Students organize tax election campaign

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The Kern County College Democratic Tax Campaign will be held in about six weeks and BC students are being organized.

Campaign headquarters has been established at 501 18th St., and a kick-off meeting was held Tuesday. Campaign coordinator Lois Marrero, speaker for Democratic District 41 State Sen. Young, KCSD Student Representative, was on hand to explain the campaign.

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"Under no circumstances should a student put up with sexual harassment for fear of a lower grade," states Phyllis Huffman, BC chairperson for Title IX.

The sexual harassment program, "A Hands Off Experience," will be presented 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Rec Center (H-1). All students and faculty are invited.

"Anyone talks about child abuse and battered women, but how about students and sexual harassment on campus?" Huffman questioned.

Huffman will share case histories and discuss what students can do to stop sexual harassment. She will explain where sources can go and who to see if they are being harassed.

Further details about how to be the victims of harassment. But a 1980 study by the National Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs brought forth evidence of sexual harassment.

"Sexual harassment may include unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or nonverbal conduct of a sexual nature when carried out by someone in a student's educational program or educational setting.

"Such behavior may occur in the classroom, dormitories, or hallways, and interfere with students' educational programs."

Dr. David Scott, Title IX coordinator, indicated the reactions of harassment include:

- Feels that others are taking advantage of her. She may also think she is doing something wrong.
- Disapproved of herself. She may begin to feel that she is not attractive or unimportant.
- A sense of being threatened. She may begin to fear that the sexual abuse will continue and she will have no way to escape it.
- Feelings of depression and hopelessness.
- Feelings of anxiety, fear, and anger over the action of the alleged harasser. She may also feel pain and regret.

Phyllis Huffman is the coordinator of the program, most of her problems are related to sexual harassment, she claims.

"Our BC name is in the business of protecting the rights and dignity of each student," said Huffman.

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