

'Warning'

Editor of The Bee — Sir: The controversy between FSC President Norman Baxter's administration and Chicano leaders and organizations such as the La Mesa Directiva, which deteriorated to the point of disrupting registration and injuring innocent students, serves as a warning for all to work for greater understanding in proceeding toward an equitable solution. Although the destructive actions of a few irresponsible Chicanos should not be interpreted as discrediting the true goals of Chicano organizations and the La Raza program, it is an unfortunate indication of how the meaningful lines of communication are dissolving.

Despite the sincere testimonies of minority leaders and Dr. Baxter when he assumed the FSC presidency that communication and cooperation were the keys toward confronting the problems facing the college after Dr. Falk's administration, both sides have not exercised enough discretion toward this goal.

Chicano representatives in a sense of urgency pushed rash demands such as having control over faculty appointments in a manner which would give the appearance that their definition of communication is to grant their demands or else. Dr. Baxter's administration, on the other hand, in its attempt to provide stability, is inflexible at times to the possibility of compromise. Although both sides are exerting good intentions at times, one remembers the old adage that the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

More compromise and respect for each other's position is needed. Progress in this issue has to be made in terms of how change will affect the total college situation, not just in terms of the particular students involved or whether demands should be granted or not.

Fresno.

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