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## **Armenian Studies Program News Service**

**CSU Fresno Armenian Studies Program activities as reported  
in local, national, and international media.**

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# CSU Fresno Offers Study Abroad Programs in Armenia

**FRESNO**—The Armenian Studies Program at California State University, Fresno will serve as the coordinator and informational clearinghouse for American students wishing to study in Armenia during the 1992-1993 academic year.

As part of the republic of Armenia's effort to reach out to the world community, Yerevan State University is encouraging American university students to study in Armenia.

During the Soviet period, Armenia's system of higher education annually received more than 1,500 foreign students, primarily from the Middle East and the former Soviet bloc. Within the framework of reform that has taken shape under Armenia's democratic government, YSU has sought to broaden its outreach to the United States. Exchange agreements have recently been signed between CSUF, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and Northeastern University. YSU has also set new guidelines for

American students wishing to apply directly to study in Armenia.

American students may now enroll at YSU for one semester, a full year, or for a more extensive degree program. Typically, students from the US have focused on language, literature, and history. The majority have begun their course of study without fluency in Armenian or Russian. New intensive language classes are scheduled, as well as introductory survey courses on Armenia and its culture.

Aside from YSU, American students are invited to apply to other institutions of higher learning within the republic, including the Yerevan State Conservatory, the State Engineering Institute, the Yerevan Fine Arts and Theater Institute, the Yerevan Economics Institute, and the Armenian Pedagogical Institute.

Tuition and fees for a year long course of study in Armenia have been set at \$1,500 for the 1992-1993 year. Students will be provided with housing at the

foreign students dormitory located in Yerevan. Air-fare is not included in the fees.

For further information, contact Professor Dickran Kouymjian or Barlow Der Mugrdechian at the Armenian Studies Program, California State University, Fresno, at (209) 278-2669. The deadline for submitting a completed application by May 30 for the fall 1992 semester. □

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The educational system in Armenia is rapidly changing as budgetary realities become ever more important, according to Ghandilian. By the time he returns from his short stay in the US, he expects that Armenia will have changed to a great extent.

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His stay at CSUF has been made possible through grants from the Armenian Studies Program, the School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, the Armenian Missionary Association of America, and the Armenian-American Citizens' League.

It is projected that more graduate students from Armenia will be arriving next semester as ties between Armenia and CSUF increase. Those interested in assisting these students should contact the program at (209) 278-2669. □

## Study in Armenia for American Students

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Aside from YSU, American students are invited to apply to other institutions of higher learning within the Republic, including the Yerevan State Conservatory, the State Engineering Institute, the Yerevan Fine Arts and Theater Institute, the Yerevan Economics Institute, and the Armenian Pedagogical Institute.

Tuition and fees for a year long course of study in Armenia have been set at \$1500.00 for the 1992-1993 academic year. Students will be provided with housing at the foreign students dormitory located in the heart of Yerevan between the Opera House and the Archival Library (Matenadaran). Air-fare is not included in the fees. American students will also be entitled to take part in specially organized excursions and cultural events.

Students interested in obtaining an application for study or further information about studying in Armenia 1992-1993 should contact Dickran Kouymjian or Barlow Der Mugrdechian at the Armenian Studies Program, California State University, Fresno, 93740-0096, telephone (209) 278-2669 or FAX (209) 278-2129. The deadline for submitting a completed application is May 30 for the fall 1992 semester.

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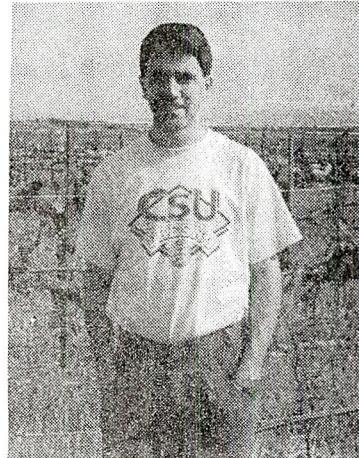
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The observances of Martyrs' Day will begin at 6:30 p.m. on April 24, at the First Armenian Presbyterian Church, corner of First and Huntington, with an Ecumenical Service which will include a "Hokeykist," (Requiem) for the 1.5 million victims.

Following the religious observance, a civic program will take place in the church social hall beginning at 8 p.m.

Special committees have been appointed to prepare the observances. Fr. Muron Vartabed Aznikian, Dean of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church, will chair the religious committee consisting of Fr. Sasoon Vartabed Zumrookhdian, pastor of St. Paul Armenian Church, Rev. Karl V. Avakian, minister to the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, Rev. Roger Minassian, pastor of Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church, and Rev. Bernard Goek-

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The program committee is headed by Barlow Der Mugrdechian, professor of Armenian Studies at Fresno State University, and assisted by Assadour Assadourian, principal of the Armenian Community School of Fresno, Richard Darmanian, chairman of the Community Council and Allan Yeghia Jendian, secretary of the Community Council.

Other committees appointed are: Publicity, Armen Aghishian, vice president of Fresno State's Armenian Students Organization and secretary of the Tekeyan Cultural Organization; flyers and programs, Hayr Sasoon, Jendian and Yervant Chaderjian of Meshag Publishing; reception, chaired by Pat Sevoian, Armenian Relief Society, Mariam Jeknavorian, Daughters of Vartan, Penny Mirigian-Emerzian, Armenian-American Citizens League, and Shakeh Bazerkenian, General Society of Vasbouragan.

