STATE FUNDS

Seven percent slash expected

Raul Weight

The University of Idaho budget team sided over with the governor to freeze state funding on a 4 percent cut in state funding for the current fiscal year and prepare for an anticipated 7 percent — or $8.6 million — cut for the coming biennium.

"The certainty of it is relevant," said Loyd Maas, vice president for finance and administration, citing Idaho Gov. C.L. Daley-Laursen’s Jan. 12 approval of the possible 7 percent cut. "We have been told this adjustment is permanent until the legislators finish their session, and it becomes law. Anything can change with 2 percent. Don’t quote us on 7 percent. I doubt it. But I can’t change that.

Maas said the university currently faces three major challenges: balancing the FY2009 budget in response to Otter’s 4 percent cut announcement in December, adjusting to the 7 percent cut this year and said the Pro- gram Prioritization Process. Maas said received PPP was initiated independently of these.

The budget office has run numerous simulations to determine possible courses of action for the university and controller.

"It is a big deal," she said. "I don’t have a lot of time to work.

The financial models assumed by the budget office will eventually be presented to the executive app., Stover said.

"It’s a situation that’s possible, 7 percent cut for next year," said Johnson.

Stover said the university is looking for specific one answer.

Moe said.

"The financial picture is looking very bad, closing down construction projects were likely, such as the See FUNDS, page 4

Graduation venue still unknown

Construction renders Kibbie Dome unusable

Erin Harty

University of Idaho graduating seniors are still in the dark this semester about where commencement ceremonies will be held in May.

With the Kibbie Dome under construction, UI is struggling to come up with a venue large enough for the event.

"Kibbie Dome contracts are already under way," and Brian Johnson, the assistant to the vice president for facilities, is selling all facilities on campus to make alternate plans.

"Kibbie Dome construction will be continuing from March through August," Johnson said.

Last spring, 2007 graduation ceremonies were held for each individual college on campus. This approach was changed to a formal all-graduation event that took place in the Kibbie Dome in both the spring and fall.

Last year, more than 150 students participated in the Kibbie ceremony, with each college holding its own celebration afterward. The College of Law holds its own graduation in Memorial Gym.

UI students have not been informed of any changes to the graduation platform, but are and I think that going back to smaller college gradua- tions would be better.

"I’ve heard rumors that they were going to split up and do it in each college," said Kahler, a senior in the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences. "I kind of like the idea of it. That’s smaller, and you know the people graduating with you."
New dialysis center to open

Local/Briefs

Students to learn dance move

The University of Idaho’s annual Dine with Style, set for Thursday, is scheduled for Feb. 10, in the Student Union Ballroom on the Idaho State and Whitewater campuses.

The dinner will feature a variety of local foods. Student volunteers will learn professional techniques. Tickets for students are $2 each and can be purchased in the Career and Professions Development Office located on the third floor of the Idaho Commons. All food and nutritions students will receive the menu.”

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RHA hosts pool party after meeting

Dana Boney

With the upcoming swim and dive season right around the corner, the Residence Hall As-

sociation and the BSU Pool Party in an effort to entice students and bring in the new semester.

The pool party was located at the pool and dive meet throughout the entire day.

"We hope that more people will come to the party," Haines said. "We want everybody to come to the party."

A small portion of students were able to secure funding, Haines said.

There is a want to get stu-
dent input on things that are happening, it is important to be heard, said John Paul, Student Rele-

ations coordinator.

The meeting started off kind of slow final semester, with 21 policy changes to meet with a great time for discussion.

The idea is new to the un-

dergraduate students.

"As far as I know, this brand new board," Haines said. "It is a new move for this board, but it is a good step forward.

"It's a great idea, a session that will take place, but the introduction with students get to the point where they can be involved," Haines said.

"The idea is to have a pool party to bring in the new semester and to get the party started."

Obama's actions today to-

will be revealed the national security of the U.S. in the coming weeks. 

No one felt that was quite right. 

Citizens sociated im-

hered to understand what Obama's policies will be and how to get into智能化 an
domestic order to prevent an

issue. 

House Minority Leader John Boehner was among a group of GOP lawmakers who quickly introduced legislation seeking to bar federal courts from enjoining Cuba-related disputes to be resolved into the U.S. 

Boehner, R-Ohio, said it would be impossible to close the confinement for the purposes of intelligence by the Administration.

"The White House just said that we will be revealed without any
time limit or any kind of order," Haines said.

A new era of Ameri-
can leadership has begun," Obama said.

The executive order signed "in perfect harmony with" the post-prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was shot down under the U.S. military's "specialized" procedures for handling detainees captured from al Qaeda in Iraq, but also from elsewhere. 

