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Course On Armenian Militants Will Focus On Political Violence

"Armenian Political Violence" is the first of three one-credit Saturday courses offered by the Armenian Studies Program in the Fall semester at the California State University, Fresno campus.

Dr. Dickran Kouymjian introduced the controversial course three years ago. Because of its popularity then and because 1985 marks the tenth anniversary of the outbreak of organized Armenian militancy, the course will be offered again.

In addition to discussing the

history of the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA), the Justice Commandos of the Armenian Genocide, and the Armenian Revolutionary Army (ARA), Prof. Kouymjian will assess the effect of Armenian political violence on Armenian-Turkish relations, on the western world and international bodies, and on the Armenian search for recognition of the 1915 Genocide. Guest speakers will be invited with varying view-points.

Two other one-credit courses will be offered later in the semester; the one on October 19 and 26 will be devoted to the rites and beliefs, the history, and the current problems of the Armenian Church. It will be taught jointly by the newly appointed lecturer in Armenian Studies, Barlow Der Mugrdechian, and Dr. Kouymjian. There will be a series of guest speakers, including Armenian clergymen.

The final Saturday course is the "Armenian Experi-

through Film" will meet December 7 and 14. Dr. Kouymjian will discuss the history of Armenian film making and show a select number of modern and historic Armenian films, or films by Armenian film makers, including William Saroyan, Rouben Mamoulian and Henrik Malian. Dr. J. Michael Hagopian, producer and director of Armenian documentary films, will be present on December 7 to introduce his latest films.

Enrollment for the Political

Violence course, Armenian Studies 120T, as well as the other courses is open to all. To sign up contact the Armenian Studies Program (Tel. 294-2669) or the University Division of Extended Education (Tel. 294-2524). The fee for one university credit is \$54. Those who wish to attend without credit will be entitled to a special fee of only \$25. However, they must register formally as other students. Currently enrolled students may add the courses free before the end of the fourth week of classes.



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Armenians in Fresno's Celebrations

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The Armenian participation in this Centennial Festival is most appropriate, since only a few years earlier, in the Fall of 1881, Armenian immigrants from their native homeland, in search of freedom and opportunity, settled here. Armenians, along with many other ethnic groups, have contributed much to the growth of Fresno.

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A special centennial booklet with a cover montage by artist Varaz Samuelian is being prepared by the Armenian Assembly — Fresno Committee that promises to be a keepsake.

There are numerous activities and presentations planned for the weekend to promote the widest possible understanding of the diversity and the contribution of each ethnic group. Appearing in the opening program on October 5th, on the main stage at Van Ness and the Mariposa Mall, at 2:00 p.m. are: noted oudist Richard A. Hagopian and his Ensemble, dancer/choreographer Tom Bozigian, and the Arax Dancers. The chorus of the Armenian Community School will participate at 5:15 p.m. on October 5th at the Theatre A la Carte stage at M and Broadway. On October 6th at 12:45 p.m. the Hamaskayin Chorus will perform on the main stage.

