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## His Holiness Catholicos Karekin I Passes Away

By Matthew Maroot  
Editor

On Tuesday, June 29, 1999, Armenians the world over suffered an immeasurable loss. His Holiness Karekin I Sarkissian, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians, passed into eternal rest after a long period of severe illness.

H. H. Karekin I was elected in 1995 by the National Ecclesiastical Assembly as the 131st Catholicos to occupy the throne of St. Gregory the Illuminator. He served as Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia for 18 years before taking the throne at the See of Holy Etchmiadzin where he guided



His Holiness Karekin I

photo by Barlow Der Mugrdchian

the Armenian Church and the Armenian nation with a profound sense of devotion.

During his last visit to Fresno in February, 1996, H.H. Karekin I was the guest of the Armenian Studies Program and spoke to a capacity crowd at the Satellite Student Union.

theologian, an ecumenist. He was someone who captured the hearts of a lot of young Armenian-American people," Shirin said.

His Holiness Karekin I was born Neshan Sarkissian on August 27, 1932. He attended an Armenian elementary school near his native village of Kessab, Syria and in 1946 was admitted to the Theological Seminary of the Armenian Catholicate of Cilicia. In 1949 he was ordained as a deacon before graduating with high honors in 1952. His Holiness took the name Karekin when ordained as a celibate priest on Sept. 28, 1952. He was renamed Karekin in memory of the late Catholicos H.H. Karekin I Hovsepian.

H.H. Karekin I worked tirelessly to not only develop and nurture the spirituality of the Armenian people, but to unify them as a nation as well. He also dedicated much of his time to make Armenians throughout the Diaspora feel as much a part of the Armenian Church as those who worshipped at Etchmiadzin themselves. Many believe H.H. Karekin I had much

more to accomplish in his already accomplished life. "His tenure was too short, he really didn't get to accomplish all that he wanted to," said Ben Krikorian, chairman of the parish council at St. Paul Armenian Church in Fresno.

In preparation for the celebration of the 1700th anniversary of the adoption of Christianity in Armenia, H.H. Karekin I oversaw the renovation of numerous churches and monasteries that had previously been in a state of disrepair.

Also under his direction, a new assemblage of future spiritual leaders studied at the Gevorgian Seminary which had been completely renovated. The efforts of H.H. Karekin I also led to the expansion of the Center for Christian Education and Preaching and the opening of the St. Mesrop Seminary in Oshakan.

Thanks in large part to the prolific writings of H.H. Karekin I, the press of the Mother See was greatly expanded and included a number of works authored by His Holiness.

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The Armenian Studies Program  
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Ninety Years Later**

• 9:45 AM Welcome and Introduction of Speakers  
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Aram Arkun (New York)

"The 1909 Armenian Massacres in Northwest Syria"

Vahram Shemmassian (Los Angeles)

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The Armenian Quarter of Adana (c. 1909) From: Les Arméniens Dans L'Empire Ottoman La Veille Du Génocide (1992), Raymond H. Kévorkian and Paul B. Paboudjian

News of his passing despite a long and serious illness, was no less tragic. "As much as you prepare for something that you know is inevitable, there was nevertheless a feeling of despair when we lost His Holiness," said Mark Shirin, Arch Deacon at the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church in Fresno. "He was not just a great church leader, he was a great writer, a scholar, an orator, a

## Fresno State Awarded Grant to Assist Armenia

Mr. Thomas McClanahan, Associate Vice-President for Grants and Research, announced that Fresno State was awarded a grant of \$104,440 for the purpose of conducting a Faculty Development Program in Business and Economics with Yerevan State University under the Newly Independent States (NIS) College and University Partnership Program.

Fresno State professors will collaborate with Yerevan State University Professors to develop curricula in the area of business and economics.

Project director for Fresno State is Barlow Der Mugrdchian of the Armenian Studies Program, who applied for the grant, and Associate Project Director is Dr. Dickran Kouymjian, Director of the Armenian Studies Program. Project co-directors from Yerevan State University (YSU) are Rafael Matevossian, Pro-Rector (Vice President) for International Relations, and Grigor Gharibian, Dean

of the School of Business. Der Mugrdchian had traveled to Armenia recently to strengthen the YSU-Fresno State sister-university ties and the idea of the grant application arose out of discussions with YSU faculty.

The goal of the project is to contribute to economic and political stability in Armenia by fostering educational reform in the area of business/economics at Yerevan State University. The program will enhance the expertise of educators and business practitioners in the basic business and economic principles that underlie all modern market economies. The program has been designed to facilitate Armenia's development as a technologically advanced, democratic, and free-enterprise society.

Modern business practices will be applied to real world problems by inviting local business practitioners to the Yerevan State University campus for seminars, workshops, and demonstration projects.

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## Arisian Elected ASI President

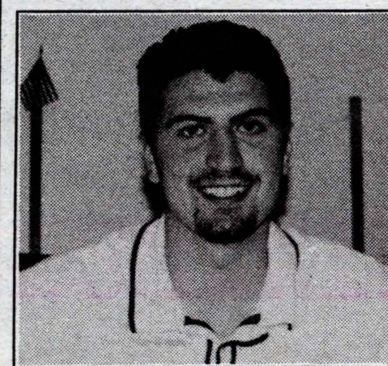


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**ASI President Arakel Arisian**  
By Shayla Srabian  
Staff Writer

Arakel A. Arisian, formerly the Armenian Students Organization President from Fall 1997 to Fall 1999, was elected President of Associated Students Inc. at California State University, Fresno for Fall 1999 and Spring 2000.

