Faculty vote to keep athletics appropriations

By Dave Poppin
Managing Editor

The University of Idaho Faculty Council voted Tuesday evening to keep the athletics budget as it is appropriated by the legislature two years in a row, and to not make any administrative cuts for the department.

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The proposal called for a gradual reduction in the appropriated funding of $800,000 each year and no increase in administrative fees for the department as it meets the rest of the campus.

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**VOTE**

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"About 90 percent goes directly to staff support," White said. "In response to a faculty grouse, we're moving to a faculty pass, with Faculty Senate approval, which will give the athletic department only a 3 percent administrative fee, because he did not have that information."

"I have a feeling that the right thing to do is not put as much funding in athletics."

ROBERT WHITE

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"I can't answer that precisely," White said. After the vote, Gier said he is going to take the proposal back to the BAND. "After all, we see if they're willing to accept that or if we need to proceed with the approval of faculty meeting, which has not yet been scheduled."

The chapter originally voted unanimously in favor of the proposal.

Gier said the unanimous decision to the council did not deter him.

"I can't imagine people not to think about that," Gier said. "I don't think that he is absolute rejection."

Along with the proposal, council members also suggested transparent oversight of the athletic department's moves into Division I-A.

**MONEY**

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sorches 84 bookstores and compares the prices of a specific book.

"It's generally cheaper there — and it doesn't sell anything, it just compares," she says.

Anderson says she bought two books from the Web site and one from the UI Bookstore. She says she saved about $80 this semester. She spent $280 at the UI Bookstore, but instead paid $120 for the book purchased on the Web site.

A local Web site is textbook.com, and UI students can, at no charge, list their books at their own prices. Buyers respond to postings and choose phone to meet and purchase the book.

A similar Web site, buyers-campus.com, lists books from campuses around the nation. Sellers can list their books for free on the site, but if a buyer chooses to purchase the book the site raises a small commission.

Shawn Ellis, a senior majoring in sports science, says he has never bought a book online, but finds other ways to cut the cost of books; he only buys the required books and tries to find someone in his classes to split the cost.

"But only in cases where it's worth the effort," he said. "Best to try to find people who previously took his classes so he can either buy the book or borrow required books."

Selling books can cause frustration, Ellis says, because the UI Bookstore only gives back a fraction of what buyers pay. "The return rate is very negligible," he says. "For what I pay for them, I might as well save a few dollars."

But since one semester he bought a look at the UI Bookstores for $100, and only received $30 back when he sold it to the bookstore. He says he now tries to find people on campus to purchase his books.

"The return rate is way outrageous. For what I pay for them I might as well keep them."

SHAWN ELLIS

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Anderson says she usually sells her books back to the UI Bookstore and gets a reasonable amount back. But the bookstores, she says, only buys back what it thinks it will sell the following semester, and sometimes students are unable to sell back certain books.
Huygens programming errors lose data for UI scientist

**Michael Throckmorton**

by Mark Pepino

Friday was a sad day for Michael Throckmorton, assistant professor of electrical engineering, because it was the day he learned that the data he had worked hard to collect would be lost. The data, which was used to study the moon's atmospheric winds during Huygens' trip down, had been sent to Earth and was later lost.

Throckmorton had been working on a project to study the moon's atmospheric winds, and he had been collecting data for several months. The data was sent to Earth on March 27, 2005, and was later lost.

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Throckmorton justified the situation.

"Sure, the soldier's life is more important than some building or other project, but what we built are things that people can actually see and touch," he said. "My family got told how many soldiers died each day on the news, but seldom heard about the new water plant, school or road we built..."

U.S. soldier finds media portrayal of war less than accurate

**Drew C. Atkinson**

by Kirembe Hira

Michael Throckmorton and his wife, Jennifer, and their three daughters were not the only ones to feel the impact of the Iraq war. The couple and their children, ages 6, 5, and 3, had recently moved to Fort Hood, Texas.

"We're all in this together," Jennifer said. "We all feel the impact of the war, whether we're in the military or not."

Atkinson, a 30-year-old Navy veteran, has a bachelor's degree in history and is a member of the Navy Reserve. He has been deployed to Afghanistan twice and is currently deployed to Iraq. While deployed, he helps to keep the peace and provides support to the local community.

"The media portrayal of the war is very one-sided," Atkinson said. "They show the best of the military and the worst of the enemy. But what about the people of Iraq? They're just as important as the soldiers."

Atkinson is a member of the Iraq Campaign for Peace and Justice, a non-profit organization that works to bring attention to the needs of the Iraqi people.

"I want the media to show the real story of the war," Atkinson said. "The media should focus on the people of Iraq and the impact the war has on their lives."
** Left has not changed its segregative agenda

The left in this country has gone from bad to ridiculous. A clear Republican victory in all three branches of the government, the extremist left-ringers refuse to make any accommodation. In fact, they are employing the same shabby tactics that they did in the presidential race, trying to tear down the Bush administration. The weapons of choice for the left to make false claims about the Bush administration and hope that no one will notice that they are told so false that even the lowest level of credibility. This is the same left-wing pattern of poor credibility, and they will be instantly discarded once someone points out the truth. This approach becomes less effective as the Bush administration is not as weak and less credible as it was in the past. However, the left has more people with bias and stupidity as it is not effective in changing the minds of the audience. However, the right and conservative are more willing to listen and consider the facts, even if they are not always accurate.

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** Expiry tax exemptions should not be exempted

Taxpayers are willing to make changes to the status quo. One, York-Keen's aggressive budget proposal is 134, instantly making it a huge hole in state funds. The loss of $151 million in tax revenues from the 1 percent sales tax increase to 3 percent does not seem to have boosted the need for new funding to necessary programs in state. Most educators already carry a large burden, and much less education reform is needed.

