New health benefits offered to UI employees

Russ Wright
Staff

University of Idaho employees who have health insurance will soon have an attractive option in their benefits package.

According to a memorandum from Carol Grupp, director of Human Resources and Risk Management, UI employees can choose between the plan they currently have or a new "network alternative."

The plan is similar in nature to a health maintenance organization, but it is not labeled as such. Employees who elect to participate in the plan can choose from a list of area doctors participating in the network as their primary physician.

"There's an extensive list of doctors in the area," said Steve Chandler, an English professor who is studying the program for the Faculty Council. "They've tried to make everything as similar as possible to the existing program."

Grupp's memo says benefits offered by the current program will remain unchanged except for the deductibles which "will increase to $200 per individual and $600 per family, the co-payment will remain at 20 percent and the out-of-pocket maximum will reduce to $1,200 per individual, $2,400 per family."

The new network alternative has no deductible which will be replaced by co-payments instead and the maximum out-of-pocket expense will be $750 for an individual and $1,500 for a family.

Faculty informational meetings about the new program will be held today from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Borah Theater in the Student Union. Another meeting, also for Faculty, will be held this Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the same location. The meetings will start with a 20 to 30 minute presentation and will be followed by a period for questions. Informational meetings for staff will be held sometime in May, but a firm date has not yet been set. UI employees will have until July 1 to decide on which program they wish to participate in.

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Students recognized for achievement at Awards Ceremony

Michelle Kalbeltzer
Staff

Last Friday several students were honored at the Student Achievement Awards in Leadership and Service in the Administration Auditorium.

Host of the evening, Jerry Armstrong, who has been in the College of Education, started the ceremony with poignant recognition of past University of Idaho alumni and their contributions to UI. Armstrong said he hoped the students awarded tonight would continue to receive some kind of inspiration and continue to make UI proud, like so many have done in the past.

Vice Provost, George Simmons, announced the winners for the Outstanding Freshman Awards. He said, "For freshmen to make their mark in a few months is something great."

The recipients of this award were Lisa Bromman, Kathryn Cooke, Julia Dickson, Angelia Eckert, Jaime Gries, Matthew Jones, Meribeth Lomke, Maryanna Peshkov, Tyler Roberts, and Jeremy Schafeld.

Outstanding Sophomores were announced by Tom Bitterwolf, director of the Office of Teaching and Learning Enhancements. "The sophomore year is downright hard to make it through," Bitterwolf said.

The sophomore recipients were Michael Adduci, Stacey Correll, Kimberly Dachek, Joan Egland, Pam Lombard, Amy Pence, Shawna Radmacher, Tasha Rosenberger, Leslie Rush, and John Tranchida.

Jerry Wallace, vice president for Finance and Administration, awarded the Outstanding Junior Awards to Elizabeth Delisfus, William G. Gilbert Jr., Adam Klappehnack, Elizabeth Mohn, Zarak Shows, Gerald Trebesch, Tristan Trotter, David Wilson, Russell Wright, and Rachelle Young.

The next award given was the Student International Leadership Award, presented by Lily Wai, chair of the International Affairs Committee. The first international student ever to attend UI was Ole Hjargren from Norway. He died

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Students' families gather in Moscow for Parents' Weekend

Jennifer Eng
Staff

If nobody noticed the campus over the weekend, it was full of parental figures and future vandals. There were approximate-ly 160 parents who registered for the weekend minus the many parents who did not register at the Student Union either Friday or Saturday.

Families traveled from all over to visit the school where their kids or siblings spend, for the most part, three-fourths of their year. One family drove with two other younger children from Minnesota to visit their son, a sophomore in Engineering.

Local merchants, restaurants and hotels were overwhelmed by the huge influx of visitors. Local hotels in Moscow and Pullman were booked this weekend and some people had to make accommodations as far as Lewiston. If anyone ventured to any of the restaurants over the weekend.

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International Week concludes with Coffeehouse and Bazaar

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Offensive tackles Jim Mills and Spencer Folaas are the base of the Vandal offense.

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International Week concludes with Coffeehouse and Bazaar

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**U students compete in research conference**

Holly Wichman, associate professor of zoology, Botanical Sciences, and three U undergraduates, Cassandra Neal, Amy Sherman and Jennifer Dickinson, traveled to Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., last weekend, to attend the National Conference on Undergraduate Research. Undergraduate students in science, the humanities and fine arts from across the nation submitted abstracts of their research and were selected competitively to present papers at the conference.

Neal, a senior Molecular Biology/Biochemistry major from St. Marys, gave a paper entitled "Phylogenetic analysis of an unstable trinucleotide repeat found in the mouse macrophage antigen Type I Gene." Sherman, a senior in Biology from Boise, presented a paper entitled "Phylogenetic analysis of LINE I transposable elements in Peromyscus gossypinus reveals 2 lineages." Both Sherman and Neal work in Wichman's laboratory.

Dickinson, a senior pursuing majors in Zoology and English, worked this summer for the United States Department of Agriculture in Portland, and presented a paper called "A Study of the Grasshopper Oxya coarctata in the Portland Area." She described "the effect of male larval diet on the control of female sexual maturity in the mosquito Aedes aegypti." Dickinson's hometown is Moscow.

Graduate students in the Department of Biological Sciences are strongly encouraged to identify a professor and a research program which interests them and to pursue an opportunity to participate in that program.

