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Itibari M. Zulu saw a gap, wants to fill it.

## From Fresno, a global black magazine

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A new quarterly magazine is reaching out from Fresno to African people around the world, with the aim of tying their interests together.

"Our target group is college-educated individuals who are between 25 and 50 years old, travel extensively and are aware of what's happening in the world," said Itibari M. Zulu, editor of the Journal of Pan African Studies.

The magazine, he said, is an examination of African people, notably the triangular group that includes African, Afro-Caribbean and Afro-American.

The far-reaching scope of Pan African Studies is to combine mutual interests of all African people regardless of their geographical differences. Zulu's own life is an example. He was born in Oakland and his wife, Simone, was born in Macenta, the Republic of Guinea in West Africa.

"We looked at all of the other black magazines, and saw that there was a gap in information for people from all parts of the world," he said.

Five hundred copies of the first issue of the Journal of Pan African Studies were printed, but the second issue, due in March, will be doubled. Funding comes through affiliation with the California Institute of Pan

African Studies. Subscriptions cost \$12.

Zulu is a busy man, but not too occupied to enjoy the challenge of getting out a journal. In addition to selecting and editing material for the journal, he is a substitute teacher at the secondary level and serves as director of the Fresno branch of the California Institute of Pan African Studies.

A graduate of Cal State Hayward, Zulu has done graduate work at Fresno State and San Jose State, and plans to pursue a doctorate in higher education and social change at the Western Institute for Social Research in Berkeley.

Zulu has lectured at the National Institute of Language in Burkina Faso and at the University of Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), and has appeared on TV and radio talk shows. He will speak at the African Heritage Studies Association Conference in April at Howard University.

The idea for the nationally distributed magazine originated in Fresno and that is why it is printed here, Zulu said. Ailine Reed, Paul Hebron and Aminah Abd'Allah help him with editing and pasteups.

The magazine contains features on a wide range of topics, including an excerpt from the classic 1973 study, "Ujamaa — Essays on Socialism," by Julius K. Nyerere, former president of the United Republic of Tanzania, and an update on Steel Pulse, one of the

world's top-ranking reggae bands.

Other journal features include an interview on Pan African Studies with professor James E. Dennis of Cal State Northridge; a reprint of an anti-apartheid speech delivered at the United Nations in 1986 by Urbania Mthopeng, wife of a South African political prisoner; the meaning of African names; several Pan African dissertation abstracts; an Alkebu-Lan Crossword Puzzle; ideas for sponsoring Pan African festivals; and a list of books that are available locally to writers and educators for reviewing.

Dennis has been teaching Pan African Studies for a decade and a half. He was interviewed by Zulu.

"The major issue is re-socializing the students we get," Dennis said. "It's an evolutionary process with the goal to have students who will return to their respective communities and make some contribution — some change.

"I am not talking about someone leading a group of juveniles in a graffiti cleanup. I am talking about them making quality changes in the lives of people in the community."

Subscriptions to the Journal of Pan African Studies are available for \$12 from the California Institute of Pan African Studies, P.O. Box 13063, Fresno, CA 93794-3063.