

Eight Students Injured

Violence Disrupts Signup At FSC

By Richard Hall

A four-hour disruption of registration at Fresno State College, marked by a brief but violent outburst which left eight students injured, has forced an extra day of registration at the college.

Triggered by an impasse over scheduling classes in the controversial La Raza Studies program, yesterday's disruption of the scheduled registration means some 1,200 students did not get to sign up for classes. An extra registration session has been scheduled for tomorrow afternoon.

The eight students, all victims of a spontaneous charge by a group of persons of Mexican de-

cent, were treated at the college health center.

Two of them, Greg Russell, 20, and Marcia Lewis, were sent on to the St. Agnes Hospital emergency room where they were treated and released. The other six were released from the college health center and returned to register at the Men's Gym. Cary Coons, 19, was taken by ambulance with Russell to the health center, but his injuries were not deemed serious enough for hospital treatment.

The registration resumed in full about 2 p.m. after the minority students and many adults left the campus and went to Roeding Park for a meeting.

By the end of the day 2,900

students had been registered, bringing the three-day total to 13,100. Officials estimated 1,200 students remained to be registered this week.

A college spokesman later announced registration will be held at the Men's Gym tomorrow from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon. It will continue on succeeding days if warranted, he added.

The first day of classes is scheduled for tomorrow. Yesterday was supposed to be the last day of regular registration.

FSC President Dr. Norman A. Baxter said the \$5 fee usually charged for late registration this week will be waived.

Registration was disrupted

about 10 a.m. when an estimated 125 persons, mostly of Mexican descent, formed a human blockade to the gymnasium doors. Many adults, including women, were in the group.

The group walked to the gym from the administration building after Baxter announced to them, "We are not going to have the La Raza study program this fall."

The La Raza program is intended to promote knowledge and sensitivity to the historical and cultural achievements of persons of Mexican descent.

Shortly after Baxter's statement yesterday, the gymnasium doors were blocked by the protesters. An estimated 100 students waiting to register at about 10 a.m. stood in two groups, several yards from the building.

Periodically the protesters chanted and clapped. Someone called out to the waiting students, "You might as well go home. You are not our enemy. You know who it is. It's the man."

Steve Santos, a student leader of the protesters, told the waiting students the reason for the blockade. Mrs. Sanchez added, "The kind of person they (the administration) want as instructors they won't find in Chicano people."

FSC Student President Bill Jones and other students attempted to keep things calm and succeeded in getting waiting students to sit on the grass.

The students, mostly freshman and sophomores, grew to several hundred as they continually arrived for their appointed time to register. They did not provoke the protesters.

Two faculty members, one of whom was identified as Robert Comegys, a professor of history, attempted to open the gym doors, but finally backed off.

Then Walter Heebing, deputy chief of campus security, appeared with three uniformed campus policemen.

Heebing told the protesters, "There is no objection to your demonstrating. They ask that you not obstruct the passage of these students." The police left and the blockade continued.

The violence broke out shortly after noon when three uniformed campus policemen walked through the crowd of protesters and opened one of the gymnasium doors. The police flanked the door and the waiting students began getting to their feet.

Without warning, a small group of young men, several of whom carried clubs which pre-

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BAXTER SAYS NO — Fresno State College President Dr. Norman A. Baxter, right, tells a group of students and adults of Mexican descent there will not be a La Raza program this fall. From left are Virginia Sanchez, copresident of La Mesa Directiva; Charles Dick, FSC assistant to the president for community relations, and Dr. Horace O. Schorling, acting academic vice president. Baxter's statement touched off yesterday's disturbance at FSC.

Car Strikes, Kills Tot In Caruthers

Two-year-old Jamie Pena Garza was struck and killed by a car in front of his home at 7865 S. Cornelia Ave. in Caruthers early last night.

Deputy Coroner Harlan McFadden reported the boy ran into the roadway from a vineyard. A sedan driven by Juan C. Alvarado of Wasco struck the child.

