

Baxter: Differences On Function Cancel FSC La Raza Studies

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Fresno State College President Dr. Norman A. Baxter admitted the last-minute decision to cancel La Raza Studies resulted from a philosophical difference between the administration and certain segments of the community of Americans of Mexican descent over what the primary function of the program should be.

Baxter made the admission last night after meeting for three hours with more than 200 persons of Mexican descent, many of them students, to explain the action.

Dr. Chester F. Cole, acting dean of the School of Social Sciences, announced Tuesday La Raza Studies was canceled at least until the spring semester. The decision came only six days before the start of the fall term.

College officials had said the program was canceled because they were unable to recruit "qualified faculty" and because of philosophical differences within the Mexican American community over the program.

Neither Baxter nor Cole wavered from that position at last

night's meeting in the county library. But afterward Baxter said at a meeting of the FSC Student Senate the program was canceled over philosophical differences with the community and administration.

He also said La Mesa Directiva de Fresno, a student-community organization, mailed a letter in which it said it would discourage persons from accepting La Raza staff positions unless it first approved the applicants.

"We have a community problem in this sense," Baxter told the senate. "This is a very sen-

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sitive issue and there are a lot of emotions."

Baxter added the differences exist over "what the nature of La Raza and what its purpose should be." He said the FSC faculty "will ultimately make the decision."

Student leaders conceded they are worried what effect the cancellation of La Raza will have on the campus.

Baxter hinted "qualified faculty" means instructors whose concept of La Raza parallels that of the administration.

La Raza has been criticized in the past for promoting "social activism" rather than "academic integrity," Cole said during the downtown meeting.

It was these views which apparently led to an impasse that resulted in the administration's refusal to approve 10 applications La Mesa submitted to fill five vacancies in the La Raza staff. The entire La Raza staff was not rehired last year by the administration of former Acting President Dr. Karl L. Falk over a similar dispute.

Baxter was to meet today with "two or three" representatives of Concilio of Mexican American Organizations in Fresno County, an umbrella group comprised of several organizations.

He also said he would reinstate the program if "qualified faculty can be recruited by 8 a.m. Monday." However, Cole said it would be impossible to begin La Raza studies before next semester. He said three days is not enough time to complete the groundwork.

The large and sometimes angry crowd let Baxter and Cole know how they regarded cancellation of the program.

"If we're talking about relevant programs, we're talking about political involvement in the black and brown communities," Jorge Acuna, cochairman of the meeting, said.

"What the Chicano community wants is the same thing that the other ethnic and black community wants . . . Any programs that are being arranged for any of the ethnic communities have to be relevant, otherwise they have no value.

"The best administrations at Fresno State College have not been sensitive to the minority communities."

Steve Santos, an FSC student, said:

"The Chicano community is totally out of the system, economically, politically and socially. You have to look at that institution (FSC) and see what they're doing. Are they representing 40 per cent of the community or are they representing only whites?"

"We need a black and brown program to help us provide leadership to our people. We aren't saying tear down the system, we're saying give us a part of it.

"What is best for our people is how we define it — how the Chicanos view it — not how someone else views it."

Santos said they want "a viable program, a relevant program. We have to have it, not for the college but for our survival."

Virginia Sanchez, cochairman of La Mesa, told Baxter, "We condemn the recent actions of the college and we demand that you reinstate the La Raza Studies Program."

La Mesa presented Baxter with four demands as he left the meeting. He did not respond to them nor did La Mesa indicate what action it would take if the demands were not met.

The demands are that the college immediately reinstate the La Raza program, the faculty of La Raza be hired immediately based upon the "recommendations of La Mesa Directiva," the program be placed under the jurisdiction of the president of the college and the college recognize La Mesa as the "Concilio's member-organization representing the Chicano community."

Baxter said he did not know what happened to the 10 applications submitted by La Mesa. Cole said he contacted local Americans of Mexican descent and other people on several university campuses but no one would accept a La Raza staff position at FSC.

He said he "regretted" the cancellation of the program and "the college is committed" to

improving La Raza.

One unidentified woman summed up the feelings of many of those at the meeting when she said, "Our stamina is exhausted. I am frustrated . . . For too long the whites have been taught to believe that they're superior . . . But I want my children to grow up to be glad they're of Mexican descent."

