

In its rapid development during recent years the college has emphasized not only a variety of offerings suited to the special needs of its students, but also the personal attention and guidance which help students to gain a clear understanding of their own abilities and interests and to select appropriate programs.

Serving a population of approximately one million, and being nearly 150 miles from any other five-year institution of higher learning, Fresno State College has had most favorable conditions for its development and for meeting the needs of the young people of the San Joaquin Valley.

### NATIONAL RATING AND ACCREDITING

The college is accredited by the Western College Association and the California State Board of Education. It is also accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education for the preparation of elementary teachers, secondary teachers, and school service personnel, with the master's degree as the highest degree authorized; accreditation for the school service personnel category is limited to elementary principals and supervisors, secondary principals and supervisors, and guidance workers. The Business Division is a member of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business. The Chemistry Department is approved by the American Chemical Society. The Nursing Department is fully accredited by the California State Board of Nurse Examiners. The Journalism Department is accredited by the American Council on Education for Journalism; its news editorial sequence is specifically accredited by the Council. Students who transfer to other institutions will receive full credit for courses satisfactorily completed.

### BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Fresno State College is located on a new 1070-acre site at Cedar and Shaw Avenues in the northeast section of the City of Fresno. The major buildings on the new campus are administration, agricultural classroom, agricultural mechanics, art, home economics, bookstore, business, cafeteria, education-psychology, engineering, home management cottage, industrial arts, laboratory school, library, men's gymnasium, music, science, social science, speech arts, student health service, and women's locker and dressing unit. Three residence halls are located on the campus. Frank A. Homan Hall houses 207 men; Mary Baker Hall and George West Graves Hall house 414 women. Plans call for the construction of other new buildings and additions to existing buildings to meet the enrollment increases anticipated during the next several years.

The major academic buildings on the new Shaw Avenue Campus, first occupied during the 1953-1954 school year, are located within a 220-acre area. These modern buildings are surrounded by beautiful trees, shrubbery, flowers, and broad expanses of grass. Walkways, bordered by occasional benches, interlace the campus providing for a free flow of student traffic between the buildings. Parking areas are located within and around the fringe of the 220-acre area.

Located, in the vicinity of the former campus, approximately five miles from the Shaw Avenue Campus are Ratcliffe Stadium, on Blackstone and University Avenues, and the University Avenue Extension Center, at Van Ness and University Avenues. The former University Avenue Campus is now owned by the Fresno City Unified School District and houses the Fresno City College.

The college makes special arrangements for use of facilities in Bakersfield for the Bakersfield Center and in other valley communities for summer session and extension programs.

### COLLEGE FARM

In addition to facilities on the new 850-acre agricultural campus (exclusive of 220-acre new academic campus) at Shaw and Cedar Avenues, the college operates an auxiliary farm of 360 acres at Hammer Field on Shields Avenue, two miles southeast. The entire 1210 acres, together with livestock and equipment, is available to students for use in conducting a wide variety of agricultural projects. The col-

lege maintains most of the major breeds of purebred livestock. In the project program students have an opportunity to exhibit their animals at the major fairs and shows within the State. Breeding stock and student-owned livestock from the college herds have won top honors at such shows as the Great Western in Los Angeles, the Grand National in San Francisco, and the State Fair in Sacramento.

Thirty-four new farm buildings on this agricultural campus provide one of the most modern and best equipped agricultural plants in the west.

For major offerings in agriculture, see Agriculture Division.

### LIBRARY

The Library is housed in a building erected in 1955. It contains over 150,000 catalogued volumes, receives over 1,400 periodicals, and accommodates 636 readers. Extensive collections of government publications and maps are available. The Roy J. Woodward Memorial Library of Californiana contains a valuable collection of books relating to the San Joaquin Valley. The Library is open during hours posted at the entrance to the building.

### LABORATORY SCHOOL

Of special interest to students preparing for teaching and related fields is the Laboratory School. The philosophy, facilities, and program of the school reflect the interest of the people of California for the education of their children. Its function is to provide demonstration and observation facilities in all phases of professional work for teachers, administrators, supervisors, guidance workers, and parent education leaders. The school consists of a kindergarten and six elementary grades. The teaching is by carefully selected demonstration teachers who help students develop their understanding of children and become familiar with superior teaching ideas and methods in actual classroom situations, both prior and subsequent to student teaching. The program implements the accepted *Framework for Public Education in California*. Also, the Laboratory School serves college instructors and students for group demonstrations and individual study in connection with such classes as psychology, growth and development, curriculum, arts, vocal and instrumental music, physical education, home economics, and family life education.

### STUDENT LIFE

College students are expected to assume the responsibilities for personal conduct appropriate to their age and maturity. On that account rather wide freedom is granted by the college administration to the students as individuals and as organized groups. This responsibility has been accepted in an admirable way by the students of the college, and an unusual degree of self-government has been established. A student court has authority to deal with cases involving interpretation of student regulations or their violation. A committee on student life composed of faculty and students evaluates the student life program and makes recommendations on policy and procedure. Regulations as to satisfactory scholarship, disqualification for unsatisfactory work and related questions bearing upon college requirements are administered in accordance with college policies.

### ORGANIZATIONS

Membership and active participation in a reasonable number of student organizations are strongly recommended by the college. Student groups of this type are an excellent means of obtaining experience in leadership, cooperation, group action and social competence. Participation in student government is also encouraged. Many opportunities exist for participation in student affairs through election to student body and class offices, appointment to student committees, and attendance at meetings of the Student Council.