

## Alumni Association

*Volunteers at the Alumni Booth enjoy Graduation Sales, 1996.*

**T**he California State University, Fresno Alumni Association serves as a vital link between the university, its alumni, and the greater Fresno community. Its primary purpose is to develop and apply its funding and volunteered-time resources toward the advancement of higher education and enhanced communication among alumni, campus administration, students, and friends.

In addition to sponsoring student scholarships, the association hosts a Golden Grad Reception each year to honor graduates of 50 or more years. Alumni and friends also enjoy special receptions and celebrate at an annual reunion tailgate party.

The Alumni Association network links together more than 3,100 members. Fresno State alumni represent more than 55 academic areas of study and have migrated to every state in the nation.

In an ongoing effort to serve members, the Alumni Association offers many member-only discounts and privileges. These include Internet/WWW access, group health, dental, vision, and life insurance rates, travel programs, Price Costco membership privileges, Security Pacific line of credit, special alumni merchandise, discounted admission for various university events, and library privileges at most CSU campuses.

Membership is open to graduates and friends of the university.



Annual dues are \$15 for new graduates, \$25 for single membership, and \$35 for joint membership (husband and wife). Life memberships are \$500. Business memberships are also available.

**Publications.** *Contact* is a news magazine mailed to all alumni and friends with whom the association is in touch. Each issue features an *Alumnac* section, which highlights the accomplishments of Fresno State alumni. *Contact/Alumnac* also details events and activities.

Dues-paying members also receive *The Blue Wave*, an informative bimonthly newsletter published by the Alumni Association.

**Academic and Regional Chapters.** The association will keep you in touch with the university school/department from which you graduated. There are 11 official academic chapters of the Alumni Association. Satellite extensions are now being formed throughout the state to involve out-of-town alumni in all of the fun. Active regional chapters are located in San Diego, Sacramento, and the Washington, D.C., area. Additional chapters also include

the Chicano Alumni Association and the African Peoples Chapter.

**Student Alumni.** The Student Alumni Association offers full benefits of alumni membership. Additionally, the Student Alumni Association will host seminars, workshops, and social events throughout the year. Monies raised through this joint student/alumni venture benefit Student Alumni projects and scholarship programs. Membership is open to all students; annual dues are \$15.

**Graduation Pictures.** The Alumni office sponsors the photographs taken at each commencement. Graduates are individually photographed, free of charge, before the ceremony processional each May.

**Scholarships.** Fresno State students may apply for Alumni Scholarships through the Financial Aid Office. Awards are made to undergraduate and graduate students based on need, scholarship, leadership, and involvement. The Alumni Trust Council oversees the investment of the Alumni Association's contributions and the distribution of its scholarship funds. 