

## Begging your parents for every last dime

Anyone who's watched the news within the past year knows that banks are failing quicker than jackrabbits procreate. With the shrinking supply of funds available, students are often forced to turn to First National Bank of Mom and Dad to transform their cash clogs into cash flow

So how can you con, er, convince your parents to extend your line of credit and restock a bank account that bears an uncanny resemblance to Mother Hubbard's cupboard?Here are helpful hints for shaking more coins from the parental piggy bank:

 Rely on cleverness rather than cuteness. You forfeit your status as "little princess" or

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"little slugger" the first time Mom and Dad learn your college nickname is "Vomit

You suddenly plummet from your status as Daddy's little girl to Daddy's little moneysucking, migraine-inducing, gray hair-causing, bankruptcy-loving tax write-off

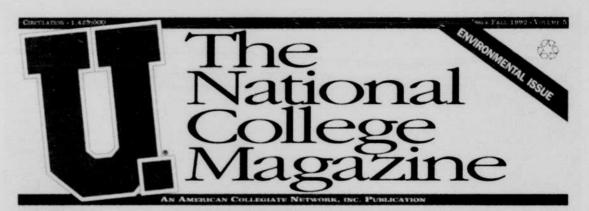
- Tell your folks you're struggling in biology and need a tutor. They don't need to know that your tutor is actually a guy named Buzz who only studies anatomy - yours.
- Explain to Mom and Dad that you need funds to cover "student activity fees." After all, you are a student. Hence, midnight calls to Domino's and shopping sprees are technically student activities.
- · Ask your parents to set up an emergency fund for you. They will think the money is going to unexpected medical or car bills. It isn't critical to tell them that a 70 percent off sale at The Gap or U2 tickets going on sale is an emergency
- There is always the medical emergency standby. Parents are generally softhearted (and headed) when it comes to their child's health. Telling them that you need money for medicine is a sure way to boost your bank balance. The only medicine you'll be buying is aspirin or Alka Seltzer to combat the morning-after conga line dancing through your head.

Of course, there are more desperate ways to make a fast buck. Hold a yard sale using your parent's stuff as merchandise. While your old teddy bear won't bring in top dollar, your mom's antique dresser will. Mom and Dad will embrace your budding business skills

Remember your little brother who once decapitated Barbie and used her head as the ball in the soccer match between Godzilla and Rambo? Sell him. On the black market he could bring in at least enough for a good weekend at the beach.

And your parents will appreciate you sparing them the cost of putting another kid through college.

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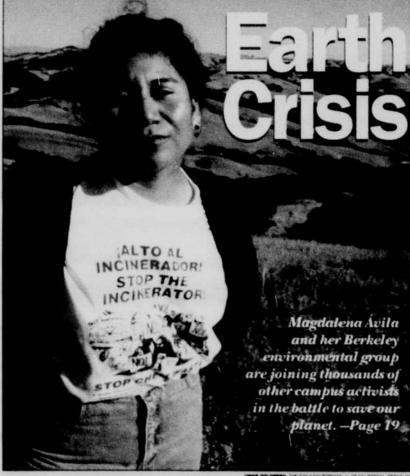


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