

Calif. College Bars Jessica Mitford From Post in Fingerprint Dispute

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SAN JOSE, Calif., Oct. 12, (AP)—A San Jose State University official says Jessica Mitford cannot teach because she won't undergo fingerprinting. But her class doesn't agree.

"We want Jessica, not her fingerprints," a student banner read. The class gave her a standing ovation Thursday after she explained her objections to the state policy requiring fingerprinting as a condition of employment.

"She is not, at this time, authorized to teach this class nor may student credit be granted for it if she continues to meet it," James Sawrey told Mrs. Mitford's 230 students, who offered catcalls and boos in response. Sawrey is dean of the School of Social Sciences.

"They'll have to pick me up and toss me out to keep me from teaching," Mrs. Mitford told reporters after the class. "From the look of things,



JESSICA MITFORD

... backed by students

they'll have to toss out the whole student body, and they weigh a lot more than I do."

But Sunday said a

"qualified replacement" would take over her classes next week.

Mrs. Mitford's husband, Robert Treuhart, an Oakland attorney, is discussing possible legal action with the American Civil Liberties Union.

The 56-year-old author of "The American Way of Death," an expose of the funeral industry, and "Kind and Usual Punishment," dealing with the American prison system, was hired by the university as a visiting professor of sociology. She was to be paid \$10,000 for the fall term to teach a lecture class on "The American Way" and a seminar on techniques of muckraking.

Robert Burns, the university's academic vice president, said the 20-year-old fingerprint policy came from the office of Glenn S. Dumke, chancellor of California State Colleges.