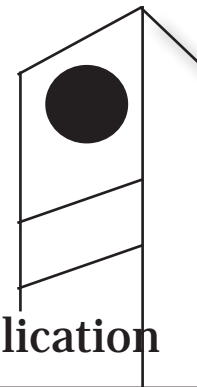


# THE CAMPUS BUZZ



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## Get Out and Vote, Student Fees

Veronica Gilbert, AS/SJC President

Over the past few weeks many of students on campus have heard talk of a new student activity fee which they will vote on November 9 – 11, 2010. Information sessions have been held and some classroom visits made, in an effort to inform the student body. Still, some students have not heard exactly what the proposed student fee will be, or its benefits. Student Government has been researching and working on the idea of a student fee here at San Juan College since May of this year. The pros and cons were weighed, research of nearby colleges was completed, and planning began to have a campus-wide, special student election for a Student Activity Fee.

San Juan College is known for two equally important factors; the first is having a conservatively-priced cost of attendance, and second, providing a quality education. In the U.S., over 70 percent of colleges have a fee dedicated for student activities; currently, San Juan College is the only one in the area that doesn't. Because SJC does not have a student activity fee, we are extremely limited in student government participation, entertainment and educational events.

At the recent SJC Student Rush event, the majority of students who completed a survey all stated that they wanted more of a campus life, more musical events, more guest speakers, and more extracurricular learning

opportunities. However, without a student fee, these are near impossible requests to fulfill because the finances simply are not available; in result, SJC is losing their well-known recognition for providing students with both a financially reasonable and well-rounded, quality education.

An American author and speaker named Jim Rohn once said, "It doesn't matter which side of the fence you get off on sometimes. What matters most is getting off. You cannot make progress without making decisions." This is very true and it applies directly to SJC at this very moment. With the special election quickly approaching, our students are facing the decision to promote progress here at SJC or to deny it. The proposed fee is \$1.00 per credit hour up to a maximum of \$18.00 per student, per semester. The fee would never be raised without an all-student special election.

So one might ask, if student government researched both the pros and cons, what are the cons? If you are asking this question, then it's a fair question to ask. From the research completed, the only con to having a student activity fee is the initial cost, the initial, maximum \$18 a student would pay per semester. However, this \$18 is basically the cost of a new DVD which would provide a couple of hours of entertainment at most. The \$18 paid for a student fee would provide a semester full of both educational and entertainment activities. In my opinion,



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**High School Actors to Compete in One-Act Plays**

SJC -- Local high school thespians will show off their talents and compete for scholarships at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual San Juan College Four Corners High School Theatre Festival and the 10<sup>th</sup> annual New Mexico Activities Association State One Act Play Competition, November 4 – 6, at the Henderson Fine Arts Center.

Students will perform and compete in one act plays. Other competitions include: dramatic and humorous monologue acting; dramatic and humorous duet acting; musical theatre performance; technical categories in stage management, set and props, lights and sound, costumes, hair and makeup; as well as costume and set design.

Students also will have the opportunity to attend workshops covering topics such as Acting Techniques, Musical Theatre, Voice and Movement, Stage Combat, Playwrighting, Auditioning, Dance and Choreography, Stage

Management, and Technical Theatre.

Faculty from four colleges and universities will be on-hand to serve as respondents, conduct workshops and award approximately \$4000 in scholarships to high school seniors. Colleges and universities participating this year include San Juan College, New Mexico State University, Eastern New Mexico University, Western New Mexico University, and Mesa State College in Grand Junction, CO.

Spectators can attend the event free of charge. The schedule is as follows:

\*November 4, 1- 6 p.m. – Monologue acting, duet acting, and musical theatre performance competition. Finals will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

\*November 5, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. – One-act play competition.

\*November 6, 12:30 – 5 p.m. – One-act play competition.

For further information, contact Theresa Carson, San Juan College Theatre Department director, at 566-3242 or carson@sanjuancollege.edu.



*Student Activities cordially invites you:*

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the semester full of activities and student growth through experience, opportunity, and action will far outweigh the cons.

This fee will not be implemented until Fall 2011 academic semester as to provide adequate time for a separate account to be setup and the proper state, federal, and collegiate laws are followed in the collection of this fee. If the student activity fee is passed it will be in an account designated only for student activities and will not be mixed into any other SJC departmental account.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the student fee before voting, please feel free to email me at gilbertv@sanjuancollege.edu or attend an open question and answer session Monday November 8<sup>th</sup> in the Suns Room at either 11:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.

Remember, it's your college, it's your future, it's your vote! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! November 9 through 11.

**Oxfam**

**Hunger Banquet**



**Monday, November 15, 2010**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Henderson Fine Arts, 9000's**  
**\$5.00 per ticket**

An event the whole family can enjoy. It will be an educational and surprising night, along with an eye-opening presentation on worldwide hunger in relation to economic status. Tickets may be purchased in the Student Activities Office in the Learning Commons (under the Library). All proceeds go to ECHO Food bank in Farmington. For more info contact Student Activities at 566-3403.