The ACC also has on its agenda a united appeal for Karabagh, to begin on April 24, with donations for humanitarian assistance to be channeled through the Armenian Church Karabagh Fund, and the

observance in September of the newly established Independence of Armenia.

The Armenian Community Council is composed of representatives of Armenian churches and political and cultural organizations of the San Joaquin Valley. In addition to Chairman Darmanian and Secretary Jendian, ACC officers are Bob Der Mugrdechian, Treasurer, and Rev. Harry M. Missirlian, advisor.

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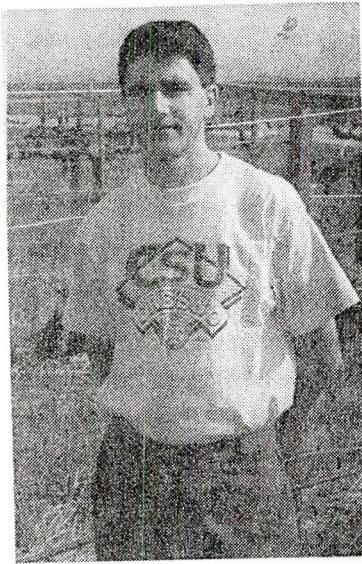
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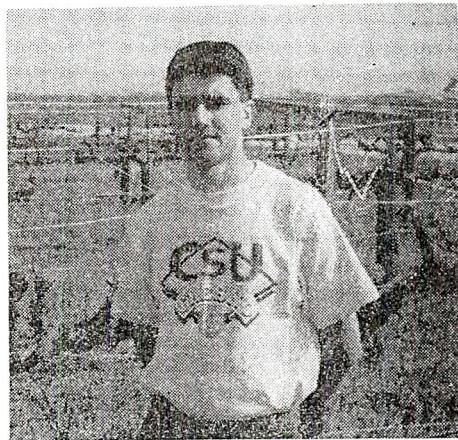
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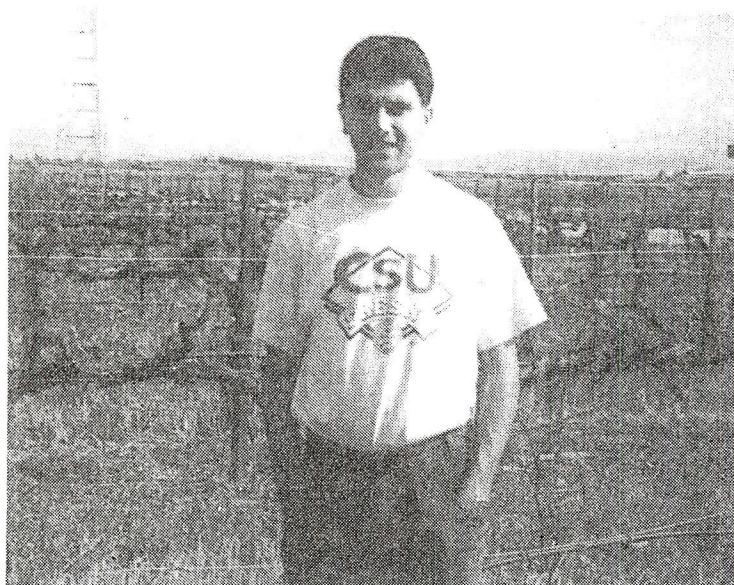


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The council also has on its agenda a united appeal for Karabakh, to begin on April 24, with donations for humanitarian assistance to be channelled through the Armenian Church Karabakh Fund.

The umbrella body is composed of representatives from Armenian churches and organizations—both political and cultural—in the San Joaquin Valley. Officers in addition to Darmanian and Jendian are Bob Der Mugrdechian, treasurer, and Rev. Harry M. Missirlian, advisor.

The participating churches include First Presbyterian, Holy Trinity, Pilgrim, St. Paul, and Sts. Sahag-Mesrob.

Organizations involved with the effort include the Armenian-American Citizens' League, Armenian Community School, Armenian Democratic Liberal Party, Armenian General Benevolent Union, Armenian National Committee, Armenian Revolutionary Federation, Armenian Student Association, Armenian Studies Program, Daron-Darouperian Compatriotic Union, Daughters of Vartan, General Society of Vasbouragan, Hamazkayin Cultural Association, Homenetmen, Knights of Vartan, Meshag Publishing, Tekeyan Cultural Association, and Union of Dickranagerd. □

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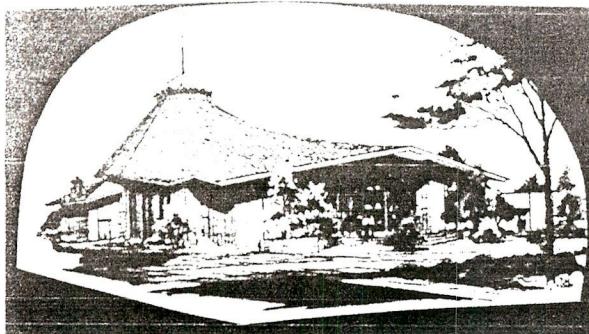
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# Pilgrim's Progress

Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church

3673 N. First Street

Fresno, California 93726-6870

(209) 229-2915

Pastor: Roger Minassian

Assistant Pastor: Calvin Sagherian

Pastor Emeritus: Harry M. Missirlian

Junior High Director: Dave Brown

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## MARTYR'S DAY COMMEMORATION

On Friday, April 24, 1992, the Armenian Community Council of the San Joaquin Valley is sponsoring a Service of Commemoration for all churches to be held at 6:30 p.m. at First Armenian Presbyterian Church. The message will be given by the Rev. Karl Avakian, AEUNA Minister to the Union. The civic commemoration will follow in their Fellowship Hall at 8:00 p.m. with Dr. Dickran Kouymjian, Haig and Isabelle Berberian Professor of Armenian Studies at CSUF, as the featured speaker. Special music will also be provided along with participation by the Armenian Community School. All are invited.

