**HOW TO WIN GRADES AND INFLUENCE TEACHERS**

**OR**

**HOW NOT TO ENDANGER YOUR “A”**

In college, teachers expect polite common courtesy. Simple rules of behavior in the classroom make life easier for student and teachers.

1. Do not cut classes. You will miss part of your instruction. Teachers occasionally react negatively to chronic cutters. The number of absences is highly related to grades. Merely attending class every time will not insure a “B” average, but, conversely it can be said that cutting frequently may make getting a “B” average difficult.

2. Be on time. Latecomers are a distraction to the class and instructor.

3. Participate in class. Contribute.

4. Don’t show you are bored by looking frequently at your watch or stacking your books and putting on your coat early.

5. Don’t whisper to others in a lecture class. It is distracting to the class and rude to the instructor.

6. Don’t deliberately delay quiz-taking in order to have more study time. It delays quiz discussion and creates extra work for instructors. Since a late quiz usually means a special proctoring session, the irritation can occasionally cause the teacher to be more stringent in grading.

Most instructors enjoy the opportunity to work with and know their students individually, i.e., individual conferences. Again, common courtesy is helpful.

1. Questions can be asked before or after class. This informal opportunity makes it easy to have conferences without much effort.

2. If you must make an appointment with an instructor, be sure to keep it.

3. Questions can be asked in several ways. Not, “Why did you give me a low grade?”, rather, “What type of material should I have included?”

All of these hints will usually bring a sympathetic approach to you and your problem.