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Students living in the dorms will find their lives are a little easier if they use common sense and common courtesy.

Dorm life actually can be bearable

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Probably the best thing dorm residents can do when first moving in and starting classes at the University is get to know their resident assistant, otherwise known as RA.

At least one RA lives on each floor, so there's no avoiding them anyway.

"In the beginning there are a lot of questions that they can answer for you," said Dot Cogdell, a theater and creative writing major who lived in the dorms for two and a half years. "They're not

your mother or a psychiatrist, but they can really help out."

Kristen Jones, a senior who has been an RA for two years, said RAs serve as advisers to dorm residents, answering simple questions such as where things are located and deal with more complicated situations such as suicide, eating disorders or other personal problems.

"When I was a freshman, I remember feeling very intimidated because it was the first time away from home," said Eric Tuomi, who was an

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