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## **CSUF ASO will Hold Genocide Remembrance Day**

FRESNO — On April 24th, Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day, the Armenian Students Organization at California State University Fresno will be holding commemorative activities. We will be remembering the 1.5 million Armenians who were massacred by the Ottoman Turkish Government during World War I.

A display of books and other items concerning the Armenian Genocide will be on display in the Free Speech Area at CSU Fresno starting at 11:00 a.m.

At noon in the Free Speech Area, the Armenian Students Organization will be holding a rally concerning the Armenian Genocide. Speakers will include U.S. Congressman Richard Lehman, Fresno Mayor Karen Humphery, and Fresno City Council-

member Tom Bohigian. Professors from the Armenian Studies Program at CSU Fresno, and students from the Armenian Students Organization will also speak.

After the noontime rally, a round table discussion will take place with Fresno City Council-member Tom Bohigian, and other speakers concerning recognition of the Armenian Genocide at the federal level. The location of this event will occur at CSU Fresno, but the building and room number are not available at this time.

For more information please contact Richelle Noroyan, president of the Armenian Students Organization at 209-227-4794 or the Armenian Studies Program at CSU Fresno at 209-278-2669.

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After the noontime rally, a roundtable discussion will be held on campus, with the participation of Tom Bohigian and other speakers.

For more information, contact ASO president Richelle Noroyan, (209) 227-4794.

# Armenian North American Literature Discussed at CSUF

"The usages of symbolism are perhaps the most pertinent aspects of Armenian/North American Literature," stated Professor Lorne Shirinian upon the commencement of the 1-unit Armenian Studies 120 T Armenian Literature class offered by the CSU Fresno Armenian Studies Program. The class was held on Friday February 21, and Saturday, February 22.

Dr. Shirinian is presently a professor of English and Comparative Literature in the Department of Literary Studies at the College Militaire Royal de Saint Jean. He received his Ph. D. in Comparative Literature from the Universite de Montreal and has authored several books, including one on Armenian-North American Literature.

Dr. Shirinian began his class with a detailed, yet concise overview and description of the diaspora. "The concept of the Diaspora has numerous implications for Armenians. It was a necessary means of salvation from, among other things, the Genocide by the Turks." He also provided demographical data pertaining to the "Spiurk" diaspora. "Nearly two million Armenians live in what we know and consider to be the Spiurk." The term "diaspora" comes from the Latin word *sperro* which means to scatter things or people. Dr. Shirinian also provided the students with some interesting demographic data pertaining to the diaspora. "Almost half of all Armenians live in the diaspora."

Dr. Shirinian later went on to give an overview of the course. The focus of the class was Armenian/North American Literature from 1930-1992, "a period of our literature which received little analysis." He also added that the Genocide is the active symbol by which we as Armenians are perceived. Specifically, the Genocide has given birth to many motifs, images, symbols and representations in Armenian Literature. "Genocide, indeed, is the most important symbol in our literature."

Among the many various works and authors studied and discussed were Peter Najarian, David Khederian, William Saroyan, as well as some of



Left to right: Dr. Dickran Kouymjian Dr. Lorne Shirinian  
Dr. Shirinian's own works. From analyzing and discussing Peter Najarian's *Voyages* and William Saroyan's *Countrymen, How Do You Like America?*, Dr. Shirinian commented that in post-Genocide literature, an overwhelming issue has

been the inability of the Armenian male to find a mate or sexual contentment. "This problem has communicated itself through a number of various authors' works," he stated.

Through various works of poetry, namely by David Khederian, Dr. Shirinian saw yet another issue which continues to plague Armenians in the

Diaspora - the difficulty in Armenian sons getting along and communicating openly and freely with their fathers. Dr. Shirinian himself even admitted to having a difficulty in communicating with his father. The poems *To my Father* and *For my Father* depict this scenario quite effectively. Seemingly, death is the factor which seems to get "the son" curious about his father - a man who has suffered greatly through the years at the hands of the Turks and at the hands of assimilating into a "strange new world".

In the new world, many texts seemed to portray dissatisfaction and a longing for the homeland. "This shows that the adaption of a new environment can and has been discontinuous for the Armenian people."

Several other themes and motifs were discussed during the two day lecture. After the class a short question and answer session was held.

Dr. Shirinian's visit served as an excellent educational opportunity and instigated thought and analysis at a level beyond the ordinary. ■

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# Coast To Coast CALENDAR

**JUNE 27** Reserve. Saturday, Dinner-Dance, National Convention, General Society of Vassouragan, 7 p.m. at Centre Plaza Holiday Inn, Fresno.

## 1992 WILLIAM SAROYAN FESTIVAL EVENTS

**MAY 1** Friday. Symposium. "William Saroyan: After a decade later". At CSUF, 2 to 5 p.m. Sarkis and Meline Kalfayan Armenian Studies Program. For information call Dr. Dickran Kouyoumdjian (209) 278-2669.

**MAY 2** Saroyan Armenian Historical Town Walk. Meet in front of the William Saroyan Theater at 8:30 a.m. to register. The cost is \$2 and the tour leaves at 9:00 a.m.

