

"American English in Action" tutoring program in need of tutors

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The "American English in Action" volunteer tutoring program sponsored by the International Education Department at the University of California, San Diego is in need of tutors - people who speak American.

The program provides tutors who can aid foreign scholars and their families with spoken English. Due to a record number of requests this year from foreign scholars on the UCSD campus, and the gas shortage, more tutors are needed.

According to Marion Dixon, coordinator for the program, tutors do not (emphasis on the not) need to speak the language of their students in order to help them with English conversation. Just by conversing and exchanging ideas with the visitor the tutor can help them to adjust to our culture by understanding and speaking the English language better.

Mrs. Dixon said the gas shortage has seriously affected the distance tutors can drive, so the program is particularly in need of tutors in the Clairemont and Pacific Beach areas where many academic visitors have been able to find apartments. Tutors are also needed to meet postdoctoral fellows on campus, usually at the International Center on the Matthews Campus.

Anyone having two or more free hours per week and who would like to meet with foreign visitors to help them understand and speak our language better is urged to call Mrs. Dixon at the UCSD International Center at 453-2000, extension 1940.

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