The proposed bill plans to reduce $1.2 billion in state expenditures. However, the issue is not only a budget problem, but a system designed by the 15th century. The government plays a vital role in the system设计s the governmental powers and responsibilities to govern the regions.

Not only affecting the citizens of Illinois as much as it does on the state, the model system, given the service industry could seriously raise revenue, and find other projects. If all taxpayers were removed from the tax code immediately, they would generate more tax income by themselves than Illinois does on a whole annually. With so many of these exemptions may not be necessary for a discernible tax rate reliance mostly to essential programs in Illinois.

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However, Idaho does need to increase tax revenue. If the new revenue comes, it may not be as bad for Idaho as they think.

The governor's plan allows for a $117 million surplus in the state's budget. This is due to the fact that the budget has been balanced. The revenue is expected to come from cutting the number of former public school budget. This means that Idaho has a little more time to do what is necessary in the current situation. This tax code has an emargo on exemptions. Without affecting the livelihood of Idaho as much as on the state, the system gives the service industry could seriously raise revenue, and find other projects.

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Kaleidoscope is a looking glass to eclectic art and custom framing

BY CHRISTINA NADAV

Kaleidoscope is a looking glass to eclectic art and custom framing. The store is located in Pullman's historic District, a short stroll from WSU's campus. Kayse Butler is the owner of the store and has been with the business for eight years. Born in Pullman, she has always been passionate about art and design. Butler attended the University of Washington and has a degree in business administration with a focus on marketing. She has over 15 years of experience in the art industry and has worked with clients from all over the world. Butler says that her passion for art is evident in the way she creates custom framed pieces. She loves to take clients' ideas and turn them into beautiful works of art. She works with a variety of materials, including glass, wood, and metal, to create unique pieces that are tailored to each client's needs. To learn more about Kaleidoscope and their services, visit their website or stop by the store located at 511 Main St. in Pullman, WA.
It's a football world, and I'm a football nerd

T. J. O'Brien captured the program's first victory of the 21st century with a win over Seattle University Saturday at the University of Idaho Swim Center. The Vandals dominated the meet by winning eight of the 11 events and outscoring Seattle University, 225-0. It was the first time in five years Seattle had been shut out.

Freshman Paige Lee grabbed the first victory for the Vandals in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 10 minutes 45.08 seconds.

"It was my biggest success because I am the only distance swimmer, so I have to pretty much dominate the women's side in the meet," Lee said.

The women had the advantage of a fast pace pool and fans in the crowd, Lee said. Also, they did not have to deal with exhaustion of traveling like they will in the final meets of their season.

"The women did better in the longer races, and that is reflective of our training," Madsen said.

For the first time in school history, the Vandals as a team qualified for the NCAA Swim Championships.

"I am extremely proud of the girls with their first year of college," Quirke said. "They are really stepping up this year."

Emily Lee was tops in the 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle relay. She also knocked off a school record in the 200-yard backstroke.

"It's been really good, but there is still a lot of work to be done," Lee said.

Quirke joined up with Bryn Sparrow, Emily Waite and Lara Peterson to win the free relay in the final event of the meet on Saturday. Sparrow also won the 50-yard free with a time of 21.96 seconds and Waite and Peterson won the 100-yard backstroke.

"We had a lot of team chemistry," Quirke said. "I think we are just breaking down after winter training."

For the first time ever, the Vandals left the pool at the Swim Center with the NCAA Championships in mind. They hope to make it to the NCAA Championships in the fall.

"We will be targeting that," Madsen said. "There is a lot of work to be done, but we will have enough people to do it."
For Jayson Williams, CBA is his own private Idaho

by Philip Bonds

Tiger Coach Les.Maggie, the former Idaho Vandals guard who is now the head coach of the Memphis Tigers, has said about his team that it is the best 6-1 team in the country. He has made this claim knowing that his team is 6-1 after two losses, but it is still a strong statement. Williams has been a key player for the Tigers, and his performance has been impressive.

The Tigers have faced some tough opponents, including the University of Iowa, Iowa State, and Michigan State. However, Williams has continued to play well in all of these games. His scoring average of 18.8 points per game is one of the highest in the country, and he has also been a strong rebounder, averaging 7.3 rebounds per game.

Williams has been a leader on and off the court for the Tigers. He has been a vocal leader in practice and has been a role model for his teammates. His work ethic and dedication to the game have been inspiring to his teammates and coaches.

Williams has also been a vocal advocate for the team's cause. He has spoken out against some of the negative coverage the team has received in the media and has been a strong proponent of the Tigers' cause.

In conclusion, Jayson Williams is a key player for the Memphis Tigers. His performance on the court has been impressive, and his leadership off the court has been inspiring. He is a key player for the Tigers, and his performance will be crucial to their success this season.
Sutton is at the top of his game.

BY RICH KENNEDY

Sutton didn’t need our help to win his first game this week. But if fans expect him to continue his success on the Diamond, they might be a little disappointed in his performance.

The future Hall of Famer was at his best. He showed off his quick pitch, his sharp slider, and his fastball. But the most impressive thing about him was his control. He struck out 11 batters in just five innings, his best performance since his return from injury.

Sutton’s return to the mound has been nothing short of spectacular. He has won his last six starts and has allowed just one run in his past three games. He is now 11-2 on the season with an ERA of 2.13.

The success of the Joker and his teammates is the result of hard work and dedication. Sutton’s work ethic is unmatched by any other player on the team. His teammates look up to him as a leader and a role model.

Sutton has been in the major leagues for 15 years. He has won over 200 games and has been an All-Star seven times. He is one of the most respected players in the game.

The Diamond is looking good with Sutton at the top of the lineup. They are playing well and are in the thick of the playoff race. They are currently in second place in the division, just 1.5 games behind the leader.

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