Justin Fivella and Jennifer Hall

The Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) committee is asking students to vote on a proposed $10 per quarter non-athletic increase in student fees. IRA programs are activities that are at least partially sponsored by an academic discipline or instructional department and that are integral to its formal instructional offerings, according to the IRA press packet.

Cal Poly Rodeo, Rose Float and Mustang Daily are examples of the many IRA-supported programs. IRA currently recognizes 62 student programs and represents 5,000 students. The fee to support these programs has not been raised in over 13 years.

Because of the lack of funding, ASI donated $110,000 last year and $100,000 the year before to IRA in order to fulfill program needs.

"People have a lot of needs that are not being met," said Terry Spiller, chair of the music department. 

Currently students pay $13.25 per quarter in IRA fees. $6.27 is required to apply for funding several months before they receive funds during spring quarter.

"We aren't surprised so few people showed up, it has been the trend in situations like these," said Kimi Ikeda of Students in Free Enterprise.

Despite IRA supporter's efforts to inform the student community about the fee increase proposal, student interest has been low in comparison to last year's ASI increased proposal.

A total of 10 students have attended the three open forums that were held about the fee increase.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker hasultimate control over student fees.

According to the voter pamphlet, the fee is a Category 1 fee, which, in the California State University system, must be paid in order to apply to, enroll in or attend the university. According to The CSU Fee Policy (Executive Order 740), these fees may be increased, decreased or abolished by the university president. All fee referendums are advisory to the president. The only fees that the president cannot change are statewide fees and non-resident tuition, said Victor Brancart, a Cal Poly business analyst who has worked on the referendums.

The CSU Student Fee Policy stated "the president may waive the referendum requirement if the president determines that a referendum is not the best mechanism to achieve appropriate and meaningful consultation."

Brancart said he believed that it is likely that Baker will agree with the student vote.

"I haven't seen the president go against a referendum in my time here," Brancart said. "You'd have to ask him about a specific instance."

Baker could not be reached for comment.

"President Baker has been sensitive toward student (votes)," said Larry Kelley, the vice president for academic and finance. "In the fee referendum for ASI last year, students did not endorse it and not did he."

However, not all students are opposed to the potential effects the policy may entail.

"I (Baker) has power to change (student fees), the vote itself seems pointless," said Natasha Hansen, a business accounting junior. "I guess it's to see our opinion, to know how (students) feel about it. It doesn't bother me. I see the point."

"(The president's ultimate control)" see Baker, page 2

Examples of Instructionally Related Activities at Cal Poly

* Logging Team
* Equestrian Team
* Travel Team
* International Career Conference
* Shakespeare Press Museum
* University Graphic Systems
* Student Life and Learning
* Associated Landscape Contractors
* Society of Automotive Engineers
* Students in Free Enterprise
* Teaching & the Performing Arts
* Programming Team

"Performing arts like music, dance, theater" see Baker, page 2
* Art exhibits
* Debate
* Media like Mustang Daily, KCPR, CPTV
* Rose Float
* Hybrid vehicle development
* Concrete canoe and steel bridge competition
* Robotics development
* Agricultural judging
* Sustainable agriculture
* Rodeo
* Business policy competition
* Construction management competition
* Mathematics competition
* Arts in education

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What do you think about the proposed IRA fee increase referendum?

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Kalia C. Laskey, electrical engineering graduate student

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might be a good precaution," said Lescye Chong, a computer science senior. "Just in case the students vote for something (non-beneficial for the university)."

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Nobody speaks the truth when there's something they must have.
— Elizabeth Bowen (1899 - 1973)

What we call 'progress' is the exchange of one nuisance for another nuisance.
— Havelock Ellis (1859 - 1939)

Wordly Wise

Insouciant: Marked by blithe unconcern; nonchalant.

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CALIFORNIA EXECUTION DELAYED

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SAN QUENTIN — The execution of a condemned killer was delayed after two anesthesiologists backed out because of ethical concerns, and prosecutors sought a judge's permission Tuesday to proceed by a different method of lethal injection before the death warrant expires just before midnight.

