Journalism Department seeks candidates for Otto Bos scholarship
Winner will receive full-tuition scholarship

The San Francisco State University Journalism Department is accepting applications for the Otto J. Bos Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Journalism. The winner will receive a scholarship covering tuition and fees for a full year, which currently amounts to approximately $6,400. This represents the department’s largest award.

Otto J. Bos was a 1970 graduate of the department, editor of its award-winning newspaper Phoenix and an All-American soccer star. Following graduation, he became a government and politics reporter at The San Diego Union. In 1977, Otto became press secretary for San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson. Otto continued to serve Wilson as he later was elected a U.S. senator and then California governor. At the time of his death of a heart attack in 1991, Otto was Gov. Wilson’s director of communications and public affairs.

“I had the pleasure of being a classmate of Otto’s at SF State and working with him at The San Diego Union,” said Prof. Jon Funabiki, who chairs the scholarship program. “Otto loved journalism and scoops, just as he loved to compete in soccer … plus, he was a lot of fun to work with.”

The deadline for applying is April 4, 2014.

An applicant must be a student, either full-time or part-time, enrolled in a journalism course(s) at SFSU. Students transferring in Fall 2014 to SFSU 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 SFSU. Candidates must fill out an application form and submit two essays:

- The first essay should offer a coherent and well-organized analysis of the strengths, weaknesses or problems associated with news media performance.

- The second essay, not to exceed 500 words, should address the topic, “What do you wish to accomplish in the field of journalism after you graduate?”

Full details and an application form can be obtained online, or by picking up a copy in the Journalism Department Office.