(a) Summary of teaching evaluations for M. N. Kunchur

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General observations:
Interactive question-and-answer style of lecturing. Regular demonstrations and field trips. Demanding tests with stringent grading standards. Level of material and workload was judged “slightly too hard” (average scores are just under 2). Student evaluations confirm effective communication and ability to relate to students. Average overall instructor rating is 3.7 for all semesters. Representative comments for each course are listed below. (My own classroom visits [Spring 1999 and Spring 2000] during the peer review of teaching agree with the student comments.)

1. “Musical Acoustics”, Physics 155 at USC, Spring 2004 (overall instructor rating = 3.53/4.00; this rating is very high for a physics for non-science majors course)
   1. He is an excellent teacher! I do not like science, and I was not looking forward to taking this course. Dr. Kunchur managed to get me interested – not an easy task. He makes all concepts understandable and interesting. He uses humor to keep our attention along with ingenious analogies. He attempts to get to know each student personally and learn each student’s name. He is the best teacher I have ever had at USC.
   2. He was the best professor I have had at USC. He taught the material very well and it was extremely easy to understand. He was very helpful and fair.
   3. Kunchur is, by far, one of the most optimistic, clear, inspiring teachers I have ever had. He is very interested and passionate about the subject and possesses extraordinary patience with his students. The course teaches the fundamentals of acoustics and is helpful to understand the nature of sound and manipulation of sound.
   4. By far, Prof. Kunchur is one of the best instructors I have had at a college. I would take other classes of his if I could. Being a professional musician, this course is very helpful.
   5. Dr. Kunchur is one of the better professors I have had at the university. His knowledge of his subject is great. Great course!
   6. Professor had excellent insight and knowledge…Course was extremely interesting, but because so much was covered, some is forgotten. Great course designed to explore audio aspects.
   7. He displayed an understanding of this material that few of my professors at USC have possessed. You can tell he completely understands the subject matter. Also he keeps the class interesting and humorous with his lecture. Overall, he is easily one of the best professors I have had.
   8. I liked that he utilized Blackboard it made it easy to prepare for lectures & follow up on hard ones. He was always willing to go over things until you understood without ever making you feel stupid.
   9. Always available! I like that the notes had a website. The lab was also very helpful in understanding the material. Great professor, cared about students learning the material.
   10. Very excited about topic, hands on experience with acoustics, very open to requests from students. Took too long on some aspects of the course. Interesting subject matter, has many repercussions in more complicated fields of physics.
   11. Dr. Kunchur is a wonderful professor! He does everything he can to explain the material so that we understand it. He shows great enthusiasm for the subject matter and just makes us want to learn it. This course is very interesting. The subject material really helps music majors and people who just enjoy music really appreciate the science behind it.
   12. Was much too difficult for anyone limited in math and physics.
   13. Professor Kunchur has a wonderful classroom manner—helpful, open, friendly, caring, polite, respectful, etc., etc. A good science course for non-science major; however not as easy as anticipated – challenging and worthwhile.
   14. He makes it fun and goes at a pace the entire class can follow. I have learned a lot of information that will help me in the area of work I will be in the future.
   15. Good class, great professor, information very clearly presented.
   16. Harsh grading style. No opportunity to pull up bad test grades. You screw up once & your done.
   17. He is very knowledgeable. [Subject] can be rather difficult at times for non-science students.
18. It was fun, its all good. But many equations.
19. Dr. Kunchur really seems to enjoy what he teaches. Although a big class, he made students welcome to ask questions and incredibly learned everyone’s name. He helped everyone – even liberal arts majors – learn complex science concepts. It’s very practical & can be applied to everyday life. It increases one’s understanding of the world.
20. It was an excellent course with an excellent teacher…I love learning about music—the course really went into depth on how amps and such work.
21. Good teacher, cares about the students and wants them to excel. Good course, lots of fun, however too much physics.
22. The course should have a book…more specifically related to the subject matter.
23. He was very knowledgeable. Very boring lectures. Learn about many sounds. Too much if your not really into music.
24. Too much math in the course.
25. I think professor Kunchur has an excellent grasp on the subject matter and I enjoyed the class very much. I learned about things I am really interested in.