**MAY 2** Saturday, and Sunday 3. Annual Saroyan Bicycle Road Race (May 2) starting and ending in Clovis. On May 3, the Saroyan Criterium (Closed Road Race) behind the William Saroyan Theater, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**MAY 2** Saturday. 2 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, 7:30 p.m. Fond Saroyan Vignettes. Second space will present excerpts from Saroyan's plays and stories under the direction of Peter Nazaretian. Tickets \$10. Two free tickets to donors of \$50.00 or more if requested. Phone 221-1441, William Saroyan Festival 920 E. Yale, Fresno, CA 93704

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## **Eighth Annual Saroyan Festival in Fresno to Span Month of May**

**FRESNO**—The eighth annual William Saroyan Festival will begin on Friday, May 1 and continue through Monday, June 1. The scheduled events include historical walks, bicycle races, writing contests, concerts, and readings from Saroyan's stories and plays.

Saroyan, being a much admired author and playwright, has traditionally served as an example of the archetypal Armenian-American writer. His writings have received acclaim not just by Armenians, but by people throughout the world.

Below is a listing of festival events:

**Friday, May 1:** Symposium, "William Saroyan, A Decade Later." At California State University, Fresno, 2-5 pm: University Student Union, Room 312-314. Free admission. Info: Prof. Dickran Kouymian (209) 278-2669.

**Saturday, May 2-Sunday, May 3:** Annual Saroyan Bicycle Road Race. At 325 Pollasky, 8-10 am, in front of the Chamber of Commerce. The Annual Saroyan Criterium Bicycle Race starts behind the William Saroyan Theatre at 8:30 am, concluding at 2:30 pm.

**Saturday, May 2-Sunday, May 3:** Saroyan Vignettes. At Second Space, 928 East Olive, will present excerpts from Saroyan stories and plays. Tickets purchased in advance, \$6; at the door, \$10. Available at Java Cafe, 803 E. Olive and Not Just Paper in Fig Garden Village. Check may be mailed to WSF, 920 E. Yale, Fresno CA 93704.

**Monday, May 4:** Deadline for Saroyan Writing Contest. Open to all students, first grade through college. Bring stories in person or mail to John Kallenberg, Fresno County Librarian, 1410 Mariposa St., Fresno, CA 93721. Tel.: (207) 488-3185. Prizes to be awarded at the June 1 Saroyan-in-the-Park Band Concert at Woodward Park.

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All are welcome to attend the commemoration activities on April 24.

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## Fresno April 24 Observance

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The days offering will go to "The Armenian Church Kara-

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# The Armenian Genocide

## Compromise honors April 24, 1915

**A**pril 24, 1915.

The historical significance of this day is great, yet it is not a date that would be in any history books.

On this day Turkey began a genocide on the Armenian community that has left indelible scars on its survivors and their relatives. While an abundance of evidence exists to substantiate the fact that 1.5 million Armenians lost their lives, the Turkish government and the rest of the world continue to deny that a genocide ever occurred.

“Despite a series of articles printed in the N.Y. Times, Armenians are considered casualties of war and not victims of a genocide,” said Richelle Noroyan, the president of the CSUF Armenian Student Organization.

While world-wide recognition would be just, the Armenian community of Fresno will be coming to the CSUF campus on April 24, to pay tribute to lost lives and to raise the community’s consciousness.

Every five years, this year included, the Armenian Commemoration and the Vintage Days Celebration coincide. Unlike in years past, both parties were able to come to a compromise that was suitable.

“This year’s Vintage Days Committee was the most generous to acknowledge this date,” Noroyan said. “It is a definite improvement, but I hope in years to come, the ASO will not have to lobby so hard to get permission to commemorate this day.”

This year the ASO will welcome Councilman Tom Bohigian, Congressman Richard Lehman and Mayor Karen Humphrey to the CSUF campus to help recognize this very special day.

“1915 is not so long ago. Those of us on campus are only grandchildren to the people who lived through the genocide,” Noroyan said.

In respect to the commemoration remembrance, the Vintage Days Steering Committee will cease all major activities in the Free Speech Area for two hours. In addition, black arm bands will be worn to show support for the Armenian community which has been, and continues to be, terribly wronged.

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The half-hour rally began with a small crowd and, despite the distractions of Vintage Days, it increased throughout the event.

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# The Armenian Genocide: why we should remember

Richelle Noroyan

*"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."*

—George Santayana, United States philosopher

In 1939, when Adolph Hitler was giving a speech before his military commanders concerning his orders for mass murder against Jews and other people he saw as undesirable, he asked, "Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?"

He posed this question for those military commanders who were concerned with the way the world would react to the mass killing of Jews.

Unfortunately, Hitler's question was truthful. The world had forgotten the Armenians, who were the victims of the twentieth century's first genocide.

Today, April 24, Armenian communities all over the world, including the Fresno State Armenian Students Organization and the Armenian community in Fresno, will be

commemorating the beginning of the Armenian Genocide, in which 1.5 million Armenians were systematically massacred at the hands of the Ottoman Turkish government.

It was on this day back in 1915 that the Turkish government began the mass murder of Armenians by arresting religious, political and intellectual leaders. These leaders were exiled from their cities and towns, and then murdered.

After all community leaders were killed, deportation and massacre of the entire Armenian population occurred. Forced death marches into deserts and concentration camps awaited Armenians after they were deported from their homes.

Despite hundreds of documents and hundreds of eyewitness accounts of the Armenian Genocide, the world chose not to remember what happened to the Armenians. To this day the Turkish government does not admit their guilt, and the United States

does not officially recognize the Genocide.

