IRA fee budget nearly finalized

Money from fees will aid athletics, sports clubs and academics

KATHRENA BLAKE
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Though the budget for the Instruc-
tionally Related Activities Fee was
approved, exactly how some of that
money will be spent is still unfunc-
tional, according to Vice President of
Finance Garske.

Last semester, San Diego State
President Stephen L. Weber
approved the proposed IRA fee,
allowing the university to increase
student fees by $80 per semester,
adding to tuition.

CFAC, a governing body that
deals with all tuition-related fees,
is made up of students, faculty and
staff. The group estimated that ath-
letics will receive about $357,000,
sports clubs will receive about
$320,000 and Academic Affairs
will receive about $200,000 from
the fee increase.

Garske, a history and computer
science senior, said for the first
time, how much money goes to each
of the three groups is set and was
established when the fee was pro-
posed. The only reason the budget
has not yet been finalized is because
the exact amounts are based on the
number of students who enroll in
and pay tuition at SDSU.

“If the campus population fluc-
tuates, so does the dollar amount,”
Garske said. “Once there is an exact
head count of the number of students,
there will be a re-budget based on more accurate numbers.”

Athletics, sports clubs and Aca-
demic Affairs each have a govern-
ing body of their own that will
decide specifically what the funds
will go toward.

“It’s up to those individual
groups to do the specific breakdown
on how they spend the money,”
Garske said.

Although athletics is not the only
department receiving the funds,
Garske said that who the money is
goint to is just one of several con-
troversial issues regarding the fee.

“The one thing that unfortunat-
ely is not always clear and easy
to understand is … that the money for
the IRA fee didn’t just benefit athlet-
es, it also benefits academics in a
multitude of ways, directly and indi-
rectly,” Garske said.

Because the IRA fee funds will
help athletics, Garske said it frees
up Weber’s discretionary fund,
which can go to help other aca-
demic programs.

Additionally, having a prominent
athletics program can act as a recruit-
ment tool to bring more stu-
dents to the campus and more rev-
enue, Garske said.

Because of misconceptions such
as these, Garske believes the meth-
ods used to inform the student body
are needed to change.

“One thing that’s important about
this campus is that we increase our communication infra-
structure — the way that we com-
municate to the whole student body
and make them aware of how the
university works and what’s avail-
able to them,” Garske said.
Earth Day receives funds

The Associated Students Council spent much of its meeting last Wednesday debating Cultural Arts and Special Events’ decision to deny the Enviro-Business Society $7,000 to help fund an Earth Day event taking place on April 22.

The council ultimately voted to dip into CASE’s approximately $50,000 of unallocated funds to fill the deficit and grant the Enviro-Business Society the full asking amount.

The student organization, which requested a co-collaboration and $10,000 from CASE, an A.S. board, was granted only $3,000 on April 6 because the request was filed after the priority deadline, according to CASE Vice Chair Mina Azim.

Azim said the priority deadline is not the cutoff date for applications, but is a way of prioritizing requests based on the date in which they were received.

Butterfly Project

Jewish Student Union Representative Alexi Biener made a presentation encouraging fellow Associated Students council members to promote and participate in The Butterfly Project.

The on-campus event will be held on April 21, Holocaust Remembrance Day, and will feature handmade butterflies that participants paint in observance of young victims of the Holocaust.

The national project was inspired by a poem written by Pavel Friedman in 1942 in which he wrote, “I never saw another butterfly” before dying two years later in Auschwitz at the age of 23, according to the Holocaust Museum Houston.

Green Love calls to raise standards

Although the Green Love Sustainability Advisory Board had some convincing to do, the process to push through a resolution calling for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design’s platinum certification for Modern Space was set in motion last week.

While Executive Vice President Joey Salvan said she wanted to make sure the goal was obtainable before moving forward, Green Love Commissioner Erika Johnson said it was important to proceed so that the final vote on the resolution will coincide with the date that Modern Space recommendations are made to the Associated Students Council.