**Awareness Days in October**

Holly Caudillo, Student Activities Specialist

October was a busy month for the SJC Student Activities Board (SAB). This year the board added a variety of awareness days to educate students and the San Juan College community on major issues regarding Domestic Violence, Alcohol Abuse and Breast Cancer.

The month of October was kicked off by a Domestic Violence Awareness Day on Monday, October 4. A symposium was held in the Sun's room and community organizations such Family Crisis Center, Our Sister's Keeper and S.N.A.P.P handed out information on domestic violence help and prevention. Donations were also collected for the Family Crisis Center in Farmington.

A two-day Alcohol Awareness Event took place on October 20-21 and was organized by S.N.A.P.P.

Assistant, Dana Mazzagatti-Ashley, and SAB. On Wednesday the movie, *28 Days* was shown in the Copper Top Building followed by a presentation from a Farmington Police Officer. On



*Students view the "Crash Car" provided by the Farmington Police for Alcohol Awareness Days.*

Thursday, a victim's impact panel spoke to students giving their personal testimony on the consequences of drunk driving. Some of the speakers had lost their own children to DWI.

Both days an actual crashed car was

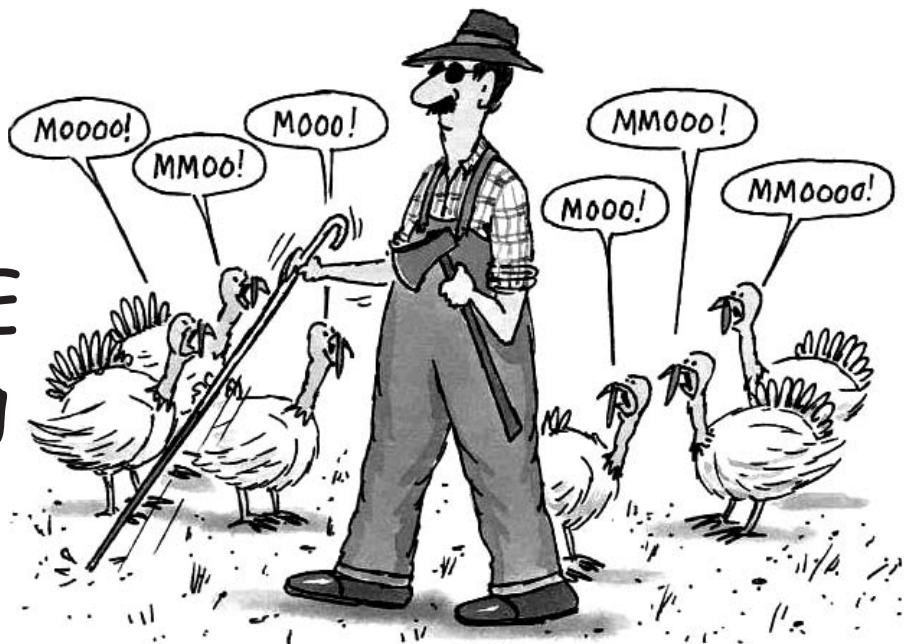
displayed in the Learning Common's Plaza along with the story involving three San Juan County Victims that lost their lives because of a drunk driver. It was shocking, thought-provoking display that brought mixed emotions.

On October 25, students faculty and staff dressed in pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness. An info booth was held in the Sun's Room, followed by a Self Breast Examination Workshop conducted by Fran Robinson from San Juan Regional Medical Center.

Each of the Awareness Days were the first to be organized by SAB. Much support and feedback was given to board members and they hope to implement the activities again next year.

For more information on SAB or how to become a member, please contact Student Activities at 566-3403.

Have a  
Happy, SAFE  
Thanksgiving  
Break!



**Ms. Indian San Juan College Crowned**

SJC -- Congratulations to Alanna Yazzie who was recently crowned Ms. Indian San Juan College.

Yazzie, a 2008 honor graduate of Shiprock High School, is a full-time student at San Juan College. She hopes to receive her associate of applied science in engineering in the fall of 2011. After she obtains her associate's degree, she plans to continue her education and secure a career in either biomedical or civil engineering.

Yazzie's role as Ms. Indian San Juan College is to serve as an ambassador for the Native American students at San Juan College.

Not only is Alanna an outstanding student at San Juan College, but she is an excellent example to Native American students on campus and in the community.



Yazzie says she feels privileged to have been awarded the title. "Representing the College as well as Native American students in general is an honor and a responsibility that I take seriously," she says. "I hope to utilize the values my parents instilled in me and set an example to those I come in contact with throughout my reign."

The annual Ms. Indian San Juan College pageant is organized through SJC's Native American Center. Contestants are judged on a traditional and contemporary talent, traditional dress and personal interviewing skills.

The Native American Center works to meet the educational needs of Native American students by providing programs and services that support their persistence in higher education as they aspire toward their higher educational goals. It provides a variety of assistance to Native American students including admission assistance, academic and scholarship advisement as well as providing information about services available to make the college experience a positive one.

For further information about the Native American Center, including tribal scholarships, call 566-3321.