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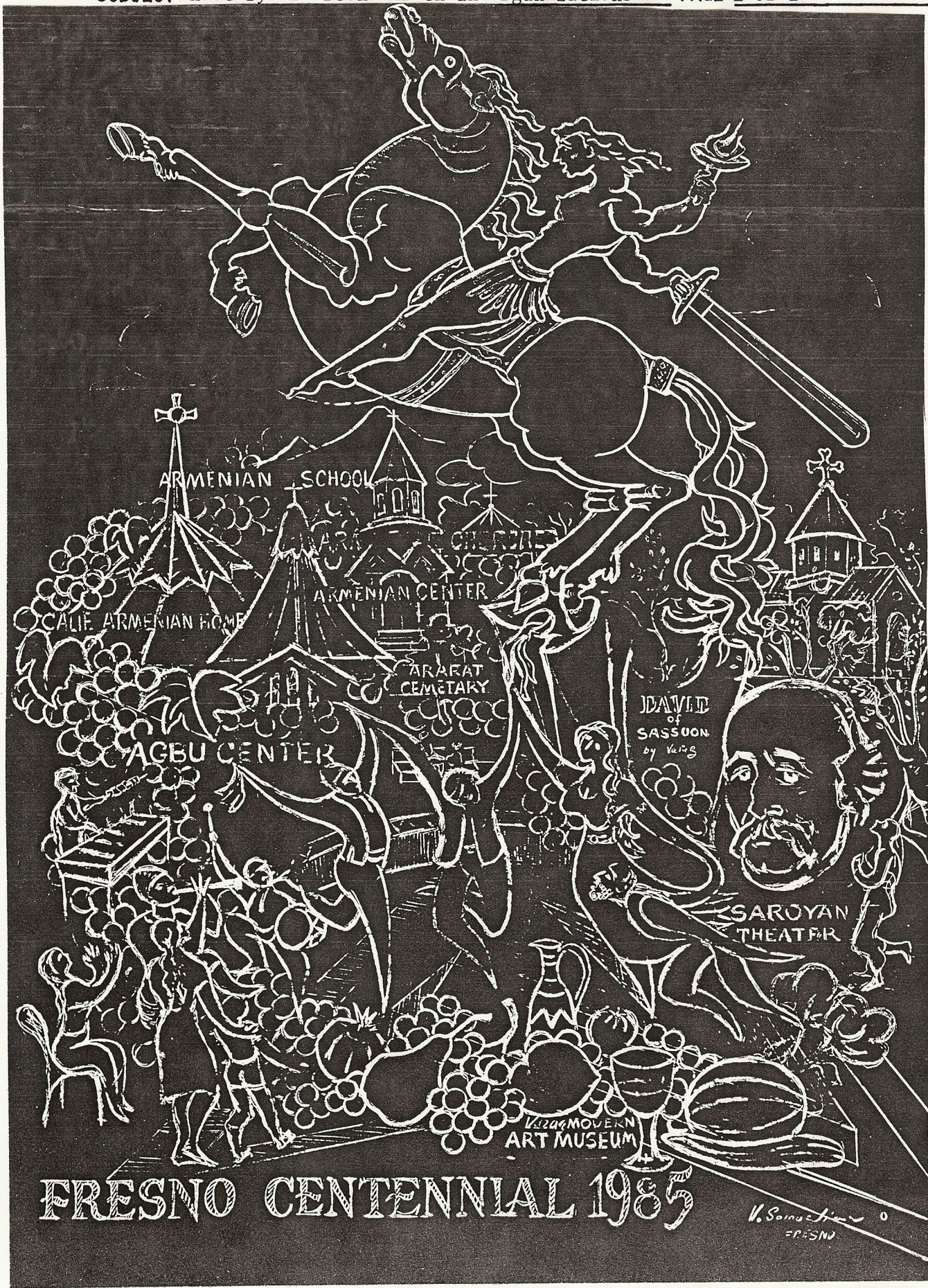
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Name of Organization	Year Founded	Founding Chairperson	Present Chairperson
Ani Guild of the Armenian Home	1967	Rosellen Kershaw	Violet Melkonian
Ararat (Armenian) Cemetery Association	1885		Jack Sarafian
Arax Armenian Dancers	1976	Barbara Kevorkian	Zar Der Mugrdechian
Armenian-American Citizens' League Fresno Chapter	1931	A. Ted Ashjian	Florence Jamgochian
State Chapter	1934	Leon S. Peters	Ira Zrehikian
Armenian Revolutionary Federation Soghomon Tehlerian Committee	1901	Avedis Tufenkjian	Gourken Safarian
→ Armenian Students Organization Calif. State University, Fresno	1974	Rosie Megrdichian	David Gabrielian
Armenian Youth Federation Kevork Chavoush Chapter	1934	Vicken Yepremian	

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- Hye Sharzhoom, CSUF Armenian Students Organization, Fresno, CA 93740
- Armenian Horizon, UCLA Armenian Students Association, Los Angeles, CA 90024
- Mashtots, American-Armenian International College, 1950 Third Street, La Verne, CA 91750

Armenian Institutions

- Ararat Cemetery Association, Cemetery Office, West Belmont & Hughes, Fresno 237-8115
- Downtown Office, 452 N. Blackstone, Fresno 93701 233-4081
- Armenian Community School of Fresno, 1940 N. Fresno, P. O. Box 6081, Fresno 93703 .. 233-1800
- Assadour Assadourian, principal*
- Armenian General Benevolent Union Center, 1740 Fulton, Fresno 93721 233-5626
- Vera Eryisian, Secretary*
- Armenian Community Center, 2348 Ventura, Fresno 93721 233-2315
- Armenian American Citizens League Center, 6720 E. Kings Canyon Rd., Fresno 93727 ... 251-9995
- Triple X Fraternity Club House, 630 S. Argyle, Fresno 93727 252-9935
- California Armenian Home, 6720 E. Kings Canyon Rd., P.O. Box 7877, Fresno 93727 ... 251-8414
- Louise Emerzian, Administrator
- Armenian Studies Program, California State University, Fresno 93740 294-2669
- Prof. Dickran Kouymjian, Director*
- Varaz's Modern Art Museum, 1131 'R' Street., Fresno 93721 266-2244