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The  
Otto J. Bos  
Memorial Scholarship  
*for Excellence in Journalism*  
for the 2007-08 academic year

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The Journalism Department, San Francisco State University  
**DEADLINE: April 27, 2007, 4:00 pm**  
Application form is on last page.

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## ANNOUNCING

# The Otto J. Bos Memorial Scholarship *for Excellence in Journalism*

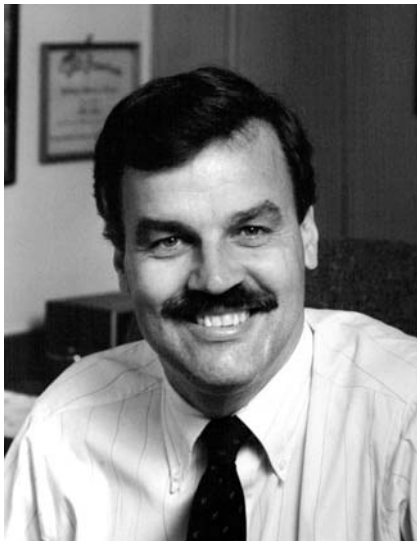
The Journalism Department of San Francisco State University is pleased to announce that the Otto J. Bos Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Journalism will be awarded for the 15th time in Spring 2007 for the 2007-08 academic year. The scholarship award will be equal to in-state registration fees for the academic year, payable in two disbursements. In the event of a tie in first place, the award will be divided.

Otto J. Bos, a 1970 journalism graduate of San Francisco State University, was director of communications and public affairs in the office of California Governor Pete Wilson at the time of his death of a heart attack on June 2, 1991. Otto, who was born in Holland and immigrated to the United States when he was 13, was editor of San Francisco State's award-winning newspaper *Phoenix* and was an All-American soccer star. Following graduation, he became a reporter for *The San Diego Union*, covering government and politics. In 1977, he became press secretary for Wilson, who at that time was mayor of San Diego. Later, when Wilson became a U.S. senator and then governor, Otto continued to serve as a key staff member and political adviser.

The scholarship was established by Otto's wife, Florence S. Bos, with the support of Otto's friends and colleagues. The scholarship honors Otto's commitment to journalism and his dedication to public service. Throughout his career, Otto was admired not only for these ideals, but also for his compassion, decency, zest for competition and good-humored nature. This scholarship is intended to encourage and recognize meritorious students whose work and values reflect those held by Otto.

### PREVIOUS WINNERS

Claudia Willen, 1992-93	Mel Melendez, 1997-98	Matthew Taylor, 2000-01	Charles Russo, 2004-05
Anthony Cabrera, 1993-94	Jennie Fitzhugh, 1998-99	Nishat Kurwa, 2001-02	Poh Si Teng, 2005-06
Dmitri Ragano, 1994-95	Millicent Mayfield, 1999-00	Jose Vargas, 2002-03	Shannon Sharp, 2006-07
Michael Mattis, 1995-96	Thomas Roderick, 1999-00	Lena Gomes, 2003-04	



## Otto J. Bos

"I first met Otto back when the earth was still cooling and I was a scared and very raw reporter covering City Hall in San Diego. Otto, who worked for a rival paper, was something of a legend ... He could have chewed me up and spit me back to covering Sunday afternoon dog shows, but he didn't. Instead he gave me an education in how government really works and doesn't work and how to keep it all in perspective."

Steve Wiegand

*The Sacramento Bee* June 8, 1991

"Credibility is rare in political media relations, an arena where most practitioners lack depth, seasoning and contacts built up over years of mutual respect and trust. Bos, as journalists and operatives on both sides of the partisan aisle who praised him this week know, was a master of the game --a heads-up operative."

Joe Scott

*The Sacramento Union* June 8, 1991

"Otto's life was a symbol for what his beloved California is fast becoming -- a multicultural, immigrant-flavored, health-conscious, bipartisan dynamo, a pleasing mix of disparate elements merging in the nick of time. He was conservative and liberal, hardworking and laid back, intensely American and deeply aware of his immigrant experience."

Jay Matthews

*The Washington Post* June 24, 1991

"More than anything else, he was a wonderful, decent person with a sense of humor, he was a good family man who loved his country ... Because he so loved his family and cared deeply about the kind of human environment his children would grow up in, it mattered to Otto what happened to San Diego, and California and his adopted land."

Governor Pete Wilson

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## HOW TO APPLY:

### To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Be an undergraduate or graduate student, either full-time or part-time, enrolled in a journalism course(s) at San Francisco State University. Students transferring in Fall 2007 to San Francisco State University from other institutions may apply. At the time of application *and* disbursement of the award, the student must be in good academic standing as defined by San Francisco State University.
2. Write an essay, not to exceed 1,000 words, in which you critique the news media's treatment of an issue currently a subject of public debate. Include specific citations or documentation.
3. Submit a portfolio of five writing samples. This requirement shall be broadly interpreted and may include published or nonpublished work, class assignments, and work completed at the high school, junior college or university level.
4. Submit the essay, portfolio and a completed application form to the Journalism Department by April 27, 2007.

Note: To encourage applications, a recipient of the Otto J. Bos Memorial Scholarship is not eligible to compete in the following year's competition, but may apply after that year.

Applications will be judged by a three-member panel.

For information, contact:

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(Application form on reverse side.)

**2007-08 APPLICATION FORM**  
**OTTO J. BOS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM**

(Please type or print clearly.)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, Street, City, State and Zip)

Telephone: (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently a student at: \_\_\_\_\_  
Students transferring to San Francisco State University in Fall 2007 may also apply.

I am currently enrolled in the following journalism class(es):

\_\_\_\_\_

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I plan to enroll in classes for the entire 2007-08 academic year.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**In addition to completing this form, applicants must:**

1. Critique, in an essay that does not exceed 1,000 words, the news media's treatment of an issue currently a subject of public debate. Include specific citations or documentation.
2. Submit a portfolio of five (5) writing samples copied on 8 1/2 x 11 paper. This requirement shall be broadly interpreted and may include published or nonpublished work, class assignments, and work completed at the high school, junior college or university level.

This application form, essay and portfolio should be submitted to the Journalism Department, HUM 305, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco, CA 94132.

**Deadline: April 27, 2007**

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