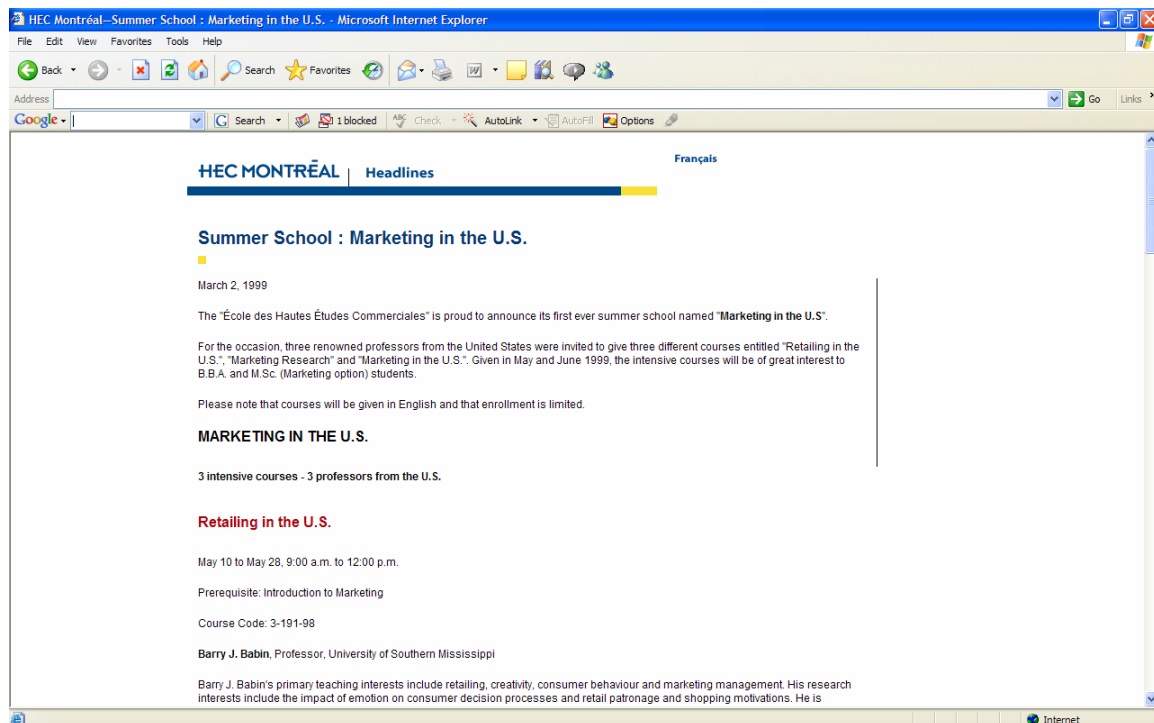


Special Report

How much of Spring '99 did Babin Miss by Teaching in Montreal? An Investigative Series on the Use of the CoB for Personal Gain

A popular feature at usmpride.com has been the Special Report chronicling the whereabouts of economics professor Edward Nissan throughout the first three weeks of fall semester of '96. It turns out that he was moving between London, England, and Nicosia, Cyprus while other CoB faculty were back in Hattiesburg teaching their courses.