The platinum certification, LEED’s highest level possible, would indicate the building’s high environmental performance in construction and design.

—Compiled by Senior Staff Writer Whitney Lawrence

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**FLAMING LIBERAL**

**ALLAN ACEVEDO**

Staff Columnist

New York Times. The result, which has become apparent in preliminary tests on animals, is that memories can simply be erased like passing a rag over a whiteboard.

Neurologists found a specific molecule, known as PKMzeta, which is linked to the brain's ability to trigger the memory of specific events. To summarize, a memory is triggered in the brain, a chain of cells is activated with the help of PKMzeta. “The brain appears to retain a memory by growing, thickening, or more efficient, communica- tion lines between those cells,” according to the article. If these lines are shut down, then the memories would cease to exist.

Breakthroughs such as this could soon come to the aide of soldiers such as Brigadier Gen. Gary S. Patton, who watched his fellow soldier die after taking a gunshot wound to the torso.

“I was involved in medevac’ing him off the battlefield. And in a short period of time, he died before my eyes,” Patton described.

“That’s a memory that will stay with me the rest of my life.”

In another instance, Sgt. Michael Goss, could benefit from this state-of-the-art treatment as well. Goss suffers from PTSD after having bullied a friend to attempting suicide in an 8-year-old Iraq girl.

“I tried my best to bring her back to life, but there was no use,” Goss said. “But that’s what triggered my depression.”

Opposition to this very practical neurological breakthrough argues that science should not have the power to control our memories and eliminate them for an individ- ual's convenience. However, in the case of our war-torn soldiers, I believe that the ability to erase traumatic memories that send them spiraling into depression is something that this country owes them.

Our soldiers have gone to war to fight for our country, and yet these detractors would deny them what could eventually be the most effective treatment there is.

The army is too slow to recognize the problems soldiers are having overseas. They struggle with mental illness not just as they light, but also months after they return home. A New York Times article published Jan. 29 stated, “Last October, the Army announced it would collaborate with researchers at the National Institute of Mental Health in a landmark five-year proj- ect to study the causes of suicide.” That is fantastic, but it is entirely possible and sad at the same time, the soldiers who are suffer- ing from mental illness have a high proba- bility of being deployed to Afghanistan. They don’t have five years to wait for the results of a study to be properly treated. If they are deployed without a proper treat- ment, suicide or complete mental break- down could occur.

If the Army is serious about showing our gratitude for our soldiers and their efforts overseas, then we should contribute all we can to help them combat their traumatic memories that send them into depression, even if it means erasing them altogether.

—T.J. Bronson is a journalism and economics junior.

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Wells Fargo anticipates record profits after merging with Wachovia

Wells Fargo’s projected profits for first quarter: $3 billion

Price Wells Fargo paid to take over Wachovia’s all-stock offer: $12 billion

Expected overall revenue growth from first quarter after merger: 16%

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Ask for lower tuition today

W here is the bailout for stu- dents? If the government has time to help poorly-managed carmakers and corrupt bankers, there should be ample time to help out better, needy students.

One member of the California state legis- lature who is actually representing students' interests, and the interest of the state of California is Assemblymember Carmen Price (Minglewood). Price has drafted a bill to be voted on tomorrow, and, if passed, would provide students and families a break for the next five years.

AB 462, also known as the College Affordability Act of 2009, would freeze tuition in both the CSU and UC system for the next five years and is exactly the kind of legislation we need.

AB 462 is a way to maintain and reassert the state's longstanding yet wavering commit- ment to higher education, by ensuring all students and families have access to an education without sacrificing the quality of the CSU or UC systems.

Students have seen their fees increase exponentially during their tenure in the higher education arena. Some years have been hard to swallow, such as the 30 percent increase to UC fees in 2005, which gave students little time to prepare for such a spike.

Price's bill will establish a five-year freeze on tuition and prevent any future increase from exceeding inflation as calculated by the California Consumer Price Index.