David Emerzian was the President for the Fall 1998 and Spring 1999 semesters. Last year Arisian served as Vice President of Finance and felt that Emerzian's influence was an encouragement to

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Course	Units	Time	Day	Instructor
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<b>Division 9-Other Cultures</b>				
<b>(Social Sciences Area D3, for students using 1999/2000 Catalog)</b>				
• Arm S 10 Intro to Arm Studies	3	0930-1045	TTh	Staff
• Arm S 10 Intro to Arm Studies	3	1000-1050	MWF	B. Der Mugrdechian
<b>Division 7-Languages</b>				
<b>(Humanities Area C2, for students using 1999/2000 Catalog)</b>				
• Arm 1B Elementary Armenian	4	1100-1150	MTWF	B. Der Mugrdechian
<b>Division 6- Literature</b>				
<b>(Arts &amp; Humanities, Area C, Integrative, for students using 1999/2000 Catalog)</b>				
• Arm 148 Masterp. Arm Culture	3	0900-0950	MWF	B. Der Mugrdechian
<b>Upper Division Courses</b>				
• Arm S 106 Arm. in N. America	3	1100-1150	MWF	I. Kaprielian
• Arm S 108B Arm History II	3	0900-0950	MWF	I. Kaprielian
• Arm S 120T Armenian Church	1	1700-2200	Fri	B. Der Mugrdechian
		0900-1700	Sat	
<i>Class meets the weekend of February 11 and 12</i>				
• Arm S 120T Armenia Today	1	1700-2200	Fri	B. Der Mugrdechian
		0900-1700	Sat	
<i>Class meets the weekend of March 31 and April 1</i>				
• Arm S 123 Arm Architecture	3	1700-2200	Fri	D. Kouymjian
		0900-1700	Sat	
<i>Class meets the weekends of February 25, 26 and March 3 and 4, and 10 and 11</i>				
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Spurk, Beirut. Ajemian, K. *Harkoghi Zharankortnere* Beirut: Knopf (1983).

Prof. Virgil Strohmeier, Yerevan: Strohmeier, V. *The Importance Of Teseo Ambrogio Delgi Albonesi's Selected Armenian Material For The Development Of The Renaissance's Perennial Philosophical Tradition* Yerevan: Gitutyun and *The Influence of The Armenian Language and Alphabet Upon the Development of the Renaissance's Perennial Philosophy, Biblical Hermeneutics, and Christian Kabbalism* Yerevan: Gitutyun (1998).

Prof. Verjine Svazlian, Yerevan: Svazlian, Verjine. *The Armenian Genocide In The Memoirs & Turkish-Language Songs of the EyeWitness Survivors* Yerevan: Gitutun Publishing House (1999).

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By first observing and later participating in these seminars for local businesses, the YSU faculty will gain insight into the nature of business consulting.

As part of the Program, selected faculty from YSU will travel to Fresno State to engage in a series of workshops and seminars on business practices used in modern consulting. The advantages of establishing a business center at YSU modeled on the University Business Center at Fresno State will be discussed.

Fresno State faculty, from the Sid Craig School of Business, will

travel to Yerevan to provide a series of short, intensive courses in core areas of instruction at Yerevan State University.

The uses of internet and distance learning techniques will be encouraged with students at both campuses becoming actively involved in distance learning courses.

The duration of the grant is from August 15, 1999 to August 15, 2000.

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ASO Begins New Year With Energy

By Tamara Karakashian  
Staff Writer

The Armenian Students Organization (ASO) was established to cultivate a spirit of appreciation toward Armenian history, heritage, culture and the Armenian language. The organization encourages college students to participate regardless of race, religion, or national origin. Annually, ASO sponsors public speaking engagements, film viewings, and organizes lectures to educate and inform the entire student body about Armenian issues.

This year the executive officers look forward to an exciting and productive year. Our executive officers this year are Chad Kirkorian, President; Gary Atashkarian, Vice President; Tamara Karakashian, Treasurer; Talar Atarian, Secretary; and Shayla Srabian, Historian.

This semester, the ASO has already organized many activities such as a celebration on Armenian

Independence Day, Sept. 21, 1999 and a pizza night at Chucky Cheese's. During the Independence Day celebration members of the ASO distributed orange ribbons to the student body, as a symbol of national pride, and also offered paklava as dessert. Members also circulated informative flyers

were discussed at our last meeting include the Adana Conference which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9, 1999 which will feature lectures by Armenian scholars. The Armenian Studies Banquet will be held Oct. 10, 1999, with an admission price of \$15 for students. All scholarship recipients must attend the banquet to receive their scholarships. Other events under consideration for this semester are: a trip to the Big Fresno Fair and a Halloween party along with a trip to the haunted forest.

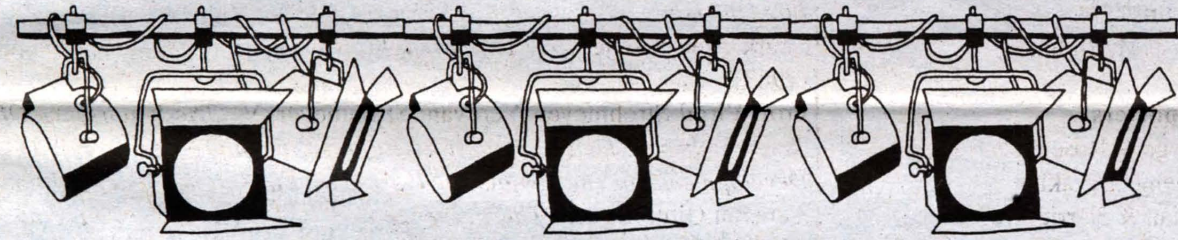
Just as a reminder, membership dues are currently being collected. They are \$10 this semester. Paid members will receive discounts on all ASO sponsored events. We are planning on having T-shirts available later this semester. The cost of the T-shirts will be \$5 with paid membership and \$10 for all non-members. We look forward to seeing all of you at our meetings and events this year.



The newly elected ASO executive: left to right: Tamara Karakashian, Treasurer; Talar Atarian, Secretary; Chad Kirkorian, President; Gary Atashkarian, Vice President and Shayla Srabian, Historian. photo by Barlow Der Muqrdechian

on cultural, religious, statistical and historical aspects of the Republic of Armenia. The first portion of this semester has been extremely successful due to the efforts of all ASO members who have participated.