McFadden said he has not learned the names of the boy's parents.

The Fowler Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

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Minorities Blame Baxter For Melee

By George L. Baker

A group of Americans of Mexican descent has blamed the "environment" created by Fresno State College President Dr. Norman A. Baxter for a melee on campus yesterday which left eight injured, two seriously.

Spokesmen for the group also said they will do "something" to bring about reinstatement of the La Raza studies program which has been the focus of current campus unrest.

The spokesmen, Jess Quintero, chairman of the Concilio of Mexican-American Organizations of Fresno County, and Mrs. Hope Arroyo, a "concerned citizen," read a short statement following a meeting of about 50 Negroes and Americans of Mexican descent in Roeding Park.

Quintero said the group is discussing several moves, includ-

ing possible legal action and requesting an investigation by the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

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Some Things Are Added To School Page

What's new in high school news?

The new look of the Youth World page in the Women's Activities section of The Fresno Bee.

Beginning today the page will carry feature stories about students written by high school reporters, as well as a calendar of events and newsy briefs of students and their activities.

See Page 12-W for a story about a Roosevelt High School senior who has his own disc jockey program and another about a Bullard High School student who studied in Israel this summer.

Today's Chuckle

Most women want to hear the truth, no matter how flattering.



Bee Photos

STUDENTS OF MEXICAN descent went on rampage yesterday and left eight injured. In center one student is kicked while behind him another one is running with long wooden club. To right lies a girl knocked to the ground.

Unmanned Russ Satellite Is Off For Moon

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union launched an unmanned device toward the moon Saturday, continuing a new intensive effort at space exploration.

The official Soviet news agency Tass reported Luna 16 would "carry out space exploration of the moon and the near-moon space." The specific mission was not revealed.

The Soviet Union has launched seven satellites in its Cosmos series during the last six weeks and a Venus probe.

The wording of the Tass reports Saturday were similar to those of the previous Luna 15 mission. It seemed probable Luna 16 would take the same time, three days, to reach the moon. Luna 16 was launched from an artificial earth satellite as was Luna 15 in July 1969.

Luna 15 was believed at the time to be an attempt to bring back moon rock samples. The mission apparently failed when it landed and probably crashed on the moon's surface.

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aboard camouflaged army trucks.

Except for men among the 40 hostages who were taken to an undisclosed site, the male passengers arrived in the Jordanian capital in a convoy of trucks.

One of them, Karl Werder, New York City, said the remaining men were rounded up and held aboard the Swissair jet until 15 minutes before explosions ripped the gleaming airliners apart.

"They had placed explosives, all kinds of dynamite, in the plane," Werder said. "Then they moved us about 10 city blocks away from the aircraft. There was a terrible explosion, a great flash and then billows of black smoke."

Smoke billowed from the wreckage for hours after the explosions went off. As guerrillas and the Jordanian army departed from the area, Bedouins began sifting through the debris for souvenirs and salvagable equipment. A truck driver tried to pry off the front tires from what was left of the TWA jet.

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viously had been hidden, charged into one of the two groups of students.

The victims were struck with clubs and fists and were kicked as their attackers plowed through the crowd and out into a field.

The attack lasted about a minute. Coons and Russell lay on the ground. Each had been struck on the back of the head.

Dr. Mervyn S. Schwartz, director of the campus health center, later said each of the eight students brought there for treatment had been struck by a blunt instrument on the head, arms, face or body.

The attackers were not pursued.

Minutes later, a group of protesting young men, some carrying clubs, ran around a large wooden structure temporarily erected for registration, and tore down the lists showing which classes are open and which have been filled. Again, no one tried to stop them.

Those who ran out from the protesting group disappeared. Many of the protesters who were left attempted to crowd against students who then began trickling into the gym with the assistance of campus police and some faculty members, to register.

About an hour later the protesters simply walked away and registration resumed.