ii. Honors evaluations for “Musical Acoustics”, Physics 155 at USC, Spring 2004 (overall instructor rating = 4.86/5.00; honors average for other instructors for this group is 4.33 ± 0.35)
1. Although a large class, he was welcome to all questions and amazingly learned everyone’s name. He helped make the material intelligible to all, especially non-science majors. He made the material interesting & applicable. It [course] is very practical and useful. A great instructor who really seems to care about his students.
2. He was humorous and informative. I have no negatives. Lectures can get long, break them up w/ a few more demos.
3. Easily one of the best professors I have had at USC. Knew the material cold, great at explaining everything, funny, kept everyone’s attention, tests were fair. All the demonstrations were helpful.
4. He’s very excited about the subject, a good teacher. The subject is interesting, but the material covered is sometimes seems too hard for someone without scientific background. Useful methods: Examples in class.
5. Professor Kunchur is a wonderful professor – clearly enjoys teaching and cares that his students understand the material, and the nonscience major may ask even the most ignorant of questions without fear. More challenging than anticipated of a science course for nonscience majors, but worthwhile & interesting, not anything to complain about, but not a pushover, easy course either. Useful methods: notes on the internet, powerpoint presentations, Kunchur’s excellent delivery. He’s a fabulous teacher …definitely a teacher I’d recommend to other students.
6. Excited about topic. Experience with subject matter. Deals with many facets of science—course not solely physics based—more physiology, psychology, biology. Useful methods: hands on demonstrations were interesting, dynamic powerpoint outlines/lectures were helpful and a good reference for outside class.
7. Dr. Kunchur is a wonderful professor! He does everything he can to explain the material so that we understand it. He is very open to questions and is willing to explain things in different ways. His enthusiasm for the subject material is great & makes us want to learn it. This course is great for anyone who enjoys music. It really helps one understand the science behind music. He makes diagrams that really help one see what he is trying to say. This is great course.

iii. “General Physics”, Physics 201 at USC, Fall 2003 (overall instructor rating = 3.63/4.00; this rating is significantly above the average of our department)
1. Professor Kunchur is an excellent teacher, and its very obvious that he will do anything he can to help his students do well. He is also extremely intelligent, and he throws in jokes that help make class interesting. I can’t say enough about what an excellent professor he is.
2. Used humor to lighten up the atmosphere. Course moves kind of fast.
3. The professor is always willing to accept questions and encourages reflection on the topics we cover. He tries to make examples and demonstrations relevant to us. He seems very open & available to students.
4. Dr. Kunchur always used class time very well, was always open to questions, and encouraged the class to learn the material. He was always helpful outside of class, willing to work with struggling students,
and even held evening review sessions. He is a great asset to the honors college. This course was
difficult but doable because of the instructor.
5. Very nice, always willing to got the extra mile to help you learn. Smart as heck. His only negative aspect
is that he doesn’t teach all my [other] classes.
6. The teacher is one of the best I have had. Always available, ready to answer questions, and eager to help. I would recommend him to anyone. The quizzes were harder than the tests.
7. Very knowledgeable about subject. Open for discussion in classroom. Teaches theory, not just problem solving, which helps me understand problems.
8. Very helpful and understanding. Love that he was available all the time.
9. Good job – gave very good explanation, really knew the material. Website was also very helpful. I’m not a big fan of physics, but Prof. Kunchur did a good job making it clear & interesting.
10. Always willing to help…weekly quizzes were sometimes difficult.
11. Motivated and enthusiastic. Knowledgeable and willing to help. Weekly quizzes while they did keep me on top of the material got old really fast.
12. He’s very helpful & takes the time to make sure students understand what he’s teaching, and he’s very respectful of students. In the last 3 weeks of class, he rushed through the last 3 chapters.
13. I really appreciated Dr. Kunchur’s availability and willingness to help outside the classroom.
14. Dr. Kunchur made me believe that I am capable of learning anything, especially physics. He is by far my favorite professor this semester.