Some upcoming events which



The Armenian Studies Program of California State University, Fresno and the Advisory Board of the Armenian Studies Program cordially invite you to their 14th Annual Banquet

An Evening with Emmy Award Winner

Hank Saroyan

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Armenians and the Internet

By Ara Mekhitarian  
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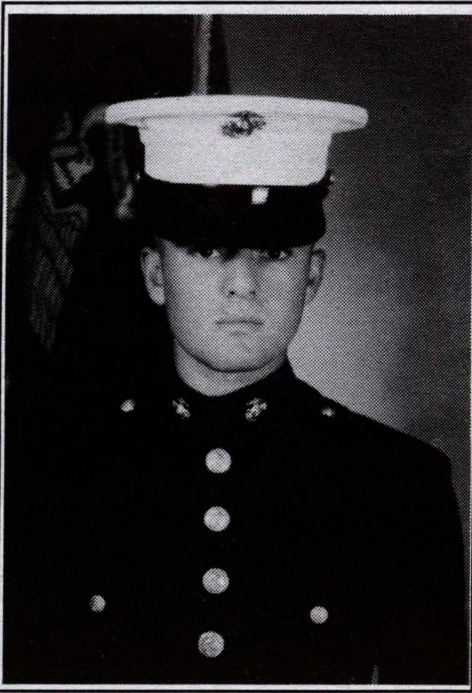
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Brief Summary: Hyegirl.com was created mainly for the young audience. It is maintained by three young Armenian girls in the Los Angeles area. Hyegirl.com is a great place to meet young Armenian guys and girls via their "Chat Lounge" section. They also provide a party guide to keep you informed of all the latest Armenian parties and gatherings in the California area. Online horoscopes, live contests and advice on health are also neat features to check out. Overall, hyegirl.com is a fun site to explore and is a big favorite of many of the young Armenian web-surfers.

HYE-LIGHTS

Shant Postoyan, a former California State University, Fresno student and member of the Armenian Students Organization, recently completed three months of Marine Corps basic training at Camp Pendleton in San Diego. Postoyan chose to join the Marines to gain the hands-on experience that the military offers. "The Marine Corps is the most challenging branch in the service and I wanted that challenge," Postoyan said. He will soon begin training as a communications specialist.



Pfc. Shant Postoyan

Postoyan enlisted for a service term of four years but does not plan on being a career Marine at this time. When his service ends, Postoyan will be close to earning a Bachelor's Degree and plans on using his degree and train-

ing to seek a job with a federal agency.

Just being in basic training has taught me a lot of life's lessons. I look at things differently and appreciate things more," Postoyan said.



# AGBU New York Summer Internship

By John Jabagchourian  
Staff Writer

**L**ady Liberty, taxis, Broadway, professional experience, Armenians from all over the world and the time of one's life all describe the Armenian General Benevolent Union's Summer intern program in the city that never sleeps, New York.

This summer I was among 30 Armenian students from nine countries participating in the AGBU

menians with the opportunity to challenge themselves in one of the world's most exciting professional environments.

The AGBU searches for positions in the Manhattan area that suit each student's demands and professional goals. This summer's jobs ranged from positions in the United Nations to NYU Medical Center and from Merrill Lynch to everything in between.

For two months, the interns worked from nine to five learning the lessons of the professional world. All the interns came away from the program with a better understanding of professionalism, teamwork, responsibility and what it takes to meet one's professional goals.

In my particular experience, I worked at the NYU medical center as part of a research team searching for techniques to improve the abilities of developmentally delayed children. My supervisor was always ready to help me and to give me the opportunity to develop the skills that would set the

foundation for my future aspirations. Aside from professional work experience, the program also provided

social, educational and cultural activities on current Armenian topics and issues. Dr. George Bournoutian, professor of history at Iona University, gave two lectures on Armenian history, while others spoke about Armenian art, architecture, culture and present day issues of the country of Armenia.

The AGBU also organized trips to the many art museums of New York and a tour of the United Nations, where we were exposed to the UN charter at work during the Kosovo crisis.

The interns were also the special guests of Archbishop Khajag Barsamian of the Eastern Diocese for a dinner and tour of St. Vartan Cathedral. The Cathedral also played host to the interns, as they, along with the rest of New York, commemorated the passing of the Catholicos of all Armenians, His Holiness Karekin I. In a ceremony, many top religious and political figures, including Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, made special comments about their acquaintance with the head of the Armenian Church.

As young adults living in New York, working was not the only thing on the intern's minds. Together with the new friends they made, the interns lived up the New York life. Everyday there was so much going on we had so many choices of what we could do each day. Going out to clubs, Broadway shows like "Cabaret," "Miss Saigon" and "Cats," TV shows like "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Late Night with

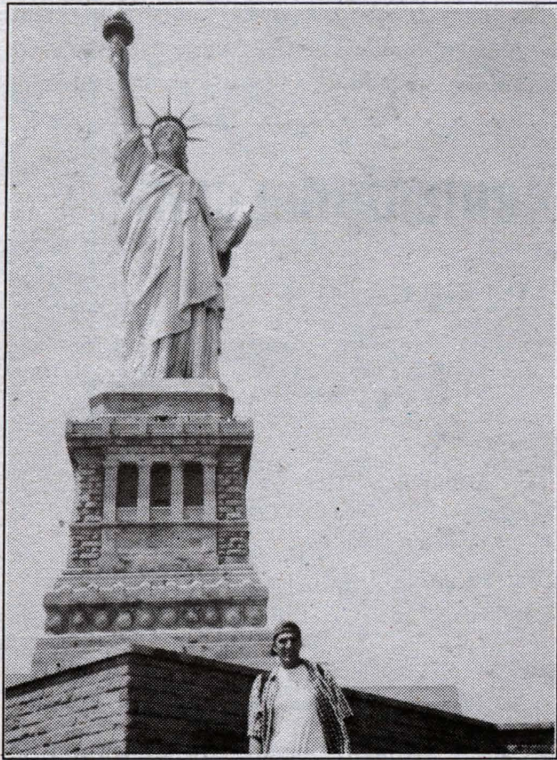
Conan O'Brien" and the "Today Show," or just out to dinner and bars, the interns lived each day to the fullest.

Sightseeing was also a major part of the program. The Statue of Liberty, Times Square, the Brooklyn Bridge, Ellis Island, Central Park, the Empire State Building and World Trade Center were no longer visions seen on TV, but reality.

Many of the interns found themselves becoming New Yorkers. Images of the subway lines are imbedded in our brains, we cheered for the Knicks during the NBA finals and rooted for the Yankees in Yankee Stadium. We learned the entire Manhattan area from downtown to uptown. One could say that we survived the New York experience and loved every moment of it. However, the best part

of the summer program was the new friends made. The group got along like we were all best friends. We did activities together and really learned a lot about one another. Each week when people left, huge good-bye parties were thrown and pacts were made to visit one another any chance there is. Each of us has formed a network of friends all over the United States and abroad. Once away from them, constant letters, telephone calls and e-mails connect us together again.

The AGBU New York Summer Internship program was a positive experience in every aspect of the trip. I find myself ready to enter the professional world with the skills I learned, I learned much about my culture, lived the exciting life of New York and met life long friends from around the world.



