

**Unite to Overturn
the Bakke Decision!**

**Joint No. California
Demonstration Against
the U.C. Bd of Regents**

Friday, May 20 - 8:30am
UC Extension Center

55 LAGUNA STREET S.F.

United Students Against the Bakke Decision
(NORTHERN CALIFORNIA)

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1. UNITE THE MASSES OF PEOPLE TO OVERTURN THE BAKKE DECISION:
The defeat of the Bakke Decision is in the interests of Third World people, women, and all working people.
2. DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF THIRD WORLD STUDENTS:
Defend and expand Special Admissions Programs.
Defend Ethnic Studies, EOP, and all other Third World student programs.
3. OPPOSE THE SYSTEMATIC OPPRESSION OF THIRD WORLD PEOPLE:
Expose the myth of "reverse discrimination".

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The UNITED STUDENTS AGAINST THE BAKKE DECISION (No. Cal.) is calling on Third World and progressive students, women, community and working people to join with us in this major N. California wide demonstration. With the racist Bakke Decision, the courts and the UC are mounting a serious attempt to eliminate Special Admissions and other related Third World programs won during the mass movements of the 1960's. It is critical that we unite together, and participate in the May 20th demonstration at the UC Board of Regents meeting, and build the movement against the Bakke Decision.

WHAT IS THE BAKKE DECISION?

In 1973-74, Allan Bakke, a white engineer in his mid 30's, applied to UC Davis Med School. Both times he was rejected. Later, through the urging of the UC Administration itself, Bakke filed suit against the Davis Special Admissions program. He charged that he was a "victim" of "reverse discrimination"; that he was rejected because he was white and other "less qualified" minorities were admitted through the UC Davis Special Admissions program.

The US courts have clearly united with Bakke to attack Special Admissions and the rights of minority students. Last winter, the California Supreme Court upheld Bakke's racist charge of "reverse discrimination" and declared that the Davis Special Admissions program was unconstitutional, violating the "equal protection" clause of the 14th Amendment. The Bakke Case is now in the US Supreme Court, and a decision is expected some time next Fall. Thus, the Bakke Decision has a tremendous nation-wide character, and must be firmly opposed by all.

DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF THIRD WORLD STUDENTS - OPPOSE "REVERSE DISCRIMINATION"

The UNITED STUDENTS AGAINST THE BAKKE DECISION (No. Cal.) opposes the racist charge of "reverse discrimination", and sees it as an attack on the rights of Third World students. It is an attempt to gloss over

the historical inequalities and discrimination faced by the majority of Third World people. In particular, minorities have been deprived of our full educational rights. As slaves or contract laborers, minorities were not allowed to go to schools. Later, we were forced into segregated, and inferior schools. We have faced the notorious "tracking system" which channeled us into vocational courses. Minorities have virtually been excluded from college and higher education, both at the undergrad and grad school level. These inequalities in the educational system are just part of the systematic oppression of Third World people which is deeply rooted in US society. In every aspect of our lives -- housing, health care, language and culture, employment, etc. -- we have faced national oppression and are denied our basic and full rights.

Special Admissions and other minority programs were fought for and established to begin to overcome these centuries of discrimination and oppression. They are concrete programs that address many of the existing inequalities that we have faced. They are basic rights that every student and progressive person should support. And although these programs cannot fundamentally change the nature of the educational system or society, they are important gains that must be defended and maintained. Overturning the Bakke decision is in the interest of Third World people, women, and all working people!

WHY WE DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE UC BOARD OF REGENTS!

The US courts have openly shown their opposition to Special Admissions and the rights of Third World students. But the UC, however, has tried to promote the illusion that they "support" Special Admissions and the interests of minorities. In reality, though, both the courts and UC must be targeted and exposed for attacking the rights of Third World students, and upholding the reactionary Bakke Decision. Neither can be relied upon to "protect" our interests in any way!

What has been the University's past practice and specific role in the Bakke case? How has it colluded with Bakke and the courts to oppose Special Admissions and minority rights?

+ UC actually encouraged Bakke to file suit against its own Special Admissions Programs!

++ UC advised and helped Bakke to plan his legal and political strategy, cooking up the racist "reverse discrimination" argument!

(When these facts were uncovered, the UC was forced to confess its direct collusion with Allan Bakke!)

+++ UC failed to put up any adequate "defense" of Special Admissions in the courts. UC refused to admit to any past discrimination in its regular admissions policies, an argument that would justify the current existence of Special Admissions. By doing so, UC virtually guaranteed

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that the courts would vote against Special Admissions, and uphold Bakke's "reverse discrimination charges!

+++ UC ignored the sentiments of anti-Bakke forces by appealing the case to the US Supreme Court, thus jeopardizing Special Admissions and all other related Third World programs on a nation-wide basis!

In the past, the UC has used the police and their riot sticks, tear gas, mass arrests and beatings of students to oppose our programs and basic rights. Using more subtle tactics, UC has also tried to "alter", "restrict and cut back", "phase out", nearly all of minority programs won during our struggles of the 1960's. Now, in 1977, the UC is actively colluding with the US courts -- both of these forces are using the Bakke Decision to consolidate "reverse discrimination" as a legal rationale and excuse to intensify its attempts to completely smash our Special Admissions, and other rights of Third World students all across the country! The Bakke Decision also has broader implications that could possibly lay the basis for the future dismantling of affirmative action programs for women and working people, and other special programs in the communities.

But we will not allow the courts or the UC to undermine and attack Special Admissions and the rights of minority students. We have a tradition and rich history of fighting for, defending, and maintaining our educational rights and programs. That is why we must oppose all attempts such as the racist Bakke Decision, to attack minority programs and take back the gains won in earlier movements. We can say without a doubt that we cannot depend on the courts or the UC to "protect" our interests. Rather, it will be through relying on and mobilizing the broadest sections of people that attacks like the Bakke Decision will be defeated!



The UNITED STUDENTS AGAINST THE BAKKE DECISION (NORTHERN CALIF.)

is composed of representatives or members of:

THE ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATIONS OF Mills, Hayward, and the Univ. of S.F.; THE ASIAN STUDENT UNIONS OF Laney JC, SF State, and UC Berkeley; THE THIRD WORLD COALITION OF UC Berkeley (ADELA - Association of Latin American Students, MECHA, Native American Student Assoc., Asian Student Union); UNITED STUDENTS AGAINST THE BAKKE DECISION OF SF State (La Raza Organization, Asian Student Union); The STUDENTS AGAINST THE BAKKE DECISION OF Laney J.C. (La Raza Student Union; Asian Student Union); SF City College; The ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES SUPPORT COMMITTEE OF UC Davis; The THIRD WORLD COMMITTEE AGAINST THE BAKKE DECISION OF Sacramento City College (Afro-American Students Association, MEChA, Asian Student Caucus, May Day Students Caucus); and numerous individuals from other campuses...(partial list of direct participants)