iv. “Musical Acoustics”, Physics 155 at USC, Spring 2003 (overall instructor rating = 3.63/4.00; this rating is very high for a physics for non-science majors course)
1. I feel this instructor has an excellent ability to convey his knowledge in a classroom atmosphere in such a way that the information is useful to me in the course of study I have chosen as a music major. I feel that the demonstration of electronic equipment is useful.
2. Try to break it down a little bit more to make it a little easier for non-science majors.
3. Very knowledgeable and provides real life examples. Not enough demonstrations. Online notes are useful. Interesting subject. Glad I took this class b/c I’m probably never gonna have an opportunity to learn this stuff again.
4. Everything is positive. He does a very good job teaching this course.
5. Positive: knows physics very well. Negative: doesn’t know how to make it understandable completely to people with little physics background.
7. Dr. Kunchur is very knowledgeable about the material covered. He is a good teacher.
8. He had a positive outlook on the subject. I wish there were more demonstrations. It should meet more days.
9. He covered the material very thoroughly. I am more knowledgeable of music and how it works.
10. I enjoyed his class very much. He made regular office hours and was always prompt and willing to help.
11. I thought the course was very educational and fun. This is one of the first sciences I have enjoyed in a long time.
12. He possesses a definite care for his students and the material. Flawless teacher. The course was interesting but could be more interactive.
13. Great teacher but teaches down to challenged students, making it boring for advanced students. It shouldn’t be advertised as a science for non-science majors.
14. Positive: Kunchur was obviously very knowledgeable about musical acoustics. Always had a positive attitude. Negative: lectures were a little dry. Positive: learned a lot about a variety of topics dealing with musical acoustics.
15. Great job. Really enjoyed the class. Easy to understand & the powerpoint was very helpful in learning material. Positive: The equipment in the class was wonderful. Its great to have a course where I can gain practical & useful information that I can apply to my life & my career as a music teacher.
16. I felt it was slightly easy and too dumbed down for people who were not science majors e.g., Media Arts. I feel it should be for students who are prepared for physics courses.
17. Great teacher. May need to work on what we’re going to cover (his first time teaching [this course] and all). Hard course without solid mathematical background.
18. GREAT JOB TEACHING. Please revise notes [on the web] to make them more thorough and readable...they are a great supplement to classwork.
19. Explained concepts well. Less stuff on music and more on acoustics, and musical instruments, and electronics for audio reproduction.
20. Sometimes he went a little too fast for non-science/math majors.
21. Very clear, responsive, able to explain thoroughly, no negative aspects. Very interesting, best physics class I’ve ever had.
22. He is smart but needs to break down info further for non-physics [majors].
23. He is very positive. I wish we had more demonstrations.
24. Very knowledgeable, gave real life examples and applications. Friendly – jokes around – fun. Good course. Glad I took it because this is material I’d never learn anywhere else.