**Volunteers clean up Paradise Creek**

On Saturday the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI) sponsored the Fifth Annual Paradise Creek Adopt-A-Stream Cleanup-Day.

It was a huge success as more than 125 volunteers helped collect over two tons of trash along Paradise Creek and the South Fork of the Palouse River in Moscow and Pullman.

Adam Thoroughgood, Water Quality Program Coordinator for PCEI said "The clean-up was a great success because we received so much community support. This year we found a lot less junk, mostly because everyone is smartening up and treating our waterways with more respect."

Though added that in the future he would like to organize groups to remove asphalt and concrete rip rap from local stream banks and plant native vegetation. "This would not only reduce erosion, but also create beautiful riparian areas that provide diverse habitat for wildlife, and fish, as well as trap sediments and other pollutants.

This year's Paradise Creek Cleanup was dedicated to the victims and survivors of the massacre in the Moscow Aegypt.

**Broadcaster appointed WSU visitor professor**

PULLMAN, Wash. — Veteran broadcaster and syndicated columnist Fred Davis of Columbus, S.C., has been appointed the Lester Smith Visiting Professor at Washington State University.

The Professorship in the Edwin R. Morrow School of Journalism at WSU was established through an endowment funded by Seattle media executive Lester Smith.

Davis will teach undergraduate courses and seminars in communications, media management and related fields during the 1995-96 academic year.

A political commentator for the Atlanta Journal, Davis, S.C., is a self-styled columnist for several South Carolina newspapers and is a frequent editorial columnist for USA TODAY.

He initiated his paper in a New York City weekly. A graduate of North Carolina A&T State University, Davis did additional studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Catholic University in Washington, D.C., while serving as an editorialist at the University of South Carolina's McMillan and Benedick College in Columbia.

**Rutgers student protest ends in police conflict**

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Police used pepper spray and clubs on students protesting an appearance of former New Jersey Governor and President Franklin LaSalle, who angered African American students and faculty earlier this year when he made a comment that minority students "lacked the genetic hereditary backbone," to do well on standardized tests became public.

Students marched through campus and headed toward Lawrence Hall on April 12, blocking traffic on one of New Brunswicks main streets. In a previous statement, Lawrence, who never came to the campus, said he could not survive traffic by sitting in the middle of a main roadway, and heading toward the center of town.

The students said they were forced to use clubs and pepper spray when students, faculty and policemen were not enough. They also claim that the police never told them about the pregnant woman before using force.

**Yale senior expelled for falsifying transcripts**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — With only a few weeks before he would graduate, Yale student Greyson Grammer is being booted out of school after University officials learned that he falsified his admissions application.

Yale admissions have charged Grammer, 25, with lacrosse and kick-in off of the premises at the New Haven campus after learning he changed grades on his transcripts for rooms at California Community College in San Luis Obispo, Calif. Grammer also sent fabricated letters of recommendation to Yale.

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Yale officials say they are pressing lacrosse charges because Grammer stole two years worth of an education, which was paid for with $61,475 in grants and loans, while standing school.

—College Press Service

**WBRU soldiers kill thousands of refugees**

BUJUMBURA, Burundi— More than 2,000 people are dead in the latest Burundian government troops' slaughter of civilians in refugee camps on Friday and Saturday.

The death toll in the Kibeho camp in southwest Burundi could be much higher. At least 300 people were reported to be buried in a mass grave in the camp yesterday.

The refugee camps are headquarters for thousands of refugees who fled their homes in the recent government offensive to take control of the northern province of the country.

Two late morning bomb attacks, one in the Kibeho camp at southwest Burundi yesterday and another on the chief Burundi refugee camp in Kigoma, Tanzania, killed at least 17 people, most of them women and children.

Aid workers into the camp described a scene in which thousands of bodies covered the ground and uprooted trees were corpses wrapped in blankets. Aid agencies were scrambling to provide water and meals to the bodies.

The report of the UN peacekeepers during Saturday's workshop drew sharp criticism Sunday relief agencies, who said it was a violation of standing by while soldiers did the job. The UN mission was established by the refugees in the Kibeho camp abandoned and their confidence in the UN is fear of revenge killings by Tutsi.

—The Washington Post

**Top cult leader fatally stabbed by attacker**

TOKYO, April 24—A man armed with a kitchen knife Sunday fatally stabbed a top official of Aum Supreme Truth, a sect suspected of the deadly nerve gas attack on Tokyo.

In full view of reporters and police surrounding Aum's top official, a man进来 hungry and starved to the heart, was arrested on Wednesday. He has been in treatment at a hospital in Tokyo, surrounded by 20,000 doctors and nurses.

The man, who was arrested at the scene of the attack, told police he had a right to kill the man, who he called an "enemy of the people."

He bought an 8-inch long knife, stabbed the man and then waited for an Aum leader, who showed up to open a door, and then killed him.

The Los Angeles Times
Interview with visiting scientist yields insight on life

Dawn Casey
Staff

Dr. Sharon Long is a scientist—she studies symbiotic interactions between plants and bacteria—but she also seems to be an expert on life.

Her Curriculum vitae is a vast and extensive list of achievements, honors and fellowships. A prolific scientist, Dr. Long belongs on countless review panels and editorial boards. Her list of publications is even longer, and last year she was one of very few women to be inducted into the National Academy of Sciences.