The execution, which had been scheduled for 12:01 a.m., was pushed back to Tuesday night after the two anesthesiologists withdrew. Their presence was required by a new set of guidelines issued last week by a federal judge after Michael Morales' lawyers argued the three-part lethal injection cocktail used in California was a cruel and unusual punishment.

In response, authorities were back to U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel of San Francisco in a bid to ensure the execution would be carried out before the 24-hour warrant expired at 11:59 p.m. After that, state officials would have to go back to the trial judge who imposed the death sentence in 1983 for another warrant.

Prison officials want to employ a different execution technique: administering a fatal overdose of barbiturate in lieu of the three-drug cocktail typically used in lethal injections. Fogel was weighing oral arguments on that proposal Tuesday by attorneys via the telephone.

With Morales, 46, waiting in the "death watch" cell at San Quentin for another warrant, the state was seeking to intervene in the execution if Morales woke up or appeared to be in pain.

"Any such intervention would clearly be medically unethical," said the doctors, who have not been identified. "As a result, we have withdrawn from participation in this current process."

The American Medical Association, the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the California Medical Association all opposed the anesthesiologists' participation as unethical and unprofessional. They would have joined another doctor who is on duty at executions to declare the prisoner dead and otherwise ensure proper medical procedures are followed.

Seeking another warrant could prove difficult for the state, since the original sentencing judge, Charles McFarland, joined Morales this month in asking Arnold Schwarzenegger for clemency. McFarland said he no longer believed the credibility of a jailhouse informant whose testimony helped land Morales on death row.

Nathan Barankin, a spokesman for Attorney General Bill Lockyer, said McGrath was bound by law to sign a new death warrant, if requested.

"There's nothing in the statute that gives him any discretion," Barankin said.

Morales would be the 14th murderer and the first Hispanic to be put to death since California reinstated the death penalty in 1977.

He was sentenced to death in 1983 for killing Terri Winchell by attacking her with a hammer. She was stabbed and left for the half-baked in a vineyard. Morales plotted the killing with a gay cousin who was jealous of Winchell's relationship with the cousin's male lover. The cousin, Ricky Ortego, now 44, was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

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National briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Tuesday that a small congregation in New Mexico may use hallucinogenic tea as part of a four-hour ritual intended to connect with God.

Justice John Roberts, moving other countries as well.

attacks against U.S. and coalition

confiscating the hoasca tea of the practice. Federal drug agents wrote in the decision.

The Supreme Court said Tuesday with plotting terrorist

Three Muslim men from the Middle East were charged

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Robert Burns

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday that the Pentagon is reviewing its practice of paying to plant stories in the Iraqi media, withdrawing his earlier claim that it had been stopped.

Rumsfeld said reporters he was

mismatched in the earlier assertions.

"I don't have knowledge as to whether it's been stopped. I do have

knowledge it was put under review. I was correctly informed. And I just

mistated the facts," Rumsfeld said

in a Pentagon news briefing.

Rumsfeld had said in a speech in New York last Friday and in a television interview the same day that the controversial practice had been stopped.

He said that Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, was reviewing the practice. Previously, Casey has said he saw no reason to stop it.

Rumsfeld saluted members of the U.S. military participating in relief efforts in devastating mudslides in the Philippines.

"These efforts are an indication of the organizational talents of the United States military," Rumsfeld said.

Some 5,000 U.S. military members were in the Philippines at the
time, most of them on training exer-
cises, said Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Rumsfeld also addressed mixed

signals coming from Iraq's leaders over the type of government they would like to eventually see take shape in Iraq.

"Iraqi's are going through a political

process," Rumsfeld said. "Until

they agree on who their new leader­ship should be, you're going to see a lot of public statements by a lot of people ... reflecting a lot of different views.

Iraqi political parties have run

into major obstacles in talks on a new national unity government. Any major delay would be a setback to United States, hopes for a signiﬁcant reduction in troop levels this year.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said earlier Tuesday in Baghdad that the results of the Dec. 15 parliamentary elections showed the Iraqi people want a "broad govern­ment of national unity," to bring together "all the different elements" of Iraqi society.

