



In this final decade of the 20th century, we live in a dynamic world — filled with change and challenge, with the heightened color of many cultures sharing one small planet. On the campus of California State University, Fresno, too, there are the challenges and the changes that come with a new and exciting diversity in our student body.

Ten short years ago, a cross section of CSUF students would have been characterized by its homogeneity. Today a cross section reflects amazing variety.

Where are we as a campus in the 1990s? What happened to us in the '80s?

In short, we grew, we reached out to a broader community, and we brought to this campus a new kind of student. As we look over this sea of new faces, we see students of all ages, more people of color, many students from lands across the seas, and more learners who have grown up speaking languages and dialects other than the one traditionally spoken by our faculty and alumni.

Culturally, we have changed. Through our doors today come increasing numbers of Hispanic, African-American, Hmong, Laotian



*Enjoying the parklike setting of the CSUF campus, President Harold Haak chats with Rosa Rodriguez and Martin Rodriguez (no relation) between classes.*

and Cambodian students who make the San Joaquin Valley their home — as well as those who call other continents their home. This diversity is the fruit of the labors of dedicated forebears, of public leaders of conscience, and of educators of vision. And this diversity is the promise of our future.

Join us this year at CSU, Fresno in celebrating the richness and the reward of diversity!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Harold H. Haak".

Harold H. Haak  
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