Armenians around the world remember this date not to receive sympathy for their losses, but because they seek justice for those that perished in or survived the Genocide.

Armenians also have a very important history lesson for humanity—never forget crimes against humanity because those crimes will be allowed to take place again.

When the world forgot the Armenians, it allowed Hitler and the Third Reich to create the twentieth century's second genocide—against the Jews.

That is why we remember April 24. We hope that you will also remember this day with us.

*Richelle Noroyan is the president of the CSUF Armenian Students Organization.*

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# Armenian massacre recalled

■ Speakers call on people to rally against all forms of injustice.

By Cyndee Fontana

The Fresno Bee

Surrounded by the rowdiness of Vintage Days, a more subdued crowd gathered Friday at Fresno State University to remember the deaths of 1.5 million Armenians at the hands of Ottoman Turks.

Some speakers noted the paradox of commemorating the 1915 massacre against the backdrop of an annual celebration of spring.

Sometimes the happy and the sad occur at the same time, said Dickran Kouymjian, the Haig and Isabel Berberian professor of Armenian Studies at Fresno State. "Life is full of these contradictions and paradoxes," he said.

## Horrors recalled

In poetry, speeches and the words of survivors, speakers recalled the horror of the Armenian genocide and the value of remembering.

"If we turn our backs on history, it can happen again and again and again," said Rep. Richard Lehman, D-Sanger. He said he is ashamed that the U.S. government has not recognized the massacre as a genocide.

Posters in the free speech area at Fresno State

displayed brutally frank photographs, newspaper accounts and enlarged copies of orders commanding a slaughter that began in 1915.

Barlow Der Mugrdechian, a lecturer in the Armenian Studies program, called it "a story of the tragedy of an entire people."

Tamar Chaderjian, a member of the Armenian Students Organization, said the genocide began April 24. She called it "a day that we hope no one else will have to endure."

## Importance of remembering

Fresno City Council Member Tom Bohigian said the importance of remembering is to "break the cycle" that allows such atrocities to happen.

Kouymjian called on people to rally against all forms of injustice across the world. In part, he cited the plight of the homeless in this country.

"We've become accepting of the idea, in this past decade, that homelessness is normal," he said.

That type of indifference will not rouse indifferent governments. "Injustice against one group is injustice against all of us," he said.

Kouymjian also spoke Friday evening at a commemoration of the 77th anniversary of the slaughter. That observance, at the First Armenian Presbyterian Church, was sponsored by the Armenian Community Council of the San Joaquin Valley.

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their gift of \$500,000 in donations and pledges.

The funds will be used to establish an endowment, the income from which will support the Kalfayan Center for Armenian Studies through scholarships, grants for instructors and for research, and publications.

Chairman of the Center for Armenian Studies Advisory Board since 1989, Mr. Kalfayan travelled to Armenia in 1990 to lay the groundwork for an exchange agreement between Yerevan State University and CSUF.

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**Events** — Friday-Saturday. 2-5 p.m. Friday, Fresno State University, University Student Union, Room 312-314, symposium, "William Saroyan, After a Decade Later," free admission; 9 a.m. Saturday, William Saroyan Theatre, 700 M St., Saroyan Armenian Historical Walk, registration 8 a.m., \$2; 221-1441.

★ **Book signing** — 4-6:30 p.m. Friday, Fig Garden Bookstore, 5148 N. Palm Ave. Award winning pastry chef, Jim Dodge, will discuss pastry baking and sign copies of his books "The American Baker" and "Baking with Jim Dodge"; 226-1845.

**William Saroyan Weekend of Racing** — 8 a.m. Saturday-next Sunday. Racers of the United States Cycling Federation will converge on the valley for the weekend of racing. Saturday, Clovis Road Race, Clovis Chamber of Commerce, 325 Pollasky Ave., eight categories will start at 15 minute intervals afterwards; next Sunday, Second Annual William Saroyan Criterium, next to the Fresno Convention Center, 700 M St. with start/finish intersection Inyo/O streets. Race goes through 3 p.m. with the Pro/Senior 1-2 at 2 p.m.; 435-1671.

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## Armenian genocide commemorated

Joe Reinartz  
Contributing writer

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April 24 commemorates worldwide the first day of the systematic destruction of the Armenian minority by the Ottoman Empire of Turkey, beginning in 1915 and continuing through 1923, according to Der Mugrdechian.

On April 24, 1915, 600 leaders of the Armenian community were arrested in Constantinople, Turkey and killed by the

government. The genocide continued, eliminating more than 1,500,000 Armenians.

The governments of the United States and Turkey do not recognize the events.

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Noroyan said she felt the event went smoothly, although the connection between the rally and Vintage Days was awkward.

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## Saroyan festival honors a favorite son

### The Fresno Bee

If you're new to Fresno and have never heard of William Saroyan, this is the weekend to begin learning about one of this area's favorite sons.

The eighth annual William Saroyan Festival gets under way today with a symposium titled "William Saroyan, After A Decade Later" at 2 p.m. in the Fresno State University Student Union. John Leggett, the official biographer of Saroyan, and Dickran Kouymjian, a professor at FSU, will be the speakers. Admission is free.

Saroyan was born in Fresno in 1908 and died here in 1981. After being expelled from Fresno High School and working at a variety of jobs, he left Fresno to begin a writing career that would eventually lead to the Pulitzer Prize for drama for "The Time Of Your Life" and an Oscar for the screenplay of "The Human Comedy."

