



## ASHOK DAS

Ever since he arrived at the University of Rochester in 1982, students and faculty alike have commented on the extraordinary talents of Ashok Das as a lecturer. With the barest of tools -- just old-fashioned blackboard and chalk -- he can make even the most complex topics in Physics clear to any audience he addresses: undergraduate students, graduate students, or faculty peers. His lucidity is all the more remarkable because Professor Das never uses lecture notes.

Colleagues know that his virtuoso presentations depend upon scrupulous planning, as well as a thorough mastery of the subject. His time-consuming preparation is evidence of his deep concern for students, who repay him for his commitment and ability with equally deep respect. Student evaluations of his teaching can be described only as extravagant. He gets rave reviews: a 4.95 grade out of a possible 5.0 is closer to perfection than most of us ever come.

He gets similar grades as a scholar. Professor Das studied at the University of Delhi and the State University of New York at Stony Brook before completing post-doctoral work at the City College of New York, the University of Maryland, and Rutgers University. Early in his career here at Rochester, he received a coveted Outstanding Junior Investigator Award from the United States Department of Energy. His research findings have been reported in more than sixty-five published papers already and more are in the pipeline. He writes for the benefit of other teachers also: he has co-authored textbooks on both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Teachers in the Rochester area have profited from his expertise through a University-sponsored summer program for high-school science teachers.

We call to honor an outstanding faculty member who excels in his interchangeable roles as scholar and teacher of Physics.

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