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How well do they mix?

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Balanced budget bodes ill for UI

By Steve Nelson
Staff Writer

The University of Idaho could lose $460,200 in general education funds by June 30 if a bill designed to balance Idaho’s 1983 budget becomes law.

The Republican bill passed the Senate Thursday by a vote of 19-16, and now will go to the House for consideration.

Sen. Norma Dobler, D-Moscow, voted against the bill “primarily because of the cuts, not only for education, but for the state agencies that can’t afford any further cuts.”

Dobler said she believes Gov. John Evans will veto the bill, or at least portions of it, such as the cuts in state agency spending. She said a veto could probably be upheld by the Senate because of the narrow margin in the bill’s passage.

Besides the spending cuts, a temporary sales tax increase of 1-cent, effective March 1, is contained in the bill and tax notes will be issued to cover any deficit in the state budget as of July 1. The tax notes will be paid off by revenue generated from the sales tax.

Dobler said other means besides spending cuts could be used in conjunction with the tax increase to balance the ’83 budget.

“There have been some very reasonable proposals made to increase the revenues over and above this temporary sales tax increase,” Dobler said. Certain tax exemptions to businesses, she said, could be closed to raise the needed revenue, without imposing spending cuts. For example, she said the tax exemption for the INEL nuclear plant in Idaho Falls, which was used years ago to “tempt” the federal government to locate there, could be eliminated.

“What I’m hearing from the business community,” Dobler said, “is that they stand to lose more from the erosion of education than a tax increase.”

She described the sales tax increase as “an onerous burden” for the majority of Idahoans and said, “I think we ought to tax the people who are prospering (from the recession) rather than the low income people.”

Dave McKinney, UI financial vice president, said if the bill becomes law, the university would have to cut $460,200 from general education funds. Cuts would come in areas like salary savings from position freezes and delaying physical plant improvements.
Married students

By Andy Taylor
Staff Writer

When most students figure their expenses for the year, they don’t figure in $220 a month for child care, nor do the average student schedule time to spend with his or her family in a given week of school.

These are just two of the concerns married students may face while attending college. Married students comprise a large minority at the University of Idaho. Their lifestyle differs greatly from that of “typical” 18- to 22-year-old students who are away from home for the first time.

“Single people don’t understand or have an inkling of what it is like to struggle through school and be responsible for a family at the same time,” said married student Michael Borden, 27, a UI senior in history and political science.

Though each married couple faces a different situation – one spouse in school while the other works, both spouses a semester couples with children and couples without them, etc. – they experience some common problems and advantages.

A strain on finances is one problem couples share with single students, though couples with children have expenses that single students don’t have to worry about.

“Between two incomes we manage, but buying food, paying for daycare, car payments, plus other expenses are a tremendous burden,” said Borden. “The cost of children’s clothes is outrageous. For instance, a pair of shoes for my oldest daughter (she’s two and a half) costs $1 and we have to buy her a new pair every two months.”

Borden receives veteran’s benefits, and his wife, Carol, works full time as a secretary in the UI biochemistry department. The couple has two daughters, ages two and one-half and nine months. Daycare and babysitter costs are approximately $220 a month for the Borden’s.

Couples without children also experience financial problems. Contrary to the old saying, two don’t necessarily live cheaper than one, at least according to Jim Morris, a staff member at the Student Counseling Center who works frequently with married couples. Often one or both spouses must work. Even then couples don’t always have extra money so they have less time and money to spend on recreational activities. Couples can work a “work only” ethic and miss out on valuable recreation time which can help counteract the stress school creates.

The time school requires, both in and out of class, also causes problems for a family. Mary Turek, who attended Idaho last semester and whose husband currently does, commented, “You can be a student or raise a family, it’s hard to do both. It’s real difficult to be a parent and still maintain communication with your children. It was real hard for me to turn off school and get back into my family. It took a lot of energy to change gears from being a student to being a mother.”

Because of conflicting work and school schedules, married couples often don’t see each other more than a few minutes in a day, or for more than a few hours during the weekends. According to Morris, a lack of communication, loneliness and isolation can result when couples don’t interact often.

“It’s very important for couples to talk to each other regularly, even if they have to schedule 15-30 minutes in a day to do it,” Morris said. “Couples need to share with each other and with mutual friends.”

Married students are treated differently by their peers and many of the recreational activities in Moscow are geared towards younger, single students.

Though Jennie and her husband Scott say they sometimes get flack about being married, they still generally engage in the same social activities their single friends do.

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Opinion

Tenure needs understanding

It is a sign of just how much university faculties take the matter of tenure for granted that the system in Idaho has been attacked recently. Now, because of the faculties' complacency, they are facing with the unpleasant task of overcoming the obvious misconceptions that many people apparently have about tenure.

