on the floor, that when she went back to the dorm she actually enjoyed the quiet time to study or sleep. And Jamie you are correct - it made Chelsea look elsewhere - out of her 'box'.	8/27/2009 12:04
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Hi gatorx3 welcome to the family chat!	8/27/2009 12:04
		Shihan's Mom:	

LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	She has always made friends very easily and quickly so I am hoping that this will happen soon, I know that it has a lot to do with her attitude about being there right now which is setting her up for disliking everything everything from the city to the people, etc. I am a firm believer in that it is not so much what happens to you but how you react to it that makes the difference, keep trying to tell her that	8/27/2009 12:05
LOBBY	gatorx3	gatorx3: Thanks! I'm late coming to the chat, sorry. I want to catch up on the conversation...so I'll be reading for a minute.	8/27/2009 12:05
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): no worries take your time gatorx3!	8/27/2009 12:06
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: It's funny, I thought I would be a lot more worried about her safety at UF but after spending time on campus I now feel it's a pretty safe environment. My daughter has night classes but lots of people are around & walking back to the dorms close by after.	8/27/2009 12:06
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: I miss my daughter but like having a clean house & am excited that she is enjoying school along with everything that goes with it. Wish she could tell time & not call so late. Once she even called me looking for a parking space, like I have a telescope in space or something!	8/27/2009 12:06
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: yes crankycamp, she is not exactly the quiet type and ended up with two very quiet types in summer and now, not her natural inclination...thanks for your comment	8/27/2009 12:06
LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: My daughter is a sophomore this year, it was easier than last year but still hard to see her go back, the summer went so fast.	8/27/2009 12:06

LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: I'm trying to figure out the right balance of communication that works for both of us	8/27/2009 12:07
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: I worry when she doesn't respond to txts and calls but then check facebook and I know she's ok	8/27/2009 12:07
LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: That was tricky for us last year, the communication.	8/27/2009 12:07
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: Facebook is a lifesaver...	8/27/2009 12:07
LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: In the beginning Kacie called all the time, and then we went into this phase where both of us would wait for the other one to call.	8/27/2009 12:08
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: yeah, my daughter called once at 1am because she was walking alone outside and couldn't find her dorm and didn't know the number to call etc...it was very stressful	8/27/2009 12:08
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: I'm kinda there now. But texts do work better for me	8/27/2009 12:09
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: Shihan's mom - although stressful, at least she called. does she have that snap # in her phone?	8/27/2009 12:09
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: responding to dpounds in last note	8/27/2009 12:09
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: now she does	8/27/2009 12:09
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Communication patterns will change for sure just make sure to keep the communication lines open	8/27/2009 12:10
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): It sounds like this has been a great opportunity for resourcefulness and a testament to how important you are in your student's life (although they may not like that idea). What did folks ever do before facebook or texting?	8/27/2009 12:10
LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: We had some situations like that as well, then I visited G-ville a few times, and when she went back after Christmas it was like we both found our comfort zones and she came out of her "box" and found more things to do on campus to fill her time	8/27/2009 12:10
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: I can't imagine not being able to contact her every day, no idea how parents didn't worry themselves to death before cell phones etc	8/27/2009 12:11

LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: Independence is a good thing. My daughter even put a bookcase together by herself! Good for her.	8/27/2009 12:11
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: jjenkins - I often wonder how parents of years ago did it when kids went off and they sat and waited on phone calls made from one phone in the dorm hall - lol.	8/27/2009 12:11
LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: Texting worked well for us, made it more comfortable to just "drop a line" and wait for the response when it was convenient	8/27/2009 12:11
LOBBY	gatorx3	gatorx3: I have a couple of questions that you all may have discussed earlier in this chat. 1) If my student wasn't able to get a football ticket in the lottery, and she wants to try and get tickets to sit together with a few of her friends, is that possible on the Thursday nights before games? I know single tickets are sometimes available, but I hate to think of her sitting ALONE to watch the Gators play. 2) I am going to have to come up this Friday to pick up my daughter to bring her home for a family event. Now that move-in period for dorms is over...any suggestions about where to park? She's living in the Murphree dorms.	8/27/2009 12:11
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: I find I'm the one needing to hang up once the conversation has pretty much ended. She will stay on the phone even as she searches for textbooks, etc. worries me that she's lonesome although she sounds upbeat. Maybe she's worried about me.....	8/27/2009 12:12
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: my daughter does that too, like she doesn't want to get off the phone even when there is nothing much to say	8/27/2009 12:12

LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: ha - last night my 15 minutes phone call was more about the cute guy she met at the frat party she went too - eeeek!	8/27/2009 12:12
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: but I just keep thinking, she talking to me and that's a good thing!	8/27/2009 12:13
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: lol	8/27/2009 12:13
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: Not the case here... I can barely keep her on the phone	8/27/2009 12:13
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: kim - that was my first and only call all week!	8/27/2009 12:13
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: probably on her way to that party, lol	8/27/2009 12:13
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: but she sounded great, excited - and not too terribly stressed...I would be with everything on her plate!	8/27/2009 12:13
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: probably!	8/27/2009 12:14
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: true true	8/27/2009 12:14
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: are the dorms mostly freshmen?	8/27/2009 12:15
LOBBY	tibet2001	tibet2001: I'm going to have to sign off. Thank you for all the information & talk to you on the next chat.	8/27/2009 12:15
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: So what's up with family weekend. I haven't had time to go online, register, etc.	8/27/2009 12:15
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: goodbye Tibet!	8/27/2009 12:15
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): gatorx3: students have ways of figuring out the football system so that they can sit together and get tickets...it is sort of like an unwritten agenda on campus for many students. About parking, there are spots on U. Ave and some of the side streets that are metered. You might also be able to get a visitor's pass and park in a nearby lot.	8/27/2009 12:15
		dpounds: the dorm Kacie was in last year was all freshmen, but this year she is in a mixed dorm	

LOBBY	dpounds		8/27/2009 12:15
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): I think it is great your students are talking to you all and I would not worry about the amount whether it seem like a lot or a little to you right now. Just pay attention to what they are talking about...are classes good, are they meeting new people, are they finding things to do on campus etc.	
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator		8/27/2009 12:15
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): By tibet 2001 thanks,	8/27/2009 12:16
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Also gotorx3 after 4pm several of the parking restrictions are lifted so depending on the time that may help with on campus parking	
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator		8/27/2009 12:16
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: mine said she was going to a football game last night? are there intramural ones going on?	8/27/2009 12:16
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes there are intramurals getting started and she may have gone to a mini tournament put on by a student group too	
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator		8/27/2009 12:17
		gatorx3: Thanks Jjenkins for the info about football tix and seating (I figured the students would come up with a "system"). Thanks too for the parking advice, Jaime. The logistics of campus life are daunting sometimes (at least to me).	
LOBBY	gatorx3		8/27/2009 12:18
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: ok. good I'm glad she got out. been studying a lot already	8/27/2009 12:18
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): While the majority of our housing is taken by first year students there are still several on campus housing options for upperclass students too	
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator		8/27/2009 12:19
		crankycamp:	