She presently teaches at Stanford University, but in order to participate in University of Idaho's Biological Sciences Capstone Seminar Series, she spent this weekend in Moscow.

Excellence in teaching is just one of many areas in which she has received national awards.

"Teaching is part of the full expression of being a scholar," she said. "In an honest, down to earth tone, Dr. Long elaborated on education, womanhood and life.

Her role at the National Academy of Sciences is to make recommendations on science education at the college level. "It's a chance to do something about things you care about, it's a chance to get involved, to make a difference," she said.

The Academy was commissioned in 1875 by Abraham Lincoln, she explained, as a group of scientists whose job is to be independent of the government, but to be available to give advice on scientific matters when the government wants advice.

Her group at the Academy looks at problems of science literacy of non-majors. "We need improvement. For too long, the curricula has been dominated in the sense that literacy meant reading and writing. But that's not true. Literacy traditionally required knowledge of all subjects including natural history."

She reached the middle ages when quadrivium meant higher learning, and trivium meant lower learning. Higher learning was geometry, arithmetic, astronomy and music. Trivium included grammar, rhetoric, and logical argument—the humanities.

"The Renaissance turned that around and science got pushed into a corner a little bit. But the classical view of a learned person included science and mathematics as being intrinsic to your understanding of the world around you," she said.

Restoring that is essential—a society will not be free if the citizens depend on specialists to tell them things that are essential for making choices in their everyday lives, she said.

"The English majors and history majors coming out of the four year universitites in this country are the future judges, future politicians and future voters. They should know something about statistics, for example," she said.

If every college student was required to be competent in statistics, then they would be able to make decisions in a much less emotionally charged atmosphere. "Some matters are always going to be intrinsically emotional, let's keep them that way. But with science we should all have a common base of understanding," she said.

"If you don't know science, how can you understand the history of the locomotive, for example, one of the most important elements of the history of the American West?" she asked. "Not really. These are some of the things I would like to see changed."

Women are certainly a minority in the far reaches of the science community in which Dr. Long has extended herself. Did being a woman make it more difficult for her?

There were hard times, she said, being the only girl in the advanced classes. "That was lonely and the boys weren't particularly kind either—they teased me a lot and I was miserable, but it didn't stop me because the material was so interesting."

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Staff
U.S. Senator Dirk Kempthorne (R-Idaho) spoke at the University Inn at 7 p.m. Thursday, to an audience of local business people and officials as a Chamber of Commerce luncheon, about the first 100 days of Congress and the experiences he has had in office so far.

“I feel these 100 days and the participation in Congress is making good been about doing what’s been talked about long enough,” Kempthorne said, sharing a quote that says “Those who should serve should live by those rules.”

“We talked about sacrifice. Shouldn’t sacrifice start right at the Senate?” Kempthorne said, telling of how they have cut congressional budgets by 15 percent.

During his overview of the first 100 days, Kempthorne said that one of the great things Congress has been doing is passing the Constitution a lot. “I think that’s what lawmakers are supposed to do.”

One issue Kempthorne addressed was that of state vs federal government. “We don’t need to have a federal government where all solutions are federal solutions,” Kempthorne said, mentioning how the strength of the United States comes from the 50 sovereign states.

Awards

Moscow Mayor Paul Agidius gives the “Key to the City” to U.S. Senator Dirk Kempthorne during his visits Thursday.

Kempthorne talked about the lifestyle change his family has had to make due to his job in Washington, D.C. “I hope my kids can say ‘it was worth it’ because of their dad.” Kempthorne said, of how he hopes they will make a difference through his time in office. He mentioned that “there’s no substitute for living in Washington.”

Kempthorne said that he has the desire to invite other senators to Idaho to see the state. “Then we could show them that an open space is not a vacant city lot,” Kempthorne said.

During the hour long luncheon, Kempthorne, who attended the University of Idaho and was once an ASUI president, continuously stressed how wonderful it is to be back in Moscow.

Kempthorne talked about the network his change has had to make deductible $800 (per family), a higher coinsurance requirement that the insurance alternative, and higher stop losses,” according to Grupp’s letter.

“He also says dental benefits will go unchanged no matter what he can do personally,” said Kempthorne.

The network will be an attractive alternative for families with young kids,” said Chadler. “Employees can switch programs each year, or, if they want, people participating in the network alternative can ‘still medical services outside the Network but would need to satisfy to a higher $400

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“Science is intrinsically lonely. A lot of time is spent just staring around with stuff, I think for men as well as women, you have to find a balance which brings interaction with people and of things to work out by yourself.”

Learn to live with a certain amount of doubt and have a tolerance for ambiguity, she said. “Because in science, your daily job is to get along and imagine how many different ways I could be wrong about what I’m doing,” but you put it in fancier language than that.

“That is a very delicate thing to carry off. You need a good balance. The best scientists have both a drive to keep pushing and the caution to keep testing so they never get too inhibited and they never get too reckless,” she said.

What traps many young women today is they think they must be 100 percent one way or the other. It is a very American thing to want one solution in a single neat answer. “Life is more complicated than that,” she said. “Work and kids and life all together...because God won’t give you a trial without giving you the strength to endure it.”

Dr. Long’s scientific research has had a profound impact on the agriculture industry. “I work on bacteria that establish a cooperative interaction with plants.” The bacteria live in the soil, eking out an existence as scavenger, but in the presence of plant roots, they will degrade the root and stimulate it to create a structure called a nod-ule. Then the bacteria live inside the plant, feeding it forms of nitrogen which the plant cannot make for itself.

