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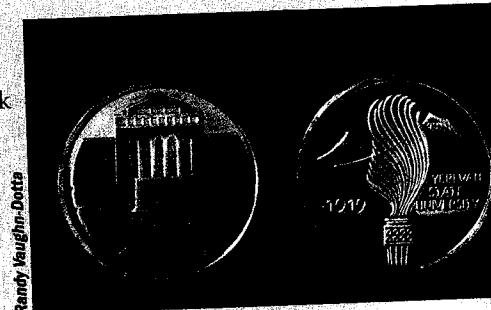
Fresno State extends ties to university in Armenia

The beauty of Armenia and the dedication of its people to education are etched on the mind of Fresno State President John D. Welty. His fond memories stem from a visit earlier this year to Fresno State's educational partners, Yerevan State University (YSU) and the Armenian Agricultural Academy, to meet administrators and faculty and to extend longstanding agreements to assist them.

At Yerevan State, Welty was presented a gold medal in recognition of his efforts to support Armenia's largest university.

"It was an honor for me to accept the gold medal on behalf of California State University, Fresno," says Welty. "I am hopeful the five-year extension of the agreement we signed will lead to continued funding and development of the programs our faculty are working on with the faculty of Yerevan State."

The agreement pledges that the two universities will work together in areas of mutual interest, including business and Armenian history and language.



A dozen Fresno State professors have traveled to Yerevan State to work under a federal grant. Several members of the Craig School of Business and economics faculty from YSU have been conducting a faculty development program in business and economics and are developing a major course of study in management information systems.

"Armenia is a fascinating country and a beautiful part of the world," Welty says. "One of the things that stands out to me is the commitment to education in that country. People believe education can make a major difference in their lives." ■

- Shirley Melikian Armbruster



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California State University, Fresno and Yerevan State University of Armenia have extended an agreement pledging cooperative work in areas of mutual interest, including business education, Armenian history, and language. Dr. John Welty, President of CSUF, signed a five-year extension of the agreement during a visit to Yerevan in early June. He also signed an agreement of cooperation between CSUF and the Armenian Agricultural Academy.

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Saroyan Society Hosts Panel on Author, on May 4

FRESNO — The William Saroyan Society will host guest speakers discussing "William Saroyan & His World," on May 4, 6:30 p.m. at the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church, 3673 N. First Street, Fresno.

The discussion will feature Ben Amirkhanian, chairman emeritus of the William Saroyan Society; Fresno author Berge Bulbulian, California State University, Fresno professor Dr. Barlow Der Mugrdechian, Saroyan's friend and writer, Ed Hapopian, and Fresno County California Collection Librarian and Book Collector William Secret, Jr.

Admission is free.

The Society is a non-profit, public service organization in Fresno, home of the Pulitzer prize-winning author and playwright.

The discussion is funded in part by the Community Enrichment Program of the Fresno Arts Council and is supported by the Fresno County Free Library.

For more information, Call (559) 221-1441.

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Fresno Events Recall Armenian Genocide

FRESNO, Calif. (*Fresno Bee*) — A Fresno blood drive, a candlelight vigil and the raising of the Armenian flag will mark the 89th anniversary of the killing of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians at the beginning of the last century.

Nazik Arisian, an administrator at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church here, said the events this week will "Give respect. It's to not forget them. It's to perpetuate the memory so it's not forgotten."

The events began on Sunday, April 18 with the third annual Martyr's Day Blood Drive at the First Armenian Presbyterian Church.

On Friday, April 23, the Armenian Students Organization and the Armenian Studies Program at California State University, Fresno, featured poetry and various presentations, beginning at noon on the university campus.

A film and a candlelight vigil followed at 7 p.m. State Sen. Chuck Poochigian, (R-Fresno) spoke at this gathering.

"The reason (the community) should come is so they are educated... The events also are to pay respect to those who died in the Genocide," said Barlow Der Mugrdechian, professor of Armenian Studies at Fresno State.

Activities on Saturday, April 24 will include the raising of an Armenian flag at Fresno City Hall.

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church plans to hold an Armenian Martyrs Day Commemoration ecumenical service at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, April 25, a memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. at the Ararat Masis Cemetery at the monument to Soghomon Tehlirian, who killed a Turkish leader considered a principal perpetrator in the Armenian massacre.

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Senator advocates acknowledgment of Armenian Genocide

By Elizabeth Leffall

The Collegian

In an emotionally charged ceremony, Sen. Chuck Poochigian called for acknowledgment of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 in the Free Speech Area, Friday.

