WHY WASN’T I TOLD?

1. That registration only takes a few minutes if I work out my schedule in advance?
2. That studying for an exam takes less time than secretly writing answers all over my body?
3. That my teachers want to help - that they want me to ask for help if I need it?
4. That copying someone’s homework doesn’t help me when the time comes for the exam?
5. That recommended reading is actually required reading?
6. That the first step in learning is learning to try?
7. That it is better to go see a counselor than let my personal problems interfere with my academics?
8. That discussions about ideas can be just as exciting as discussions about the opposite sex?
9. That the librarian is my friend when I need to do a special report or term paper – and that the librarian will teach me skills I can use in researching for other classes?
10. That I need to learn to budget my time or I won’t have time to budget?
11. That planning a semester schedule is like going to a restaurant – I get to choose the combination that best suits me?
12. That visiting the Learning Lab is far better than failing a course!
13. That my teachers have already heard all the excuses I have thought of as well as those my friends have told me about?
14. That in order to learn I must take ownership and be curious about the information?
15. THAT COLLEGE CAN BE FUN!

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