Roughly $2 billion would also come to education through a 1 percent tax increase on those earning $1 million or more. To protect this new revenue, the bill would also establish an accountability panel to super- vise the use of this money and ensure that it is used appropriately.

Students are accurately portrayed as the future of this nation and the economy. To be able to continue to afford college, we need legislation that does not close the door to needy families that have done everything right, yet are unable to afford it because of high tuition costs and the danger of expo- nential increases on a yearly basis.

Students, we need to speak up about the importance of this bill and the need for reform and a tuition freeze. While many of us would assume our representatives are on our side and will support this bill, it seems one represents have learned a new trick he can’t seem to get away from.

Freshman assemblymember, and newly appointed Assistant Majority Whip Marty Block, our “champions” of higher education, sits on the Higher Education Committee. During the committee hearing on March 31, Block actually abstained from the vote.

To put it in context, our former profes- sor, dean, and director, an educator for 26 years, abstained from voting on this impor- tant matter which would greatly improve our ability to pursue our education.

Block has an opportunity before him tomorrow to change his mind on this issue and can a “yes” vote on AB 462 and show everyone, especially students, that he’s more than just talk.

I remember election day on campus; Block's campaign had done an impressive job of bumbling many wide-eyed and impressionable volunteers to his campaign. San Diego State students were the foot sol- diers of his campaign. Many supported him because of his experience in education.

I remember the banner we carried on campus to persuade students to vote for him, read, “Vote for Retired SDSU Professor Marty Block.” At the bottom of the banner it read “reduce students fees, cut textbook costs.” It looks like AB 462 will be Block's opportunity to show his con- sumer that he is a representative of his word and will stand up for higher education by voting “yes” on this bill.

Just in case, though, we need to remind this elected official who put him in office. I encourage all students, faculty and staff to call into Block’s office today and tell him you support AB 462.

—it is the duty of this elected official who put him in office. I encourage all students, faculty and staff to call into Block’s office today and tell him you support AB 462.

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Rebound relationships are never a good idea

PATTY’S TAKES

Do you want to go out? Check ‘yes’ or ‘no’

You’ve probably done it before to be funny and cute, but this is the big league now—no time for joking around. The power of passing a “Will you go out with me? Yes or no?” note in a lecture hall must not be underestimated.

We all know the cute stranger who stands out in the class of 500 people. Thing is, it’s hard to get to know anyone with the massive sea of students that occurs every class. Not only do you have to try to break the ice, but also hope they sit close to you again. It’s a mess. The answer: Just pass a note.

I have acquired some sort of an expertise on the topic over the past few months and now I will share with you the bounty of my finds in regard to note-passing etiquette.

Be careful who you pass to

Make sure you have properly studied this person and his or her style and be sure that you really want to pass a note. There is nothing worse than getting a “yes” reply and then realizing your correspondent is wearing some awful getup from the waist down.

Stick with the classic

“Will you go out with me?” is all you need, unless you are a lecture hall poet and need freedom to express your true feelings. I find opting for the classic adds the right amount of “cute” to make your crush smile and shed a more positive light on you, instead of bringing your note-passing eye may not be what you envisioned. Remember, no matter how great your paper-folding abilities. It’s springtime so there is nothing worse than getting a “yes” reply and then realizing your note recipient will think it’s a joke, laugh at your sense of humor and probably disregard your sincerity.

Don’t pass more than three notes per lecture hall. No one is going to feel special or take you seriously if you are known as the chick or dude who’s always passing notes.

Never pass the note directly to the person. Even if you can, try to have at least two passes between you and the recipient. The awkwardness is overwhelming any other way.

If your crush checks “yes” and sends it back, send a follow-up note with your phone number. Skip the Facebook mutual friend that just opens a can of vague and ambiguous worms.

The great thing about passing someone a note is the worst that can happen is a lack of reply. If the person is already taken, just not interested or possibly of the opposite sex, sexual persuasion, he or she most likely won’t tell you so. And if that isn’t the case and your crush still checks “no,” he or she is lame anyway.

