The Union will have a special 2-hour meeting on Thursday, December 10, 1981, to discuss possible health hazards related to the use of VDT's and CRT's. Dr. Samia Fadl, UBC's first woman Ph.D. graduate in Bioresource Engineering and Dr. Thomas Smith, both of the Simon Fraser University's Institute for Human Performance, will be giving the seminar.

The seminar will include discussions of:

(a) general health hazards to office workers

(b) specific health hazards to VDT and CRT operators (e.g., radiation, industrial hygiene stress, visual fatigue, birth defects, backaches and ergonomic factors related to work station design)

(c) general recommendations to control or minimize potential health effects of VDT operation (e.g., work-rest regimens, glare control, illumination, and others).

The Union has undertaken to spend approximately $5,000 for this seminar and a study that will provide us with information useful for negotiations next year. Please take the time to attend this meeting for your own information. As well, a questionnaire will be distributed which we would appreciate your taking the time to fill in.

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