Phys 653 FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MID-COURSE CORRECTIONS 9/25/'07

Please mark in pencil, anonymously, and return to Chris Henley.
Feel free to write additional comments on another sheet.

I AM: audit o credit o

WHICH ACTIVITY is most effective to help you learn and keep up with the course? (Write '1' in one space, '2' in another space, down to '5', where 1=best and 5=worst)

Book readings	___
Weekly regular homework	___
Lectures	___
"Questions" sent by email	___
Teaser problems (and 'solution' in lec.)	___

What is your estimated total time load, NOT INCLUDING lectures? (reading, homework, discussions with other students in 653) ___ hours

LECTURES are (Both extremes on different occasions)

too detailed	o o o o o	not detailed enough	o
too fast	o o o o o	too slow	o
readable	o o o o o	illegible	o
well-organized	o o o o o	confusing	o

When sitting in class, my priority is:

-- take complete notes so as to study later	o o o o o	-- to digest what is being said in real time	o

I find it easy to ask questions	o o o o o	I am inhibited from asking questions (What would help?)	o
Lecturer: knowledgeable	o o o o o	befuddled	o

Technical problems in lectures? -- abbreviations, prof blocking view of board, incomplete sentences, transparencies?

CHOICE OF MATERIAL (your personal opinion)

			Both extremes on different occasions
is mostly review	o o o o o	is all new	o
too much exotic and fine points	o o o o o	too basic, not enough depth	o
is coherent	o o o o o	is mishmash	o
I like the toy models to show essentials	o o o o o	I like the real thing (genuine materials)	o

(Next one is asking about whole class, not just you)

too difficult, material is over everybody’s head	o o o o o	main points clear to all	o

HOMEWORK (averaged over HW 1-4, please)

too long	o o o o o	too short	o
too hard	o o o o o	too easy	o
interesting	o o o o o	unmotivated	o
clearly posed	o o o o o	cryptic	o
related to lecture	o o o o o	unrelated	o

I can work through problems without understanding lectures very well.

yes	o o o o o	no	o

I think about homeworks

usually all alone	o o o o o	usually in groups	o

BOOKS (useful) <---> (useless)

Sethna	o o o o o	o
Cardy	o o o o o	o
Chaikin & Lubensky	o o o o o	o
Goldenfeld:	o o o o o	o
Yeomans:	o o o o o	o

Others (Binney et al, ...) ____________________

OFFICE HOURS

	No	Maybe	Yes
I wish there were more office hours and I would come to them if they were possible (or convenient) for my schedule.	o	o	o

OTHER SUGGESTIONS/criticisms/elaborations of the above?
(may be on separate white sheets.)