But hold on! Don’t forget that the apple of your note-passing eye may not be what you thought he or she was in your daydreams, you really don’t know him or her yet.

So start mastering your penmanship and paper-folding abilities. It’s springtime so there are still a few months left before everyone breaks up at the beginning of summer. That could be you too if you pass your notes right...

—Patty B. Dryer

PATTY’S TAKES

Rebounders are never a good idea

Breakups can be emotionally draining, giving your heart to one person, conflicting in them your deepest secrets, talking to them every day, then suddenly they turn into a complete stranger. The close ties and emotional investments you had built with that person are stripped and you’re left feeling alone and empty.

Naturally, humans feel the need to fill that emotional void by finding an immediate replacement commonly known as a “rebound,” which may leave you with more guilt in the end. Although having been the one who gave the note, either you or your rebound, you are often left to pick up the pieces of this person’s past relationship. You may have thought you meant something special, when in fact you may have only been the means to an end to deal with someone’s loss. So it is important to know how to spot those people on the prowl who may be capable of using you as a rebound.

A survey conducted by Dr. David Knox of East Carolina University and professor Marty E. Zussman of Indiana University evaluated more than 1,000 students to show how people with certain characteristics may be more likely to seek a rebound relationship than others. Here is what they found.

Rebounders are dishonest

If your new mate has a track record of being deceptive, his or her actions probably won’t stop when he or she starts dating you. According to the study, more than 70 percent of the individuals who wrote they had experienced rebounding relationships stated that individuals who look for love on the Internet tend to involve themselves in rebound relationships. Individuals looking for a partner as easy as the click of a button away may be impatient to find the real thing, which could be seen as a red flag.

Rebounders are sexual risk takers

Individuals who are more “risky” with their behavior may not only be willing to meddle with others’ emotions on the rebound, but may also put their partners at risk of getting a sexually transmitted infection. According to the study, the individuals are defined as “risk takers” because they do not use a condom the last time they had sex. They, unlike individuals who did use protection, are more likely to become involved with a rebound.

Rebounders are instant gratification seekers

While the idea of love at first sight is seen as a rare and romantic experience, there may be a dark side to individuals who are more prone to falling in love so quickly. According to the study, about 73 percent of individuals who wrote they had experienced love at first sight have been involved in a rebound relationship. Also, the study stated that individuals who look for love on the Internet tend to involve themselves in rebound relationships. Individuals seeking for a partner as easy as the click of a button away may be impatient to find the real thing, which could be seen as a red flag.

Individuals getting involved in a new relationship should be wary of the effects rebounding can have on both parties. For one, people seeking a rebound relationship may have a more difficult time moving on from past partners because they give themselves no time to grieve their losses. It’s important to take the time you need before starting a new relationship, rather than finding a quick fix for the current sadness or discomfort you have. Plus, by misleading your new partner, your hurt may be carried over, leaving him or her feeling betrayed and used
**BASEBALL**

Junior ace Stephen Strasburg’s focus on hitting his catcher’s spots is so great that he’ll barely notice what venue he’s pitching in.

So when the starting pitcher for the San Diego State baseball team was asked if the 10,073 fans at Earl E. Wilson Stadium in Las Vegas on Thursday were there to see his 100mph fastball or their hometown Rebels, the pitcher’s memory was a little hazy.

“I don’t really recall the crowd (Thursday),” Strasburg said the day after improving his record to 7-0 in SDSU’s 13-4 win over UNLV. “Once the game got out of hand everybody left.”

When you throw the way Strasburg does, why pay attention to anything else? The Aztecs’ designated opening-series starter threw another gem against the Rebels, throwing six innings of one-run ball while striking out 13 and walking just a single batters.

“I’d say my fastball command was pretty good (Thursday),” Strasburg said. “I was able to pound down in the zone.”

Head coach Tony Gwynn had his own take on what made Strasburg so good at a notoruous hitter-friendly park.

