

Ways to mesh, not clash with a teacher

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Not all teachers are created equal. Some have years of experience, while others are new to the job; some are easygoing and flexible, and others are strict and demanding.

Not all students are created equal either. Every student has strengths and weaknesses. Some need to know precisely

what is expected, others want a general outline and the freedom to run with their own ideas.

Sometimes a student's natural style of learning clashes with a teacher's natural style of teaching. What do you do then?

Recognizing your differences can be a first step to coping with them. Answer the following questions, first in the way you would tend to choose first. Then look at the

responses again to see if another effective way you could respond is mentioned — or come up with an original response of your own.

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1. Your English teacher is a stickler for detail and has decided that for every typographical error in a major report your grade will be lowered one letter grade. Your latest paper got a "C" because of two typos. You resolve to:

- Proofread your papers until your eyes ache and pray you don't miss any mistakes.
- Trade papers with at least two friends and proof each other's papers for error.
- Have a professional typist prepare your paper.
- Circulate a petition among the students and get their support. Then approach the teacher and ask that the policy be changed because it doesn't reflect on your mastery of the subject.

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2. Your U.S. government teacher wants everyone to learn to use a computer, so he required students to write their class reports on computer and turn in the computer disk. Someone erased your disk by mistake and your teacher simply said, "Too bad. It's still due tomorrow." Would you:

- Work like a maniac to rewrite the report, staying after school as late as possible to finish.

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- Give up and take your "F." After all, there's no way you can replace it in time.
- Suggest that you give an oral report on audiocassette.

d. Replace as much as possible and resolve to keep a backup disk at home next time.

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3. Your Spanish teacher never writes assignments on the board and only mentions them quickly in passing — in Spanish no less! Do you:

- Compare notes with friends to make sure you've figured out the correct assignment.
- Stop in after class to verify the assignment with the teacher.
- Suggest that the teacher pass out weekly assignment sheets.

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4. Your social studies teacher seems to like to argue. He often plays devil's advocate without telling the class. When he calls on you, you:

- Freeze and blush, even though you have a carefully thought-out position.
- Try to outwit him by being well-prepared on both sides of the issue.
- Try to draw other students into the discussion so that it's not you alone against the teacher.
- Don't take it personally. This is just his way of making the material interesting.

Aquinas plans to revive Cardinal Mooney variety show

Aquinas Institute will bring to life a Cardinal Mooney tradition for the next two weekends, hosting the Follies, five evenings of song and dance to help support arts at Aquinas.

The show, entitled "Take It From the Top," will again feature director and choreographer Bernie Derleth and many of the performers from past Follies, as well as

some new Aquinas additions.

Act I follows a musical "tour through life" while Act II will revue Broadway favorites.

Performances are February 23 and 24, and March 1 and 2, at 8 p.m., and February 25 at 3 p.m. For more information, call Aquinas, 716/254-2020.

McQuaid Jesuit High School Should Manuel Noriega be tried in the U.S. justice system?

JOSEPH CHANG, senior:

Manuel Noriega should be tried in the United States because he is a government official, and Washington should be the place for all charges brought against such officials. Also Noriega's own country cannot guarantee an uncorrupted jury. Noriega is an officer of the CIA. Like all government officials, he should testify before Congress and not outside the United States.



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TIMOTHY MILLER, senior:

Since Noriega has been suspected of helping the Colombians traffic drugs to the United States, it is only right that he be brought to the U.S. courts.



MARK BACCEI, senior:

By involving himself in the trade of drugs that find their way to the United States, Noriega is committing crimes against U.S. citizens and should be tried in a U.S. court. He also received money from the CIA and was their main contact in Central America. His involvement with the United States warrants his trial in an American court.




MARK DANCHAK, senior:

Yes, I believe we have the right to prosecute him here. He surrendered to us and in so doing put his own life in our protection, conciliating to our laws. The problem I foresee is that at the same time Noriega is being made to defend his actions, the United States will have to do the same.



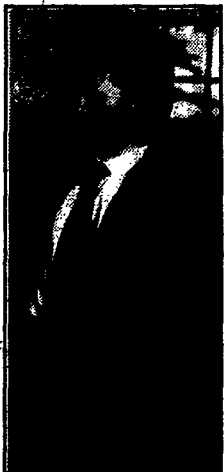
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