**More Government Means More Spending**

Tyber Ward, Student Editorial

Do you want an affordable education at San Juan College? Vote No on the Student Activity Fee.

Why? It represents more "fees" in the horizon. For example, lab fee, computer fee, parking lot fee, tutoring fee, athletic department fee and finally, government asking for more, more, more, and more money.

Do you want to pay more for your education so that the government can have a free ride on you?

Vote No on the Student Activity Fee.

**Free Family Movie**



**Friday, November 12, 2010**

**6:00 p.m.**

**SJC Little Theatre**

**Rated: PG Run Time: 95 minutes**

## Luminarias Welcome the Holiday Season

SJC -- San Juan College will ring in the holidays with the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Luminarias display, Saturday, December 4.

Visitors can begin enjoying the display of hand-lit and electric luminarias at dusk (6 p.m.). A beautiful array of bags will shine from rooftops, along sidewalks and in courtyards and select campus parking lots throughout the night.

The community can choose to drive or walk through; however, walkers can see much more of the display, while enjoying a serene stroll of the inner courtyards.

Only two entrances will be open during the event.

Walkers may park in the Quality Center for Business or Child and Family Development Center lots, which are accessible by traveling south on College Boulevard from Pinon Hills Boulevard.

Drivers will enter the college from Butler Avenue traveling north to Sunrise Parkway. They will then follow the marked route through the campus and exit at College Boulevard, where traffic will be required to turn south to 30th Street. Please

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note that the Pinon Hills Boulevard entrance to the college will be closed during the Luminaria display. As a courtesy, all drivers are

asked to turn their lights off as they drive through the display.

A touch of warmth will be added to the evening as Mary's Kitchen will serve warm snacks and beverages from 5 to 9 p.m., and the Red Cross will provide hot chocolate. Adding to the festivities, San Juan College radio station KSJE 90.9-FM will broadcast the sounds of Christmas campus wide with your favorite holiday

carols. Weather permitting, the Planetarium will host its annual Luminarias Star Gaze, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the inner courtyard. A telescope will be set up to view the night sky.

The Office of Student Activities coordinates the event with help from students, staff and community volunteers who help set up and light the candles. The week prior, hundreds of area school children help fill paper bags with sand and candles, which are then set out by College students and staff.

On Wednesday, November 13, Carolyn Martinez, ENLACE Family Center Coordinator, conducts the workshop: The History of Luminarias, for Latino Heritage Week at San Juan College.

Students who participated learned about the cultural and historical background of Farolitos (commonly referred to as Luminarias) including their significance in New Mexico and their historical presence here at San Juan College.



# Two Spirits

## Movie and Discussion



Thursday, November 11, 6 p.m.

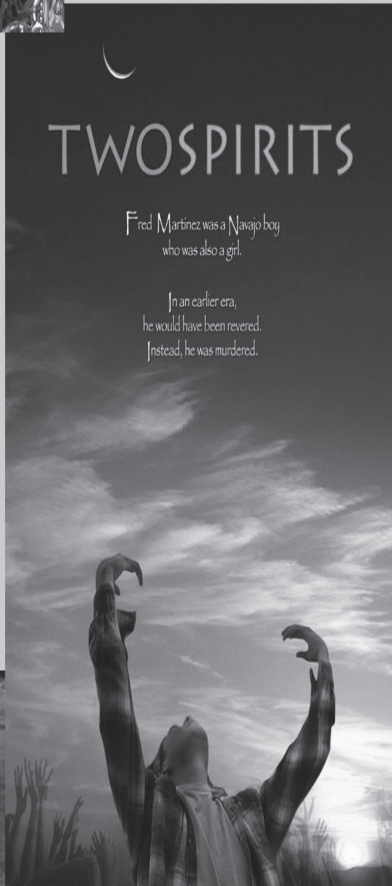
San Juan College

Henderson Fine Arts Room 9012

Snacks will be Served

FREE

Fred Martinez was *nádleehí*—someone who possesses a balance of masculine and feminine traits—a special gift according to his traditional Navajo culture. But his determination to express his truest identity tragically cost him his life. At age sixteen, he was one of the youngest hate-crime victims in modern history when he was murdered in Cortez, Colorado.



For more information call (505) 566-3403.

# CORNER

## CAREER

### Accounting Clerk

Part time position, responsible for payroll and accounts payable in addition to other finance office duties.

Code #Acct 006

### Direct Support Associate, Farmington, NM

To work with individuals with disabilities in a residential setting. Responsible for training and assisting individuals served in various aspects of activities of daily living while ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements and company policies and procedures. This position is also responsible for the health, safety and emotional support of the individuals being served.

Code # Care 002.

### Administrative Assistant

Position for individual who has a positive and outgoing attitude. The position requires receptionist duties, accounts receivable and being the membership director. Associates degree or equivalent work experience is required. This is a 36-40 hours per week position.

Code # Sec 137.

### Medical Assistant

Position for OB/GYN office. Duties include perform vital signs, assist on minor procedures, venipuncture, some billing, follow up including scheduling and precertification of procedures, cleaning and sterilization of instruments.

Code #Med 67

For more information contact Career Services in room 1414.