

Special Report

Another Nail Pal in the Bad Column?

An Investigative Report on CoB Teaching Quality

The recent USMNEWS.net report [Another Trip Down Memory Lane?](#) covered the recent hiring of Arthur Sorochinsky, who is coming from the University of Alabama - Birmingham to teach the SoA's new accounting information systems course. That report speculated that, because of Sorochinsky's Birmingham roots, new SoA director Skip Huhges was either coaxed or instructed by CoB dean Lance Nail to hire the *finance* professor for an *accounting* spot. As reported previously, Nail's academic area is *finance*, and before coming to USM Nail was the finance chair at UAB.

That earlier report used no speculation in pointing out that Sorochinsky's overall *Rate My Professors* score while on staff at UAB was an underwhelming 2.6. Following on the heels of the Sorochinsky story is the recent **breaking news** item, [CoB Announces New Honors House](#), which details plans for the CoB's new "living and learning" environment in the old Kappa Sigma house on fraternity row. A part of the new Honors House plan has Nail friend and former UAB colleague, Brian Lee (also from finance), setting up residence in the Honors House. However, and like Sorochinsky, Lee's teaching performance while at UAB was underwhelming, at least if evidenced by the 2.9 overall rating from *Rate My Professors*. Comments about Lee's teaching there were also more bad than good. Some of these are inserted below.

Date	Class	EHCRI	User Comments
8/6/09	MBA661	2 1 1 4	Did not teach anything of use for the tests or for future career. Rude in answering student questions and in general just very unhelpful. Worst teacher I have taken.
5/14/09	EC211	2 2 2 1	Brian Lee was pretty irate for most of our class sessions. I did not enjoy his class at all. He obviously teaches MBA courses because he acted as if this class was a burden to his "busy" schedule. Thankfully, I made an A but I will never take another one of his classes again.
4/28/09	EC211	3 5 5 3	Taught straight from Aplia most of the time. Attendance is not mandatory but ALL of the final exam material was from the class notes ONLY. Fair - if you are having problems, make an appointment to see him. He will take time help you understand.
1/5/07	FN410	1 1 1 1	He is a worst teacher ever. He is extremely hard, and crazy. The material for the class should be easy but he makes it to be more complicated and harder. He is very strict at any

			thing you do during class. Don't ever talk or even a smile during his class or else you will get kick out of classroom.
/18/06	QM 215	3 2 2 3	This profeesor is straight GARBAGE!!!! He cant teach, when he tries to teach he stutters trying to say one thing then turns around and says another thing. CANT TEACH FOR*****!!!! The material is easy. The only reason why Lee is hard, is because he makin' harder than it really is. NEED I SAY MORE?!!!
2/10/06	QM 214	1 1 1 5	worst professor ever! avoid him at all costs.
1/27/06	QM 214	1 1 1 1	this man is crazy he puts people out of his class for saying one word
1/17/06	QM-214	1 1 1 1	horrible professor
1/3/06	Quantitati ve	2 2 1 5	he is a hard teacher, and does not explain very clearly and the average of my class was a C
12/14/05	QM 214	1 1 1 2	I HAD a 3.8 GPA.....before I took Lee.

Lee told USM public relations writer Van Arnold that he (Lee) hoped to be setting up residence in a highly integrated living and learning environment at USM. If the comments above are any indication, living with Lee would have been the UAB students' worst nightmare.