

Board Would End FSC Paper Special Editions

The Fresno State College Board of Publications wants all special editions of The Daily Collegian, the campus newspaper, eliminated.

The board voted 5-4 yesterday to discontinue special editions published by black, Chicano and foreign students.

Black students and Chicano students alternately publish a four-page edition of The Daily Collegian each Monday and foreign students publish a four-page supplement every other week.

Black and Chicano students started publishing special editions in the fall of 1969 because they claimed the paper was "white, middle-class oriented . . . reflecting the racism and biases of that class" and they wanted full control of one edition each week.

When permission was granted this year for the minority students to continue the publication, other campus groups asked for special editions.

A spokesman for the board of publications said the special editions will be eliminated next spring unless the vote is overruled by the FSC Student Senate. The senate probably will consider the matter Dec. 2.

Burton Swope, editor of the newspaper, said today unless the action is overruled by the senate, "FSC may well see disruption and violence which makes last May look like a picnic." Nearly 100 students were arrested during disturbances last May following the dismissal of members of the Ethnic Studies staff and the firebombing of a college computer.

Swope also said the decision has soured race relations within the student body.

Cres Hernandez, a member of MECHA, an organization of Chicano students, called the decision "the final phase of a conspiracy by (FSC President Norman A.) Baxter, (Acting Executive Vice President James A.) Fikes and (Assistant to the President Charles H.) Dick to eliminate the last sources of the black and brown voices on the campus." A spokesman for the trio denied the charges.

Al Mitchell, Black Students Union president, added the black and Chicano students are not ready to merge with the Daily Collegian as suggested by the board. He said minority students are faced "with a racist move against us."