"April 24 represents a massacre of our people," Poochigian said.

"Today represents 89 years of remembering an act by a young Turkish government, a sadistic people, who arrested and murdered our people in Constantinople," Poochigian said.

Poochigian choked back emotion as he described the effects the genocide had on his culture and family.

"1.5 million people died between 1915 and 1916 as a result of rule under the Ottoman Empire," he said. "My grandparents' lives were directly affected by this atrocity. They had to see family members split and many never saw each other again. My family and my people live with that knowledge everyday."

During the ceremony, various speakers encouraged the community to continue to recognize the Turkish government's part in the Armenian Genocide.

Professor of Armenian studies Barlow Der Mugrdechian said the event, organized by the Armenian Students Organization (ASO), was designed to bring about awareness and recognition.

"I think it's important that this commemoration takes place on campus to educate both students and non-students that such an atrocity took place," Der Mugrdechian said.

ASO club members dressed in black, wearing red armbands as they participated in the ceremony.

Sevag Tateosian, a criminology senior, read a poem to music entitled, "You will Fall" by author Vahan Tekeyan.

A replica of the martyr's monument in Armenia called 'Dzidzernagapert' was recreated for the event. Translated, the monument means the citadel of swallows. Dikran Chekian, a business senior and the current ASO president, said the swallow is used because it is a bird that always returns to the nest. The 12 gray slabs that make up the citadel represent the 12 regions of people east of Turkey and west of Armenia lost in the genocide.

Poochigian said progress is being made to have the event recognized internationally. Most recently, on April 22, the Canadian Parliament recognized the genocide of Armenians as a crime to humanity.

"We must put confidence before expediency," Poochigian said. "We encourage Turkey to admit that the genocide took place and commit to their history and restoration. Commitment to justice should never stop at the grave," he said.

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Younger generations take up Armenian cause

Martyrs Day draws attention to 1915-23 genocide in Turkey.

BY VANESSA COLÓN
THE FRESNO BEE

Having the Armenian genocide recognized by the federal government has been like a long-awaited harvest sown by hard work and many hands.

For years, second- and third-generation Armenians born in the central San Joaquin Valley have taken it upon themselves to keep the memory of mass killings alive. They have sought to grow support for official U.S. recognition by building political clout, pursuing a class-action suit and running a petition drive.

Today is Martyrs Day, Armenians' most important secular holiday. It commemorates the murder of hundreds of Armenians who were arrested and taken from their homes in Constantinople before dawn on April 24, 1915.

Community leaders say they are closer to making the dreams of grandparents and great-grandparents come true: getting recognition from the nation for the 1.5 million Armenians executed between 1915 and 1923 under the hands of the Ottoman Empire. The modern Republic of Turkey sprouted out of the empire.

The Central Valley is home to about 60,000 Armenians, one of the oldest ethnic groups in the area. Armenians also want Turkey to recognize the genocide and pay restitution.

"We are the ones with the strength and the ability and the modern know-how. We are the ones born here," said Dikran Chekian, president of the Armenian Students Organization at California State University, Fresno.

no. "We are going beyond what the past generations were not able to do. The feeling is that we will be able to see some justice before our time. Our generation has a feeling it will happen soon. There's more being done now than in the past generation."

Optimism stems partly from having politicians representing their views and legal actions such as the \$20 million settlement reached in February between New York Life Insurance Co. and descendants of those killed in the genocide.

The insurance giant did business in Turkey roughly at the turn of the century. But when faced with claims supported by paperwork, New York Life denied them. A suit against the company grew into a class action representing more than 2,300 policies, said attorney Brian Kabateck, who represents the plaintiffs.

About \$3 million of the settlement money will go toward Armenian charitable organizations, many of which have chapters in Fresno and other parts of the country. The distribution of the money will begin in September once a federal judge in Los Angeles gives final approval of the settlement July 30.

Other efforts include a postcard-writing petition by the Armenian National Committee to encourage lawmakers to pass a resolution acknowledging the genocide.

For two decades, Congress has denied resolutions. Last year, the California Legislature adopted a similar measure.

Recently, young Armenians have become more outspoken about the genocide.

The Armenian Students Organization at Fresno State held a candlelight vigil and other activities Friday. And Alex Vartan, a Stanford University graduate student from Fresno, helped launch a call for an international fast today.