v. Physics 201 at USC, Fall 2002 (overall instructor rating = 3.80/4.0; this high rating is truly rare)
1. His teaching style is very clear and easy to follow.
2. They should really only let science majors take this course. It was a lot more intense than I was expecting.
3. I very much enjoyed Dr. Kunchur. He always has a positive attitude which makes physics a little easier to handle at 9:00 in the morning.
4. He was very good & for the most part did a great job of explaining. I enjoyed the use of quizzes over capa. Quizzes are much more helpful.
5. Really nice guy and great teacher. I believe I learned a lot in this course even though the material’s hard.
6. Approachable, easy to understand. Quizzes instead of CAPA is good.
7. Very concerned about students and wants to help. I actually like CAPA because it makes me do more problems and problems that are made up by the teacher, not the book. I think tests should be taken out of 100 points, that way, small mistakes don’t count as much.
8. Dr. Kunchur is wonderful, he is a very motivating and helpful teacher, he explains concepts thoroughly and clearly, is responsive to student questions, and never gets distracted, uses class time very effectively. This course is a good intro to physics, a good survey, although it is very broad.
9. He was an excellent professor! The lectures were always great as were the quizzes instead of CAPA.
10. Dr. Kunchur is one of the best science professors I’ve had at USC. He has a talent for explaining things clearly. The tests are always fair. The analogies he uses to explain theories are good. Dr. Kunchur himself is always very friendly & helpful in discussing class material or grades outside class. I enjoyed this class. I thought having homework problems and discussing them was a lot better than CAPA. The weekly quizzes were helpful.
11. Very willing to help students in any way possible. Wanted to see students succeed. Using homework & quizzes is better than CAPA. It would have been helpful to have better solutions ... for the homework.
12. This instructor was genuinely concerned his students learned the course material. He was very accessible and willing to help students outside of class. Nothing negative can be said about this instructor. The best thing that can be said about this course is that homework and quizzes were used in place of CAPA. CAPA is extremely flawed as a learning tool.
13. Dr. Kunchur was very helpful to us. He was very concerned if we learned the material. He is a great professor. It [the course] is right what I thought it would be.
14. I feel that you go out of your way to make sure we have plenty of opportunities to learn the material. Please de-emphasize the text & work on making the online notes clearer, because they are much more applicable to the class than the text is.

vi. Physics 202 (CAPA) at USC, Spring 2002 (overall instructor rating = 3.8/4.00; this high rating is truly rare)
1. He is very smart and friendly. He explains physics very well and relates it to people who are confused by it. Good job!
2. He is always willing to lend a helping hand when needed with no frustration when a student lacks the principles.
3. Dr. Kunchur is very respectful to the students and very helpful. Not only does he help with the problem, he explains the understanding and background of the problem. He also gets us in a group to explain things when most of us do not understand. It was like a supplement to the lecture class.

vii. Physics 512 at USC, Spring 2002 (overall instructor rating = 4.0; this is a third perfect score)  
There were only two students enrolled in this class. Because of the stipulation that an evaluation by students should not be administered for a class with less than three students, the standard students’ evaluation for PHY 512 (Spring 2002) are not available. As a member of the Peer Reiew of Teaching Committee during the relevant period, I interviewed those two students to learn their opinions about Dr. Kunchur's teaching performance. Those students' opinions can be summarized as follows:

"Dr. Kunchur's class was of a quality that is rare. His teaching was more productive and efficient than the majority of the professors we have taken. Dr. Kunchur was always excited to teach us in the class and was not overly concentrated on just the subject at hand. We appreciate how he made sure we understood the underlying concepts and how they applied in other areas of physics as well. Dr. Kunchur was also very accessible whenever we had questions. Overall, we think Dr. Kunchur deserves a rating of 4."

viii. Physics 309 at USC, Fall 2001 (overall instructor rating = 3.67/4.00; this is significantly above the department average)  
1. Great professor! Very open minded! Wish more professors taught like him!  

ix. Physics 512 at USC, Spring 2001 (overall instructor rating = 4.0/4.0; this is a second perfect score)  
1. Good: asks the students what is going on, knowing well the materials and etc.  
2. Encourage me to understand the material completely. Speak with a little accent which makes me sometimes confused.  
3. A good way to communicate with the student.