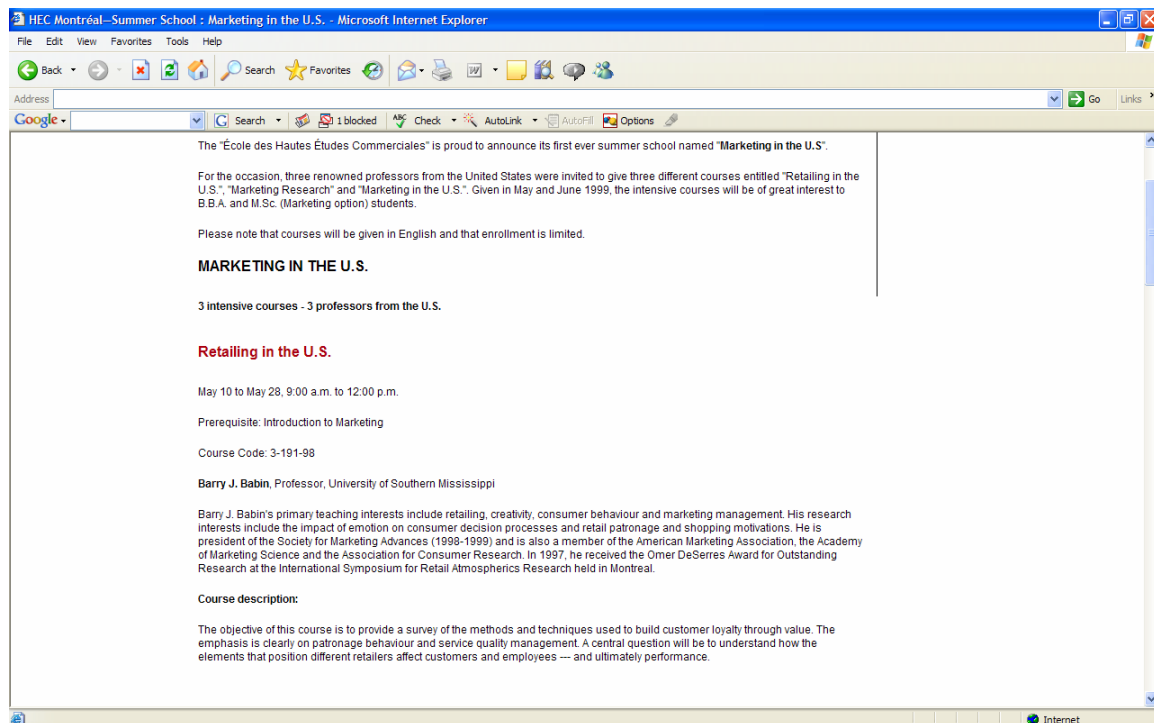
This report is another in that genre. It turns out that Barry Babin (now Chair/Professor of Marketing) may have missed more than one week of Spring semester '99 due to teaching an intensive course on "Retailing in the U.S." at the Ecole des Hautes de Etudes Commerciales in Montreal. The screen inserted below indicates that the HEC in Montreal proudly announced its first ever summer school named "Marketing in the U.S.":



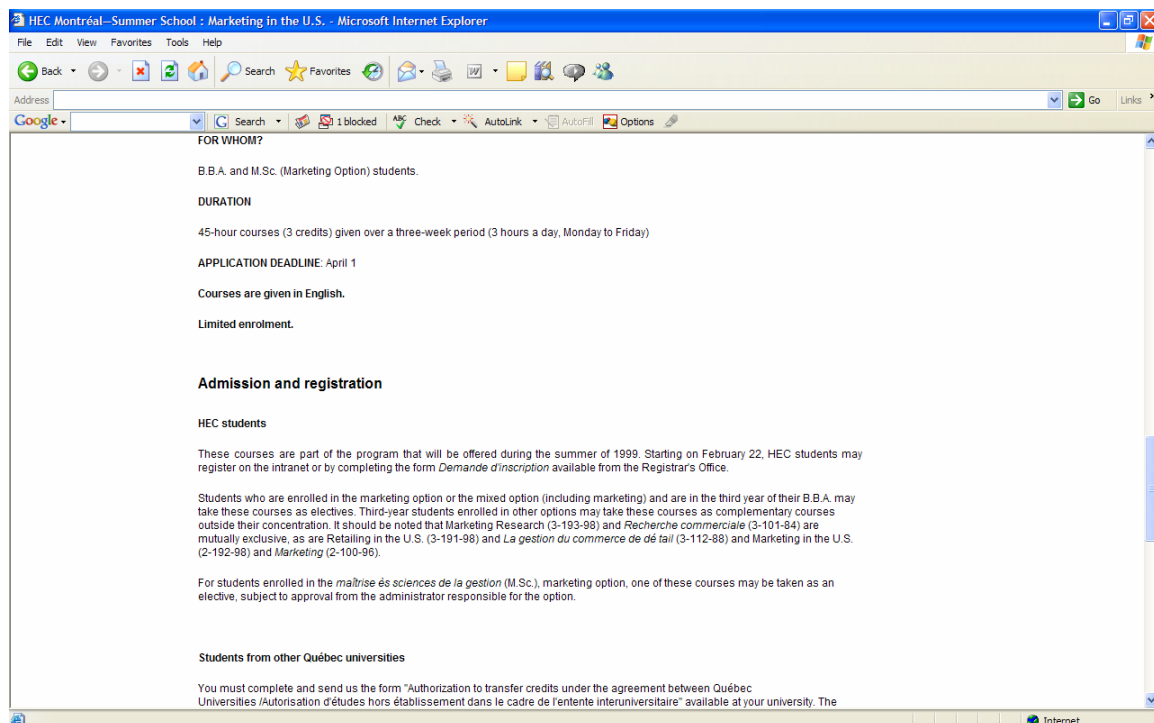
As the screen points out, three "renowned professors from the United States were invited to give three different courses . . ." at the HEC in Montreal. Babin's course, "Retailing in the U.S.," was the first in line, running from May 10th through May 28th of 1999. His course consumed the 9:00am to 12:00noon time slot each day.