In testimony before an Idaho Senate committee recently, one senator — Terry Sverdsten, R-Cataldo, — attacked the system by saying that most people are disgruntled with the idea of tenure and that it should be drastically altered if not eliminated. And the executive director of the Idaho Board of Education, Charles McCuillen, backed up Sverdsten by pointing out the shortcomings for tenure.

Sverdsten’s remarks displayed the kind of misconceptions that people have about tenure. Many of those outside the academic system see it as a way for professors to work for seven years and then sit back and not worry about job performance because the job is protected.

In truth, tenure does not protect the job, as the recent financial exigency situation at the University of Idaho demonstrated, in which tenured professors were fired — ably demonstrated. What it does protect academic freedom, the free exchange of ideas that is necessary in a university. It prevents a professor from being fired for proposing unpopular viewpoints in his or her classes.

There are, however, some problems with the system. McCuilien pointed out the chief one: A tenured professor could fail to perform. The presence of standards expected of him because tenure throws roadblocks up for those who want to force him to perform.

This is a problem that there is no getting around, mainly because to eradicate it would create an even greater evil. If a professor can be fired because of so-called incompetency, then there will be no safeguard for academic freedom, because it will be a simple matter for unpopular professors to be labeled incompetent and then fired regardless of actual performance.

Moreover, the problem isn’t that widespread. Many professors are in fact dedicated enough to their jobs to perform, to the best of their abilities. To change the system would mean killing an important safeguard for all just to get rid of a problem created by a few. To do so in Idaho alone would mean driving professors from Idaho to states where tenure is treated as it should be.

But the misconceptions obviously exist. Their existence can be blamed for that, because they apparently have felt themselves above explaining the necessity of tenure to the average person. But if they don’t start getting the word out, they may not find themselves above things like looking for new jobs.

—David Neilwert

Letters

A symptom or disease?

Editor:

When a doctor has a sick patient, it’s always best if he can cure the disease and not just a few of the symptoms. So too, when a country is in trouble, it’s so important to attack the fundamental problems and solve that. And it even works for student government; it’s a big mistake to confuse a disease’s symptom for the disease itself. Confusing the two is so easy to do, it can happen to anyone, even maybe to Bill Malan and his article last Friday, “Fun is None of the Above.”

Bill points his finger at corrupt politicians as the cause of the country’s (and the university’s) problems: he compares them to “muggers,” and laments that “there aren’t enough good candidates on the ballot. The effect, he claims, is voter apathy and fatalism, that “less than one-half of those eligible.” Poor Bill, he is confusing the disease, apathy, with the symptom. Unfortunately, he has it just backwards.

Whoever said “a country is only as good as its people” had it closest. He didn’t say “a country is only as good as its politicians,” when he pointed their fingers themselves, and say their mea culpas. And if there aren’t enough good candidates on the ballot, each person should recognize: “It’s my fault, I didn’t inform myself enough to run for office myself,” or (just the same) “I didn’t care enough to get out and motivate good candidates to run, one I could support.”

Voter apathy, the disease, poor politicians the symptom.

When Bill Malan calls for a “none of the above” block on the ballot and thinks it a victory for the discontented, it’s really a vote of self-failure. It’s a vote saying “I don’t know how to get good candidates, and we failed.” We were asked to rise to a challenge, but we surrendered.

And if the country, like the university, has problems, Bill, now there is a solution with which to fight back: INVOLVEMENT, and the testing ground is here. Motivated students and motivated citizens are the cure to the real disease. Maybe it’s just the view of an optimist, but only, if all, the energy spent to elect government vacancies were spent to find candidates with solutions... Really, I guess I’m just comparing government to a glass and how it’s a mistake to see it as half-empty, when it’s really half-full.

Margaret Nelson

Where were the fans?

Editor:

A relatively small and unruly crowd made its appearance at the eighth Annual Vandal Indoor track meet last Friday, Feb. 15. It is unfortunate.

Considering the thousands of spectators that attend Vandal basketball and football games, it is ironic that these same fans choose the basketball and the Dukes of Hazard television show over some of the finest athletic competition displayed in the Pacific Northwest.

It is equally surprising to me that prospective Olym- pians featured at the track meet cannot attract a sizeable audience to the acclaimed Vandal Indoor. Of course, one must realize that American Mac Wilkens only won the 1976 Olympic gold medal in the discus throw. Fellow teammate Art Burns was ranked a mere 2nd in the world last year. Distance runner Peter Koech only ran the fifth fastest 5,000 meter in the history of track and field last year. Steeplechaser Richard Tuwal only finished first at the 1982 NCAA track and field championships.

