

Baxter Says La Raza Studies Will Be Completely Reinstated

By Ray Steele Jr.

The Fresno State College La Raza Studies program, canceled last fall because the college could not hire a "qualified" faculty, will be reinstated in full for the spring semester.

President Dr. Norman A. Baxter today announced the college has hired nine faculty members who will teach 15 courses for a total of 45 units of credit.

Baxter said in addition to each three-unit course, independent study classes will be available in areas not covered by designated classes.

La Raza Studies were started at FSC 21 months ago to promote academic and professional awareness, knowledge and sensitivity to the historic and cultural factors important to the ethnic group.

However, the program for the fall term was canceled when the college ran into problems of hiring a staff. A conflict arose between college administrators and persons of Mexican descent over whether the program would be one of "academic integrity" or one of "social action."

The cancellation touched off a demonstration during registration Sept. 12 and a club-wielding group attacked freshman students waiting to register. Eight students were injured.

The college subsequently hired Ernie Palomino, 36, to teach courses on Chicano drawing and art appreciation.

In addition to two sections of

Chicano drawing and painting, others to be offered in the spring are English for the bilingual, two sections of Chicano culture, barrio structure, Chicano art appreciation, English for Spanish-speaking persons, Mexican-American folklore, Chicano farm labor, the Mexican-American family, contemporary issues, Mexican-American history, the Hispanic Southwest

and intensive reading and composition (Spanish).

Dr. Chester F. Cole, acting dean of the School of Social Sciences, said efforts had been under way to hire an additional faculty member for the spring but the state-imposed freeze on staff hirings prevented the addition of a 10th faculty member.

The freeze, imposed by Chan-

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High Court Upholds Ban On Loyalty Oath

WASHINGTON (UPI) —The Supreme Court today affirmed a finding that a California loyalty oath for teachers is unconstitutional. It required them to swear "allegiance to the government of the United States."

The court upheld a permanent injunction issued by a lower court barring the state from requiring the oath. The injunction order had been appealed by Max Rafferty, California's superintendent of public instruction.

Rafferty's appeal asked the

Supreme Court to determine whether the oath was, as found by two judges of a three-judge panel, indistinguishable from a Washington state loyalty oath that the Supreme Court found unconstitutional in 1964.

California Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch disputed contentions that the loyalty oath was unconstitutional on grounds of being "unduly vague, uncertain and broad."

The three-judge panel found the oath unconstitutional and enjoined its use on the appeal of Kenneth P. MacKay, a professor at the San Jose State College, who was refused a position at Cabrillo Junior College because of his refusal to take the oath.

In a June 22 order granting the injunction, U.S. District Court Judges Lloyd H. Burke and Albert C. Wollenberg said the oath was "essentially indistinguishable" from the

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cellor Glenn S. Dumke after Gov. Ronald Reagan ordered hiring freezes at all levels, affects other areas than La Raza Studies.

Vigil Coordinates

Dr. Ralph H. Vigil, an assistant professor of history and an authority on US history in the Southwest, the area where most of Americans of Mexican descent live and work, is the acting coordinator of the program and will teach some courses.

Among those hired to teach in the program in the spring is Victor Salandini, who recently has worked with Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

Besides Vigil, Palomino and Salandini, those hired for the spring are Manuel Aguirre, Wayne Bowen, Jerry McMenemy, Jerome Marquez, Ernest Martinez and Thomas Nunez.

Mrs. Virginia Sanchez, co-chairman of La Mesa Directiva de Fresno, a student-community group which screened some of the applicants considered last fall, said the group talked to some of the persons the college hired.

She said the group had recommended Martinez, Nunez, Palomino and Salandini for hiring, but she declined to speak for the group until after it meets Wednesday to talk about those hired.

Full-Time Teachers

The college said only Palomino and Salandini will teach full-time in the La Raza program.

Aguirre will teach full-time social work and part-time La Raza; Bowen, full-time foreign languages and part-time La Raza; McMenemy, part-time international studies and part-time La Raza; Martinez, part-time La Raza; Nunez, full-time language and part-time La Raza; Vigil, full-time history and part-time La Raza; Marquez, part-time history and a part-time La Raza, and Salandini, part-time history and part-time La Raza.

Aguirre, Bowen, Marquez and Vigil were employed at the college this year in other areas. In addition, all but McMenemy, Marquez, Martinez and Salandini, who were hired as lecturers, hold academic ranks of associate or assistant professors.