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Jim Stasheff* (jds@math.unc.edu), Math-UNC, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3250. *“Characteristic Classes”*: *From lectures to book and beyond.*

In the Spring of 1957, Milnor gave a course on ‘Characteristic Classes’ at Princeton, for which I was the scribe. Some 14 years later, we collaborated on a major revision of the notes which became the book published by Princeton U Press. The talk will begin with brief anecdotes from my grad student days, proceed through the note taking and the collaborative revision process, discuss the interaction with math physics which resulted and conclude with the latest good news. (Received September 20, 2000)