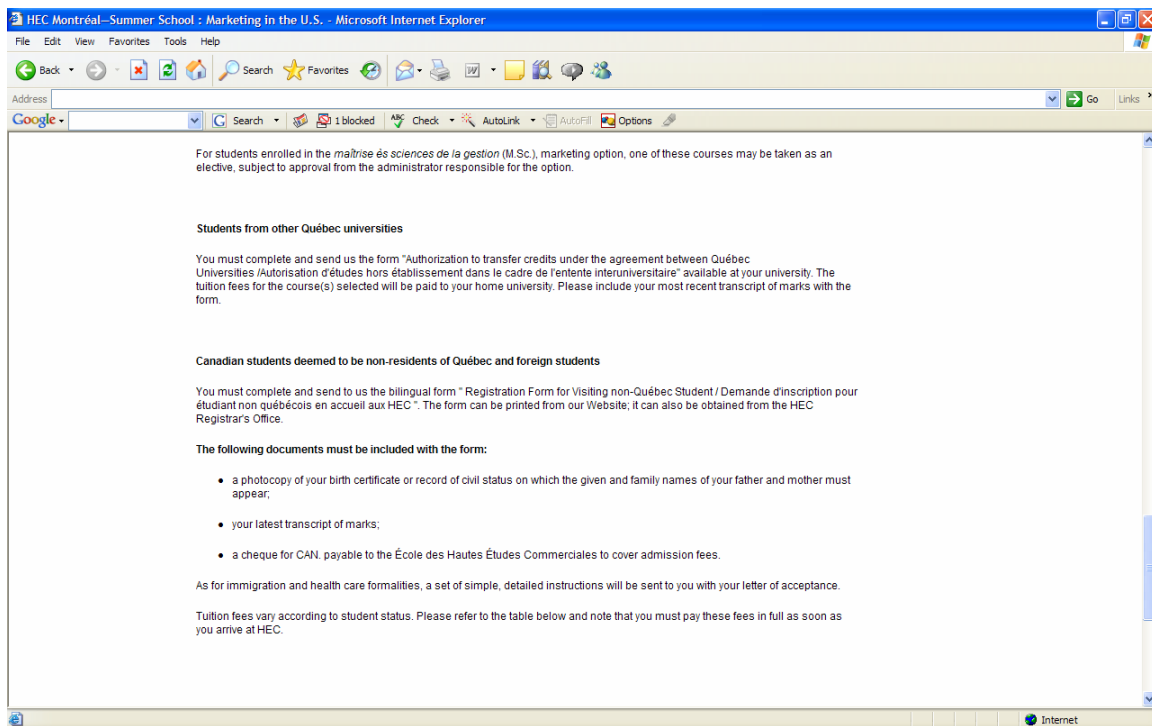
Given the dates of this summer school program, and USM's Spring '99 calendar (USM Bulletin 1998-99), Babin **missed at least the last week of**

the Spring '99 semester, if not more, in order to perform his duties at the HEC in Montreal. The remaining details from Babin's course at the HEC in May of '99 are presented in the screen below:

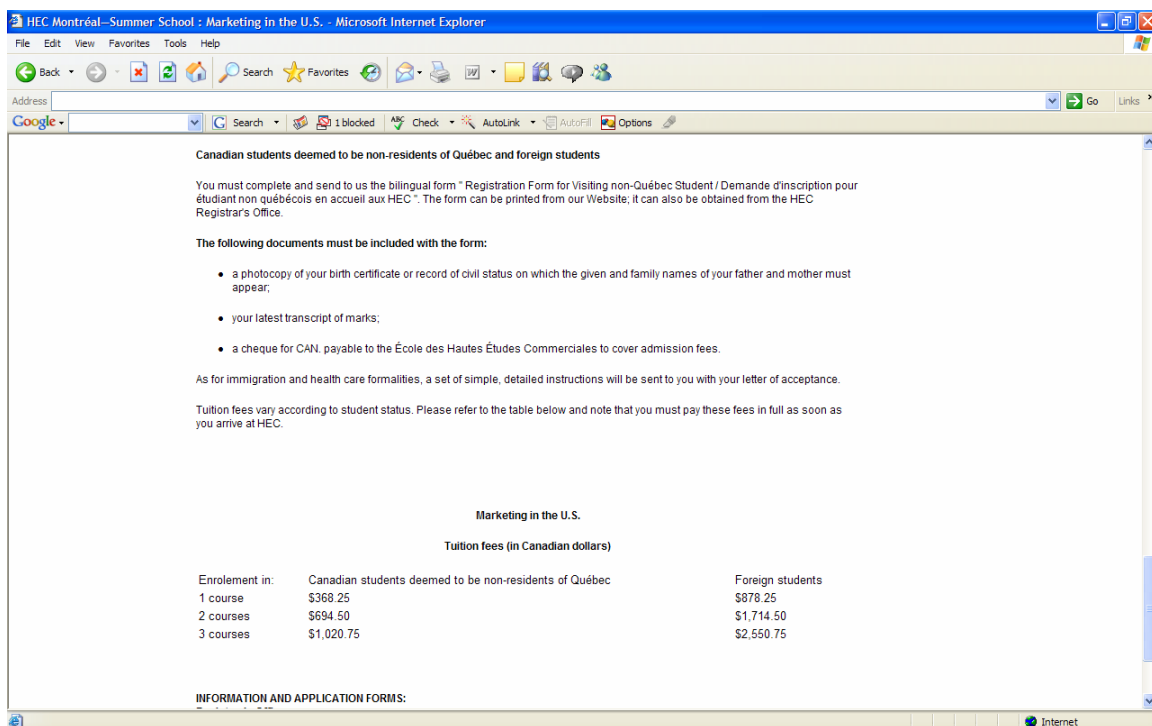


Information needed by students about these three "intensive courses" is provided in the series of screens below:





Specific information about the costs of enrolling in these courses is provided in the screen below:



As the screen above indicates, tuition for Babin's course was as much as \$368.25 to \$878.25 (in Canadian dollars).

What this information does not indicate is Babin's compensation from the invitation to offer the intensive marketing course in Canada. For 45 hours of course instruction, or a full semester in 3 weeks, one would assume that it was a tidy sum. We already know that one week of this 3-week course was also "supported" by taxpaying/tuition-paying Mississippians and others.

Our investigators continue to examine mounds of travel vouchers, and haven't yet completed a search over this Spring '99 period. They will be checking to see if Babin filed for travel expenses reimbursement from Mississippi's citizens regarding this Montreal trip. This could go from bad to worse.