The upshot of all this is that plants which can engage in this kind of symbiosis, soybeans, clover and alfalfa, for example, can grow well with nitrogen fertilizer. So this makes for a very important feature of agriculture.

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Students who borrow under the GATE program will eventually pay their loans back to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency at a graduated rate, similar to President Clinton’s “pay-as-you-can” loans.

“We want to make this as easy for the students and the schools as possible,” said Meyers. “Students shouldn’t be soaked with huge payments when they get out of school, and the schools shouldn’t have to make sure they’re paying back their loans.”

Gary Sesto, a financial aid advisor at Mount Ida College in Newton Centre, Mass., says that GATE loans have been a big help to students at the school.

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there was a longer than usual wait to be seated.

The weekend was kicked off by parents registering in the Student Union. The weekend was full of lots of fun activities including everything from honors ceremonies, to the Turtle Derby and a family fun run.

Friday was the first official day of the weekend. On that day activities started at 12:30 p.m. with a dance performance at the library and continued on to 7:30 p.m. where there was a UI Jazz Band and Jazz Choir concert at the Lionel Hampton School of Music Recital Hall. For most of the day there was an International Bazaar and Coffeehouse at the Student Union Ballroom along with an Outdoor Environmental Sculpture and International Photo Exhibit.

Friday afternoon was the annual Honors Convocation at Memorial Gym. Parents and students gathered there for the honoring of students who were recently inducted into one of the scholastic honor societies, made the Dean’s Lists, recipients of Alumni Awards for Excellence, students entering the University Honors Program or those involved in Student Support Services.

Twenty-seven honor societies were represented during the Convocation. The greeting was delivered by UI President Elizabeth Zinner who said that the annual spring Honors Convocation was “the ultimate awards ceremony.”

The keynote speaker of the afternoon was Witold Rybczynski. Rybczynski graduated with his Master’s Degree in Architecture from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Not only is he the author of three books about architecture, he is also the 1995 recipient of the Alfred Jurkowski Foundation Award.

In his speech, Rybczynski emphasized how important it is for a person to find his or her “place” in conjunction with academia. He said, “We want to know where we are in a time when everything looks the same.”

The Honors Convocation was followed by refreshments in the Gold Room of the Student Union hosted by President Zinner.

At 7 p.m. that night the Student Achievement Awards in Leadership and Service were given out in the Administration Auditorium.

Saturday morning, parents and family members gathered at the Student Union Ballroom for the Family Weekend Breakfast. On most of Saturday, Greek and Residence Halls held open houses where parents or just interested students could tour the living groups on campus. In the Vandal Lounge, there was an indoor stock car track set up from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

While the kids—big and little—were playing with the cars, a craft show was held in another part of the Student Union.

That night there was a variety of things to do including the Blue Key Talent Show at 8 p.m. and “Locus,” an area environmental dance group that gave a performance at the Administration Auditorium. Student talents gathered for the ultimate in entertainment for the whole family.

As some families went to church and or breakfast on Sunday morning, others were involved in the Family Fun Run held at Memorial Gym. Another activity that morning was the International Soccer Tournament at Guy Wicks Field which ran from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and then started again at 10 a.m. Sunday morning and continued until 3 p.m.

While parents were bidding farewell to students Sunday afternoon, younger kids, as well as the older ones were invited to watch an American Tail in the Borah Theatre of the Student Union.

The Alumni Office commented that the weekend was a success and the turnout was bigger than last year’s. They also said that the degree of cooperation between students and faculty was very helpful in making the weekend a success.

David Mucci, director of Student Union and Student Activities, also said the weekend was a success and added that all of the events were well attended.

“A pleasant and relaxing weekend for everybody,” Mucci said.
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Coffeehouse and Bazaar give taste of culture

Valaruee Johnson
Staff

The Student Union Balloon was transformed into a global village last Friday night as the International Coffeehouse and Bazaar concluded another successful UI International Week.

"It's like getting out of Moscow for a night," said Pati Crow, coordinator of the music and dance program that lasted throughout the evening. Crow did a fabulous job recruiting a diversity of performers representing the rich cultural citizenry of our campus.

The night kicked off with the healthy-hungry Border Highlander Bagpipers setting the pace with the spirit and intensity of their dignified music.

That spirit lasted the rest of the evening as MC's Test Paradise and Mary Paradise introduced expositions from the lively members of Marachi Americano playing Latin American Music.

Classical Indian Dancers followed as the crowd enjoyed the veins of Bhangra dancers from Punjab, the spirituality of Naryanavasamy dancers, and the mesmerization of Vandana VJ's children dancers. Also featured was a precious performance by the West Park Elementary Third Grade class singing in celebration of language and culture presenting various countries in the spoken word. Others entertaining were Stephe Faust with a medley of Chinese music, Myros Schneck played Israeli songs, Simeon Heis presented Celtic songs, Sam Lyman's Ensemble performed American Bluegrass music, and Native American dancers wore traditional wear.

The sense of friendship was expressed as De Kaliloe played Hawaiian music. Voices to the Wind added to that nature vitality as some of the audience danced to the Latin American music performance.

Galway gave a taste of the Emerald Isle as they made feet tap to the sounds of Celtic music. Sabor de la Raza completed the timeline with colorful costume and rhythm of Latin American Dance.

