

The Community. Fresno's metropolitan area has a population of more than 510,500, and yet it maintains a friendly "big town" feeling. Cultural events are numerous and feature such groups and facilities as the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra, the Fresno Arts Center, the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, and several live theater organizations.

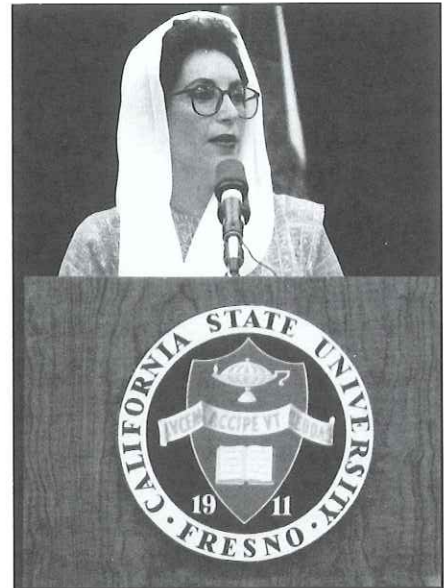
The community is proud of CSU Fresno and enthusiastically supports many of the university's programs, whether they are sports, the arts, academic competitions, or other special events.

Recreation. Fresno is the only place in the nation within an easy drive of three national parks — Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon. Therefore, it isn't surprising that much of CSU Fresno's recreational and social life centers on the outdoors.

Boating, fishing, water skiing, and windsurfing at one of the six nearby lakes are popular activities during the spring and summer. Winter recreation includes downhill skiing and cross-country skiing at nearby Sierra Summit or Badger Pass in the beautiful Sierra Mountains.

All year round, nature lovers and outdoor sports enthusiasts can choose from a variety of parks to visit while in Fresno. One favorite haven is Lost Lake Park. Only 24 miles northeast of Fresno, Lost Lake boasts of a 70-acre primitive nature study area and a 38-acre lake. With the addition of 70,000 tons of sand, the park features seven volleyball courts and has played host to the Pro Beach Volleyball tournament.

In addition to an extensive intramural program, on-campus recreation includes a series of current films, drama productions, and concerts ranging from rock to jazz to classical. The annual Vintage Days celebration and a number of university receptions, winetastings, art festivals, and the University Lecture Series are among the many events open to the public. Informal meeting places such as the University Student Union and the Satellite Student Union are visited by students throughout the day and evening.



Benazir Bhutto

Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Benazir Bhutto became the first woman leader in the Islamic world. She has received numerous awards as an advocate of the rights of women and children in developing countries.



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