“It’s a hitter’s park, the wind was blowing out and usually (UNLV) is going to score some runs,” Gwynn said. “But with Strasy on the hill, (Rebel hitters) were a little bit tardy tonight.”

Earl E. Wilson Stadium is the same site Strasburg had to exit in the sixth inning after giving up five runs in his win at the stadium last year.

“I’m very pleased, we’re starting to come into the right direction,” Gwynn had to give a lot of the credit to the blistering pace his offense has set.

“The bottom of our lineup was great tonight,” Gwynn said. “They really took it upon themselves to get things going in the right direction.”

SDSU’s offense has put up 29 runs in Strasburg’s last two starts, scoring 14 runs in Strasburg’s 14-0 win against UC Davis a couple weeks ago at PETCO Park.

“It makes my job a lot easier when they’re doing what they’re doing right now,” Strasburg said of the blistering pace his offense has set.

The Aztecs picked up a totally different kind of win on Friday night at UNLV. Chasse hit his second home run of the year for SDSU, and the rest of the offense pounded out three late runs in the Aztecs’ 8-6 win over the Rebels.

Senior pitcher James McLaughlin picked up the win in relief, and sophomore closer Addison Reed, among the nation’s leaders in saves, picked up his 12th of the year.

**ALNERS COMES THROUGH LATE IN AZTECS’ VICTORY**

Senior pitcher Kelli Eubanks after making some adjustments and forced the freshman to exit in the sixth inning after giving up five runs in five innings pitched.

Samantha Beasley on the other hand, had no problems with CSU’s offense and scattered five hits throughout seven innings and earned her third Mountain West Conference Pitcher of the Week honor on Tuesday.

While continued success by the pitching staff has been huge for SDSU, head coach Kathy Van Wyle was pleased with the way the offense came out against the Rams.

“I’m very pleased, we’re starting to come together (and) starting to do better offensive- ly all the way around,” Van Wyle said. “We’ve got to be consistent, got to stay consistent, but when we can put five runs on the board any day of the week, I’ll take it.”

Kathy Van Wyk was pleased with the way the staff has been huge for SDSU, head coach Tony Gwynn said.

The Aztecs (26-13, 30 in MWC play) have now won three straight games in league play and a season-high eight in a row.

“It’s good momentum for us, especially with only two pitchers,” McCorkle said. “Our hitting is coming around, which is nice. We’re at a stage where we don’t want to feel good and we’re going to keep it (going)."
Knoxville’s weather not kind to SDSU

Aztecs travel longest distance to compete in meet in Tennessee

The San Diego State track team was definitely not in San Diego anymore. Traveling its farthest distance this season, it seemed SDSU was overwhelmed by the large meet that took place this past weekend in Knoxville, Tenn. The Sea Ray Relays, hosted by the University of Tennessee, ran Friday and Saturday on the Tom Black Track. The Aztecs seemed to only shine on a few events amongst the crowd of up to 30 schools on Friday, as they battled wind, rain and weather delays.

After finishing runner up at the Cal-Nevada Championships on March 29, and performing outstandingly at the low-key Pomona-Pitzer Invitational last week, only a few athletes were able to place in the massive meet in Knoxville.

The strengths SDSU held were all over the field, though, as the Aztecs scored well in throwing and running events.

The field events showed similar patterns in the enormous Southern meet. SDSU placed in the hammer throw thanks in large part to senior thrower Andrea Martinez, who placed sixth with a throw of 164-11. Martinez, who placed sixth with a throw of 164-11, lost to Michigan in the game for too long. It’s inevitable. When an underdog starts off well and then loses, it usually takes advantage of a 6-5 break. Without senior 2-meter Erinn Greenwood in the lineup, the Aztecs struggled against the Wolverines, falling 9-8 in overtime.