Guests delighted in viewing various crafts such as Simba Tirina's handmade jewelry from Kenya, handmade sweaters and gloves from Ecuador, Japanese artworks, and intricate wooden boxes from Honduras for sale along with a muster of other items.

Many organizations were represented at the Bazaar as well such as the International Business Club, Coalition for Central America, and even the Food Science Club all claiming their important part of the international scene.

"This event really gives people a flavor of what different countries' cultures are like," said Kaleemullah, President of the Student International Association, which sold flag covered garments to promote unifying of the international campus population.

Indeed, the event was flavorful as many booths offered samples of international cuisine such as Middle Eastern dishes, Sushi from Japan, and spices of India.

Many representatives were eager to share information about their homelands. Chi Peng Phg, President of the Malaysian Students Association and Hwa Yak supplied visitors with an array of pamphlets and offered enthusiastic bits of trivia about the country they know best.

The charm and zeal that international students such as Phg and Yak possess about their homeland entice anyone to realize how important the international interaction really is. Events such as the International Coffeehouse and Bazaar offer the opportunity of not only fabulous entertainment but an educational scope of places some know nothing about.

Some Americans have never even heard of Kyrgyzstan. What's the main attraction at this Asian country?

"People like me," replied Talai Omurobekow with a big smile, welcoming anyone to learn more about his culture.

A raffle benefiting the International Student Scholarship Endowment had many leaving with prizes from all over the world in their hands, including one lucky winner who received a photo donated by Doug Davidson. The photo was one of the 17 among 36,000 entries that won an outstanding award in the National Geographic Photo Contest.

The ambience of these events is highly contagious and an enthusiasm that the campus should catch. As former SFA President and current ASUI Senator David Hinkel said, "I've got the bug in me and I want to spread it."

Realizing that we share a common ground depends on the efforts of everyone. Kick off to Cleone Way of the International Programs Office and the many student organizations whose combined efforts summed up to a successful week.
Friedman performs "guerilla" dance

Jeffrey Albertson

Jeff Friedman has performed his style of site-specific choreographed dance everywhere from his hometown museum, beaches, parking lots and abandoned apartments.

The independent choreographer and performer from San Francisco brought his unique blend of architectural design and dance to the University of Idaho last Friday to perform Point Spiral, a performance art dance routine, choreographed in conjunction with the creation of the Tower of Babel between the library and the University Classroom Center.

Friedman studied Architectural Design at Cornell in Ithaca, New York, and at the University of Oregon.

While at Cornell Friedman also began dancing and at that time began working on putting the two together.

His idea was to choreograph dance that related to the particular site it was to be performed.

Friday's performance saw Friedman along with UI dancers Megan Darrow, Maria Huskey, Megan MacVie, Kai Middleton and Andres Ziefer re-create the construction of the Tower of Babel through correlating movement and shapes.

The group also enlisted the help of 30 school children to create shapes consistent to the tower's creation.

Friedman described his style as a "do-it anywhere, guerilla dance" and said that advantages to this approach are because you don't have to rent the theater.

"They showed me their creation process and I tried to re-create that in the performance," Friedman said.

Friedman also tied in the recycling concept of the tower by reusing several forms throughout the dance.

"The choreography documents a series of installations overtime," Friedman said, "the final text of the openness of public art, while simultaneously embodying the artists' intention of multiple interpretation."

The event was sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, Idaho Arts Commission, and the UI Dance center and was presented in cooperation with the College of Art and Architecture.

Friedman had been visiting the UI campus all last week as a part of the Artist in Residence series at the UI. Throughout the week Friedman taught guerilla dance in the Music Department and Creative Dance at Mcdonald School in Moscow.

He also performed Locus, a solo dance, last Saturday in the University Auditorium.

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Entertainers display talents for human rights

Jeremy Chase
Staff
Diverse entertainment from a variety of performers were featured Saturday night at "Your Show of Shows," Moscow's first Human Rights variety show and dance. The event was hosted by Latah/Nez Perce Voices for Human Rights, and was held at the Moscow Social Club.

With more than 150 people in attendance, those at the event were treated to singing, dancing, and drama, as well as other interesting acts.

Joan Muneta, secretary for Latah/Nez Perce Voices for Human Rights, said that the goal of the evening was to raise money for the organization and increase awareness. More specifically, she said that the group is raising funds to defeat anti-gay and anti-human rights legislation, such as Proposition One.

"We need money because we spent our entire treasury to defeat Proposition One," she said. "It takes a lot of publicity and a lot of work."

Steve Shannon, of Moscow's KZFM radio, acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening and provided background information on each performance.


Besides Saturday's show, the group has been performing across the Palouse.

The next area of entertainment for the evening turned to dancing. Michael Hampton and Latah/Nez Perce Voices, dancers from Palouse

Ballroom, performed a bolero and waited for the audience.

Another dancing performance was also in the entertainment lineup at five members of the University of Idaho's Dance Theatre performed "It's About Time." The dancers' routine combined jazz and Broadway styles into a high energy, athletic, and entertaining number for the audience. The UI Dance Theatre was also featured earlier in the month in "Dancers, Drummers, and Dreamers."

A diverse range of entertainment, the next act to take the stage was a sort-of musical revue. Lip-synching "I Got You, Babe," one of their most popular songs, "Sonny and Cher" made an unexpected appearance at the Social Club.

