

Boy, if I'd only known before I started this course that ....

I wish Dr. T would change the way he .....

If you really want an A in his course you should ....

I would have done better if only I'd .....

*Students will provide more useful feedback when they know that they're helping someone else .....*



Course  
Evaluation  
Yellow Comment  
Sheets



No feedback to help future students

## Passing Down Advice: Students Helping Students



## Observations

- ❖ Students do not know what is done with the yellow comment sheets they fill out, and they usually do not bother giving any useful input
- ❖ They do talk to their friends and visit [www.ratemyprofessor.com](http://www.ratemyprofessor.com)
- ❖ Instructors often get few comments and little useful feedback about their course. Additionally, they have little confidence in the scores provided by numerical evaluations

## "What You Need to Know About This Course ...."

- ❖ I have passed out an additional short evaluation sheet that is directed to students in the next course. It gives me good feedback as well.
- ❖ Results are included with next year's syllabus.
- ❖ *Passing Down Advice* Instructions
  - Anonymous - Do not write your name
  - Comments will be given to next year's students with syllabus
  - You do not need to answer any of the questions if you so choose
- ❖ My questions
  - The one thing a student must do to succeed in this course is:
  - The thing I wish I knew about this course before starting it is:
  - The one thing I wish the instructor would change about this course is:
  - The one thing I would do differently in order to get a better grade is:
- ❖ The instructor must be **willing to act** on student suggestions

## Conclusions

- ❖ I find increased response and useful feedback on both my performance and students' assessment of their performance
- ❖ Incoming classes see that the instructor is willing to listen and change to help them learn.



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