



WORLD SERIOUS

Author Harvey Frommer, who teaches “Oral History in Theory and Practice” with his wife, Myrna, in the master of arts in liberal studies department, is working on his 41st sports book, *Remembering Fenway Park*. If you’ve got any great Fenway stories, he’s all ears. Meanwhile, *DAM* recently went a quick nine innings with Dartmouth’s own Mr. Baseball, who offered his take on some of the more important elements of the game:

- 1. Favorite Player:** Jackie Robinson.
- 2. Best Red Sox Player:** Ted Williams.
- 3. Best Yankees-Red Sox Game:** If you were a Yankees fan, it’s the 1978 playoff game, when Bucky Dent hit the pop fly homer.
- 4. Best Yankees Team:** 1927, Murderer’s Row. My book *Five O’Clock Lightning* details it all.
- 5. Favorite Ball Park:** Fenway.
- 6. Should Pete Rose Be In the Hall of Fame:** No!
- 7. Best Player of Today:** Albert Pujols.
- 8. Earliest Baseball Memory:** Growing up in Brooklyn, I met Jackie Robinson one day. “Hi Jackie, I’m one of your biggest fans,” I said self-consciously. “Do you think the Dodgers are going to win the pennant this year?” His handsome face looked sternly down at me. “We’ll try our best,” he said. “Good luck,” I said. “Thanks,” he replied. I was a nervy kid, but I didn’t ask for an autograph or try to prolong the conversation. I just watched as he walked away down the street.
- 9. Who’ll Win the 2008 World Series:** BoSox.

ONLINE

Students Grade Profs



THE POPULAR WEB SITE

RateMyProfessors.com presents more than 6 million student opinions about 1 million professors at 6,000 schools. But the site lists only 182 Dartmouth profs (compared to nearly 500 profs each from Brown and Columbia), none of whom are reviewed by more than eight students. Dartmouth’s own course guide, run by Student Assembly (SA), is more complete, detailed and informative, with more than 26,000 student reviews posted. Prompts in the SA guide such as “Was paced too quickly” or “Gives effective lectures” provide much more useful and in-depth information about a professor than do RateMyProfessors.com’s criteria of “easiness,” “helpfulness,” “clarity” and even “hotness,” which students rate on a scale of 1 to 5. (Examples of Dartmouth professor ratings at both sites are listed below.)

Despite the popularity of RateMyProfessors.com nationally, I was happy sticking with the SA course guide when choosing classes. After all, “hotness” is not the most important quality I’m looking for in a professor.

—Kate Wooler '08

STUDENT ASSEMBLY COURSE GUIDE RATINGS

DEPARTMENT	PROFESSOR	# OF REVIEWS	AVERAGE RATING
Economics	Bruce Sacerdote '90	6	A
Comments: Insanely smart, understanding, not too difficult, makes it fun, loves his students, laid back, helpful outside of class			
Education	Kimberly Williams	17	A
Comments: Knowledgeable, experienced, personable, amazing, a lot of work, funny, fun, available outside class, good class discussion			
Russian	Alfia Rakova	6	A
Comments: Interesting, animated, made learning easy, engaging, demanding but helpful, fun, interesting, organized classes well			
Spanish & Portuguese	Rebecca Biron	6	A
Comments: Brilliant, approachable, demanding, smart, high expectations, fast paced, interactive, helpful, fair, fun			
Theater	Kathleen Cunneen	6	A
Comments: Relaxed, knowledgeable, time-consuming class, rewarding			

RATEMYPROFESSORS.COM

DEPARTMENT	PROFESSOR	# OF REVIEWS	OVERALL QUALITY	EASINESS	HELPFULNESS	CLARITY	HOTNESS
Anthropology	Kamyar Abdi	5	4.9	2.4	5	4.8	4
Comments: Learned a lot, great class, awesome sense of humor, had a lot of fun, very smart, friendly, enthusiastic, helpful							
Computer Science	Prasad Jayanti	6	4.7	3.2	4.7	4.7	4
Comments: Best professor I have had for any course, Prasad is one funky dude							
English	Terry Osborne	6	4.8	3.3	4.8	4.8	2
Comments: He will push you to think more deeply about things you previously have not examined, committed to his students, passionate, challenging, out-of-the box strategies							
Philosophy	Walter Sinnott-Armstrong	3	4.8	3	4.7	5	0
Comments: Very interesting man who makes class entertaining and informative, excellent professor							
Spanish & Portuguese	Douglas Moody	4	5	4	5	5	0
Comments: Nice, willing to listen, will write a good recommendation							