Much of his work was autobiographical.

Places where he lived and worked will be among the sites on the Saroyan Armenian Historical Walk that begins at 9 a.m. Saturday in front of the William Saroyan Theatre, 700 M. St. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. There is a \$2 fee.

The tour will include the site of the former Fresno Evening Herald, where Saroyan worked as a paper boy, at L and Inyo streets; the Saroyan monument in the southwest corner of Court-house Park; Saroyan's birthplace at 625 Broadway; and the former site of Saroyan's childhood home at 2226 San Benito. The tour will end in time for lunch at George's Shish Kebab at Kern and N streets.

Since Saroyan was a writer, it's only appropriate the festival include a writing contest. Open to students first grade through college age, the entry deadline is Monday at 9 p.m. Entries may be delivered or mailed to John Kallenberg, Fresno County Librarian, 2420 Mariposa St., Fresno 93721. Prizes will be awarded at the Saroyan in the Park band concert.

The concert is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 1 in Woodward Park. Admission is free.

Another June 1 event is the reading of stories written by Saroyan by Ed Markmann over KFPA in Berkeley and simulcast over KFCF-FM 88.1 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Excerpts from Saroyan stories and plays will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 31 (Saroyan's birthday) in Roger Rocka's Music Hall, 1226 N. Wishon Ave. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$10 at the door.

The annual Saroyan Bicycle Road Race will be held Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at 325 Polasky Ave. in Clovis. The route will take bicyclists into the hills and back again.

On Sunday will be the annual Saroyan Criterium Bicycle Race, which starts at 8:30 a.m. behind the Saroyan Theatre. In addition to the race, there will be an antique bicycle exhibit and food and beverage booths.

**William Saroyan Festival**  
Various times and locations;  
221-1441.

**SUB****ARMENIAN STUDIES****PROGRAM**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO,  
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TO BE HELD MAY 1, 2 and 3

A symposium: "William Saroyan, After a Decade Later" will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Student Union Room 312 at CSUF on May 1. Relaxed parking at CSUF. On Saturday, May 2, the 1 1/2 hour guided walk to Saroyan site in old Armenian Town will begin at 8:30 a.m. in front of the William Saroyan Theatre. Sunday is the Saroyan Criterium Bike Race. For further information, call Ben Amirkhanian at 221-1441.

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## Fresno's Saroyan Festival Begins May 1

FRESNO - A symposium "William Saroyan, a Decade Later," will open the Eighth Annual Saroyan Festival May 1 at California State University, Fresno, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 312.

John Leggett, official Saroyan biographer and Dr. Dickran Kouymjian, CSUF Armenian Studies Program, will conduct the symposium which is free to the public.

On May 2, friends and visitors will meet at 8:30 a.m. in front of the William Saroyan Theater for the 1-½ hour guided walk to Saroyan sites in old Armenian Town. Also on Saturday, at 8 a.m., the first Saroyan Bicycle Road Race will begin from 325 Pollasky in Clovis, Calif. Applications for racers are available at

Valley Sports, 6511 North Blackstone.

The Second Space event, "Fond Saroyan Vignettes," has been postponed for Aug. 31, Saroyan's birthday in the Good Company Music Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The Second Annual Saroyan Cretireim Bike Race will start in back of the Saroyan Theater, May 3 at 8 a.m. and will continue until early afternoon.

Prizes to the student winners of the Saroyan Writing Contest will be awarded on June 1 at the Saroyan-in-the-Park Band Concert at Woodward Park.



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**EIGHTH ANNUAL  
SAROYAN FESTIVAL EVENTS****Friday, May 1, 1992**

*Symposium: "William Saroyan, After a Decade Later."*

At CSUF, 2 to 5 PM, University Student Union, Room 312-314. Admission free, Relaxed Parking. Inf. call Dickran Kouymjian, 278-2669.

**Saturday, May 2, 1992****SAROYAN ARMENIAN HISTORICAL WALK:**

Meet in front of the William Saroyan Theatre at 8:30 AM to register. Cost is \$2.00 and the tour leaves at 9.00 AM.

**Saturday, May 2, 1992****ANNUAL SAROYAN BICYCLE ROAD RACE:**

In Clovis starting at 325 Pollasky in front of the chamber of Commerce at 8 AM.

**Sunday, May 3, 1992****ANNUAL SAROYAN CRITERIUM BICYCLE RACE:**

Starts behind the William Saroyan Theatre, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

**Saturday, May 2, 1992 2:00 PM  
and Sunday, May 3, 1992, 7:30 PM****FOND SAROYAN VIGNETTES**

At Second Space, 928 East Olive. Will present excerpts from Saroyan stories and plays. Tickets purchased in advance, \$6.00; at the door, \$10.00. Available at Java Cafe, 803 E. Olive and Not Just Paper in Fig Garden Village or mail check to WSF, 920 E. Yale, Fresno, CA 93704.

**SAROYAN WRITING CONTEST**

*For all students, first grade through college.*

Entry deadline, Monday, May 4, 1992 at 9 PM. Bring stories in person or mail to John Kallenberg, Fresno County Librarian, 2420 Mariposa St., Fresno, CA 93721, phone 488-3185. Prizes to be awarded at the June 1 Saroyan-in-the-Park Band Concert at Woodward Park.

**Monday, June 1, 1992**

**SAROYAN-IN-THE-PARK BAND CONCERT** in cooperation with Channel 24 TV at Woodward Park from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Free admission to the park and to the concert. Armenian music and Armenian dancing plus the regular band concert. Saroyan Writing Contest prizes will be awarded during the intermission.

