

FSC Prediction

Editor of The Bee --- Sir: I would like to offer a blueprint, a prediction of the future as to the Ethnic Studies Program at Fresno State College. This blueprint will be followed by the president of FSC unless constant pressure by chicanos and blacks forces a change on the part of Dr. Norman Baxter.

The eloquent Les Kimber, distinguished black editor of a West Fresno newspaper, first voiced this prediction in the presence of Dr. Baxter and Dean Cole during a meeting with the Concilio, the umbrella chicano group made up of representatives from all other chicano organizations in Fresno. Said Les Kimber, "Dr. Baxter eliminated La Raza Studies, and we blacks know from past dealings with the whites that the Black Studies will be next." There we have it in a rolled up tortilla; the Black Studies are on the chopping block.

The FSC administrators said to themselves: "Let's get rid of the entire ethnic studies thing; the ranchers and the right-wing Republicans do not like it. But we better be careful. Let us pick on the chicanos first; they are not as volatile as the blacks. Chicanos are weak, rather servile little people; they're always happy, eating their tacos, playing the guitar, dancing and marching in Mexican Independence Day parades. The blacks are not too bright, they won't know what we're up to."

What a pickle, or in this case, chile pepper Dr. Baxter has got himself into. Alas, the blacks are not stupid after all. Dr. Baxter thought he would only have to deal with the "servile, happy" chicano community; now he has got the entire black community to contend with.

The following groups representing minorities of Fresno County have tried to deal reasonably and honorably with Dr. Baxter to no avail: La Mesa Directiva (a chicano group some of whose members have been arrested, including a woman president), the Mexican-American Educators Association (some members also being intimidated with arrest), MAPA, Mexican-American Political Association, El Concilio, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (some members under arrest), the Mexican-American Student Association (some members under arrest).

I certainly hope Dr. Baxter goes on with the arrests; Fresno County will have one of the largest martyr populations in America.

I will bet Dr. Baxter a thousand tacos he will not reinstate La Raza Studies this spring as he promised and I will bet him another thousand enchiladas his next step will be to eliminate Black Studies from the FSC campus.

Fresno.

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