"It's the new generation, and it should be the new generation. The first and second generation worked on building the foundation of the community," said Barlow Der Mugrdechian, professor of Armenian studies at California State University, Fresno. "They came as immigrants. They needed to get financially secure. It's hard for new immigrants to get involved in the politics."

Third- and fourth-generation Armenians are better educated than their parents and grandparents and have become successful, Der Mugrdechian said.

Groups such as the Armenian National Committee Central California became more political in the last 25 years by endorsing candidates, organizing protests, establishing internship programs for college students and carrying out voter registration drives, said Hygo Ohannessian, the committee's chairwoman.

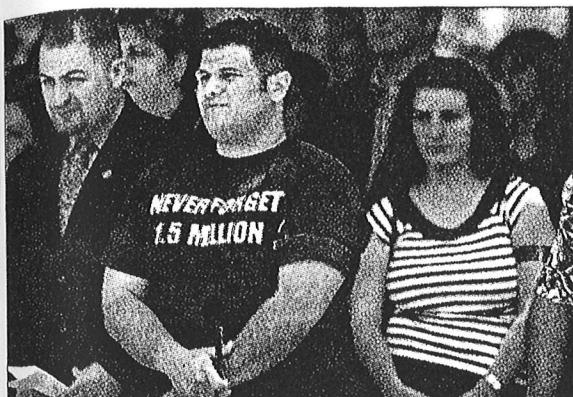
"You have more Armenians and youths interested in getting into the political arena," Ohannessian said.

The United States' relationship with Turkey plays a major role in whether the Armenians will sway Congress, Der Mugrdechian said: "Turkey is less important, so it gives Congress less of a reason to not recognize the genocide."

He said that during the Cold War, Turkey was more important to the United States because Turkey's close neighbor, the former Soviet Union, was a great threat. Turkey aligned itself with the West during the Cold War when it joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, making it a key country in U.S. foreign strategy.

Today, Turkey has been less cooperative with U.S. foreign policy, Der Mugrdechian said. For example, Turkey didn't allow U.S. troops to enter its country last

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Dikran Chekian, center, the president of the Armenian Student Organization at California State University, Fresno, listens to speakers Friday at the genocide commemoration held at the school's Free Speech Area.

year, denying the United States an opportunity to march into Iraq from the north as the war started.

Another expert said the relationship between the United States and Turkey remains intact. Citing Turkey's denial of access to U.S. troops, David Wilkinson, professor of political science at the University of California at Los Angeles, said, "It was a sore point at the time, but it's water under the bridge now."

The geographic location of Turkey is of strategic importance to the United States and it is still an ally, he said. So, it's the alliance that causes Congress to stop short of recognizing the genocide, Wilkinson said. "It's a possibility, but I would not call it a probability," he said.

Some Armenians want monetary restitution similar to that initiated by Jews over the Holocaust.

Zhanna Bagdasarov, secretary of the Armenian Students Organization at Fresno State, said: "The next step is to get a formal apology from the Turkish government and have the land returned. A lot of the Armenian people want their land back."

Turkey has no plans to acknowledge the Armenian point of view.

"We don't recognize it as a genocide. By all means it was a tragedy. Thousands of people lost their lives. They were Turks, Armenians, and other subjects of the empire," said Ozgur Altan, vice consul of the Turkish consulate general office in Los Angeles.

He said 2.5 million Turks died

during World War I. He hopes Turkey and Armenia can establish better relationships provided that Turkey has "more friendlier counterparts," Altan said.

France and Russia, along with other countries and a United Nations panel, have recognized the genocide.

For Gayane Poturyan, who emigrated from Armenia to Glendale in 1990 and then to Fresno a year later, the memory is still alive and well.

Her grandfather saw dead bodies floating along the Araz River and survived because his parents rolled him up in a cloth-like material in 1915, Poturyan said. She also heard stories from her family about children being put inside a church and then the building being set on fire.

"Every generation remembers it," said Poturyan, who owns Diana's restaurant at the intersection of Shaw and Marks avenues in northwest Fresno.

Turkey wants to mend the relationship, said Altan, the vice consul in Los Angeles.

"Now, we believe that almost after a century, it's time to move on. There's so much to explore between Turkey and Armenia in [terms] of relations," Altan said.

If Turkey recognizes the genocide, the tension between the two countries would simmer down, said Poturyan. Armenians "will never forget what happened, but they will feel more relief."

► The reporter can be reached at vcolon@fresnobee.com or (559) 441-6313.