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his personal affairs, but that he felt it would be wrong to establish a precedent. He said there are certain limits to the invasion of privacy.

Reagan stated he would permit an accountant to check his financial records and make a statement concerning conflict of interest.

Day Of Rest

The governor is taking today off from campaigning and spending it in his home in Pacific Palisades. The campaign will be resumed tomorrow.

Here are some of the developments during Reagan appearances in the Napa-Sonoma area:

—Reagan said at the news conference he was given projection figures indicating 55,000 abortions could be paid for by the state from welfare programs through Health Care Services. A reporter calculated that at \$400 each this would cost \$22 million, but the governor questioned this.

On Hijackings

—During a speech in Napa, the governor said at some time a line should be drawn in connection with the hijacking of planes by Palestinian guerrillas. Later he said he did not mean he would sacrifice lives, but that he was expressing a wish and a yearning of most Americans not to pay blackmail.

—At a question and answer session during a visit to a Napa clothing factory, Reagan said he is an opponent of gun registration.

—The Committee to Re-elect Gov. Reagan today announced Eugene V. Klein, a Democrat

and board chairman and chief executive officer of National General Corporation, has endorsed Reagan. Klein was co-finance chairman in Gov. Edmund G. Brown's campaign in 1966.

Visits Boys' Town

Yesterday afternoon while traveling through Sonoma County the governor's party made an unscheduled stop at the Hanna Boys' Town near Glen Ellen.

This is a school for neglected youths, ages 10 to 16. Football practice was under way, and the governor joined the boys for a few minutes.

The governor missed the ball a couple of times, but finally caught several from a young center and threw a few passes.

Before leaving, the governor gathered the boys into a huddle and told them the story of the Texas Christian end who caught a touchdown "winning" pass in the closing minutes of a national championship game with Oklahoma University. The receiver, recalled the governor, went to the referee and said the ball had hit the ground first, making it incomplete.

Poses Question

"Did he do right?" asked the governor.

"He was right," shouted the youngsters.

Reagan was awarded a blue and gold "H" as an honorary member of the Hanna Block H Club.

The Rev. James E. Puskamp, associate director of the Catholic school, Coach Lou Ferrario and other members of the staff were quite thrilled to have the governor stop by.

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today in San Francisco since, facing a new charge of jumping bail.

According to federal immigration authorities, deportation at US expense is extremely unlikely even if one of those countries would agree to accept him.

"He's up against a pretty hard wall," said Andrew G. Reed, assistant district director for deportation.

"We would have no grounds to request a travel document that would get him into any of those countries. This is something he would have to do on his own.

"Then, because he does not belong to any of those countries

— or to any country if he really renounced his US citizenship — unless he takes steps to become a citizen of that country he would have to be there as a permanent resident."

Status Not Known

It was not known whether Jackmon has a valid US passport or access to enough money to pay his fare out of the country. If he is without a passport he would require a travel document issued by the receiving country in lieu of a passport, Reed said, before any airline would accept him as a passenger.

"If he gained the sympathy of some foreign embassy and he would in the future be able to repay them, that's their business," said Reed. "But as far as Uncle Sam paying it, we haven't had any case like that since I've been here and I've been here 28 years."

Guyana is a South American nation formerly known as British Guiana which has been independent since 1966. Tanzania is an East African nation composed of the territories of Tanganyika and Zanzibar and has been independent from Britain since the early 1960s. Swahili is the language used in official business in Tanzania.

Jackmon's trial on the bail jumping charge, a felony, is scheduled to begin Sept. 21.

SEX GUMMED UP

BANGKOK (AP) — Residents who had been chomping on a brand of Japanese chewing gum reported to contain a sex stimulant were told by the Ministry of Public Health that analysis showed it was only ordinary gum.

Murphy, Tunney Urge Halt To Air Hijackings

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — US Senate candidates John V. Tunney and George Murphy have called for a halt to airplane hijacking in separate campaign addresses.

Tunney, a Riverside Democrat, said President Nixon should urge the Soviet government "to use its influence" to help stop air piracy by Arab guerrillas in the Middle East.

Murphy, the incumbent Republican, told a dinner audience in San Bernardino that airplane hijacking should be made an international crime carrying a mandatory jail sentence.