**Monday, June 1, 1992****HOMAGE TO SAROYAN**

Readings of stories written by Saroyan by Ed Markmann over KPFA in Berkeley and simulcast over KFCF-FM 88.1 in Fresno from 11 AM to Noon.

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# Monday Report

## Saroyan Mini-Conference

"William Saroyan After a Decade." University Student Union 312-314 from 2 to 5 p.m. Dickran Kouymjian (Armenian Studies), "Influences on Saroyan: Whitman and the Others." John Leggett, Saroyan biographer from Napa Valley, "The Search for Saroyan: Three Post-War Novels."

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## Students at CSUF Recall Armenian Genocide During April 24 Program

FRESNO - Surrounded by the rowdiness of Vintage Days, a more subdued crowd gathered April 24 at Fresno State university to remember the deaths of 1.5 million Armenians at the hands of Ottoman Turks.

Some speakers noted the paradox of commemorating the 1915 massacre against the backdrop of an annual celebration of spring.

Sometimes the happy and the sad occur at the same time, said Dickran Kouymjian, the Haig and Isabel Berberian professor of Armenian Studies at Fresno State. "Life is full of these contradictions and paradoxes," he said.

In poetry, speeches and the words of survivors, speakers recalled the horror of the Armenian genocide and the value of remembering.

"If we turn our backs on history, it can happen again and again and again," said Rep. Richard Lehman, D-Sanger. He said he is ashamed that the U.S.

government has not recognized the massacre as a genocide.

Posters in the free speech area at Fresno State displayed brutally frank photographs, newspaper accounts and enlarged copies of orders commanding a slaughter that began in 1915.

Barlow Der Mugrdechian, a lecturer in the Armenian Studies program, called it "a story of the tragedy of an entire people."

Tamar Chaderjian, a member of the Armenian Studies Organization, said the genocide began April 24. She called it "a day that we hope no one else will have to endure."

Fresno City Council member Tom Bohigian said the importance of remembering is to "break the cycle" that allows such atrocities to happen.

Kouymjian called on people to rally against all forms of injustice across the world. In part, he cited the plight of the homeless in this country.

"We've become accepting of the idea, in this past decade, that homelessness is normal," he said.

That type of indifference will not rouse indifferent governments. "Injustice against one group is injustice against all of us," he said.

By Cindee Fontana  
*Fresno Bee*

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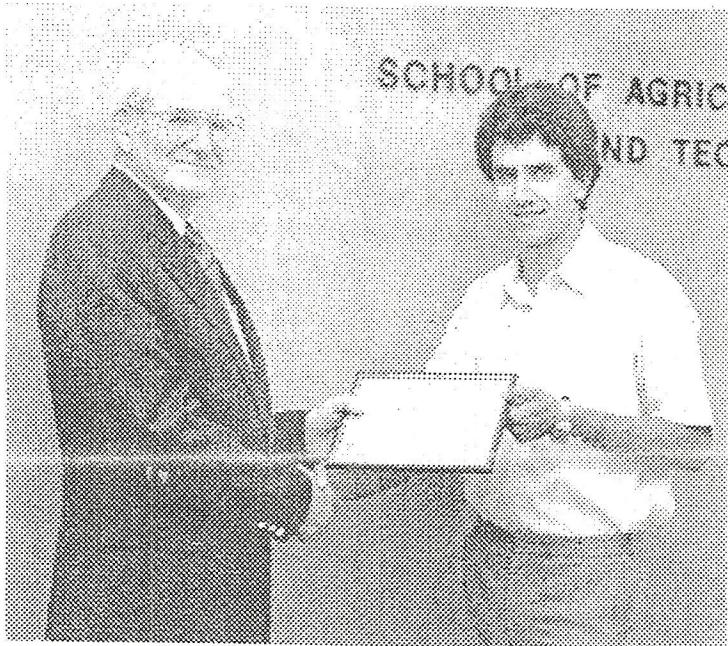
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## *Student Returns to Armenia After Study at CSU Fresno*

FRESNO, Ca - After studying for six months in the United States, Artashes Ghandilian, a twenty-seven-year-old graduate student studying at California State University here will be returning to a very different Armenia. Ghandilian arrived in January of this year to begin the Spring semester and in May completed a special program of study in the Department of Plant Science and Mechanized Agriculture in the School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at CSUF.

While in California, Armenia was developing its political system and economy. On a personal level, being separated from his family was difficult and Artashes is eager to return to Armenia and apply the skills he perfected while in the United States. In the months of June through August, Ghandilian is working as a special researcher in the Viticulture Department. Ghandilian will return to Yerevan in August where in a few months he will have completed his doctorate in agriculture at the Armenian Agriculture Institute of Armenia.