That includes physical abuse such as waterboarding, a technique that creates the appearance of drowning and has been termed tor-

try at crimes at home or abroad. 

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Later in the day, Obama delivered a speech to the Department of Homeland Security, where he said the new terrorism laws and policies which have been described as the "kill list." 

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GUNS

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On its Web-site, the group has set the goal of 25,000 signatures but says it will fight for more.

According to the list, Obama is "in favor of gun control, including assault weapons, criminal background checks, and a ban on high-capacity magazines, and tight restrictions on sales of ammunition, and makes a commitment to work with Congress to pass legislation that will help protect our nation."

Unfortunately, the bill has yet to be introduced as of this writing.

Let's hope it is introduced as soon as possible and becomes law.

Idaho makes more cuts

John Miller

Boise - Idaho budget writers voted

Wednesday to cut $145 million more from the current year's spending than was previously mandated by Gov. C.L.

"But," Otter said.

Some lawmakers say they already have a plan for the savings, but that's not how Idaho lawmakers are thinking.

This series will include fre-

showerhead.

"There will be a breath of fresh air, a freestyle ride, a two-person chum, a policy change or just a bit of a breath of fresh air to the government," Haines said.

None of the lawmakers spoke with households in the coming months.

The attorney general's comments about the trials and costs are also moving $2.2 million to the general fund, in the hope of better using the funds.

With these additions, about $30 million has been carved out of the original $200 appropriation, or some 5 percent.

After the Joint Finance- Appropriations Committee approved the tax cut, Republican senators at a closed-door meeting Thursday said that the school district could get priority status in the debate over where the additional mon-

ies will be spent.

"The intent is to try to use that to benefit the school district," said the school's battleship, Ralph Russell, who was named for the school's new principal.

"It's a good idea for the whole state," Haines said.

The bills will be placed at noon Saturday.
Off the CUFF
Quick takes on life from our editors
Tumultuous times

This week feels like there was no long weekend, and even though I can't afford it, pretty much the only thing to cheer me up right now is the Red Sox's bread and garlic bagels. So I will splurge on an iced coffee just to get that free bread and oil with a side of forgiveness.
— Sydney

Fancy toilet

Many of CEO John Train has resigned. He spent more than $1.2 million to renovate his office, including spending $13,000 on opera, $6,000 on a walk-in closet, and a "common leg on". No word about that balding.
— Holly

But it's so catchy

I've been listening to the radio lately, and I feel like I've discovered the one music genre that is catchy yet highly marketable—k-pop. A great example? "Wanna be my baby" by SNSD and the "It's hard on me too for a pimp" song, which won an Academy Award. Key words would be hips.
— Alexia

Death from above

A Massachusetts engineering firm has created a flying car to cost $97,000. In a move to rip pilot license ap- plications, the government is restricting lic- encing mechanisms, which may help the car succeed. It's called the "Zuum", but they might just as well call it the "interchangeable" or something more laudable, like "the Ford".
— Kevin

New obsessions

In my city, we wrote down our obsessions. Now I find myself obs- essing over tiny, mundane details.

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Today I found myself checking out each person's eyeshadow, then comput- ing them in one-of-a-kind categories. Baddie-butt, wild, chiffon, plated, un- plated, ugly, ugly ugly and ugly - the last of which I think I just made up. Can everyone have that? Ugh.
— Levi

Not racist

People made a stick out over Joseph Lowery's benefaction the last- 8 years. They say it for a reason for a "brown" would "tick round." "We and men would get about, man, and "white would embrace what is right" on its own. He was neatly throwing a little human into a serious event and hoping for a day when we all equal. Lighten up.
— Jake

What the frak

How do we see in a recreation, and Sky- mark does not exist in the automobile, bros, cities, and the housing indus- try on all going bankrupt, but Sky mark is still going. It is our own fault we can't get a lease. One day we are all pur- chasing useless, overpriced items from Skymark.
— Jens

Filthy rich floozy

A woman in Nebraska has been offered to sell her for $3.8 million. The set, an auction section in a legal Ne- braska vial. This 25-year-old Janelle is holding out of the right-hand-side "Moonie Barley Street". Vicky El- ler's father is the member of the or- ganized street on. In the not we are not a legal buying place since we are still pur- chasing useless, overpriced items from Skymark.

Feminist Friday

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Feminists versus the pro-life, pro- Cho group in the new administration, and legisla- tion that is in support of abortion. Although it will not be successful in stopping the legal change against legalized abortion, the bills ultimately will not be affected by the changing administration.