x. Physics 201 at USC, Fall 2000 (overall instructor rating = 3.69/4.00; this is significantly above the dept. average)  
1. He is a very smart man and always happy. His handwriting sometimes is difficult to read. Class was good…I really liked how available he was outside of class and how willing he was to help students understand the material.  
2. An aspiring teacher with a great attitude toward teaching. Demonstrations were helpful.  
3. Extremely helpful & available for additional instruction; very concerned and caring; extremely fair with grading; a wonderful, nice, genuine person; very competent.  
4. Dr. Kunchur is very concerned that his students understand and learn the material. He is always willing to meet after class to help with the questions and problems. His tests are very difficult, not always exactly like the problems we have practiced. Having notes on the web prior to class REALLY helped me be able to listen better in class – not worry so much about copying. Wonderful disposition, funny, helpful.  
5. He clearly explained all the principles and welcomed questions when we did not understand. I didn’t like the use of overheads but I did like the fact that the notes were on the web. It was a good course. All good.  
6. Explains well. Gives fair exams – No negatives. Enjoyed the class. Best science teacher I have had to date.  
7. Dr. Kunchur is a wonderful, caring, knowledgeable professor. He knows everything and teaches us interesting stuff. He also helps me a lot anytime I stop by his office.  
8. Dr. Kunchur always made himself available for extra help, even on the weekends. He explained things in a way easy to understand. He used visual demonstrations.  
9. He is great at understanding complex problems in a way that we can understand. He also answers questions very directly. He is a very fair grader as well. Extremely satisfied.  
10. Tests are extremely difficult…questions too long.
xi. **Physics 202 at USC, Spring 2000** (overall instructor rating = 3.94/4.00; this high rating is truly rare)

1. Always helped students understand the material...Lectures reflected a great knowledge of physics...Dr. Kunchur is great!
2. He is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about physics and motivates students to learn...I have understood and learned more of the theories and actual principles of physics.
3. Dr. Kunchur is a really great teacher. He is very concerned that his students learn the material and is always available to help. He teaches concepts of physics, not just the math, and makes it all make sense.
4. He is outstanding, knows the subject completely and would do anything for the students...Great teacher, great class. I recommend Dr. Kunchur to all my friends.
5. He is an excellent professor who really knows the subject and teaches it in a very practical and funny way. Makes it as easy and fun to learn as possible. I enjoy the mix of qualitative questions and problem solving as opposed to the pure problem solving of CAPA. It makes the tests and quizzes and homework more challenging and requires actual understanding.
6. He is very concerned with us as students. He tries very hard to make physics useful by giving us practical examples and bringing in demonstrations. I liked his analogies to everyday events. He is an excellent instructor!
7. Dr. Kunchur is an excellent teacher. His examples and method of teaching are very useful and I learned a lot. Not only did I learn how to solve problems, more importantly I came away with a general understanding of physics that will greater help me in the future. Dr. Kunchur is very interesting and always helps students.
8. Good knowledge of subject, genuine concern for students, excellent use of previous well-understood concepts to explain new, more difficult concepts; medical examples of concepts very helpful to the many pre-med students in class, great sense of humor.
9. Dr. Kunchur is a great professor + he really cares about his students.
10. He is very friendly and wants to see us do well. He is a good lecturer and teacher. There are no negatives. It is a good course and is very interesting. I find myself thinking about physics all the time now. He is the best!
11. Dr. Kunchur is just an amazing professor who genuinely cares about making sure his students understand what's going on. Dr. Kunchur is a blessing to this university. He is definitely one of the best teachers I've ever had.

xii. **Physics 201 at USC, Fall 1999** (overall instructor rating = 3.38/4.00; this rating is significantly above the average of our department)

1. “Dr. Kunchur always welcomes questions and really wants to help students learn the material. The demonstrations made the class more interesting and provided a visual manifestation of the concepts.”
2. “He really seems to love physics and makes others want to learn it too.”
3. “Overall an incredible teacher.”
4. “Dr. Kunchur is very concerned with his students’ progress. He tries to make sure that each student understands physics.”
5. “Very good about outside office hours (anytime).”
6. “The instructor did a wonderful job teaching the course...Overall, he is one of the best professors I have had at USC. He understood & explained the material well and was always available for help outside class even beyond office hours.
7. “Good sense of humor, good use of medical applications of course material (students mostly pre-med)...good class demonstrations.”

xiii. **Physics 202 at USC, Spring 1999** (overall instructor rating = 4.00/4.00; the full score in rating is the ultimate proof of Dr. Kunchur’s superb teaching techniques and dedication)

