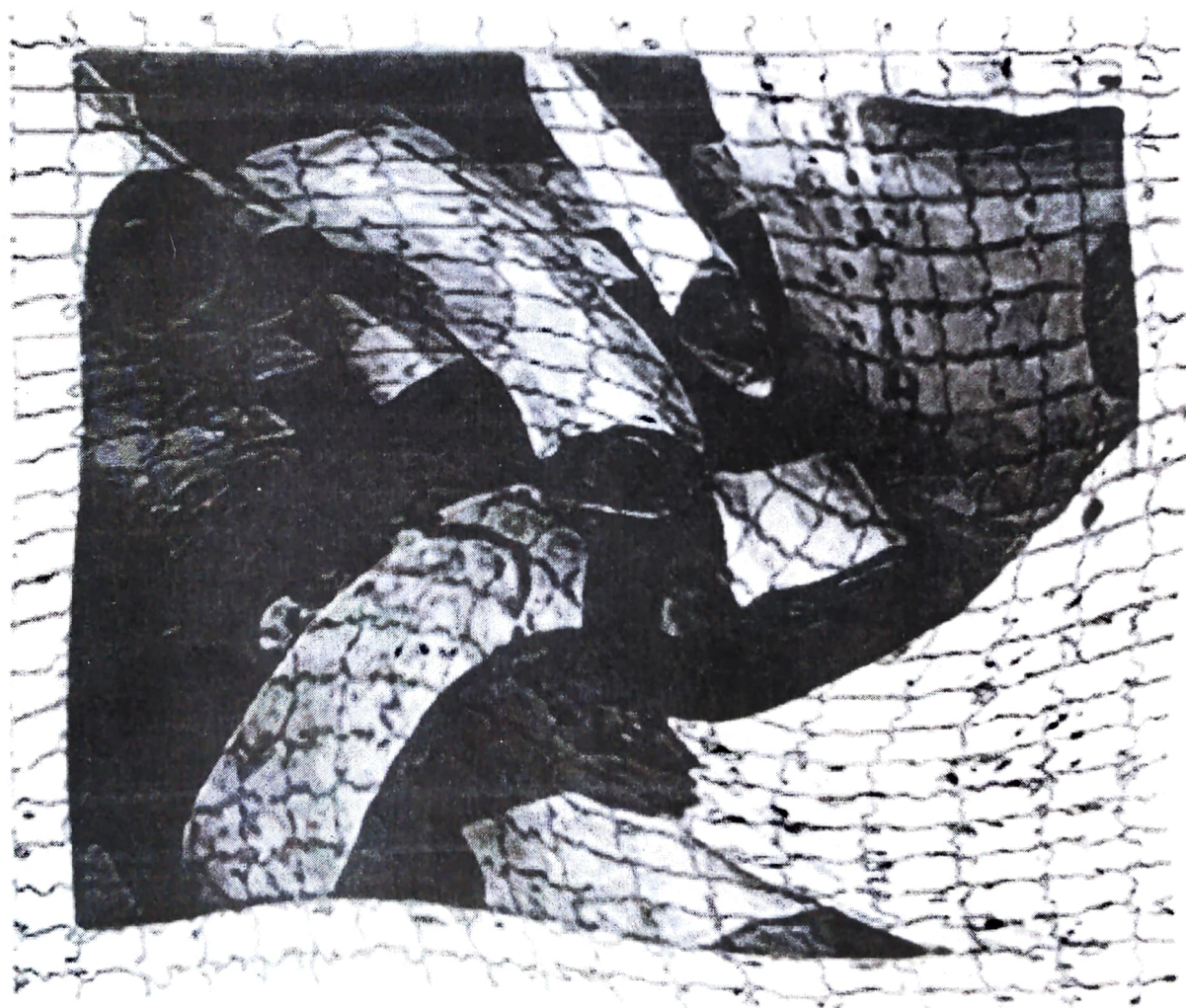


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From the Editors...

The Staff of the *Yale College Course Critique* has worked hard to present you with our issue for Fall semester, 1998. In this 88-page edition, you will find approximately 160 courses. We have continued the numerical rating strip on the bottom of each review as it has proven to be popular with our readers. The strip includes ratings on "instruction," "material," and "difficulty" of a class. The web editor has considerably revamped our web site, so be sure to check us out at www.yale.edu/critique.

Our goal is to be an information source for Yale students, providing data that we have collected in a way that can most help you in course selection. However, our publication is not an authority of any kind and professors often change various aspects of their classes from year to year; and the reviews you read may not fully represent what the course will be like this semester.

The Course Critique and the Dean's office are a step closer to implementing a better and more comprehensive evaluation system. To keep our publication going in the mean time, we ask that sophomores, juniors, and seniors continue to fill out surveys with our polling coordinators located outside of the residential college dining halls. We ask that those who do not get the chance to do so fill them out on the web. We often seek out dean's evaluations and to this end, we greatly appreciate cooperation from professors and departments. We also encourage professors who wish to have their courses reviewed to actively seek out the editor, and we will try to accommodate those requests.

With your help and our continued effort to compile as much information as we can, we hope to review every course with over twenty students in addition to the larger Yale courses. We welcome any prospective writers, on-line designers, or business staff members. This past issue, we contemplated going completely on-line but opted for having hard copies as well. We would appreciate your feedback on this or any other *Course Critique*-related matter via our web site comments section.

Enjoy shopping period!

Joyeeta Dastidar, Daniel Kanada
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User's Guide

Professor (in charge) who taught the course. If the class is taught by multiple professors, it will say "staff."

The department, number, and title of the course. Cross-listed courses appear in the department where the course description is found in the Blue Book.

Physics 261b: Intensive Introductory Physics

Instructor: Frank Firk
(different professor for Spring '98)

This notes if the course is being taught by a professor other than the one shown above.

Average rating of the "overall quality of the course" (independent of other ratings) on a scale of 1-5, as rated by respondents.

Average rating of the difficulty of the course on a scale of 1-5.

Average number of hours per week respondents spent on the course, NOT including class time.

Ratio of respondents who would recommend the course to a friend.

Ratio of respondents who took the course for CR/D/F.

4.3
Good

Instruction
4.7

Material
3.9

Difficulty
4.8

Hrs/wk: 7
Major: 8/9

NOT CR/D/F
Responses: 9/21

Recommended: 8/9
0 SR. 2 JR. 3 SO. 16 FR

Average rating of the instruction of the course on a scale of 1-5.

Average rating of the subject material being taught on a scale of 1-5.

Ratio of respondents who took the course for their major.

Number of people who responded to our survey out of the total number of people in the course. If the department allowed access to the professor's Dean's evaluations, it will say "Dean's."

Total number of students enrolled last Spring listed by year.

Rating key:
4.5-5.0 Outstanding
3.5-4.4 Good
2.5-3.4 Average
1.5-2.4 Below Average
below 1.4 Poor