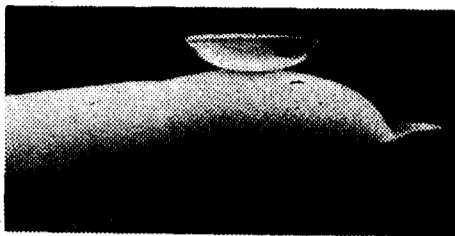


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Popular course cut back at SFU

BURNABY (CUP) — The only course that is consistently full every spring and fall semester at Simon Fraser University has been cut back.

English 010, an essay writing course, has been cutback from 18 sections a semester to 12 starting the fall of 1980.

The cutback is a result of the administration discontinuing sessional instructors in the course who are specifically hired for their writing skills.

The move has prompted the teaching support staff union (TSSU) to file a suit against the SFU administration for unfair labour practice and intimidation.

"We have consulted with our lawyer," said Mark Lushington of TSSU, "with the intent of filing an unfair labour practice with the labour relations board."

Lushington said that the grounds for the suit may include not bargaining in good faith.

TSSU is currently negotiating their first contract with SFU, and the administration move was done without consulting the union.

The intimidation charge is based on the fact that one of the union's negotiators is a sessional instructor. Alison Hopwood stands to lose her job because of the administration's move.

"The most accurate way to describe this move is to call it shortsighted," said Lushington.

Assistant chairperson of the English department, Andrea Lebowitz, was also displeased by the action.

"We don't have that much spare faculty time," said Lebowitz, "and we need competent people. You have to have specialists in the field."

"You can't have just anyone teach 010."

Abortion counselling for students

TORONTO (CUP) — A controversy has erupted on the University of Toronto campus: whether the sexual education centre (SEC) should provide abortion counselling.

Members of the students' administrative council (SAC) will meet with campus groups to determine whether the "unofficial" order not to mention abortion in the SEC counselling program should become official policy. SAC gave the order in September 1979.

A motion was tabled Feb. 4 that proposed "that SEC, as part of its pregnancy counselling, may refer students to appropriate campus health services regarding legal and medical information concerning abortion and carrying pregnancy to term to clients wishing to know the facts".

Debbie Mills, a former co-ordinator who was with the centre when it was created in March, 1977, said, "We are an information centre, trying to give the most accurate information that we can."

"Pregnancy counselling should include all of the available options and good counselling has to include a discussion of abortion."



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