1. “Dr. Kunchur is an excellent professor—he considered our input & explains things very well. He also lets us have some fun & I think most of us enjoyed the class. Dr. Kunchur’s explanations & method of lecturing (writing descriptive notes on board) were helpful. I think it would be useful to use recitation to go over problems or questions.”
2. “Dr. Kunchur explained things clearly and gave examples that were easy to understand. He was always willing to answer questions & always willing to help inside or outside of class.”
3. “Positive: Kunchur is an excellent teacher: well organized, knowledgeable, and helpful. Negative: none that I can think of. Excellent course…All the diagrams and outlines on the board helped to keep the class focused and organized.”
4. “Very friendly, approachable, relates well to students. Very good teacher.”
5. “Positive: depth of knowledge, cool accent, big magnet. Negative: none…Keep up the good work.”

xiv. Physics 212 at USC, Fall 1998
(overall instructor rating = 3.06/4.00; this rating is significantly above the average)
1. “Never says anything he can’t back support with an explanation; really shows an absolute understanding and belief in physics.”
2. “Dr. Kunchur is an excellent professor. He was very concerned that students really understand the material and spent many extra hours outside class to help students.”
3. “Very good – explaining thoroughly and giving examples.”
4. “Great teacher – he wants us to learn and takes the time.”
5. “+ Knows the material and makes the class at least interesting. – barely pertinent to my major. Examples were unique.”
6. “Very helpful outside class, helped with my questions. I would recommend this professor!!”

xv. Physics 202 at USC, Spring 1998
(overall instructor rating = 3.86/4.00; this high rating is truly exceptional)
1. “The University to South Carolina and its governing General Assembly should do anything necessary to keep this man on the faculty. The progress I’ve made in understanding electromagnetism, light, and relativity is phenomenal. The pace of the course was perfect. ... Keep doing what you are doing!”
2. “Dr. Kunchur is a very innovative teacher. He is very personable and the class is rightly interactive. He is very encouraging and also very willing to take time out for us outside the classroom. ... He utilized demonstrations regularly and can think of alternative methods of explanation if students don’t understand at first. Excellent creative professor.”
3. “Excellent professor, knows what he is doing and is able to communicate it with students on their level; is also concerned that students understand the fundamental concepts of physics. Have to put in a lot of effort.”
4. “Dr. Kunchur conveys his vast knowledge of the subject manner to his students through understandable examples and analogies. He makes difficult topics easy to understand. He is also very personable and easy to get along with. ... I like Dr. Kunchur’s question-and-answer style of lecture. It allowed for detailed explanations of subject matter ... Physics is fun!”
5. “Positive: friendly, helpful, sense of humor, good teacher. Negative: gone for 3 classes, talks fast. Hard tests...Dr. Kunchur was a wonderful instructor. His class was fun and laid back. I learned a lot.”

