OnlyFans explicit sex ban affects income opportunity

By Evan Reinhardt

Some San Jose State students who once produced explicit content on OnlyFans, a subscription-based social media platform, will no longer be able to do so following a ban on sexual content outlined in the updated OnlyFans acceptable use policy.

The ban is expected to begin Oct. 1 in compliance with the requests of OnlyFans banking partners and payout providers, according to a Thursday company statement obtained by Dan Primack, Axios business editor.

Axios is an online news website launched in 2017, according to its website.

"In order to ensure long-term sustainability of the platform — we must evolve our content guidelines," the company said in the statement.

While sexually explicit content will be banned, general "nudity" is still allowed as long as it aligns with the new acceptable use policy.

Sexually explicit content includes "extreme" exposure of one’s genitals or anus, fake or actual masturbation, the portrayal of actual or simulated sexual acts and actual or simulated bodily fluids related to sexual acts, according to the acceptable use policy.

Content currently on the platform that contains sexually explicit conduct must be removed before Dec. 1, according to the same policy.

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These accounts that violate the user policy will be suspended or terminated and access to earnings will be unavailable, per the policy.

An art and psychology junior, who asked to go by C.F. for privacy concerns, said he began creating explicitly nude content on OnlyFans in late 2019.

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An SJSU student, who preferred to go by the alias Dan for privacy concerns, joined the platform in March 2020 during the beginning of the pandemic to make money when he was laid off from his job.

"It was hard to [find] work so I was just doing videos from home," Dan said in a phone call. "I realized I could create as much content as I wanted helped him feel in control.

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He earned around 108 dollars each week creating sexually explicit content and he said it was a good way to make side money.

OnlyFans brought in $375 million in net revenue in 2020 and the company is expected to make $1.2 billion in 2021, according to an Aug. 19 Axios article.

While the company is raking in profit, it’s struggling to find investors and appease payment processors like Visa and Mastercard because of risks related to pornography platforms, according to the same article.

OnlyFans has an alleged history of law enforcement to accounts that post illegal content, including child porn or sexual abuse, according to leaked documents in a Friday BBC News article.

The documents state that some of these accounts would be given multiple warnings in lieu of automated elimination even though they break the OnlyFans terms of service.

An OnlyFans spokesperson stated in the same Friday BBC News article that

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Rapper Tyga deleted his OnlyFans account only 24 hours after the company announced its policy change, according to a Friday Forbes article.

In his interview with Forbes, Tyga said he will establish his own subscription-based social media platform that will allow him to continue creating adult content.

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**New User Policy**

OnlyFans users will be barred from uploading sexually explicit content beginning Oct. 1.

Explicit sexual content includes sexual acts, masturbation, the graphic depiction of genitals or anuses, or bodily fluids related to sexual acts.

Sexual content uploaded on the platform prior to the Oct. 1 deadline must be removed by Dec. 1.

OnlyFans officials are hoping to move away from pornography to become a more mainstream platform similar to Twitch and Patreon.

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**OBAMA**

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A construction worker unwraps the Barack Obama Boulevard street sign Saturday in Downtown San Jose.

"I am proud that this highly traveled street, which has many practical transportation purposes and our local residents and for tourists, will now have such a significant symbolic purpose," Peralez said during the ceremony. "May this street represent hope and progress and serve as a firm reminder to our Black, Latinx, Asian locals that they belong in elected positions in all levels of government and for Black people."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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The smell of gourmet macaroni and cheese wafted through Chef Baca's restaurant all the way outside, drawing a crowd around his "pop up" cafe.

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Like many SJSU students, Ashley Sligh said she's excited to finally have in-person events after a year-and-a-half of events being on Zoom.

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I mean the whole goal for them and for us right now is to kind of rectify areas that went down [through the COVID-19 pandemic]."

While everyone was vibing to live music, some attendees came particularly for the food.

Rodney Baca, an award winning chef who has long championed local businesses in San Jose, particularly drew a crowd around his "pop up" cafe.

Located inside the MLK library during the event, "The Shop" is his latest venture with delicious, Michelin-rated cuisine.

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South Campus shows off fresh look

By Isalia Gallo
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San Jose State's South Campus, the base for university athletics, was recently renovated and now includes a parking garage and recreational sports field open for use starting this semester.

South Campus, located about two miles south of main campus between Seventh and 10th Streets, consists of SJSU athletics facilities.

University Athletics Director Jeff Konya said the South Campus Parking Garage and Sports Field project, located on Seventh and East Alma streets, began in April 2019 to create space for students, faculty and staff.

"The transformation of South Campus is positive for not only our Spartan student-athletes but the student body and surrounding community," Konya said in an email.

He said the synthetic turf sports field adjacent to the new parking garage will accommodate university recreational, intramural and club soccer events.

Meanwhile, the new four-level parking garage has 1,300 parking spaces, an IT room, two sports storage rooms and three restrooms.

Scott MacDonald, the new deputy athletics director for public relations and room, said in an email.

"The garage can accommodate all current demands in the South Campus," MacDonald said, adding that university shuttles will limit stops at the garage and reduce route time.

He said the university shuttles run Monday through Thursday for 20-minute intervals and stop at two locations: the South Campus Parking Garage and Duncan Hall, located on East San Salvador Street.

MacDonald encouraged students to use the free shuttle app, DoubleMap, to monitor shuttle times.

Biological science sophomore Brina Ceballos said it takes her about 15 to 20 minutes to drive to the main SJSU campus and finding parking can be hard.

"I think the new parking garage will serve [SJSU] students and other community members for game days and school days," Ceballos said. "The [daily] parking permit option will be helpful for me since I won't be in person everyday."

Kinesiologist junior Abhinet Sandhu said it takes him 35 to 45 minutes to get to South Campus.

"I think the new parking lot will help solve some parking issues . . . as the day goes on it gets really hard [to find parking space at Main Campus]," Sandhu said.

Game-day parking for the SJSU community is also available in the new garage for $20, MacDonald said.

The Student Union gave a $3 million donation for the South campus renovation, in which $2.5 million paid for the recreational field and $500,000 went toward the softball field renovation, according to an April 13, 2019 SJSU Blog post.

The softball field opened in May 2019 after remodeling, according to the same blog post that it would "completely change the plan to build a new track field because it would cost about $30 million more than originally anticipated.

Konya said the university is working on providing student-athletes a '"valuable and meaningful" experience in their athletic journey at SJSU with a newly developed athletics department vision statement called "The Charge of the Spartans." He said the Charge of the Spartans vision will aim for the construction of new facilities for student-athletes.

"We will always explore opportunities, even continuous improvements in facilities, as we attempt to positively impact the student-athlete experience for all of our athletes," Konya said.

These improvements focus on practice and competition facilities and support service areas for all SJSU athletics programs.

He said the transformative South Campus construction project is still in development, as a new CEFCU Stadium video display board and scoreboard will go on it.

A new Spartan Athletic Center is anticipated to open in 2023, according to SJSU Facilities Development and Operations website.

"[The Spartan Athletic Center] will be the primary hub of activity for our soccer and football programs and will benefit San Jose State student-athletes in all of the intercollegiate sports that we offer, especially in providing more service and care to the critical areas of nutrition and sports medicine," Konya said.

Matthew Hoak, a San Jose State lacrosse senior attacker, practices striking the goal at the South Campus sports recreation field on South 10th and East Alma streets Monday.

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Senior midfielder Collin Dwyer (bottom) and Hoak (top) practice drills in preparation for the start of lacrosse season in February 2022 on the new recreational field.

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