		kimohmer - I think I read that regn for the family weekend online begins on Sept 4th?	
LOBBY	crankycamp		8/27/2009 12:19
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: I could be wrong	8/27/2009 12:19
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes online registration for family weekend begin Sept. 4th!	8/27/2009 12:19
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): It should be a great weekend with lots to do with your UF Gator!	8/27/2009 12:19
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: I made a hotel reservation the weekend of Preview when we were up there	8/27/2009 12:20
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: but I have no idea what it's all about	8/27/2009 12:20
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Family weekend is really a lot of fun and there are lots of different ways to take part it in	8/27/2009 12:20
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: all the people we know here in Miami who went to UF tell her that she is going to end up being a Gator, its inevitable, that she's going to love it etc., so I'm hopeful, definitely going up for family weekend even though she says it would be better for her to come home instead	8/27/2009 12:21
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): The General Family Weekend includes, tickets to the Friday night women's volleyball game, Saturday Kick-Off Reception and Breakfast, the Back to School Workshop and Lecture Series, Family Fair, Tradition Keepers Retreat, Family Kickball Tournament, Sunday afternoon's women's volleyball game and other campus events	8/27/2009 12:22
LOBBY	gatorx3	gatorx3: Seems like September 4 is also the deadline for paying tuition. Is that something we take care of on-line? I'm guessing parents won't be getting a bill in the mail or an email reminder. Do we figure out what we owe based on the credit hours? It isn't clear to me how this works.	8/27/2009 12:22
		kimkrankin:	

LOBBY	kimkrankin	Is it mostly for parents and their UF student? I have a 16 yr old son, and am debating whether to bring him with us or not. What might interest him (besides my daughters college friends) in the activities available?	8/27/2009 12:22
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): In addition to the General Family Weekend Package students and family members way register for the	8/27/2009 12:23
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: oka thanks that helps	8/27/2009 12:23
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Shihan's mom I agree and the more they are on campus they more opportunity to get involved	8/27/2009 12:24
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Gatorx3 this can be paid on line, with a mailed in check or money order or in person, your student can check ISIS to get their billing statement	8/27/2009 12:24
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): About tuition, you will NOT get a bill. Communicate with your students about the fee and how this will get paid. Tuition is always due the Friday after the first week of class.	8/27/2009 12:25
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: I'm curious if you hear a lot of cases like my daughter or if you hear mostly about kids who are thrilled to be there from the beginning	8/27/2009 12:25
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Family Weekend is great for all ages really and we definately have a mix from little one, teens and even grandparents	8/27/2009 12:25
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: If we're not sure about the exact total is it OK to send in a check & end up with a credit balance (better safe than sorry). I'm still not seeing the parking decal charge but I know it's out there!!!	8/27/2009 12:26
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Shihan's mom your student's experience is very normal	8/27/2009 12:27
LOBBY	gatorx3	gatorx3: Thanks for the info about tuition. I don't know why this is so confusing to me...I'll have her check out ISIS for the billing statement.	8/27/2009 12:27

LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): I can definitely say that we hear about situations which present across the entire spectrum. It sounds like validating your students' experience and encouraging her with love and support will allow her the freedom to communicate (even if in the form of complaining as you put it) and work through this transition.	8/27/2009 12:27
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: My guess is that most students go through ups & downs throughout their college life esp freshman year	8/27/2009 12:28
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes the first year is full of so many new experiences and emotions and as parents you will experience these ups and downs with your student too	8/27/2009 12:28
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): as JJenkins said it is so great for you to listen and support during both the ups and the downs	8/27/2009 12:29
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: if only there were more ups and less downs, its exhausting, and I have five more at home!	8/27/2009 12:29
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: Mine may be on cloud nine today but I wouldn't be surprised to hear her pouting at anytime. Even before college, depending how the wind was blowing determined my kid's mood!	8/27/2009 12:29
LOBBY	gatorx3	gatorx3: My daughter has been surprised about a couple of things...the number of students who seem to be delighted to be at college because they are enjoying all the parties (and drinking), and how her roommate doesn't seem to ever study. I guess that's life in a big university, but my daughter was surprised.	8/27/2009 12:30
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): Shihan's mom: Hang in there! Please know you deserve a break and a good support system too.	8/27/2009 12:30
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: Thanks for all the info and advice, I've enjoyed this chat and will sign off now to lead my own chat for a course I'm teaching online. I appreciate the communication!	8/27/2009 12:31

LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): Thanks for sharing with us. Best wishes for a good semester - for both you and your daughter!	8/27/2009 12:31
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: my daughter is afraid to go to parties because of the drinking. She says even if she doesn't drink & the party gets busted she'd be in trouble too. She's in ROTC so I guess they are pretty strict?	8/27/2009 12:31
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Thanks for joining us Shihan if you ever need anything please feel free to contact me JaimeAB@dso.ufl.edu	8/27/2009 12:31
LOBBY	Shihan's Mom	Shihan's Mom: thanks	8/27/2009 12:32
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): The first week of classes are always interesting and not 100% representative of what the school year will be like once class work loads start picking up	8/27/2009 12:33
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Hi jmilk welcome to the family chat	8/27/2009 12:33
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: Kimohmer - I wish my daughter was 'afraid' to go to the parties - lol.	8/27/2009 12:34
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): It is important however for students to start good habits now so that when things do pick up they already have a system that works for them	8/27/2009 12:34
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): There are lots of safe and fun ways for students to have fun	

LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator		8/27/2009 12:35
LOBBY	gatorx3	gatorx3: My daughter went through rush and was invited to join a sorority. Their first event was a toga party (last night) at a downtown G'ville bar from 11pm until 2am. My daughter decided NOT to join (not just because of this, but this contributed to her decision). Please tell me there are lots of options on campus for kids who don't drink but want to have a social life, too!	8/27/2009 12:35
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): Gatorx3-this is Sarah there are a TON of options	8/27/2009 12:36
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): we have over 800 student organizations so she will be sure to find a group that can offer her what she is looking for	8/27/2009 12:36
LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: My daughter debated over joining the sorority for Agriculture, I was relieved when she told me her goal was to make the honor society fraternity that is for the Ag students instead	8/27/2009 12:37
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): I would encourage her to consider setting up a time to meet with a member of IDEAL (the Unviersity's Involvement Ambassadors) to do an involvement consultation, where she can find out about how to get involved on campus	8/27/2009 12:38
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Also gatorx3 I am happy to know that your daughter was confident in herself to do what she thought was best for her! That is great! and Sarah is absolutley correct there are so many other ways to get involved	8/27/2009 12:38
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Dpounds that is great!	8/27/2009 12:38

LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: It is a major relief to see that 19 years of hard work is paying off!	8/27/2009 12:38
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: I may be naive, and I do realize there is peer pressure and those that may succumb to it, but you can be in a social sorority and NOT drink. I was . I did drink some but pretty rarely.	8/27/2009 12:39
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Getting involved with organizations that directly connect with academic areas of interest are also great ways to get connected	8/27/2009 12:39
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Hi fpolani welcome to the family chat	8/27/2009 12:39
LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: kim - I agree with you	8/27/2009 12:39
LOBBY	gatorx3	gatorx3: Thanks, Sarah for the info about IDEAL. I will let her know about that.	8/27/2009 12:39
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: gatorx3 you must have a good kid! good question, mine is in same situation. How can the bar do that?	8/27/2009 12:39
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): Kimkrankin, that is so true, the Greek Like at UF has a lot to offer students and drinking is not a requirement, but it is important that students join groups and activities where they feel most comfortable!	8/27/2009 12:40
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: But as I was asking, if a party gets busted don't all get in trouble?	8/27/2009 12:40
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Hi MomClass2013 Welcome to the chat	8/27/2009 12:40
LOBBY	MomClass2013	MomClass2013: Hello everyone, sorry i'm late	8/27/2009 12:41
LOBBY	gatorx3	gatorx3: I guess they identify the under-age kids so they won't be served drinks. But even so, I question what kind of message this sends to brand-new freshman. The first event is at a bar, and at lasts officially until 2am. I'm glad my daughter said "no thanks."	8/27/2009 12:41
		kimkrankin:	