As a change, though, Cher was seen in drag and Sonny was played by a woman adorned with guilty clothes, ugly mustache, and sideburns. With this twist, the duo provided the crowd with enough humor to make it one of the more entertaining acts of the night.

Not to be outdone by "Sonny and Cher," Ms. Dyananah Tramps was also billed to be in the program. Tramps, a man dressed in women's clothes, lip-synched to the song "You Make Me So Very Happy." Like the cross-dresser that performed before him, Tramps gave a very spirited performance and was well received by the audience.

Tramps will be performing at the Social Club again in two weeks.

As a final element to the mix, drama was another part of Saturday's entertainment. Select pieces from "Falsettoland," a musical by William Finn, were performed by actors and actresses from the Lewiston Civic Theatre. Using minimal props and music provided by a keyboard, the group sang three numbers from the musical.

"Falsettoland" is a musical concerning the relationships of gays and lesbians in today's society. Currently, the Lewiston Civic Theatre has taken the musical and has achieved success with it. In a recent competition at Greeley, Colorado, "Falsettoland" won Best Play. Director, Actor, and Actress. The play will be coming to UI's Hartung Theater May 12.

The other source of drama for the evening came from the Moscow Civic Theatre's production of "Nunsense." Starring Sisters Mary Regina, Hubert, Robert Ann, and Leo, the "nuns" did a host of singing numbers and humorous dialogues from the show.

To close out the show, Saguin Time, a classic rock and roll group, played for the rest of the evening for a dance held after the show.

Besides raising money for human rights, Muneta said that another intent of the evening was to simply have fun with the wide slate of entertainment. "We like to have fun raising money," she said.

Susan Baugartner, a coordinator for the event and UI faculty member, said that the event was to be positive. "We felt that we could go for a positive angle," she said. "Mostly, I wanted to do it because it was fun." Another important factor to the success of the evening was the help and support of Moscow and its neighboring communities. "There are so many people that help us," Muneta said. "It brings them together to share what they have."

Muneta said that the next fund-raising effort for the organization will be an art auction next fall. The auction will display work from regional artists, and will also have entertainment. Last fall's auction, she said, raised more than $3,000. Whatever the case may be, the first annual "Your Show of Shows" proved to be just that. As entertaining and successful it was Saturday, next year's show will be eagerly anticipated.

On Friday, April 28th at 8:00 pm Singer/Songwriter Judy Gorman will be performing in the Vandal Cafe in the University of Idaho Student Union.

This will be the last installation of ASUI Productions' Coffeeshouse series and is FREE and open to the public.

Gorman will also be giving a FREE workshop/lecture entitled History of Women and Music at the Lionel Hampton School of Music Recital Hall at 11:30 am on Friday.

Originally from New York, Gorman has been performing and educating for years and has released three full-length albums. "I think of all of my songs as love songs," she says. For the past twelve years she has been performing on the road and has appeared all over the US and Europe.

Elizabeth Brandt, Kathy Dawes, Anne Dwellie, and Tara Lund perform skits from the play "Nunsense."
Comedies to close out Collette season

Any Hidenour

The final performances at the Collette Theatre feature two popular comedies, Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it All for You, by Christopher Durang, and Scooter Thomas Makes It To The Top Of The World, by Peter Parnell, will bow this week beginning April 26.

Sister Mary Ignatius is a satirical comedy that deals with organized religion and blind belief. Directed by University of Idaho senior Edwin Brown, this humorous play features UI sophomore Carolyn Hilt as Sister Mary.

Sister Mary is delivering a religious lecture when four of her former students show up and the play takes a hilarious turn.

The second show, Scooter Thomas Makes It To The Top Of The World, is directed by UI junior David Rosenberg. The story is told from the memory of Dennis Wright, played by UI graduating senior Jesse Petrick. Petrick is the 1995 recipient of the Rex Rabold Fellowship and also has filmed an episode of "Amazing Grace," a national TV program filmed in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Patrick's character, Dennis, begins packing for the funeral of his childhood friend, Scooter Thomas, when Scooter "magically" appears onstage. Scooter, played by UI graduating senior Paul Wojciak, and Dennis re-live parts of their childhood together and help each other grow through different childhood adventures.

According to Rosenberg, "The themes that run through the show—love, discovery, ambition, loss, and separation—are universal to all of us. I think everybody has a story like this to tell. Sadly enough, we can all relate to this. It's all a part of growing up."

The play was written in the 1970s, but the themes throughout are still relevant today.

Both performances are in the Collette Theatre, which is in the U-Hut, located north of the Administration building lawn along the UI walkway system. The shows will run April 26-29 at 8 p.m. with a special matinee April 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $4 and are good for both shows.

For more information, call 885-6665.

Bedheads CD release party

You're invited to the Bedheads CD release party April 28 from 8-11:30 p.m. at the Moscow Community Center. The party is sponsored by Branegan's Pizza and Luftnacht DJ Productions. The evening features music by the Bedheads and special guest Circle of Knots, and free pizza while it lasts. Admission is free, all ages are welcome.

Play it loud

The Stooge's Aidan Donohue performs with his band Friday night at the Rathaus in Moscow.

Lifestyles Briefs

Harmonica blow off at Mingles

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High altitude can’t stop Vandals

Dan Eckles
Sports Editor

P ose must be a favorite location on the travel agenda of Vandal senior Heidi Bodwell.

