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MEMORANDUM

To: Hugh Strange
From: John Ruszkiewicz
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There are two articles in the current edition of **The Chronicle of Higher Education** of possible interest to your E 306 investigation.

The first is a nation-wide survey of undergraduates' attitudes and opinions with respect to their college educations. I've highlighted figures which suggest that students, particularly those at 4-year research institutions like UT, strongly prefer required courses in composition to courses in literature. (The current E 306 class is a course in composition; the proposed E 311 "Topics in Composition" is a literature-based class.)

The second piece is simply an article on how college composition can be taught effectively. What Professor Fulwiler describes in his Point of View essay is the kind of course E 306 already is.