		I wouldn't think ALL would get in trouble. But how often do parties get busted? They have to be pretty raucous to draw police, I'd hope my child could see that coming and get out long before it got to that point	
LOBBY	kimkrankin		8/27/2009 12:42
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: I agree that a bar for the first event is a horrible idea	8/27/2009 12:43
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime):	
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	well one of the things to remember is that a lot of our groups use venues in town to hold events, restrauents, theatres ect.	8/27/2009 12:43
		crankycamp:	
LOBBY	crankycamp	The one Chelsea is considering had a pizza party - lol...but hey - they're all band geeks she said (including her!)	8/27/2009 12:44
		MomClass2013: My daughter is doing great at UF this week. We checked her in 8/17, so far she's doimg great.	
LOBBY	MomClass2013		8/27/2009 12:44
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime):	
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	These are more than anything rental spaces for events....these locations may serve food and some may also serve alcohol however none of the venues are able to serve to minors	8/27/2009 12:44
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: sounds more appropriate	8/27/2009 12:44
		gatorx3: It was a disappointing first impression. I expecting a pizza party, like Chelsea's mom mentioned. How naive am I?	
LOBBY	gatorx3		8/27/2009 12:44
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): That is not naive at all in fact I think that is more the norm gatorx3	
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator		8/27/2009 12:45
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): MomClass2013 glad to hear things are going so well!	
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator		8/27/2009 12:45

LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): Jaime makes a very good point a lot of student organizatons Greek and non greek have events around the community	8/27/2009 12:45
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): Sounds like another reason to keep the lines of communication open (even if your student doesn't want to talk about this with you). Just knowing that you are on their side and can validate the confusion and pressure associated with making all of these decisions (do i rush, do I join, do I drink, etc) can make a difference.	8/27/2009 12:45
LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: Kacie sent me video from her cell phone of the National Championship celebration on W University last year, I had encouraged her to go and join in the festivities, as a long time Gator fan I wanted her to experience something I never got to do. When the videos came in I was terrified, the crowd alone was intimidating, I was scared to death she was going to get trampled or worse.	8/27/2009 12:45
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): MomClass2013 how are classes going for your student? How was move-in?	8/27/2009 12:46
LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: She called me at 3AM when they were back at the dorm and basically said the same thing, "mom that was scary", but was laughing and sharing all of the fun things they saw and did as well	8/27/2009 12:46
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Yes it can seem crazy but the great thing is UF has an amazing Police Department and a great partnership with the Gainesville Police Department too and while things may seem crazy they are usually controlled at the same time. In fact that night there were few if any incidents which say a lot about our Gator fans!	8/27/2009 12:48

LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): But as JJenkins mentioned it is wonderful that your students are sharing this with you!	8/27/2009 12:48
LOBBY	MomClass2013	MomClass2013: Classes are going wonderful, she's introduced herself to professors, has all her material ready...doing homework and much reading. Check in was a breeze at Rawlings. We arrived monday expecting endless lines in the heat, but it went smoothly. No lines at all, by the time we unloaded the car, the family prior to us utilizing the elevator were done.	8/27/2009 12:49
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): That is great!	8/27/2009 12:49
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: speaking of the police force, we found it very interesting that the UF police choose NOT to enforce the helmet law on scooter for drivers under the age of 21.	8/27/2009 12:49
LOBBY	MomClass2013	MomClass2013: It's awesome!	8/27/2009 12:50
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: It is the law in the City of Gainesville	8/27/2009 12:50
LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: Jaime - yes, she explained that to me in the 3am call as well, and in the end it was a wonderful experience, I was horrified at myself for basically forcing her to leave the dorm and go get in the middle of it, in the end she is now a Rowdy Reptile and has become a strong self assured person, who now makes many of her own decisions and choices	8/27/2009 12:50
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: so we have had MANY discussions about the helmet law:(8/27/2009 12:50