He spoke after meeting with Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari and other Iraqi leaders.

Al-Jaafari has said formation of the government was more compli­cated "because this time the Arab Sunnis are participating in the political process."

Rumsfeld also said he had no

problems with a deal permitting a United Arab Emirates company to take over operations at six major

U.S. seaports, a plan that has encountered stiff political opposition in Congress.

He called the UAE a good mili­
tary partner in the war on terror.

"Nothing changes with respect to security under the contract. The Coast Guard is in charge of safety," Rumsfeld said.

Earlier Tuesday, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Rumsfeld had been incorrect in saying on Friday that the practice of paying for positive stories in the Iraqi media had been halted in the wake of negative publicity in the United States.

An official inquiry into the pro­gram by Navy Rear Adm. Scott Van Bokk-kirk has been completed but its results have not been publicly released.
Baby shakes a death rattle

"It's funny the way most people love death. Once you are dead, you are made for life."

So said Jimi Hendrix, the firecracker guitar god of the '60s who burned out before ever starting to fade. He checked out, via gruesome asphyxiation, in Sept. 1970 at age 27 — and joined the dubious ranks of other music heroes who died at that tender age. "The 27 Club," as it is sometimes called, also boasts Kurt Cobain (suicide), Janis Joplin (overdose), Jim Morrison (heart attack), blues godfather Robert Johnson (poisoned), and original Rolling Stone guitarist Brian Jones (drowned or murdered, depending on who you ask). You've probably seen posters of the higher-profile members sitting 'round a bar, laughing up into Marilyn Monroe's cleavage; the forever-young visual is iconic in itself. (This despite the inaccuracy; Monroe died in her '30s. But someone had to subtly reinforce the gang's — and the buyer's — heterosexuality.)

I don't think about death much; I'm not Russian. Also, I'm at least 60 percent too boring to justify to my rock-and-roll fetish (my drug use is scant, though I do enjoy climbing on rooftops to scream "Almost Famous" quotes). But it's hard not to ponder the flickering flame of life when the most celebrated people of our society can't even keep their act together for three decades. It's not even a phenomenon so much as a repetitive. There are even books about it. Enter "Stairway to Heaven: The Final Resting Places of Rock's Legends," a glossy 160-page tome of tombs. Written by J.D. Reed and Maddy Miller, it crosses the country and even skips overseas to chronicle the graves, final stories, and legacies of our dearly departed. More so, it manages not to be entirely morbid; the book is a funeral in itself, as it shows death but also celebrates incredible lives. From Nico to Elvis to almost all the Ramones, the

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Editor's note: 'WIDE angle' is a photo commentary by Michael Mullady.

Mother Nature has proven, once again, that her capabilities are endless. The strange warm weather that the Central Coast was blessed with in early February has all together vanished as Alaskan cold fronts have swept the coast. Rain, hail and even snow fell throughout the region and the arctic chill has reminded us once again what the weather should be like around this time of year.

While the dreary grey skies and precipitation make most people run inside, I set out in the opposite direction. I take pleasure in photographing in all conditions and when rain falls it provides me with the rare opportunity to work with reflections. Basic pavement suddenly becomes a colorful display of taillight trails and street light gardens, while puddles provide interesting perspectives to otherwise overlooked subjects. The true photographer works in all conditions with an understanding that great images are everywhere. It's only a matter of expanding your horizons to capture them.

Upon examining different locations to compose the moody reflective image I was seeking, I rolled upon the San Luis Obispo train station and found what I was looking for. What makes this image successful is a technique that artists have used since it originated, lines leading the viewer to a vanishing point. Complementary to the lined composition are a variety of interesting color lighting and the ultimate factor, the reflection provided by the rain water gathered in between the tracks.

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Beyond Mardi Gras: The choice is ours

Mardi Gras weekend in 2004 brought severe con­trasts causing extensive damage and personal injury. I think we all agree that we do not want to see similar events in the future, and my hope is that this column can help increase understand­ing of why we are faced with the challenges before us and more importantly, how we can work together to ensure that the San Luis Obispo community moves beyond simply rendering aid to our community residents.