John Jabagchourian visits the Statue of Liberty. photo provided by John Jabagchourian

Summer Intern Program. The program was established in 1987, and each summer it provides young Ar-

## Armenian Assembly Interns Experience Washington, D. C.

By Jennifer Keledjian  
Staff Writer

**T**he Armenian Assembly of America Summer Internship Program gives students from around the world the opportunity to immerse themselves within the scope of our government. For eight weeks, interns are not only exposed first-hand to the policy-making process of our government, they also learn about issues of importance to the Armenian community.

Twenty-one students from all over the world, including Pennsylvania, Florida, Rhode Island and California, even Russia and Armenia, were selected to participate as interns for the summer.

Most interns were placed in the House of Representatives or Senate, working for Congressmen such as the Co-Chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) and Rep. John Porter (R-IL). Others worked for Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) and Rep. James Rogan (R-CA). Interns were also placed in fields directly relating to their area of study: human rights, public relations, business and banking.

I had the opportunity to intern for Congressman George

Radanovich (R-CA), from Fresno's 19th district. This introduced me to a challenging, yet rewarding opportunity to learn about national and international politics.

My duties included a wide range

posing a letter directed to 450 randomly selected Armenian constituents throughout the 19th district in California. This letter detailed the Congressman's position on international relations, specifically on

the Silk Road Bill and how threats by Azerbaijan, an influential country, can hurt and harm Armenia and Nagorno-Karabagh.

The Armenian Assembly also provided us with the opportunity to meet with

various professionals from the community, all who have a deep interest in Armenian affairs, nationally as well as globally. Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) and Rep. Sherman (D-CA) spoke with us about their outlook on Armenian issues, specifically in Washington, and what students can do to be involved. We also met with



Participants from the Armenian Assembly of America Summer Intern Program with Congressman George Radanovich (R-CA)

photo provided by Jennifer Keledjian

of tasks, such as reading and responding to constituent mail, giving tours of the Capitol and House buildings and attending informative hearings and lectures regarding government or public policy and reform.

The most interesting and challenging task I was given was com-

## ARS Summer Studies Program Brings Armenian Culture to Many Students

By Robert Sahatjian  
Staff Writer

**T**he Armenian Relief Society's Armenian Summer Studies Program was an experience that I will always cherish. The A.R.S. Summer Studies Program which took place in Bradford, Mass., offers many areas of study which include: Armenian language, history, literature, music, art, and much more. This summer I was fortunate enough to be a part of this wonderful program.

The Summer Studies Program offers Armenian college students from all over the world a chance to gather and learn more about our rich heritage and people. This experience is truly one that all Armenian students can gain from. Not only did I come back more knowledgeable about where Armenians originated from, but I also had the opportunity to meet and interact with Armenian students from other countries, such as Canada, France and Russia. It is important that we as Armenians stay close with one another and continue to strive for unity.

Levon Avdoyan, Armenian and Georgian Librarian at the Library of Congress, Edward Alexander, author of "Crime of Vengeance, the Life of Soghomon Tehlirian," and Paul Goble of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, all who spoke on Armenian concerns.

Our summer also included many different social and recreational activities in Washington, DC and Georgetown. We toured monuments and museums, attended open-air concerts and participated in several cultural activities. We met with interns from the Armenian National Committee and the students of the Armenian Youth Federation, as well as interns and staff members working on Capitol

University professors, who have an extraordinary amount of knowledge, and information concerning Armenian issues, teach the courses. Our director was Dr. Simon Payaslian, a professor at UCLA, who along with being the director of the program, also taught Armenian history. Dr. Peter Cowe from UCLA taught Armenian literature. Our Armenian language instructor was Mrs. Vehanoush Tekian from New Jersey. All of our professors were experts in their area of study and had much to offer.

This was definitely an experience that was educational and at the same time a lot of fun. The students that attended this past summer's study program came from Montreal, Canada, Paris, France, Moscow, Russia, and from the United States. It was exciting to meet Armenians from other parts of the world and to see their viewpoints on Armenian related issues. I would strongly encourage all Armenian college students to get involved with this program to gain some more insight about our interesting history, literature, music, art, and much more.

Hill for softball games on the Mall, barbecues and social outings.

Participating in the Armenian Assembly Summer Internship Program in Washington, DC not only opened my eyes to see our government as a respectable and effective system, it increased my interest in international relations within Armenia and Nagorno-Karabagh, as well as the Armenian-American community in the U.S.

Meeting with students from across the nation, all with different perspectives, goals and ambitions, yet with a common interest in their Armenian culture and heritage, encouraged me to be active not only in Washington, but in my own community as well.



## Students Delve Into History of Fresno Armenians

By Hasmik Khalachyan-Cañas  
Staff Writer

There is a large Armenian community thriving in Fresno, but who were these Armenians? How did they end up

guided them through the history of the Fresno Armenians until the present day. He used a variety of techniques and materials to inspire and educate his students. There were field trips, videos, lectures, literature reading, guest speakers and much more.

We watched videos of the old

graves of many of the famous Armenians that we had heard and read about including Jonathan Sinanian, who was the first Armenian born in California in 1884. Many of the pioneer farmers and merchants of Fresno were the Armenians buried at the Ararat Armenian Cemetery. We read literature from many people including William Saroyan, the famous Armenian-American writer who was born and died in Fresno. He wrote about his life in the growing Armenian community.

I particularly enjoyed the walk we took through what used to be "Armenian Town," but now is located in the heart of downtown Fresno. Prof. Der Mugrdechian provided each student with a map of the old city revealing where Armenian houses, businesses and churches once stood. We walked around the historical area. It was interesting to see the changes that had taken place. Many of the structures were gone because they were torn down to make way for parking lots, stores, new buildings, etc. Some old historical houses and businesses are still left.

One of the highlights was when we visited the Hye Quality Bakery, owned by Sammy and Paula Ganimian, (one of the Armenian businesses that has remained) and saw authentic Armenian bread being made. We saw the entire process of bread being produced from the mixing of the dough to final product being packaged. Although the process of making the bread has changed, it has still kept up with tradition. All the students, including myself, gladly sampled the Cracker Bread (Parag-Hatz) and

the Hye Roller bread as it came out of the oven. It was warm and delicious.