xvi. Physics 202 at USC, Spring 1997
(overall instructor rating = 3.54/4.00; this rating is well above the average of our department)
1. “I am a senior, and after 4 years at this university I can honestly say that this is the first professor that really truly cares about his students. He had extensive office hours and was obviously very interested in making sure that we all understood the subject matter. He was the first professor that I have had for a physics class that really made me understand the concepts ... I did not feel like a number in his class. He was personable and it was obvious that he loves what he does here at the university.”
2. “Dr. Kunchur was an excellent instructor. I entered this class with a negative attitude toward physics ... He made the material seem less unapproachable and more user-friendly. It wasn’t easier, it was just better explained.”
3. “I think Dr. Kunchur is a very good teacher. I like that he is funny while teaching the material and he knew our names. I like the demonstrations that he did, and I liked that he interacted with us during class.”
4. “My instructor is very enthusiastic about this subject and communicates it very well.”
5. “He made lectures interesting. One of my first classes where I haven’t seen people fall asleep in class. A funny guy.”
6. “Kunchur was great and he was positive and enthusiastic. He made learning physics fun and easy to learn.”
7. “I truly enjoyed having Dr. Kunchur for Physics 202. Thanks to his patient manner, I was able to learn more, and actually understand more than in the previous physics class. Also he added humor to each lecture which made the task of learning physics less dreadful.”
8. “...good professor because he really cared about the students and wanted them to learn. Also he had a good sense of humor that helped the classroom atmosphere.”
9. “His ability to call us by name was very helpful in expressing an atmosphere for learning.”
10. “Professor Kunchur is enthusiastic and does a great job of relating physics to the real world.”
11. “Instructor is very fair and an overall great guy”.
12. “He knew my name by the second week of class...very helpful and caring...always cheerful & that helps the classroom atmosphere.”
13. “Dr. Kunchur is a very good instructor that shows a genuine interest in students.”
14. “Dr. Kunchur was an enjoyable professor b/c you could see that he was genuinely concerned about how all students were understanding the material. If you had no clue, he was willing to help you even if it was on his own time.”
15. “Dr. Kunchur made the class enjoyable by asking questions and also explaining applications of the material instead of just a math course.”
16. “His humor and teaching style was excellent in bringing Physics home for me. The only negative aspect of this course was how Professor Kunchur would sometimes write on the board for an extended bit of time before explaining.”
17. “I really enjoyed my professor. He was always well prepared, ready to answer any questions, & he was always smiling.”
18. “Good sense of humor—make the class more interesting. Very fair grading. Concerned with students learning the material.”
19. “Dr. Kunchur had the ability to make this class exciting and more relevant by using examples that were in everyday life...He is a great instructor.”
20. “Great teaching methods—students able to follow lecture—at right level—humor involved.”
21. “No negative aspects, Professor was humorous, clear, understandable, and great help outside class...great teacher.”
22. “Dr. Kunchur was an extremely helpful instructor. Students were always welcome to come to his office hours and he was good at speaking to us at our level.”
23. “Very good professor, he had an overwhelming concern for his students.”
24. “Positive: you were always available to answer student questions, you tried to make it as interesting as possible w/ humor.”
25. “Dr. Kunchur has way of using analogies (often humorous) to enlighten the students even when a topic is particularly abstract. Physics is a difficult subject to comprehend and he did a wonderful job of making it less painful.”
26. “Always prepared for class, available after class for extra help.”
27. “Dr. Kunchur was one of the only teachers I’ve had at the university who took the time to get to know most of his students on a first name basis. This interaction helped me to be more comfortable in asking questions and getting a better understanding of the topics.”
28. “Dr. Kunchur did an excellent job of making Physics, which at times can be very abstract, understandable. He did an excellent job of teaching the concepts, not just the equations ...”
29. “Pos(+): He was always there to help. Neg(-): wrote things on the board & then tried to explain. Should try to write & explain together...writing essays for tests helped me understand concepts.”

xvii. Physics 201 and 202 (1991) at UVa (overall rating is dramatically above the usual for this course)
1. “…was one of the best professors I’ve had at UVa. He actually made physics fun & interesting. He put so much time & patience into his students.”
2. “Prof. Kunchur is an excellent teacher. He presents his material clearly in a well thought out manner. ... However I thought his tests 2nd semester were far too easy...Overall I enjoyed physics this summer and I think Prof. Kunchur has a real affinity for teaching. In a word he was great.”
3. “Kunchur – very good, he’s interested in teaching and has enthusiasm; kind natured.”
4. “Professor Kunchur was an excellent teacher in every respect.”
5. “Kunchur was a great teacher. He paid attention to individuals as well as giving good lectures.”
6. “The lectures were very good.”
7. “Lecturer was very accessible. He tried to make the lectures interesting even when the material was dry.”
8. “The class itself was excellent; however the makeup of the tests was very unfair.”
9. “…helpful in explaining unclear areas of the text. Tests and quizzes were fair in their coverage of the relevant material.”
10. “Tests too hard!”
11. “I wish we had some calculus. The second test was a farce. The lectures were very good.”