Hi Chuck!

Last month I started my course work here at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. I also received an appointment as a TA. I'm teaching a course on Beginning Programming (The equivalent to what was CNS1250). Here the beginning language is Java. I teach two 75 minute lectures a week to a class of about 20 freshmen. I honestly didn't think it would be this much fun. Time completely flies when I am teaching. I really enjoyed your teaching style and I think about it as I try to be a better instructor. This week I'm teaching my students about OO. I don't know everything about Java, nor about teaching it, but I do have one thing you always had in class. I love the subject matter.

It is funny looking at a course from the teacher's perspective. I find myself asking questions like:

How can I encourage them to read the text book?
How can I make sure they understand why we are writing this code?
Why don't they come to my office hours?

I suppose I know the answers to the questions - because I was in the students' shoes not too long ago (and I suppose I still am).

How's UVU? I see that you are president of the Faculty Senate. I suppose I don't know much about it. Are you having a good time with it?

Thanks again for putting in the time while you were teaching our courses. It makes all of the difference when the teacher is focused on the success of the students.

Sean