After our interesting visit to the Hye Quality Bakery, we walked over to the Holy Trinity

burned down. In 301 AD Armenians were the first to accept Christianity as their official state religion and they have always remained strong Christians. The church itself is an architecturally beautiful build-



Berge Bulbulian, left, and Professor Barlow Der Mugrdechian discuss Armenians of Fresno inside the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church.

photo provided by Barlow Der Mugrdechian

in Fresno and why? These questions and much more were explored by the students of the class titled, *Armenians Studies 120T- Armenians in Fresno*. The two-day long class (held on Sept. 17, and 18, 1999) gave the students a unique opportunity to study this unusual group of people. Professor Barlow Der Mugrdechian of the Armenian Studies Program took the students back in time to the first arrival of the Armenians in Fresno. He then

Armenian community in old Fresno (which was drastically different from what we see today). It is incredible to believe that the Armenians did not only survive all the discrimination directed toward them, but also rose and aspired to be more. We visited the Ararat Armenian Cemetery in Fresno and read the names and the stories of the first Armenians who arrived here. It was interesting to see the



photo by Barlow Der Mugrdechian

Students (from left to right) Aaron Carlson, Heidi Dunbar and Chad Kirkorian watch as Andy Lopez shows them how Parag-Hatz is made at the Hye Quality Bakery.

Armenian Apostolic Church, which was rebuilt in 1914 after the original building built in 1900

ing and includes a traditional dome

See Fresno Armenians, Page 6

## First Ever Pan-Armenian Games Provide Lifelong Memories

By Aaron Carlson  
Staff Writer

This summer I had the chance to go to Armenia to play basketball in the first Pan-Armenian World Games. Ed Erganian, Ara Karkazian, Haig Saghdejian, and I were chosen from Fresno's Homenetmen Sassoun Chapter. Players on teams representing the cities of Los Angeles, Glendale, San Diego, San Francisco and Fresno were assigned by the Armenian Council General in Los Angeles. Our teams consisted of an all-star team from California's Homenetmen. In our travel group there were about 150 athletes and coaches comprised of two men's and one women's basketball teams, one men's and two women's volleyball teams and several individual track and field competitors.

The Pan-Armenian Games were held in Yerevan, Armenia starting on August 28, 1999 and ending on Sept. 5, 1999. The games were organized by the government of Armenia and athletes of Armenian descent were eligible. There were athletes from all over the world that participated in the games. Athletes received medals in basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, track and field, along with chess. This event was a very popular event in Armenia. At the opening ceremony there were more than 25,000 people on hand to watch. Throughout the city there were posters advertising the

games in every store window. Both the opening and closing ceremonies, along with some of the games, were broadcast on local television.

to play basketball, I realized basketball would not be the only objective. This was my first trip out of the country and it was an experi-

cause of the strength of the American dollar, we ate like kings.

The biggest thrill of the trip was signing autographs for the local kids. During each game I would chew a piece of gum and then pass out the rest to the kids that would come to watch us play. After the game they would bring the gum wrappers back for me to sign. The same group of kids would come to watch all of our games and their teacher came to us to ask if we could play basketball with them. The last day of the trip we went to their

of the battle site at Sardarabad, Garni, a first century BC sun temple, and Geghart, a monastery carved out of a mountain. The churches were actually built out of a mountain and there is a lot of detailed art work on the walls - it was just amazing. No trip to Armenia would have been complete without going to Etchmiadzin. The grave of the Catholicos, H.H. Karekin Sarkissian, who recently passed away, is located just outside the front entrance of the church. It was moving to see the fresh dirt instead of a permanent headstone. I have read about these places in history books, and going to see them in person meant that much more to me. There was so much history there it was hard to comprehend it all at once.

I went to play basketball, but came back with a whole lot more. I got to see a new country and make new friends. Even though we did not bring home the gold medal, the consensus was that the trip was a positive one. As I reflect back on the trip and the things that I saw, I will always remember them. You only get one chance to play in the First Pan-Armenian Games and I was part of it. Maybe in two years, I will be asked to go play in the second Pan-Armenian Games. It would be interesting to see how much the country has changed and how much it has stayed the same.



Fresno basketball players at the opening ceremony of the first Pan-Armenian Games. From left to right: Haig Saghdejian, Aaron Carlson, Ara Karkazian and Ed Erganian.

photo provided by Aaron Carlson

Our team placed sixth out of 24 teams. We also received a reward and trophy for sportsmanship and team play at the closing ceremony. The Armenian General Benevolent Union of team from Los Angeles won the basketball championship. The women's basketball team from Los Angeles placed second.

Even though I went to Armenia

ence that I will never forget. From the time that we arrived in Yerevan to the time we had to leave, we were treated like superstars. The bus from the airport to the Hotel Armenia was escorted by police. When we went out to eat, we got special treatment from the service staff. We never went hungry and the ice cream was to die for. Be-

school to play basketball with them. Afterward we took them out for ice cream and Coca-Cola.

It was hard to schedule sightseeing, because of our games, but we were able to go on a few trips. The trip to the Armenian Genocide Museum and Monument was the most interesting and moving experience. We went on tours



**His Holiness, Cont. from Page 1**

H.H. Karekin I authored more than 50 works on subjects such as literature, history, theology and prose. "He was one of the most articulate and charismatic individuals I met in the Church," said Dr. Varouj Aldebarmakian, Deacon at the St. Paul Armenian Church in Fresno and chairman of the Armenian Studies Program Advisory Board at California State University, Fresno.

H.H. Karekin I also concentrated his efforts on strengthening the spiritual ties between those living in the Motherland and those in the Diaspora. In doing so, H.H. Karekin I gained the attention and the respect of citizens and leaders throughout the world as a man who was genuinely concerned for the spiritual, cultural and physical well-being of everyone he met. "He had a feel for the concerns of the Armenian people and the Armenian Church," said Richard Darmanian who served as a member of the Executive Council of the Prelacy during one of His Holiness' visits to Fresno.

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**Dr. Varouj Aldebarmakian**

In reflecting upon his numerous accomplishments throughout his spiritual service, Shirin acknowledged His Holiness' work in involving the Armenian Apostolic Church with the ecumenical movement.

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**Deacon Mark Shirin**

I think 100 years from now

people will read about that," Shirin said. "I think his scholarly works are going to be looked upon as important for future generations. Not only did he author a lot of books himself, he always encouraged his students to become prolific writers," Shirin said.