LOBBY	MomClass2013	MomClass2013: My daughter didn't attend that event, dpounds	8/27/2009 12:50
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): that is good and the UFPD are definatley out an about on campus now as things have gotten very busy	8/27/2009 12:51
LOBBY	MomClass2013	MomClass2013: she did attend the socials at Reitz Union and at her dorm, as well as other day and early evening activities around campus like extreme freesbie I think they call it.	8/27/2009 12:51
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: I think they should have to obey the law.	8/27/2009 12:51
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): sounds like she is having lots of ufn	8/27/2009 12:52
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): fun	8/27/2009 12:52
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): ultimate freesbie is an extremely on campus!	8/27/2009 12:52
LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: there are so many great things to get involved in, I told her I want to come to UF and go to school when she is done, just so I can do some of the things I read about!	8/27/2009 12:52
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): oops an extremely popular activity on campus!	8/27/2009 12:52
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): As an undergrad and graduate student here, I too am amazed by how much there is to do on campus.	8/27/2009 12:53
		FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime):	

LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	Also this Saturday there is a volleyball game v. Colorado, and the Grand Opening of the Bandshell featuring the band: Citizen Cope	8/27/2009 12:53
LOBBY	gatorx3	gatorx3: Where's the Bandshell?	8/27/2009 12:54
LOBBY	MomClass2013	MomClass2013: There's alot of healthy activities to participate in. They don't have to join sororities and fraternities to enjoy college life.	8/27/2009 12:54
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: Citizen Cope? Do they need to get there early due to crowds?	8/27/2009 12:55
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): The Bandshell is on Flavet Field and it is from 7-10pm	8/27/2009 12:55
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): Another great resource off campus is Lake Wauberg. It is great for kayaking, boating, walking, picnicing and spending a fun afternoon with friends. It is free for UF students with their UF ID.	8/27/2009 12:55
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF CSAI Sarah): the Bandshell or Flavet field is located off of Woodlawn Drive between Stadium and Museum Road	8/27/2009 12:55
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: true momclass2013. Hey, when do sign ups happen for intramurals? how often do they play and or practice?	8/27/2009 12:56
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Citizen Cope is a fun band and as far a crowds go it is an outdoor venue so there should be space for everyone	8/27/2009 12:56
LOBBY	dpounds	dpounds: As a full time student myself, I must get back to the homework and the housework, I hope all of you and your students have a wonderful semester	8/27/2009 12:56
LOBBY	MomClass2013	MomClass2013: Just came for a few minutes, continue the chats, they're very helpful! Good bye everyone and good luck Gator parents!	8/27/2009 12:57
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Dates and time vary for intramurals but here is the link to their website so you can find specifics http://www.recsports.ufl.edu/intramurals.aspx	8/27/2009 12:57

LOBBY	gatorx3	gatorx3: Thanks to all of you for your support and your informative answers. These chats are very helpful! Go Gators!	8/27/2009 12:58
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: thanks	8/27/2009 12:58
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Thanks Gatorx3	8/27/2009 12:58
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): As we wrap are there any final questions	8/27/2009 12:58
LOBBY	kimohmer	kimohmer: Even if I just need one scrap of info from these chats, they are good, nice to hear other parents are going thru the same things I am.	8/27/2009 12:59
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: i agree totally!	8/27/2009 12:59
LOBBY	jmilk	jmilk: Thanks, I enjoyed the chat.	8/27/2009 12:59
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Thanks for joining us for our Family Chat Program. If you have additional questions for our staff please feel free to contact us at pguest@dso.ufl.edu or give us a call at 352-392-1261 ext. 236.Thank you for your great conversation and we hope to see you again at our upcoming chat on Wednesday September 16th from 11am-1 pm.Go Gators!	8/27/2009 12:59
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(JJENKINS): Kudos to Jaime and others who put together this program. Thank you for allowing me to participate. Good luck to everyone!	8/27/2009 12:59
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): Thanks foir the great conversation sounds like you all are doing a wonderful job supporting your student!	8/27/2009 13:00
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: Thanks Jamie!	8/27/2009 13:00
LOBBY	crankycamp	crankycamp: goodbye to all ;)	8/27/2009 13:00
LOBBY	kimkrankin	kimkrankin: bye all	8/27/2009 13:00
LOBBY	FamilyChatModerator	FamilyChatModerator(UF NSP Jaime): See you all next time and please do call if you need anything!	8/27/2009 13:01