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*(Left) Dr. Charles Smallwood, Dean of the CSU Fresno School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, presents certificate to visiting graduate student from Armenia, Artashes Ghandilian.*

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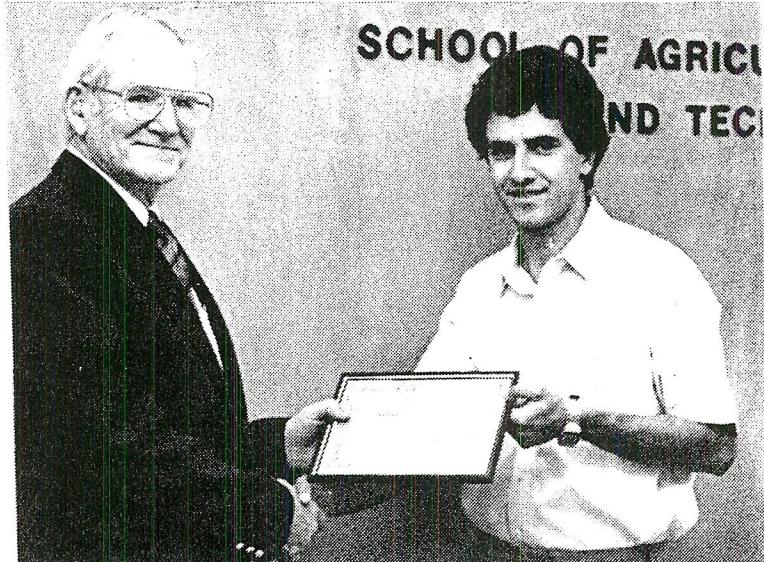
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CERTIFICATE AWARDED - From left, Dr. Charles Smallwood, Dean of the CSU Fresno School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology presenting certificate to Artashes Ghandilian.

## After Studying at CSU, Fresno Graduate Returns to Armenia

FRESNO - After studying for six months at California State University, Fresno, Artashes Ghandilian, 27, will return to Armenia in August to put his education to use in the homeland.

Ghandilian, who arrived in January, completed a semester program in the Department of Plant Science and Mechanized Agriculture in the School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at CSUF.

In the months of June through August, Ghandilian is working as a special researcher in the Viticulture Department. Next month he will return to Yerevan where he will complete his doctorate at the Armenian Agricultural

Institute.

Ghandilian's stay in the United States was coordinated and sponsored by the CSUF Armenian Studies Program and the School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. Additional sponsorship came from the Armenian American Citizens League and the Armenian Missionary Association of America.

The student from Armenia was the first of what promises to be many students from that country, CSUF officials predicted.

Armenian students will travel to Fresno to learn about modern agricultural techniques, so that the homeland and the general population and the nation's economy can benefit from their education.

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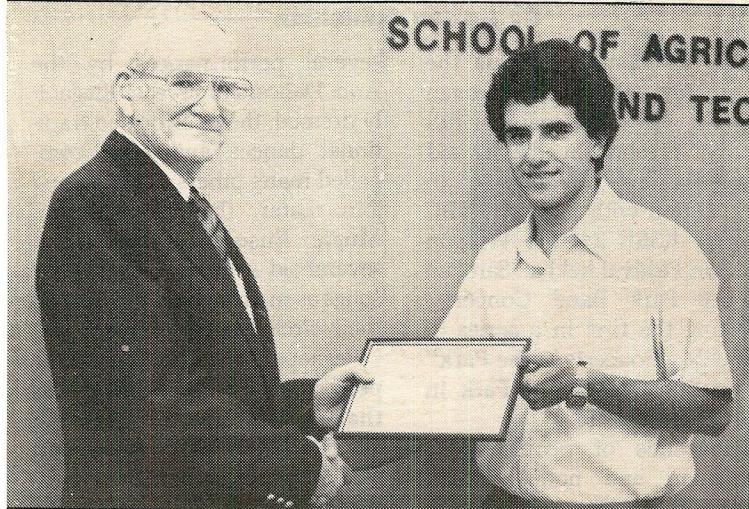
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## Agriculture Student Returns to Armenia After Study at CSU Fresno



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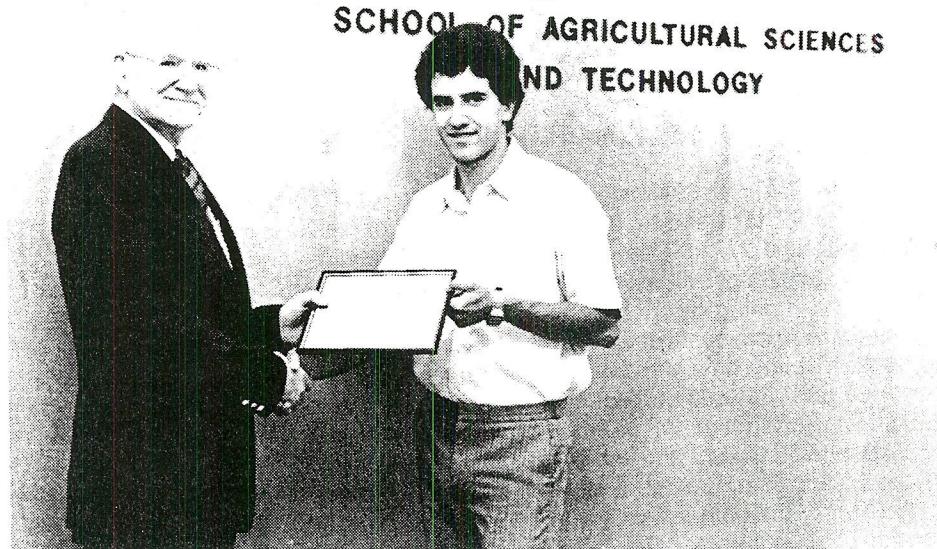
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Dr. Charles Smallwood, dean of CSUF agricultural school, with Ghandilian

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He will be working as a special researcher at the Armenian Agricultural Institute until

August, when he will return to Armenia and obtain his doctorate from the Armenian Agricultural Institute in a few months.

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Dr. Charles Smallwood, Dean of the Fresno State University School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, presenting certificate to Artashes Ghandilian of Armenia, who studied at CSUF.

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