

# Opinion

## Drug testing needs to stay off the job

By Dave Holmes  
Editor-In-Chief

If professional baseball players and Olympic athletes have to live with it, why should the average American worker be exempt from drug testing?

This would seem to be the stance the judiciary branch of the US government is taking, or, at least, a US District Attorney in San Francisco.

US DA Joseph Russoniello is attempting to have a San Francisco city ordinance that prohibits mandatory drug testing of workers by employers repealed. According to Cable News Network (CNN), he's even gone as far as asking private citizens to sue the city for the right to test employees for drug use.

What Russoniello's reason or purpose behind this action might be is unknown, perhaps even to himself. What it could be is a segregation of people into groups: no-good, filthy, Communist drug users and clean, honest, God-fearing citizens.

Stereotypes and labels have never been strong points in the modern society. They do nothing but cause strife and resentment. The city of San Francisco is doing a good thing in protecting the rights of individuals with its prohibitive ordinance. Russoniello, it would seem, wants to take away that protection.

If drug testing were to be implemented in the workplace, what would be done with those found to be drug users? Most likely they would be fired, not sent to rehabilitation clinics and hospitals as in professional athletics. The testing of athletes for drug use is to keep players from cheating by gaining and unfair, and artificial edge. It's also to keep people from harming themselves.

There would be nothing wrong with having company employees tested for drugs if they would be given the care that professional athletes are in such situations. The chances are, though, that those found to be drug users would have their employment terminated and be branded as degenerate and worthless.

In a country that has enough problems, District Attorney Russoniello should come to his senses, halt his campaign to have the ordinance repealed, and not add one more to the pile.

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## Feedback

### Eriksen gives reasons

The following is an open letter to the student body of the College.

To the Editor:

I am sorry to inform you that I will no longer be in ASG as of the end of this term. I have decided that certain situations in the Activities Council will never change, and I feel that I can longer take (ASG Activities Director) Breck Jacobs at his word. As a result from the lack of trust I feel that I would be a thorn in his side. Also, I feel that I can no longer work for him due to

the loss of respect I had for him.

I find myself not caring what happens in ASG. This apathetic state has not been getting any better. I think this feeling will only destroy the delicate thread that is somehow holding ASG together. It is not my wish to see ASG fold, but that is exactly what will happen if its members are not willing to work for it.

I cannot see myself being happy of having much self respect until I resign my posi-

tion. I am tired of the feeling that I must go along with the juvenile attitudes the Activities Council has in its dealings and planning for events. They seem to forget that this campus is comprised of more people over the age of 25 than not. The Council seems more concerned with doing activities for the "fresh-out-of-high school" crowd, the crowd that doesn't appreciate what we try to do for them.

Tracey Eriksen  
ASG Activities Senator

### From my side of the pool

By Dave Holmes  
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There is nothing in this world like stress.

Stress can cause high blood pressure, it can make your eye balls fall out, and it can bring on a nervous breakdown. I'm not sure about the second one, but the other two are pals of mine.

Being the editor of a college newspaper has been an incredible experience. Stressful, mind you, but incredible. I've learned some valuable things this term that I'd like to pass along to you, my readers.

1) Don't bother trying to be efficient. You either are or you aren't. If you are, then that's great. But if you're not, then the thing to do is get some people who know what they're doing to fill your middle management positions.

2) Things are actually much worse than they seem. Murphy is supposed to have said this, but it's something I've learned the full implications of this term.

3) The deadline is actually closer than you think. This not only applies to the newspaper world, but any other as well. For example: the research paper due for a history class

SEEMS to be due in two weeks, but it's really much sooner than that. How much sooner depends on how much of a procrastinator you are.

4) You can only do your best. And your best isn't going to be someone else's best. The important thing to remember is that if you put your top effort and care out, you're a lot less likely to be yelled at.

5) To lead effectively, a person must lead by example. See number four above for more information on that one.

To lighten things up a bit, let's take a random tour through Webster's New World Dictionary.

Regatta (from Italian) n. 1. a boat race 2. a series of boat races.

Trellis (from Latin) n. 1. a lattice on which vines are trained.

Lattice (from Middle High German) n. 1. an openwork structure of crossed strips of wood, metal, etc. used as a screen, support, etc.

Butterscotch (from Greek) n. 1. a hard, sticky candy made with brown sugar, butter, etc. 2. a syrup with the flavor of this.

T (from Greek) n., pl. 1. the twentieth letter of the English

alphabet. 2. abbrev. for tablespoon.

Finally, a few suggestions on where to go for Spring Break.

The beach had always been popular, so it must be a good place to go. Be sure to take along some friends. If you don't, you'll have to make some when you get there and this can waste valuable vacation time.

One thing a lot of people don't think of is just staying home and recuperating from life in general. This sounds very appealing, personally, as this term has been less than desirable. Just me and ESPN. What a way to go.

Lastly, Mexico has been known to offer some diversions. The problem is that quite a few student travelers get diverted by Southern California and, hence, never get to Mexico. But that's not so bad. You don't need a passport for an extended stay in California, just lots of spare change for the sale tax.

Wherever you go, be mindful of stressful situations while on your trip. I'd hate to hear of anyone's eye balls falling out.

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