The Idaho spindler will get to make the trek to southern Idaho one more time after qualifying for the Big Sky Track and Field Championships last weekend at the Montana Spring Fling in Missoula.

Bodwell bettered her season bests in both the 200 meters and 100 meters to qualify for the BSC meet to be held in Boise May 17-20, finishing second in the 200 with a time of 25.33 seconds and fifth in a tough 100 field with a 12.37 time.

“We’ve been telling her those same times she can run and this was the first weekend she has made the jump down to those times,” Idaho women’s coach Scott Lorek said. “That is Heidi’s fastest time ever in the 200m and her first 100m race of the season.”

The Idaho women also fared well in the 100m hurdles with Tara Gehke grabbing fourth in the event with a personal best time of 13.25.

Johnson, who also placed second for the Vandal women in the 400m, flew in a personal-best 53.62 seconds and a third-place finish at the BSC prelims.

The Vandals also had their share of broken records and personal bests during the weekend with Buffington setting times of 138.4 in the 110 hurdles.

Strong safety Williams scores only TD on INT return

Kevin Neundorf
Staff

After two consecutive weeks of offensive prowess the Vandals defense came alive with defensive interest during the game against the Vandal offense in the Kibbie Dome.

Vandal defense was scored through the air during the first spring scrimmage as quarterbacks Brian Brennan and Robert Scott combined for nearly 300 passing yards and connected on three touchdowns. The second scrimmage was highlighted by the running game, which pounded the defense as both Lavoni Kidd and Joel Thomas rushed for over 100 yards.

However, the return of starting defensive-end Barry Mitchell and starting defensive-tackle Tim Wilson, who have both been hampered by injuries this spring, provided enough spark to the Vandals defense to allow them to play a little game of role-reversal Saturday morning.

At five possessions of Saturday’s scrimmage, the defense held the offense scoreless and saw the defense pass the 20-yard line only once. The Vandal defense also sacked quarterbacks Brian Brennan and Robert Scott a total of five times for a loss of 29 yards.

“I think we were embarrassed about the way they played last week,” Vandal coach Chris Tormey said of his defense. “They really came out today and competed and made big plays.”

The only touchdown scored during the regular season scrimmage situations was a 40-yard interception return for a score by senior safety Montell Williams with an assist to defensive end Ryan Phillips who was breathing down the neck of quarterback Brian Brennan.

The only offensive production came when the punt-team offense was given the ball on the seven-yard line and junior Joel Thomas scored on a one-yard run. Thomas also scored on an 11-yard run in a similar drill where the ball was placed on the 25-yard line. Thomas finished with 74 yards on 14 carries and two touchdowns while Lavoni Kidd carried the pigskin nine times for 50 yards.

Sophomore linebacker Brian Brennan was 5-12 for 37 yards and an interception while redshirt freshman Robert Scott completed only 3-13 passes for nine yards.

“Last week we gave up too many big runs and played sloppy,” Vandal defensive coordinator Nick Holt said. “This week we came out and we played like we should. You saw us make our complete package from our defense this week.”

The Vandals will practice Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before concluding the spring with strawberry Saturday’s annual “Silver and Gold” scrimmage Friday night at 7 p.m. The scrimmage will be free to the public and free pop and popcorn will be available while supplies last.
Offensive tackles big, mean and hungry

Damon Barkdoll

Staff

Legends of large human-like creatures roaming the Pacific Northwest have been the topic of campfire stories for years. Finally there is evidence that Bigfoot does exist, the heat news yet, the two Bigfoots interviewed have names and they make their home here in Moscow, playing offensive tackles for the University of Idaho football team.

Senior offensive tackles Jim Mills and Spencer Folau (roommates) don't believe that they unshackle the traditional reputation of being an unorganized sloth or Neanderthal, but both Mills and Folau are proud of the fact that they can outlast nearly anyone on the UI team.

"We can certainly eat more than anyone else on the team. Before a game we usually eat to get rid of pre-game butterflies," Mills said.

Besides eating more than anyone else, the tackle tandem feels that offensive linemen share a common bond on and off the field.

"We usually hang out together after football. There's four returning offensive linemen, so naturally we can relate to each other," commented Folau.

"On the field we're a lot more vocal than the rest. We care if we make plays as a team, but we don't care if we're making the big plays. We don't need praise or recognition or even a pat on the back like the rest," Mills said.

Mills, a 6-foot 5-inch 270-pound native from Marysville, Washington, came to Idaho as a walk-on redshirt freshman. Coming to Idaho, Mills wanted to continue being a tight end, a position he held in high school. When Mills' athletic freshmen year came around he was moved from tight end to the defensive line and then finally he found a home at offensive tackle in the fall.

"I was really surprised. I was in shock as you might say," Mills said.

Folau, also a senior offensive tackle, never thought he'd find himself on the offensive line. In previous years Folau had been a defensive tackle and completed his sophomore season with 70 tackles, seven of which were for a loss of yardage, one forced fumble and recovered a season-high 11 tackles against the Lutheran Jacks of Northern Arizona. In the Redwood City, Calif., native's junior year he was moved to offensive line prior to spring drills and immediately became the starting offensive tackle opposite of Mills. Folau seems to like the change to the other side of the ball and at 6-5 and 280-pounds there are limits to what this young man can do.

"The switch was hard to make at first...I like to just pull the defense. Our goal is to help the rushing game go around 200 or 300 yards a game," Folau said.

