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I came away from Twombly's meeting intensely depressed. I don't think there's a chance of restoring the now waived requirement of 346K, and I want no part of that effort. In fact, I'd just sit and enjoy that last and longest laugh--if it weren't that students are getting cheated, lecturers crucified, and faculty spit upon.

I suggest, then, that a campaign be mounted for a series of elective courses in composition, including or drawn from 307, 308, 310, 317, 325M, and 346K. These electives would be in addition to the required 306 and 316K. Only so many sections would be established as could be maintained without enlarging the present staff or the present budget.

Such an arrangement would protect both students and lecturers: students who want to learn to write and lecturers who want to keep their jobs would have their chances. From the full range of electives, a set of requirements might eventually emerge. For such an expedient, a united front might develop, with nobody losing face or violating conscience. To refuse the arrangement would be politically difficult.

Meanwhile, support might be found for pretty stubborn questioning of the administration's modus operandi. I've asked Ms. Spirduse for an emergency session of the Senate--but don't expect to get it. The next regular meeting is as soon as February 4--I mean MARCH 4.



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