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COMMENTARY

'Correct' course

In the Oct. 26 *American-Statesman* article on forming a University of Texas chapter of the American Association of University Professors, Professor Kurt Heinzelman is quoted as saying that the proposed English 306 course that would have been required of all freshman at the University of Texas was wrongly accused of being "politically correct."

I think the facts about the course speak for themselves. In the original version of the course, the sole book of

readings required would have been *Racism and Sexism: An Integrated Study*, a left-oriented reader by Paula Rothenberg, a writer who in two publications identifies herself as a Marxist feminist. One of those publications is *Socialist Visions*; the other is *Radical Teacher*.

In *Visions*, Rothenberg says, "... the protection of property rights and patriarchal privilege ... will not yield without a struggle and it will be the job of the state under socialism to see to it that these interests are suppressed and eliminated even when and if this runs counter to the expressed will of the people and their commitment to ... civil liberties."

And Professor Heinzelman claims that the people who wanted to give a course built around the writings of this teacher were not moving toward "political correctness"? I am not convinced.

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