

# Or Else?

Editor of The Bee — Sir: When Dr. Norman Baxter became president of Fresno State College, both he and those representing minorities and other interests on campus stressed the need for cooperation and communication as a means of solving many of the problems faced by the college.

However, the current disruptive actions and attitudes of Chicano and black activists at Fresno State over the temporary removal of La Raza studies indicates just how little these groups are willing to gain cooperation and communication. Apparently, their definition of communication is that all their demands must always be granted or else!

The course plotted by these activists is not only unreasonable but also irresponsible. Such a demand that an outside organization like La Mesa Directiva decide faculty appointments in this program injects the threat of extremists gaining adverse influence over the organization and thus college affairs.

Furthermore, La Mesa Directiva's claim that they represent the entire Chicano community of the Fresno area is superficial. No organization, no matter how influential or what group it is composed of, can responsibly claim to represent all members of that segment in the community. It appears from such exaggerated claims and childish actions of disrupting registration and injuring innocent bystanders one must wonder how responsible some of these Chicano activists are. A child will break its toys when it is not getting its way with its parents.

Unfortunately, those of La Mesa Directiva and other Chicano organizations are suffering from the same evils that have plagued most social movements in history, by having extremists in their ranks destructive of the movement's true goals. It is pathetic that respected Chicano leaders naively condone the destructive actions of those at registration which further discredits their efforts and hardens community opinion against them.

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