Personally, I find it absurd that the Vandal indoor track meet cannot attract a crowd of at least 5,000 people. Furthermore, close analysis of the situation reveals that actions which stimulate one’s mind in sports are obviously present at all track meets; there is certainly no lack of action in Dave Harewood’s 33.61 second 300 meter dash or Allison Ryan’s 6.00 meter run. Additionally, money could not be a factor; all students are admitted free of charge.

Perhaps Carl Lewis, the University of Houston’s outstanding long jumper and sprinter can instill an appreciate for the sport of track. I do keep in mind with his comments to Track and Field News staff reporter Dave Johnson: “I’m doing something that no football player can say he is. I am the No. 1 athlete in my event in the world. No coach can say that because they do not play the world.”

It appears to me that this dilemma can only be explained by stating that basketball and football has made such an astounding impact on American society, that the aforementioned sports take priority over anything, and conversely, track and field takes precedence over nothing — even The Dukes of Hazard.

Chris Schrier

There’s room for changes

Editor:

In defense of Mr. Day, I’d like to address this letter to the two Redmen, I mean Conservatives, in the last issue. Let me first state that I’m proud to be an American, there is no better country and I vote at every election.

Consider this, however. You own the nicest house on the block. Your pet is the Merrill-Lynch bull and the manure inside is three feet deep. Wouldn’t you want to try to clean up your situation, even though your house is still the best on the block? There is room for improvement.

As for the 10.8 percent unemployment figure, that figure is the amount of people drawing checks. Those whose benefits have ended and those who have just given up are not included. If you did consult the experts, you’d know the true figure is closer to 30 percent. How many people do you know that are out of work?

As far as industry is concerned, I’d like to buy American. But a consumer can only be burned so many times. Japanese products are just superior, reliable and more economical. American industry has to change, starting at the top with the “Fat Cats”. Why do these workers and the poor always have to tighten their belts first?

You’re concerned about homosexuals. If you leave them alone, they’ll leave you alone. They don’t solicit members like many church groups that threaten you with eternal damnation. As for teaching children, the overwhelming majority of child molesters are “good” heterosexual family men. It is very likely that many of your teachers have been gay and you never knew it.

State enforced public school prayer is unconstitutional. Thank heaven our forefathers recognized the necessity for the separation of church and state. They knew of the abuses of a state enforced religion. By the way, do you remember the movie The Exor- cist? Do you remember the name of the kid possessed by the devil? Right!

Gary Barr

The not-so-Golden Girls

Editor:

A few comments on the Golden Girls burlesque show direct from Las Vegas... what can one say? While viewing the halftime performance at the Idaho-Montana game Saturday night various comments were overhead. One starry-eyed male spectator remarked, “This is disgusting.” Another man observed, “Are we in Moscow, Idaho?” A third commented, “We should have sat closer.” The women spectators who comprise at least 50 percent of the audience would probably demand more enjoyment from a routine performed by a company of women. I will admit that the girls do perform their dance routines well. Personally, however, I view the performance as degrading to women and as a giant step backwards for womankind at Idaho.

Linda Sanders
**Borden commented further on this subject from a different angle.** "Friends in my peer group at school are generally six or seven years younger and are single, which is a life radically different from mine. It's difficult to participate in their social life and they find it difficult to participate in mine."

He described his home life as more sedentary than that of his peers. He said he enjoyed homecooked meals and the company of his wife and daughters and doesn't mind having drinks with his friends. However, going out to the bars to pick up women or "watching Fantasy while high on mushrooms after snorting cocaine" are experiences he doesn't represent himself. Carol, his wife, said that the social activities in Moscow are opposite from what you might find in most places because they're directed toward single people instead of couples. She said it's different, but she's used to it.

Another problem couples may encounter are unfamiliar sex roles, including society's long-standing view of a man's self-esteem and self-concept, according to Morris. For example, say the husband is going to school and his wife is supporting him. The husband may become uncomfortable with his wife as the breadwinner for the family and he may be unfamiliar with having to care for children when his wife is at work. The husband can become resentful.

The question concerning sex roles that troubles the Spiker is what they'd do after they graduate from school. Scott is studying photography, while Kyle is getting a chemistry degree. Though they plan to relocate where Scott can find a job, other couples find it hard to decide whose role is more important when it comes to finding jobs. Morris also said a spouse's self-esteem can be affected when one partner is getting an education and the other is not. As an example, Morris gave an example of the husband in school and the wife at home. The wife becomes less capable of communicating and understanding her husband than his friends are. The wife may feel threatened by her intellectual inadequacy in understanding her spouse's studies, and be frustrated by the fact her husband is using her people all day long and doesn't have time for her. If the partners spend time together less frequently, then both can benefit from the education and the spouse of leisure is more protected not be threatened. Again, communication and sharing time are essential according to Morris. Having marital friends is also a plus. Borden pointed out a change that an education can have on a person and a couple. 

