Weights and measures.

Not As Seen On TV

It always seems to college with the wisdom that you need family members, your friends, and others to be there to answer any questions you may have. The campus is too busy, too stressful, and too far away. As a freshman, you are being thrust into a new experience. Mom and Dad are no longer watching over you, arranging your finances and your life, so you might be disappointed.

"All those movies you've seen about college life are wrong," senior Jill Roberts said. "[At Truman] you need to balance freedom with responsibilities," she said. "There are some students who have a hard time adjusting to college life.

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The professors are constantly available for students, with open office hours and a willingness to answer questions. The professors are helpful and can offer many different perspectives on a topic.

"The professors will also guide you and help you," Staff and faculty are there to help, but if students don't actually pay attention in class, they won't get the most out of their education.

Don't stress out over little things. Students can help themselves by making sure to add a lot of time to their schedules for studying and spending time with friends. Spending time with friends is crucial. Students' days can run more smoothly if they have a set schedule and map out a 24-7 schedule and put it in black and white times for everything, like sleeping, getting ready, eating, classes, studying and whatever else. Having a plan will put less stress on students and allow them to enjoy their time spent at college, even if they spend a lot of it in the library.

Ultimately, the decision of what to join is a personal one. Truman offers many different activities and organizations. There are lots of activities connected to a particular department, like a certain science club or English club. There are also organizations that focus on a particular activity, like a particular sport or a dance group.

"It's important to find a place you belong to." When students choose an organization to join, the organizations should meet their needs and expectations. "Don't join something because your roommate is doing it," says O'Brian. "Join because it fits the goals you have for yourself," she said. "Finding what you like and exploring new things it also serves as a way to meet new and diverse people."

"Find a group that you feel close to and can bond with," says O'Brian. "Your key to life as a college student is making the grade."

Making the Grade

Senior Jill Roberts says that students need to read the material before class, do homework during the day in between classes, and use study groups to help them through college. They need to be prepared for the academic challenge. "Their excitement about their freedom, but they first-year students are not always prepared for the academic challenge."

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