

Stopping The Suck Up

Dear Tim:

We're in the heart of spring quarter and midterms are coming up. I haven't missed a class this session, I'm up on all the reading, and my papers have been pretty good to this point. My only problem is I can't help feeling like a couple of people in each of my courses are killing the grading curve by sucking up to the professors. I'm no whiner and I'm not looking for a handout here. I just want a fair shake. How do you deal with these apple polishers?

—Earning It on Elgin

Dear Earning:

I have to be honest with you. I don't know much about apple polishing. Our apples come fresh from the orchard with no polish applied so you get crisp, clean, all-natural taste in every bite. We've got several shine-free varieties in the produce section in aisle 1. And don't worry too much about your kowtowing



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classmates. Bad apples don't last long in the real world. Neither will they.

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I always thought that in order for something to be cool, it had to be something everybody didn't have or wasn't doing. Now that everyone in America has a tattoo, can we safely say that tattoos aren't cool anymore?

—Tatt-Free on Teaway

Dear Tatt:

First, I can't safely say anything. That's why we have

to pay the newspaper to print my column. Second, I'm flattered that you think of me as a barometer of cool. I assure you my kids don't share your opinion. Thirdly, what I know about body art could fill a matchbook. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, as they say, so to each his own. For my money, though, cool is all about exclusivity. That's why it's cool to shop at Huffman's, because we offer a wide variety of specialty foods you just can't find anywhere else and the owners have been tattoo free since '73.

Dear Tim:

If a tree falls in the woods and no one's there to hear it, does it make a sound?

—Philosopher on Fifth

Dear Philosopher:

Yes. And if it falls in Redwood National Park, it's a loud one.

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