Brent Murphree

8/29/07

MWF 12:10p

Formal Outline (p. 475 PCW)

1. Humorous excuses for late work
2. No effect from syllabus warning
3. Students persist week after week
4. Several reasons for excuses

1. Family

2. Best friend

3. Evils of dorm life

4. Evils of technology

5. The totally bizarre

1. Grandparent death – greatest excuse
2. Teacher dare to question?
3. Student dares to lie?
4. Creative thinking by student
5. Extra extensions
6. Concern beyond family
7. Best friend
8. Stay up with her
9. Drive her to hospital
10. Drive her to college
11. Family emergency
12. Conjures images (Louise May Alcott’s *Little Women*)
13. “My best friend’s mother”
14. Admitted cleverness
15. Sarcasm – papers driving moms crazy
16. No deaths reported that week
17. Predictable stories
18. Horrific roommate
19. Boyfriend / girlfriend problems
20. Throwing up blood
21. Someone died
22. Attack with hammer (true story)
23. Computer Age Revolution
24. Couldn’t save work
25. Couldn’t print
26. Couldn’t print desktop
27. No time to proofread, etc.
28. Bizarre story – Chainsaw
29. Severed tendon from wild saw
30. Remembered paper and envelope
31. Not first absence – pattern
32. Should drop the course
33. Came to next class with bandage
34. Even more absences
35. Whirlwind internet romance
36. Teacher would understand from note from pope.