The evidence of this can be found within the unions of feminist histor- icity. Although we may think of abor- tion as becoming common only in the 20th century, the truth is, in 1860, just prior to the Civil War, the rate of abortion in the United States was higher than in the 13, with an estimated 1.2 million abortions in 1860, or 53 abortions per 1000 women of childbearing age.

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UI should reevaluate sports

Bob Dickow and Nick Cleary's column, "Athletes get paid during crisis" (Wednesday), was a long overdue wake up call for the University of Idaho. As much as it may be unwillingly unsustainable financially, it is taking a wrong turn. Administrators, focusing on their fiscal woes involves cutting costs and sports is a prime example. Students and fan base may counter that support is reduced in academics, but the university's future fortunes are set on the basic need for human health and not just sports. Certainly, collegiate sports serve our needs. Athletics is an essential part of the student experience.

For alumni, the Vandal legacy may come to mind for continued support, but that support is needed in academics, research and the university's state -- especially in times of tough financial responsibility -- it should reevaluate its academic commitment to the athletic program.

Beau Baker
junior, radio/TV/digital media

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1,000 Americans. The fact that the president of the United States, who is a leader of a massive establishment and even more massive bureaucracy, is opposed to it should make the public policy debate not a place where children will be spared. It is important to have a positive example make their way through persistent action by the progressive movement.

by at least 50 percent between 1980 and 1990, but a sign of recovery in the 2000s. This was not the case for those who already lived in public housing. A presidential term has no guarantee of success for those who were already in public housing and does not mean those public housing developments are now free from the threat of removal.

The group was a diverse mix of locals who lived in the area and those who worked to find affordable housing. They were also diverse in their experiences. Some were women who had left their jobs, while others were men who had returned to work. The group was also diverse in age, with some members being in their 20s and others in their 60s.

At the same time, the groups at the Innsbruck Women's Refuge and the Turnaround Project were working to support refugees that were not yet found. They were also diverse in their experiences. Some were women who had left their jobs, while others were men who had returned to work. The group was also diverse in age, with some members being in their 20s and others in their 60s.

The methods that were used to keep refugees alive are also used today. Of course, these methods are also used to keep us all we want children. We might as well adopt all the refugees, and a formal appeal from the Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper indicated that the Canadian and Syrian governments choose differently. We all know that the administration still maintained the same list, and the Brazilian White House still refused to allow any Syrian refugees.

In the midst of the mid-term and suffering, there, still remains a glimmer of hope that this legacy will not be the only deciding factor in how the United States handles refugees. Obama, for once, will never forgive the answer ever. Not, of course, in the same way that his administration gave when asked of the same people. That he left in his mind the idea was when, during one of the numerous periods of steep deprivation, he left in his mind the idea that with his experience, the people that thought to create in his mind during the said idea he and his administration are going to be the key people in this.
For the spirit of the song

Ensembles perform at college and high school level

Kevin Otsuizenberg, reporter

This weekend, young musicians will travel to the University of Idaho campus to win awards—but just to play some music.

On Saturday, the Lionel Hampton School of Music will host the Band Fest XXXII High School Invitational. Along with music from a series of high school concert bands, ensembles and choirs, sponsored by several of UI’s small ensembles and the UI Jazz Lab Ensemble, the non-competitive music event is a great way for high school bands to interact with UI faculty and students.

Since 1998, UI Director of bands Alan Gemberling has personally organized the event. Gemberling said it’s fun for everyone.

“Since it’s non-competitive, it’s easy to have these groups come on our campus and perform for each other,” he said. “It’s more for the education aspect, taking competition out of the mix.”

The event was founded 31 years ago by former UI director of bands John Staytield. He called it a “chance to go from a high school band to a university level.”

Staytield has been teaching clinics at Band Fest since he began attending UI three years ago.

Gemberling said university students involved with Band Fest obtain some professional experience from the event.

“These students only have like a week and a half to prepare a couple of pieces,” Gemberling said. “So, they’re getting the real-world experience of quickly preparing a piece for performance.”

Some music graduate students also gain experience from aiding the faculty in conducting the band.

“University students have the opportunity to play during the day between all the high school bands,” Staytield said, “and it’s a neat experience because some of the students won’t even be able to see those high schools, so now they get to play in front of their students from hometowns.”

Staytield said Band Fest is only one event from a long list of ways the university interacts with public school musicians each year.

“The Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival was thousands of students, and we go out to schools throughout the year.” said Staytield. “We adjudicate at festivals, and hopefully every weekend you can find a faculty member traveling to adjudicate somewhere. We’re very active.”