With 32 seconds left in the second overtime, SDSU scored a goal and forced a sudden death third overtime. In the third overtime, the Aztecs were handed heartbreak with only 12 seconds left as the Wolverines took advantage of a 6-5 break. "It was rough out there, we were off our game," Crawford said. "We hit too many posts and too many crossbars and we paid the price for leaving Michigan in the game for too long. We had opportunities to put the game away and failed, leaving us inches away from a victory."

Aztecs held their own against a number of schools, including Southern Illinois, Indiana and Louisville.

The other SDSU participant to run well in the 100-meter was sprinter Karoline Koehler. Koehler took third place with a time of 11:46. The other SDSU participant to run well in the 100-meter was sprinter Karoline Koehler, who crossed the finish line at 12:12.

For the 800-meter run, more than 40 participants competed throughout six heats. Freshman distance runner Amy Brown came in 34th with a time of 2:18.96, which despite not sounding impressive on its own, stands strong when compared to the times by which she was surrounded. There were 19 other runners who scored within three seconds of Brown’s time. Brown, though, came in second for her individual heat.

In the 5,000-meter run, the Aztecs just missed placing in the top 10. Sophomore distance runner Alma Escobar came in 11th with a new personal-best time of 18:02.59.

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**HUMOR: MO’ MONEY**

My first journey to Las Vegas

Before, betting on 1-cent slots and arguing over the last cigarette. I sold to myself, “Don’t judge a book by its cover. Have a positive attitude.” Well, that doesn’t work. I walked through the door and was greeted by an over-weight circus clown escorting me to the check-in counter. My assumptions were turned into reality when I realized a gaggle of monkeys were assigned the difficult task of checking guests in. Sheila asked for the reservation number and proceeded to bang on the keyboard with a blank stare on her face.

Welcome to Vegas! The surrounding environment was not much better. I left traps in what looked like a rehabilitation center with drunks from East El Cajon and trolleys from Chula Vista. I lost all hope for the hotel.

After a day of wandering the strip with $25 margaritas and Mexicans in bright color T-shirts who offered a night of fun with Candy and Celest, we were asked to check-in. Sheila asked for a reservation number and proceeded to bang on the keyboard with a blank stare on her face.

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As the night progressed, I started to worry.

To paint a more detailed picture, the neighboring building is “Circus Circus.” I immediately returned to the strip we went to a desolate common area instead. Off Palace, The Mirage, Treasure Island, and sorority thrill-seekers were cemented when a guest asked for the reservation number and proceeded to bang on the keyboard with a blank stare on her face.

As my tenure begins to wind down, I have heard amazing stories of unregulated debauchery to short, including your own. Best not to make life-changing decisions during these conditions. Of course, you love taking risks and making life-changing decisions during these conditions.

August (March 21 - April 19) - Today is a 6 - Turn down all invitations to celebrate. You may have just won an important battle. Share your private success with the person you love, but nobody else. Don’t make promises now.

April (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 4 - Retire any debt. Conditions have changed. Watch and see what happens, but don’t even think about it. Cut out the flirting attitude.

July (July 23 - Aug. 22) - Today is a 4 - Take-charge attitude. It shouldn’t be too difficult to find, if you make life-changing decisions during these conditions.

September (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - You’re creative, assertive and lucky. If you want to enjoy something, do a lot more fun. There are too many candidates out there competing. Vegas is simply a morally absent place where everyone desperately attempts to one-up the other for bragging rights of the best story on the strip. Drugs, sex, fantasies – everything goes. Nothing is unheard of, it’s all happened.

October (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You and your sweetheart might not agree about something, but you don’t have to come to a consensus or apologize, because that will plunge you deeper into debt. Sheila asked for the reservation number and proceeded to bang on the keyboard with a blank stare on her face.

November (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Make it at home interfaces with your plans. Don’t be surprised if tempers are short, including your own. Best not to make life-changing decisions during these conditions.

December (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - A nice outing you’ve been thinking about should probably be postponed. Pittsburgh is still hoping that you’ll do something to mess up your language plans. This may require that you come to the same time talking about them. Make sure you can support your story.

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