

According to the Senior

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For the first year students, you already know much of the advice- don't forget to study, join clubs, take the swim test ya di da. But try doing some of these things before you're a Senior too:

Check out more movies from the Undergraduate Library. The movies may not all be new, but there's more variety than what's in your dorm area office. There are also lots of foreign films, and some films you wouldn't ordinarily gravitate to but glad you picked up. One Cards are a beautiful thing, but they won't be accepted at Blockbuster Video when you graduate. Check out random books from the library too. They don't have to be 400 page books for a term paper. If you don't have time to read one you checked out, turn it back in and try next month. If all you read is assigned reading, you risk a permanent glaze over your eyes by graduation.

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Turn off your cell phone when you're walking around campus. I am the occasional cell phone junkie myself, and here's what we're missing every time we're on our phone while walking: someone calling out to us that we dropped something, that cute person we bumped into and could've had a conversation with, and that truck that's coming down the street as we step out in front of it. Cell phones have their place on campus. If one of those fearless campus squirrels attacks your ankle and you can't shake it off, I'm sure a cell phone call for an ambulance will be helpful. If you're in the middle of nowhere at night and need a ride, be thankful for that phone. Otherwise, take a break from the phone

while walking. It'll ring again later. Talk to the passerby. Enjoy the outside with all your senses before you're trapped in a classroom for over an hour.

When you do talk on your cell phone, spare some time to talk to your elders...besides just your parents. If you haven't experienced it already, you will find yourself thinking about your history and noticing that the people who were around you all along aren't there anymore. Talk to them, get to know them, ask questions. Don't have any regrets. Write them a letter just to say hi.

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Start investing your money. Save something each month no matter how small and have a present when you graduate. Put some money in savings and let it grow. Even saving a little bit can add up in a few years to be something you can invest and make bigger.

Do something nice for somebody without expecting something in return. Everybody says this, but being nice just because you can works wonders for stressful college students. I knew someone who was really stressed in Math class, and I wrote a rap for her to the tune of Snoop Doggy Dogg's Gin and Juice and shared it in Lenoir: With so much drama in the U-N-C it's kinda hard bein' B-I-A-N-C-A so I, some how some way keep comin' up with funky math problems like every single day....Okay you get the picture. Not that you have to be that silly and ruin someone's dinner. I think a card will do. Everybody gets stressed, and just listening to someone can really help.

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Take a class that is so random when it comes to your major, that it's a relief to go everyday. Chances are it fills an elective requirement anyway. I don't mind getting up at

8 a.m. if it means going to my basic drawing class where the teacher relates art to bagels (long story). Take any class you think you might laugh in occasionally...if all us seniors don't take it first.

So as always, stay in school, and look for an internship now. But don't forget the best times to do laundry are weekday afternoons, and during a football or basketball game you couldn't attend. Oh, and try the greens at Lenoir this year- they're pretty good.