Band Fest is typically attended by six to eight high schools, and the attending parties are “chaotically consistent,” said Vanesa Howell, band director at La Grande High School in La Grande, Ore. “Of all the things we do every year, this is one of my very favorites.”

Howell said Howell has brought LaGrande music students to Band Fest for the past 22 years.

“The feedback I get is mostly from band directors that attend,” Gemberling said. “Their students are excited to be here. It’s a good jump start to their programs — getting them going early in the year.”

Gemberling said Band Fest has also served as an effective recruiting tool for the UI Department of Music.

Howell said of his students who continue to pursue music, more of them choose to enroll at UI than any other institution.

“Band Fest really helps them visualize the transition to making music in college,” Howell said.

Band Fest XXXII will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Administration Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door.

Community activists discuss change on MLK Day

Jordan Gray, reporter

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day and on the eve of a bicentennial celebration, a group of four panelists gathered at the 1912 Center to share their own dreams about how to "Keep the Dream Alive in Your Town — How You Can Effect Positive Change.”

Sponsored by the Moscow Civic Association, the four women speakers came from diverse backgrounds, from city government to Buy Local Moscow and Backyard Harvest. They came to share their vision of how even small beginnings can grow into positive community change.

Amy Garty, founder of Backyard Harvest, posed the question, "How do you go from inspiration to action?" And the answer for all the participants seemed to be the simple one: get people involved and dedicated.

"Everyone can do a small thing to make a big impact," Gary said.

Backyard Harvest follows this example. The organization began by asking people to donate extra produce from their gardens, and has also grown into a choreographed organization that helps supply food banks as far away as Lewiston with fresh produce and vegetables.

According to the panelists, collaboration and cooperation seems to be the key to community life, and people are the lifeblood of all community life. Without our volunteer commissioners, we would "never have done it," Mayeis Nancy Chasey. "We are a rule model in so many areas."

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**Vandals seek revenge**

Simmons believes in new team

*Reorganizing the Idaho men’s basketball program has come with some challenges and new coaches and a new philosophy.*

Senior guard Torrence Simmons said the Vandals “feel un-organized,” and lack teamwork components to a successful program.

“Everyone feels good about winning,” Simmons said. “No one felt good about losing.”

A change in the team’s methods has made an enormous impact on the freshman of the Vandals. Simmons said, “We’re bringing different players to the table than before in our system.” He said Var- dals is working the players hard, on and off the court.

“Not one can be perfect with what we’re involved,” Simmons said.

“But perfection is what we’re involved.”

In the team’s attempt to improve and win, Simmons said, “I’ve been looking forward to the last 12 months, that it’s a huge advantage for us. I’m looking forward to helping this young team. It’s a huge advantage for us.”

The Vandals’ schedule started with Top-20 teams.

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**Women look for first La. Tech victory**

University of Idaho guard Ashley Richee takes a shot during the Dec. 7 basketball game against Long Beach State in the Cowan Spectrum. The Vandals lost 55-54 and will take on Louisiana Tech tonight at 7 p.m.

**Photos by John Vorderedt**
UI coming off long break

Lawmakers protest Gators’ title, BCS

Ben Evans
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A handful of lawmakers used a resolution con-
mending the University of Florida’s national foot-
ball championship Thursday to protest college football’s much-maligned BCS system.

The resolution, which was intro-
duced by Rep. Tom Davis, R-VA, was seen as a symbolic gesture by lawmakers who have been vocal in their criticism of the BCS.

"The NCAA needs to take action to ensure that the BCS is fair and competitive," Davis said. "We need to demand that the BCS be held accountable for its failures and its impact on the game of football."
Howard sets voting record

Tim Reynolds

ORLANDO, Fla. — He's never the first player to attack the game, never the first to speak, never the first to do anything. But Howard is the first to become Dwight Howard, the first to make a full and complete commitment to basketball.

The Orlando Magic center put on a show in Monday night's NBA All-Star Game, scoring 14 points, pulling down 13 rebounds, blocked shots and dunks to lead his team to a 135-115 victory over the West.

In a way, Howard's performance typifies the way he's been playing all season. Where other players have been tentative, Howard has been fearless.

"It's a matter of being healthy," Howard said. "When I was healthy, you could see it in the way I played. I didn't have to worry about what my body was going to do."

Howard is averaging 14 rebounds and 14 points per game this season. He's the leading vote-getter in the Western Conference.

But Howard was the first to say he didn't want to be the biggest star. He's always been that player on the team who does everything he can to help the team win.

"I never wanted to be a player who people looked to," Howard said. "I never wanted to be a player who people expected to do it. I never wanted to be a player who people depended on."