Questions that Students are Often Asked at a College Interview:

The following are examples of questions generally asked at college interviews. Students should be prepared to discuss the weak points in their records. A good strategy is to talk about weaknesses in terms of a lesson learned (Although the grade was disappointing, it taught you to....).

l. How did you first hear about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ college? Why do you want to attend this college?

2. What are your priorities in selecting a college?

3. Are you applying elsewhere? If so, where and which school is your first choice? (You should always say that the school you are visiting is your first choice; if you have doubts, frame your response so that it emphasizes all that you like about this college.)

4. What are you interested in majoring in?

5. What are your academic strengths and weaknesses?

6. What kinds of things do you do outside of school?

7. What accomplishments have you achieved or activities have you participated in that have had a particular effect on you and your life?

8. Which one of your activities has given you the most satisfaction?

9. What is the most significant contribution you have made to your school and/or community?

10. What will you contribute to this community?

11. Where do you see yourself in four years? In 10 years? In 20 years?

12. What is your family like? Do you have strong relationships with family members? (The student should be honest, but remember that she is not obligated to "tell all.")

13. What do you like about your high school? What would you change?

14. If you had high school to do over again, would you do anything differently?

15. Discuss your most stimulating intellectual experience.

16. What books, magazines, and newspapers do you read outside of school? (The student should be prepared to talk at length about something she read or saw recently.)

17. Tell me about something you really have wanted which you had to go after on your own.

18. Have you ever thought of not going to college? What would you do?