Evelina Gyulnazaryan, a student at California State University, Fresno, places a carnation at a replica Dzidzernagapert, the martyrs' monument in Armenia that means citadel of swallows. Students and Armenians from the area held a genocide commemoration at the Free Speech area Friday at Fresno State.

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Armenian memorial set for noon today

By Mitchell Peters

The Collegian

In memorial of the Armenian Genocide, members of the Armenian Students Organization and community members will gather in the Free Speech area at noon to present poems and remember those lost in the Genocide of 1915.

The Armenian Genocide was carried out between 1915 and 1916 by the government of the Ottoman Empire. About 1.5 million

out of 2.5 million Armenians in the Ottoman Empire were killed. The Turkish government to this day officially denies such an event occurred.

"I think Armenians are affirming that the truth is always stronger than the denial," Fresno State Armenian Studies professor Barlow Der Mugrdechian said. "Knowing that you are right and historical evidence overwhelmingly supports that gives people strength."

The event will feature State Senator Chuck Poochigian.

Two films discussing issues of the genocide, "Armenia: The Betrayal," and "The Hidden Holocaust," will be screened at 7 p.m. in McLane Hall, Room 121. A short candlelight vigil and moment of silence in the Free Speech area for those who suffered during the genocide will follow.

"It's an event that we should never forget because it's a crime against humanity," said Zhanna Bagdasarov, secretary of the ASO who lost two great grandparents in the Armenian Genocide.

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Armenian flag to rise in Fresno

By **VANESSA COLÓN**
THE FRESNO BEE

For the first time, the community will witness the raising of the Armenian flag next to the flags of the United States and California.

The 10- by 15-foot Armenian flag will go up at 10 a.m. Saturday at Fresno City Hall as part of observation of the Armenian genocide.

Between 1915 and 1923, 1.5 million Armenians were slaughtered at the hand of the Ottoman Empire. Turkey, which sprang from the empire, does not recognize the Armenian genocide.

On Friday, state Sen. Chuck Poochigian, R-Fresno, is scheduled to speak at noon. A film and a candlelight vigil will follow at 7 p.m. at McLane Hall at California State University, Fresno.

Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church will hold the Armenian Martyrs Day Commemoration Ecumenical Service at 7 p.m. Saturday. Ararat Masis cemetery will hold another commemoration at 1 p.m. Sunday at Soghomon Tehlirian's monument.

For more information on the flag ceremony, call 486-1918; for Friday's event, call 278-2669; and to reach Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church, call 486-1141.

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Fresno events to recall Armenian massacre

BY VANESSA COLÓN
THE FRESNO BEE

A Fresno blood drive, a candlelight vigil and the raising of the Armenian flag will mark the 89th anniversary of the killing of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians at the beginning of the last century.

Armenian-Americans — an estimated 40,000 of whom live in the Valley — say 1.5 million Armenians were killed between 1915 and 1923 at the hands of Ottoman Turks.

Officials in modern Turkey, an ally of the United States, say the death toll was lower and have not formally recognized that an Armenian massacre took place.

Nazik Arisian, an administrator at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church in Fresno,

ARMENIAN EVENTS

For details about events marking the 89th anniversary of the Armenian massacre, call:

- (559) 291-8215 regarding the blood drive.
- (559) 278-2669 for the Armenian Studies Program.
- (559) 486-1141 for Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church.

said the events this week will "Give respect. It's to not forget them. It's to perpetuate the memory so it's not forgotten."

The events begin today with the third annual Martyr's Day Blood Drive at 10 a.m. at the First Armenian Presbyterian Church.

Donors must be in good health, be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds.

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ARTS ROUNDUP

Armenian ensemble to stop by Fresno on U.S. tour

Armenia's Shoghaken Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Satellite Student Union at California State University, Fresno.

The ensemble first performed in the United States in 2002, when they were invited to play at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., by cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Ma invited the musicians to perform with him as part of a concert series known as Music from the Silk Road.

As a result of that performance, the ensemble was invited back to do a tour that will include performances at Philadelphia's Annenberg Center, Los Angeles' Skirball Cultural Center, New York's Symphony Space and Washington's Kennedy Center.

The ensemble also was chosen by director Atom Egoyan to perform on the soundtrack for his movie "Ararat," about the Armenian genocide.

In conjunction with the tour, the ensemble has just released two new recordings, "Traditional Dances of Armenia" and "Armenian Lullabies." The former features historical dances from eastern Anatolian Armenian villages, which were decimated in the 1915 Ottoman genocide against Armenians and



TRADITIONAL CROSSROADS — SPECIAL TO THE BEE

The Shoghaken Ensemble, a traditional Armenian music group that has played with Yo-Yo Ma and on the soundtrack for the film "Ararat," will perform at Fresno State on Monday.

now are part of Turkey, as well as dances from present-day Armenia. The latter features one of the oldest and richest genres of Armenian music.