Shirin said he has very fond memories of His Holiness' visits to Fresno. Shirin served as co-chair in organizing one of his visits to Fresno in 1990. Shirin said H.H. Karekin

I was no stranger to Fresno. In fact he visited Fresno as an Archbishop on a fundraising trip for the Armenian community in Lebanon.

Armenians, non-Armenians and church leaders recognize the tremendous impact that His Holiness Karekin I made on the Armenian church. H.H. Karekin I reached out to people of all ages throughout the world to make each and everyone of them feel strongly tied to the Armenian Church and the Armenian Nation. And as the century draws to a close, His Holiness Karekin I stands out as one of the most prominent figures of the 20th century.

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H.H. Karekin I had. He was truly a unique churchman," Shirin said.

"We hope that the new Catholicos will continue the work that he anticipated and the vision that he had for the Armenian Church. He certainly wanted to see the church grow and he also was very much concerned about the participation of the young people in the church. Hopefully that will continue to be a prime objective of the church," Darmanian said.

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**Richard Darmanian**

**His Holiness Karekin I on a pastoral visit to Fresno in 1980**

*Hye Sharzhoom file photo*

**Fresno Armenians, Cont. from Page 5**

that the Armenians were accustomed to in the "old country." The interior of the church is decorated with spiritual images depicting the life of Christ.

In this historically stunning environment we were greeted by our guest speaker, Mr. Berge Bulbulian, who was very gracious in sharing his memories and research with us. Bulbulian spoke of the "olden days" when he was a young child and could not sit still in church because he wanted to go outside and play with his friends. He also gave us many statistical facts about the early Armenians in Fresno, including the Seropian brothers who were the first permanent Armenian settlers in Fresno. One could easily tell that he had done extensive research to gather the facts for his new book. I know

many of the students, including myself, are looking forward to the release of his new book about the history of the Armenian community of Fresno. It will be the first book written about this extraordinary group of people and will soon be available at Fresno State.

When one talks about the history of Fresno it is impossible to exclude the fact that Armenian people played a significant role in the development of a small town to the big, flourishing city that we see today. *Armenians Studies 120T-Armenians in Fresno* had the rare opportunity to take an extensive look at the Armenians of Fresno. I know that I learned a lot especially about why certain things are the way they are in Fresno today. This class was an experience I will not soon forget.

# Who Will Lead the Armenian Church in the New Millennium?

**By Arakel A. Arisian**  
*Staff Writer*

When the Catholicos of All Armenians, His Holiness Karekin I Sarkissian, passed away this summer, the Armenian Church was left without a leader. This unfortunate event forced the Armenian Church to revisit many of the issues concerned with the selection of a Catholicos. The Armenian Church has two sees, the Holy See of Etchmiadzin and the Holy See of Cilicia. Catholicos Karekin I was unique because he had been Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia for 18 years when he was elected to the position of Catholicos of All Armenians. That was the first time the Catholicos of All Armenians was elected from the position of Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia. Since his election had unique circumstances many believed that there would be many changes under Catholicos Karekin's leadership. Now the Church is required to elect a new leader.

On July 4, 1999, a meeting of the Supreme Spiritual Council and the Episcopal College was held to elect the Locum Tenens of the Catholicosate. The Locum Tenens serves as the temporary leader of the Church until an election is held. The Chancellor of the Mother See

of Holy Etchmiadzin, Archbishop Nerses Bozabalyan, was elected with 24 votes. The only other clergy to receive votes were Archbishop Karekin Nersissian (10 votes) and Bishop Vigen Aykazian (1 vote).

There have been a number of important issues pertaining to the election of the 132nd Catholicos of the Holy See of Etchmiadzin. First is the date of the election. According to the Constitution of the Armenian Church, an election shall be called by the Locum Tenens six months to one year after the Catholicos's death. There is a sense of urgency in the Church to choose someone by the end of this year. There are many time sensitive issues, principally the planning for the celebration of the 1700th Anniversary of the Armenian Christianity. At the meeting of the Supreme Spiritual Council, a decision was made to hold the election of the Catholicos on October 26-31. This was a big change since the election was moved up a few months.

Another area of concern is the number of voting participants in the Assembly, which consists of 452 delegates. There are 47 bishops and 405 lay voters, theoretically one per 25,000 parishioners. There was discussion about lowering the number of lay delegates to make the whole process easier, but there were so many concerns about representation that no changes were

made. There is ongoing debate about how to determine the number of representatives each community receives at the Assembly. It is difficult to count the true number of parishioners for each area. How will the Assembly determine who counts as a parishioner? Seeing this discrepancy, some proposed a categorized system of choosing the number of votes for each community. For example, a community with 200,000 to 500,000 parishioners would get three votes and a community with 500,000 or more parishioners would get four votes.

The question is how to divide up the categories. The current system will be used since not enough people supported the proposed changes.

All bishops and archbishops are eligible to be candidates. The list of candidates for the position includes: Primate of Yerevan - Archbishop Karekin Nersissian; Primate of Karabagh - Archbishop Barkev Mardirossian; the Patriarch of Turkey - Archbishop Mesrob Mutafyan; and Primate of Moscow - Archbishop Diran Gureghian. Although most of the candidates

## Facts and Figures on the Election of the Catholicos

**Location of the Election:** Holy Etchmiadzin, Armenia

**Date of Election:** October 26-31, 1999

**Number of Delegates:** 452

**Number of Delegates from the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of America:** 23 (5% of the total)

### Delegates elected from the Central Valley:

Deacon Arra Avakian, Deacon Dr. Varouj Aldebarmakian, Deacon Barlow Der Mugardehian, Deacon Armen Devejian, Deacon Allan Y. Jendian, Rev. Fr. Sahag Kaishian, and Rev. Fr. Kevork Arakelian.

are interested, some are reported as not wanting the position, notably locum tenens Archbishop Bozabalyan. Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia, and Primate of the Eastern Diocese of America - Archbishop Khajag Barsamian both stated that they are not candidates for the position. Most people feel Archbishop Nersissian is the front-runner since on the first ballot in 1995 election he received the most votes, 112 ahead of the closest candidate, who was Catholicos Karekin I. Many believe he would have been elected if the government at that time had not persuaded him to withdraw.