No city police were observed on campus. Dist. Atty. William C. Daly arrived and met with Baxter.

Baxter later said in a statement, "A full investigation of the situation is being made and those responsible for injury to others will, upon identification, be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

He said it is the obligation of the college to remain open, and he praised the faculty, student body officers and staff who worked despite the difficulties.

La Raza is part of the college's Ethnic Studies programs. Other courses in the Ethnic Studies — Black Studies, Native American Studies, Oriental-American Studies and Armenian-American Studies — will be held this semester.

Baxter's announcement on the steps of the administration building came after a two-hour meeting with three adult representatives of the Mexican community — Mrs. Virginia Sanchez, cochairman of La Mesa Directiva de Fresno, a student-community organization, Al Villa, an attorney, and

Thomas Nunez.

Six and a half faculty positions are open for La Raza Studies. Baxter said the Mexican community had recommended three names during yesterday morning's meeting but only one was acceptable. La Mesa originally had submitted 10 names after working on the matter through the summer. None was approved by the college.

A college spokesman later said the person deemed acceptable, Jerry Palamino of Fresno, would be offered a teaching position.

After Baxter's announcement yesterday, persons in the crowd criticized him for being insensitive. Many Negroes and a few Anglos were in the group.

Several of the adults are leaders in community minority groups. From their comments it appeared they were trying to reason with Baxter in a moderate way. There were several references to possible violence and the need to prevent it.

Baxter told them he planned to appoint three faculty members who would make recommendations for La Raza instruc-

tors for the spring semester, and that he would welcome additional recommendations from the Mexican community.

He emphasized a recommendation was no guarantee that person would be hired. He has repeatedly said the college would make the final decision on persons hired.

"I know we're in an explosive situation," he commented.

Baxter said every opportunity would be made for students who had already registered for La Raza classes to take other classes to fill out their programs.

The college administration Tuesday announced all La Raza courses were canceled because the college had not been able to hire a faculty.

The next night, after meeting with more than 200 persons of Mexican descent in the county library to explain the action, Baxter admitted the late-minute cancellation was due to a philosophical difference between the college administration and certain segments of the Mexican descent community over what the primary function of the program should be.

Melee: Baxter Blamed

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tion by about 125 persons yesterday was an "attempt by the Mexican-American community to communicate the frustration and despair over the cancellation of the La Raza studies," Quintero said.

On the violence, Quintero said:

"Black and Chicano students attempted to demonstrate their concern at registration. It was peaceful and orderly until the police encouraged and provoked innocent students to attempt to cross the nonviolent demonstration line.

"In the ensuing physical melee Mexican parents and children were knocked down. Some students were injured. They were injured by the environment that was created by Dr. Baxter."

Taking part in the meeting were Richard Keyes, former head of Ethnic Studies, and Eliezer Risco-Lazada, former head of La Raza. Both were not rehired last May by then Acting President Dr. Karl L. Falk.

Quintero accused Baxter of failing to compromise in recent negotiations over the hiring of

La Raza staff.

During a series of meetings, said Quintero, Baxter "would not compromise. He would not allow the Mexican-American community definite recommendation and consultative roles in the negotiations."

Asked about the effectiveness of the demonstration, Quintero replied: "We made our point."

Said Mrs. Arroyo, "We wanted to show the (Spanish-speaking) community was behind the students and that's why we had mothers and children there. We wanted to make it very evident we are behind the student concerns.

"The Chicano and black communities are determined to do 'something' to open the La Raza studies program as soon as possible. They are reluctant to continue having fruitless meetings with Baxter, which thus far have been as efficient as the Paris peace talks on Vietnam."

Quintero indicated there will be more meetings today among the Spanish-speaking community on what course of action to take.

But he declined to predict what will happen when classes begin tomorrow.



CLASS LISTINGS near the Men's Gymnasium are ripped down by a group of students as registration was interrupted yesterday. Listings are used by students to tell them which classes are still open.