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My student is having problems with their roommate... What can I do?

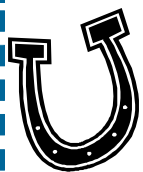
Chance are, your student and their roommate aren't going to get along 100% of the time, and if so, they are the lucky ones. Most students come to college with their best friend, decide to room together and end up ex- best friends before the end of the first semester. We hope this is not the case, but if your child and their roommate, best friends or not, are having problems, here are a couple of tips you may share with them to help out the situation.

Talk to each other. Many times, one person in the room may have a problem with the other and the other is totally unaware of it because they haven't talked to each other. Open lines of communication, safe communication, is #1 for solving conflict. Allowing one another to speak about problems they may have with the situation in the room and allowing them to do so without the threat of the other becoming angry is key to setting up the next tip which is com-

promise. Compromise is sometimes hard, but it is important to insure a happy living experience for all. Roommates are constantly compromising, for example, when guests are involved, one roommate may have to compromise by allowing the other to have people in the room that they may not know. When roommates are willing to compromise without aggression, they live better together and don't experience as many problems.

### Special Dates of Interest:

- Family Day- October 3
- Homecoming- October 17
- Mid-Semester Grades Due- October 19
- Miss SAU Pageant- October 22



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Homecoming 2009

Next Month  
Highlights from the Bed  
Race and Homecoming!

# Homecoming Events Schedule

## Monday, October 12

Queen and King Coronation and Pep Rally  
7:00 p.m. in Grand Hall, Reynolds Center

## Tuesday, October 13

Student Activities Board Drive-In Movie  
8:30 p.m. , Reynolds Parking Lot

## Wednesday, October 14

Tiger Burgers in  
the Mall Area  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mall Area

## Thursday, October 15

Street Painting on the Farm Road  
and Bonfire  
11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., Farm Road

## Friday, October 16

SAU on Channel 7 Daybreak  
4:30 a.m., Reynolds Plaza  
Heartbeat Begins  
12:00 p.m., Reynolds Plaza

## Saturday, October 17

Homecoming Displays  
10:00 a.m.  
Mule-gating on the Ridge  
11:00 a.m., Welcome Center  
King, Queen, & Court Presentation  
2:00 p.m., Wilkins Stadium  
Football Game  
Against Ouachita Baptist  
2:30 p.m., Wilkins Stadium  
Alumni Baseball Game  
30 Minutes after Game, Baseball Field  
Greek Step Show  
6:00 p.m., W. T. Watson Gym



**Encourage your student to get involved!**

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