The free and independent Republic of Armenia is at a crucial juncture in its history. The Armenian Genocide and 70 years of Soviet rule have severely depleted the number of qualified clergy. Then, there is the question of church unity. Beyond that the new Catholicos will have the responsibility of coordinating the celebrations of the 2000th anniversary of Christ's birth and the 1700th anniversary of Armenian Christianity. The importance of this upcoming election cannot be overestimated. As Armenians around the world mourn the loss of their dedicated Catholicos, they also wait to find out who will lead the Armenian Church into the next millennium.



## Earthquake Strikes Turkey

By Michael Harutunian  
Staff Writer

On August 17, 1999 an earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Richter scale hit the Marmara region of Turkey, killing more than 18,000 people and leaving over 40,000 homeless, with an estimated 27 Armenians dead.

Immediately after the earthquake, two of Turkey's traditional foes, Greece and Armenia, offered aid to the earthquake stricken country. At first Turkish officials denied offers of aid from Greece and Armenia. The government even went as far as to request that the shipments of blood not contain any blood from Greek donors. Once the Turkish citizens learned that the government was not accepting all the available aid, protesters began demanding the resignation of government officials. To avoid this the government began to accept all aid. The Armenian Government sent a plane that contained medicine, blankets, tents and four power generators weighing nine tons.

The Patriarchate was established in 1461 by the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire. A Patriarch was appointed to deal with the Christian population since the Ottoman Empire's government could not

and would not deal with the problems of their Christian subjects.

The Armenian Patriarchate of Constantinople sustained structural damage to its buildings. Fissures were found in the bell tower of Kumkapi built by Khrimian Hayrig and Samatyo built by Patriarch Harutun Vahabedian and also the Sourp Prghich Hospital was damaged. The Armenian Patriarchate of Constantinople serves over 50,000 Armenians in Turkey. The estimated cost of rebuilding the churches in the Armenian Patriarchate is \$1.2 million. At the invitation of their Eminences, Archbishop Khajag Barsamian and Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian of the Eastern and Western Dioceses of the Armenian Church, His Beatitude Mesrob II will visit New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco for fund-raisers. In New York there will be a benefit concert held in St. Vartan Cathedral on October 1, 1999.

His Beatitude Mesrob II adopted three Armenian orphans who lost their families in the earthquake. The Patriarchate will take care of the children until they graduate from college. The Patriarch has also set up three funds: disaster relief; aid for the care of children and repair of the damaged property of the Armenian Patriarchate.

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## News from Armenia

### Diaspora-Armenia Conference Held in Armenia

Yerevan, Armenia - Some 1,500 representatives of Armenian communities world-wide attended the opening in Yerevan on Sept. 22, 1999, of a two-day pan-Armenian conference intended to boost ties between the Republic of Armenia and the world diaspora community, Noyan Tapan and RFE/RL's Yerevan bureau reported.

Addressing delegates, President Robert Kocharian said Armenians need to set priorities in the political, economic, scientific, cultural, and other spheres and develop programs to achieve those aims. He said that the most important pan-national problems facing the Armenian nation are resolving the Karabakh conflict and expediting Armenia's economic development.

#### The Armenian Diaspora

About 1,200 representatives of Armenian communities from 50 countries of the world have arrived in Armenia to participate in this first nationwide forum. The Diaspora is represented by politicians, cultural workers, scientists, clergymen and others.

In the words of President Robert Kocharian, the conference should mark the beginning of a new, higher level of organization of the world's Armenians, reported Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. "We need not only to ascertain our priorities in the national-political, economic, scientific, health, cultural, information and other areas, but also to put the emphasis on

developing comprehensive programs for their implementation," Kocharian told the delegates.

He described the resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and Armenia's economic development as the chief "pan-national" objectives of the world's estimated eight million Armenians, most of them living outside their historical homeland.

A synchronized translation of Armenian speeches into English, French, Russian and Spanish was available for Diaspora delegates, reflecting the large geographical span of the communities they represent. The main Armenian communities abroad are concentrated in the United States, Russia, France, the Middle East and South America.

The conference is expected to adopt two statements: one of a general character and another on Nagorno-Karabakh. Kocharian also stressed that cooperation does not imply re-organization of the already existing structures, but these structures must get actively involved in this process.

Among the specific trends of further activities the president mentioned: The establishment of a common information field. The first step has already been performed as satellite TV broadcasts from Armenia for diaspora have started; A Development Agency, aimed at stimulating the economic activity in Armenia, in particular, by the Armenians living abroad; Holding regular cultural and sporting events, the Pan Armenian Games being a recent very successful example; The establishment of a youth center in

Armenia to operate on a regular basis. This will enable thousands of young Armenians to visit the Homeland every year.

Speeches were also delivered by Catholicos Locum Tenens Arch. Nerses Pozapalian and His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia.

Aram I noted in his speech that neither Armenia should dictate to the Diaspora nor vice versa while the two ought to decide what to do jointly.

Nagorno-Karabakh Republic President Arkady Ghukassian said that the victory in the Karabakh war would have been impossible to gain without the contributions to it made by all the sections of the Armenian nation. Ghukassian attached importance to victories in peacetime, i.e. to ensure economic improvements in Artsakh.

### Aram I Will Not Run For Catholicos

Yerevan, Armenia - His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia has said he will not field his candidacy during this month's election of a new Catholicos of All Armenians.

Aram I said the next head of one of the world's oldest churches should be a native of Armenia, without endorsing any specific candidate.

"I am the Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia and I will remain as such, because I believe that it has an important mission in Diaspora," Aram said at a special news conference in Etchmiadzin. He said the

main task of the next head of the Armenian church is to fight religious sects that are de-nationalizing and de-Christianizing Armenia.

### Armenia Marks 8th Anniversary Of Independence

Yerevan, Armenia - A military parade was held in Yerevan on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1999, in celebration of the 8th anniversary of Armenian independence.

The march was attended by President Robert Kocharian, Prime Minister Vazgen Sarkisian and other Armenian leaders. In a message to the nation, Kocharian said that Armenia "is pursuing an active policy of economic reforms, deepening democracy, promoting regional and global cooperation."

He spoke on the need to purposefully boost the country's potential, resolve socioeconomic problems and settle the Karabakh conflict.

Eight years ago, a referendum was held in Armenia in which the overwhelming majority of citizens voted for independence.

