

Examine your schedule, place academics over activities

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Here at Meredith sometimes it seems we are still learning that academics prevail over activities.

Get involved in both this academic year, but remember why you came to college in the first place.

JONI SMITH
Editor in Chief

Welcome back Meredith students, faculty and staff to what I'm sure will be another banner year for our school.

We have much to look forward to this year, including the completion of the highly-publicized math and science building, the addition of new faculty and staff, a newly remodeled BeeHive, engaging speakers at convocations, music and dance concerts, campus sports and for some of you, Cornhuskin'.

Students will have many opportunities to become

involved in dozens of organizations on campus.

The first thing I noticed when I came to Meredith was how excited everyone was to get me involved in some type of club. I recall my student advisor calling me at home before I moved into the residence hall to tell me about the clubs I should join.

To my surprise, however, when I asked her about the different classes Meredith had to offer and what interesting electives I might like to take, she told me she would ask someone else and call me back later.

The moral of this story is

that Meredith is a great place to be. I have no doubt that Meredith is the only school for me; I wouldn't transfer for anything.

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After all, we are here to

learn so that we can become better people and acquire the skills it takes to succeed in the real world. We are not here to spend all of our time selling doughnuts, washing cars, painting faces and designing t-shirts.

In the next few weeks, when you are approached by enthusiastic presidents of the various campus clubs, make sure you put academics first before

signing up to be your residence hall's t-shirt designer or Cornhuskin' co-chair.

When you go out to get a real job or begin to apply to graduate schools, no one is really going care that you

were the word "jump" in the Cornhuskin' skit or that you created an airplane with Pepsi cans during can art.

However, they will care that you took substantive courses and performed well in them. They will care that you got to know a professor well and worked on an in-depth research project with him or her. They will care that you double-majored or spent a semester abroad.

However, I think it is important to become involved on campus, so I'm not ruling out Cornhuskin' entirely.

I think it is more important to become involved in a few organizations that are important to you and still maintain solid grades rather than joining every club Meredith has to offer while trying to fit homework and studying into your schedule.

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