Student-community relations suffered a huge setback because of Mardi Gras events in 2004. But since that time, student leadership in ASI has successfully rebuilt the relationships necessary for students to have a voice at the decision making table. We continue to be involved in conversations regarding Mardi Gras planning, neighbor­hood relations and student conduct and our Ombuds.

Fortunately, Mardi Gras weekend 2005 was a huge success, with virtually no incidents or reported injuries and fewer arrests than an average weekend. But in order to ensure that the problem has been taken care of, the San Luis Obispo community feels that it is necessary to continue the community course for a second year. While this is undoubtedly disappointing for many of my fellow students, there is a more important lesson that must be learned from getting your kicks for a weekend. The issue is to build respect for students in San Luis Obispo and do so through leading by example. We need to focus on defining the next course of action. It is clear that "the party is over," 350 cops get that point across pretty well. We have demonstrated that students get the message by our responsible behavior last year. We are not going to move away from our agreement, including city officials, that it is time to move away from the Mardi Gras culture. But the question remains: Is problem really solved?

This is where we have come into play and where community cooperation has been at utmost importance. We have a choice this weekend. We can put the Mardi Gras issue to rest by proving to the community that students are responsible citizens capable of policing themselves, or we can fuel the fire and encourage continued efforts to control the weekend by allowing disruptive and violent behavior to occur.

I hope that students are aware of the responsibility that they have in ensuring that the weekend goes off without incident. If we step up to the plate and show our colleagues in the community that we are responsible citizens, those preserving and enhancing a strong sense of community centered around the university brings to this city, then we’ll position ourselves well to define the next phase of this operation. Students have asked me for a voice at the decision-making table, but I hope that we have given them the opportunity to make positive change. It’s not that we can’t have fun, but we need to make responsible decisions.

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The Tour de France is the most internationally-renowned cycling race to date. The likes of Lance Armstrong, Miguel Indurain and Eddy Merckx became famous for their inspiring performances. It's a grueling race and a landmark event for cycling fans the world over — it's exactly the type of event Tour of California organizers envision for the nearly 600-mile trek across the Golden State, and San Luis Obispo is a key component for this year’s cycling extravaganza.

On Thursday, 128 riders will begin a 130.9-mile race to San Luis Obispo, the longest stretch of the first Tour of California. The riders from 16 teams will wind up in the scenic downtown area of San Luis Obispo at the intersection of Monterey and Osos Street. After finishing the midway point of the Tour, the riders will depart on Friday from San Luis Obispo for Santa Barbara, a 105.3-mile journey, and will eventually end up in Redondo Beach after an 89.5-mile sixth-stage from Santa Barbara to Thousand Oaks. The winner will receive $150,000.

The estimated arrival in San Luis Obispo is 3:22 p.m. to 4:19 p.m., according to the event’s Web site (www.amgentourofcalifornia.com). The riders will ride onto Highland Drive and turn onto Ferrini Road before taking North Chorro Street to Monterey Street and finishing at the Osos Street intersection.

While the seven-stage event is significantly shorter and less grueling than the Tour de France, the event has drawn numerous big names to compete. Levi Leipheimer was the top American finisher not named Armstrong in the 2002 and 2004 Tour de France’s. Leipheimer also competed for the United States Olympic team in Athens. George Hincapié, a member of Team Discovery Channel and the current leader after three stages, was a key teammate of Armstrong’s, and is one of the top American riders. Hincapié overtook Leipheimer as the overall leader in the leg from Martinez to San Jose on Tuesday.

Foreign competitors include Michael Rogers of Australia, a former World Time Trial Champion and the top contender from a dangerous German-based T-Mobile team. Paolo Savoldelli is another talent from overseas. The Italian rider won the Giro d’Italia in 2005 and competes along with Hincapié for Team Discovery Channel.

Leipheimer also brings a local angle to the Tour. The Santa Rosa native won the 1.9 mile prologue from Sausalito to his hometown in the north Bay Area on Sunday.

Tomorrow’s stage begins at 10 a.m. and will traverse Highway 1 from Monterey to San Luis Obispo.