### UAF's 106th Airlift Delivers \$2 Million of Aid to Armenia

Glendale - The United Armenian Fund's 106th airlift arrived in Yerevan on Sept. 19, 1999, carrying \$2 million of humanitarian assistance.

The UAF itself collected for this airlift \$670,000 worth of medicines

and medical supplies, including \$555,000 of Hepatitis A vaccines donated by the Catholic Medical Mission Board, for the Health Ministry of Armenia.

Since its inception in 1989, the UAF has sent \$263 million of humanitarian assistance to Armenia on board 106 airlifts and 537 sea containers.

### Armenia Prepares to Celebrate 1700th Anniversary of Adoption of Christianity

Yerevan, Armenia - The government committee set up to steer preparations for the celebration of the 1700th anniversary of the adoption of Christianity in Armenia led by prime minister Vazgen Sargissian, held its recurrent sitting Sept. 16, 1999. The committee approved the program of several events on that occasion, presented by Levon Mkrtchian, acting temporary head of the State Commission on Religion.

Exhibitions on Christian culture of Armenians, documentary films, performances, scientific conferences, historical and cultural monuments (especially monasteries and churches) and reconstruction are planned to carry out within the frames of the celebration. A monument to Forefather Noah is to be built near the Khor Virap monastery. This idea of the prime minister is already being realized. Money for the events will partially be allocated from the State budget, partially raised by the ecclesiastic committee.



### Armenian Studies Program Fall 1999 Lecture Series

• **October 9, Saturday, 9:45 AM-12:45 PM. Conference:**  
**The Armenian Massacres of Adana (1909-1999): Ninety Years Later**  
 (A conference co-sponsored by the Armenian National Committee,  
 Central California and by the Armenian Students Organization)  
 Alice Peters Auditorium, University Business Center

• **October 10, Sunday, 5:00 PM**  
**Armenian Studies 14th Annual Banquet**  
 Keynote Speaker Emmy Award Winning Producer Hank Saroyan  
 (Tickets available through the Armenian Studies office 278-2669)  
 Satellite Student Union, Fresno State Campus

• **October 21, Thursday, 7:30 pm. Lecture:**  
**Historic Armenia Today: A Report on Surviving Monuments**  
 Dr. Dickran Kouymjian, Director, Armenian Studies Program  
 (Lecture co-sponsored by the Armenian Students Organization)  
 Alice Peters Auditorium, University Business Center

• **November 4, Thursday, 7:30 pm. Lecture:**  
**"An Armenian Learning Greek in Late Antique Egypt"**  
 Dr. James Clackson, Faculty of Classics, Cambridge University  
 (Lecture co-sponsored by the Department of History,  
 Classical Studies Program, the Smittcamp Family Honors College,  
 and the Armenian Students Organization)  
 Alice Peters Auditorium, University Business Center

• **November 16, Tuesday, 7:30 pm. Lecture:**  
**"The Election of a Catholicos: A Report"**  
 Barlow Der Mugrdchian, Armenian Studies Program  
 (Lecture co-sponsored by the Armenian Students Organization)  
 Industrial Technology Building, Room 101

For more information  
 contact the Armenian Studies Program at (559) 278-2669

### 2000-2001 Fresno State Scholarship Applications Available

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The eligibility criteria for scholarships administered by the university vary according to the specifications of the individual donors who provide the funding for the program. The majority of scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit. Most scholarships are awarded annually and range from \$200 to \$4000. Applications are reviewed and award decisions are determined by various campus and community committees.

The deadline for applications for the 2000-2001 academic year is Nov. 19, 1999. Award decisions will be mailed to applicants in Spring 2000.

Applicants must be full-time students with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

#### Armenian Studies Scholarships:

Scholarships and grants are awarded annually to students who enroll in Armenian studies classes at Fresno State.

Beginning with the 2000-2001 academic year, the university will introduce a new four-year renewable scholarship. All students accepted into the Smittcamp Family Honors College will be designated President's Scholars and guaranteed a scholarship/grant award that covers the full cost of fees, the full costs of a room in University Housing and a \$200 book allowance. Additional details, are available via the following E-mail address: [honors@csufresno.edu](mailto:honors@csufresno.edu).

Applications are now available in the Academic Departments and Financial Aid/Scholarship Office in Joyal 296.

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## Graduating Seniors - May 1999 Minoring in Armenian Studies

I graduated in May, 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Law and a minor in Armenian Studies. The Armenian Students Organization and the Armenian Studies Program helped me stay involved in the Armenian community. I am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Business Administration.



Anna Yergat

I graduated from Fresno State in the May, 1999. My major was Business Administration with an emphasis in International Business and a minor in Armenian Studies.

I especially enjoyed my Armenian classes which gave me a great sense of appreciation. Currently I am Vice President of Operations at DirectFile. Future plans include owning my own business outside of Fresno and keeping myself active with the Armenian community.



Mary Koroyan

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be involved in the ASI.

When David Emerzian served as President he rebuilt ASI, took care of a lot of legal policies and set a strong foundation. "We are able to grow and expand," Arisian said. There are three major goals Arisian would like to accomplish. The first is letting students know that ASI exists and improving communication between the students and ASI. The second goal is that ASI would provide more services and programs for the student population, for example, academic support including tutors and resources. The third goal is to represent the students on important campus-wide issues, such as parking, computer related issues and food services.

Arisian and the board have established the Red Rave, which he calls the ultimate experience in student tailgating. The ASI also co-sponsored the UCLA vs. Fresno State bus trip. In doing these two things the ASI hopes to build school spirit.

Arisian feels that having served as the president of Armenian Stu-

dents Organization and as a former editor of Hye Sharzhoom, he learned many skills. A very big thank you goes to his parents, Arisian says. "My mom is always there to help me. I look to my father as a role model," Arisian said.

While being involved in ASI, Arisian manages to balance his studies. His major is Finance with a minor in Armenian Studies and Classical Studies. He expects to graduate in May, 2001 and plans to attend graduate school and earn a MBA and Ph.D. in Finance and Business. He would like to become a Chief Financial Officer for a professional sporting team and perhaps become a general manager. He feels his background in ASI could give him a career in politics.

Arisian is not the only Armenian serving on ASI. Rob Mackertichian is Vice President of Finance, Chad Kirkorian serves as Director of the College of Social Sciences, Susanna Zadourian serves as Fraternal Relations Liaison and Heidi Dunbar serves as Student Clubs and Organizations Liaison.

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