"You change over the years with education. You have to make sure you accept each other. It's amazing how much your attitude can change by attending school. I'm not the same person We've grown to accept each other for what we are and change."

Even though married students face many difficulties while in school, their situation has its positive aspects. "There's stability in having a company," said Borden. "The company is consistent. While in the Navy I experienced loneliness and know what it is. I haven't been lonely since I married.

While many single students are looking for a meaningful relationship and getting distracted, married students are cultivating a serious relationship.

While in school, couples have the opportunity to further bond their relationship, to develop long term friendships and broaden their experiences.

Scott Spiker said, "When you're married there is always somebody there. In my respect it's great. When you've had a bad day, instead of coming home and kicking the dog or whatever, you talk your problem out with somebody."

**Borden concluded with these words:** "The key is to avoid one another. You have to do away with the idea of 'The other.' People have to develop a different view of the world. I don't have to accept other people's behavior, and I can say the same thing to myself."
Montana dashes win streak and host hopes

If you're wondering how Idaho might be able to beat Montana this year, should the Vandals men be fortunate enough to get a third crack, join the crowd. Idaho forward Phil Hopkins couldn't say, as he sat in a somber locker room following last Saturday's basketball game after seeing the University of Idaho's Kibbie Dome winning streak stopped at 43 games, 80-61 by the veteran Grizzlies. More important than the streak, which fell three games shy of Weber State's 46 straight wins at home in the mid-1970s, was the effect the loss will have on the Big Sky's post-season tournament.

The University of Montana, now 7-1, has the leg up on hosting the four-team field which likely will include Nevada-Reno, Weber State and the Vandals. One Weber record Idaho did eclipse was the league's record of 11,715 standard which was reached on three separate occasions.

The Vandals face Nevada Thursday night, a team they lost to earlier in the year at Reno. Saturday's loss was just as damaging psychologically to the Vandals, but Idaho assistant coach Barry Collier feels the players can deal with the job left for them the remainder of the season.

"It was certainly something of a letdown considering what was at stake," Collier said. "This time of year, the mental part of the game becomes more important, but we have the type of players that make us feel they'll come back and be ready to play." Along with the home streak, a $160 rim was also broken, courtesy of a Derrick Pope alley-oop dunk. Pope received a technical for the incident, even though it was fairly clear his forearms broke it and not any hang-time.

Idaho-Kentucky game set

A verbal agreement between Idaho basketball coach Don Monson and University of Kentucky officials has been made which will put the Vandals on the Wildcats' 1983-84 schedule. Idaho assistant coach Barry Collier confirmed it is now just a matter of drawing up the contract, signing and returning it.

The date of the contest has yet to be determined.

The Vandals will play in the nation's largest basketball facility, 23,600-seat Adolph Rupp Arena. Idaho has already appeared in the country's No. 2 facility, Marriott Center at Brigham Young University.
Nor-Pac Championships begin here Thursday

The University of Idaho men's and women's swim teams will host the 1983 Nor-Pac swimming championships this Thursday through Saturday at the UI Swim Center.

Prelims will begin each day at 10 a.m. and the finals are scheduled at 6 p.m. A total of nine teams will be represented. In women's competition, the University of Washington appears as the team to beat. "When Washington can bring over 20 girls, it will be very difficult for them to get beat. We have a chance to sneak in there. The women who have qualified for nationals aren't rested for Nor-Pacs. They'll be swimming tired. They can't hope to do their best," said Idaho coach Frank Burfison.

The Vandals will be led by Sarah Osborne in the breaststroke, Jennifer Norton and Jodi Valley in the intermediate medley, Anne Kincheloe and Tracy Thomas in the freestyle.

"We have girls returning who placed in nationals last year and we have a very well balanced team. We don't have one star that can carry us. The odds are against us since we lost Nancy Bechthold," said Burfison. The men's team is out to improve on last year's fifth place finish in the Nor-Pacs. Burfison looks for Washington to again conquer the field. "All the teams have 18 men, we have 10. We can't overcome the depth of the other teams," Burfison said.

Women suffer another loss

Idaho's women's basketball team slipped to 4-5 in Mountain West basketball play Saturday night, upset 77-68 by Eastern Washington.

The 3-6 Eagles, 9-12 overall, outrebounded the Vandals 41-26, who are 10-8 overall.

Idaho travels to Weber State and Idaho State, Feb. 18-19, respectively.

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You can find out more about the presentation by calling Captain Kenneth England at (509) 456-3746 collect in Spokane.

Marines

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