The Fresno concert will feature music from the villages of historic Armenia,

with proceeds to benefit the Armenian Community School of Fresno. The event is sponsored by the Knights & Daughters of Vartan, the Armenian studies program and the Armenian Community School. Tickets cost \$20, \$12 for students.

Parking is available in lots O and P after 6 p.m. For more info, call (559) 233-1800.

■ The Art at the Vineyard Marketplace Spring 2004 Fine Art Show will feature the artwork of 75 West Coast artists 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday at the marketplace, at Blackstone and Shaw avenues. The farmers market also will be in full swing during the show.

Works will represent a variety of media, including watercolor, clay, glass, oil, acrylics, jewelry, photography and pastels. Gourds, fiber art and wood sculpture also will be featured.

Some of the local artists featured will be Sally Delap John, Ginny Burdick, Iris Duarte, Bebe Long, Adam Longatti, Maxine Fargason and Marcos Dorado.

Bob and Laurie Kliss of Kliszewski Glass Works, Fox and Lois Garney of Foxo Pottery, and Potters' Studio also will have works in the show.

The event is a benefit for the American Red Cross, which will be on hand to conduct prize raffles all day.

The inaugural show took place in October, organized by Blue Moon Gallery owner Karen Fries and artist Kathy Gillis. Fries, who organized the spring show, said they had 5,000 people in the fall. For more info, call (559) 449-9818.

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Film festival to feature Armenian culture, religion and geography

The Armenian Studies Program and the Armenian Students Organization will hold its fifth annual Armenian Film Festival tonight, which will feature a variety of films from a new generation of Armenian filmmakers.

The free festival, funded by the University Student Union Diversity Awareness Program, will display the film works of Armenian writers, producers, and directors in five short films, ranging from one hour to five minutes. One film expected to receive positive feedback is *Prison Art*, which will explore the lives and art of Armenian prisoners.

Each film will focus on either Armenian culture, religion or geography, said Zhanna Bagdasarov, a student who helped plan the festival.

"It gives students an opportunity to explore other cultures," said Barlow Der Mugrdechian, an Armenian Studies professor at Fresno

State.

Cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco regularly hold festivals featuring Armenian films, said Mugrdechian, but Fresno State is the only one in the Central Valley. There will also be an opportunity to view the films in an Armenian Studies films class that is open to the public.

For more information contact the Armenian Studies Department at 278-2669.

-Mitchell Peters

**Armenian
Film Festival**
When: Tonight
**Where: Industrial
Technology, room 101**
Time: 7 to 10 p.m.
Admission: Free
**Refreshments will
follow the film festival**



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CSUF Will Present Film Workshop, March 19-20

FRESNO, Calif. - The Division of Continuing and Global Education at California State University, Fresno is offering a workshop on "Armenian Film." The course will center around recent films by or about Armenians in conjunction with the Fifth Annual Armenian Studies Program Film Festival. Entries will be viewed and students will be asked to pass critical judgment on them.

The class will be held March 10, 4-10 p.m., and March 20, 9-5 p.m., at McLane Hall, Room 221. The instructor is Dickran Kouymjian, PhD. The fee for the course is \$50 non-credit.

For additional information and registration forms, contact the Division of Continuing and Global Education at (559) 278-0333.



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At noon I joined professors Dickran Kouymjian and Barlow Der Mugrdechian and Yerevan State University President Radik Martirosian to discuss our relationship with Yerevan State and the grant project in which we are engaged. It was a very productive meeting.



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SUBJECT: Kouymjian Teaches Arts of Armenia

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CSUF Offers Workshop on Arts of Armenia

FRESNO - The Division of Continuing and Global Education at California State University, Fresno is offering a workshop on Arts of Armenia.

This course will give an introduction to Armenian architecture, painting, sculpture, ceramics, metal work, and textiles.

The class will be held on three Fridays and three Saturdays, Fridays, Feb. 6, 13 & 20, from 4-10 p.m., and Saturdays, Feb. 7, 14 & 21, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The instructor for the course is Dickran Kouymjian, Ph.D., Professor and Coordinator of the Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State. The fee is \$50 non-credit.

For additional information and registration forms, call 559-278-0333. Pre-registration is recommended as class size is limited.