RULES FOR HANDLING A MICROSCOPE

- Always carry a microscope using two hands, as shown in the picture to the right.

- Rotate the objectives carefully. Do not allow them to touch the stage or anything placed on the stage, such as a slide. This can damage the microscope.

- When using the coarse focus knob, begin with the stage in its highest position and always focus by lowering the stage (away from the objective).

- Use only lens paper to clean the eyepiece or the objectives.

- When you have finished using a microscope, remember to turn off the microscope light and set the microscope back to low power (the shortest objective, usually 4x).