With both parts of the two-tackle tandem standing focused, they are glad to see the head coaching change and above all they like the new offensive line coach George Yarno.

"He's been here and done that. Everybody trusts him...he's played 12 years of football in the NFL so he knows his way around. Everybody listens when he speaks," Mills said.

Idaho football fans will be in for a show with offensive lineman Jim Mills (left) and Spencer Folau (right) making things go.
Vandal women finish
sixth in the Big Sky

Ben Carr
Staff

The indoor tennis courts of Montana State were particularly unfriendly to the Idaho women in this weekend’s Big Sky Championships. The women went into Bozeman, Mont. with an overall record of 11-13, but were sorely disappointed by their sixth-place finish.

The tournament started out rough for the women after their 6-0 loss to Northern Arizona in its first round action, but the women came back strong with a 5-3 win over Eastern Washington that put them in place to battle with Montana State for fifth-place in the tournament.

In a tournament dominated by the heavy play of Boise State and Weber State, the women found themselves caught short. Confidence was high on their way to Bozeman, but apparently the women were unable to appease the seeding gods.

In Bozeman the women had to play against EWU, a team they just barely beat 5-4 in the first week of March; Montana State, a team they had already lost to twice this season.

Although team scores were not what they might have been, some excellent individual performances were turned in over the weekend from many of the players.

Stacie Sauer advanced to the second round in the tournament with a 14-12 singles record for the season. She provided Idaho’s only victory against MSU, beating Jenna Jacobson 6-7, 7-6. Although she didn’t garner the victory, Michelle Bargen took MSU’s Jennie Lawrence to three sets in a tightly contested 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 match. MSU managed to walk away with the 5-1 win and fifth place.

Idaho met with much better success against EWU. Idaho was able to capitalize against its nearest Big Sky rival in the second round.

Bargen and Erin Cicato came away with victories, as did Owen Miller and Stacie Sauer. Bargen went into the tournament with a 14-12 record, while Bargen had collected a 12-15 record for herself on the season.

Erin Nielsen was close to bringing Idaho a fifth victory, but dropped her match to Jessica Hempel in three sets. Against EWU, Nikora and Dealer were unable to combine over the tandem of Tina Doshiy and Sonja Serfovic to finalize the score at 5-3 for Idaho.

Boise State made it to the championship round after a 6-0 win over EWU, and Weber made it to the final round after a 6-0 win over Montana. In the end Boise State, led by freshmen Silvi Malm and sophomore Sunami Robins won the BSC championship, crushing Weber 5-1.

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The duo also noted that their goal this season is to improve themselves as a whole, no matter who is at the ranks of quarterback.

“We run the option you like to see Robert Scott there. Hisaw’s hurt...I don’t care, I like all three of them,” Folk said.

Whoever is at quarterback doesn’t really matter to Mills and Folk, but they did state that they planned to step it up as leaders of the team.

“We as seniors own this team, and we’ll try to be the leaders we can,” Mills stated very seriously.

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Letters to the Editor

April Bible gives history of God's actions

Ralph Nielsen, in "Scriptures view different story," makes some important issues about the Bible and God. Nielsen's view that the God of the Bible is unjust, cruel, and filled with superstitious fear, is not entirely unjustified. None in their right mind would have anything to do with a God who permitted and condoned the monstrous atrocities inside of the Bible. How do those who believe in a just and loving God deal with what the Bible says?

A common way of thinking about the Bible is as a book of rules and commands, the illustrated behavioral saybook of Sunday school. Actually, very little of the Bible is devoted to behavior. Much of the historical and literary legacy of the Jewish people and their dealings with God. Other parts of the Bible consist of the thoughts, struggles, and experiences of individuals in relationship to God. In other words, the Bible is primarily a casebook, not a Godbook. As history, it describes people and events.

Harder to deal with is the fact that the Bible contains or at least contains atrocities, and did so for reasons of political policy. Again, we have to move beyond the atrocities to become aware of the Bible and into reality. One of the main impediments to the spiritual and social progress of its neighbors was the superstitious worship of many gods, whether they be golden calves, mountains, or human rulers (the Bible called these "idols"). These "idols" moronic in every real explanation of events, and as such, were nothing more than the well-being of the nation. To slip back into the worship of its neighbors would have been disastrous. Protecting the Jews from the idol worship practiced by its neighbors was critical.

Having one good and just God leaves a huge question. Where does everything from the strange tenacity of the people of the time of ancient Israel would have been to conclude "from some other God." Yahweh, to meet the needs of his followers, was willing to take full credit for all things, both good and evil, in order to protect the loyalty of his followers slipping back into its superstitious past. For the Hebrews to be assumed personal responsibility for the main consequences of the event, the short intervention of the other god.

Later Bible writings, particularly the New Testament, reveal the true source of evil, namely that people have procreated their own (and Satan's) propensity to put ourselves at the center and in charge of things. It is this rather than a trust in the goodness of the single higher power that is God.

Pro-LFF letter misleading

After reading Cheryl Parzych's letter to the editor concerning the recent articles on Living Faith Fellowship, I became very con-

cerned. She made several erroneous assumptions that may misled the reader.

First of all, the assumption that all people try to own land and wealth is unquestionable, but is it real?

Was the victim of incest vol-

untarily. Can this be physically or psychologically resist? Surely, she would admit to being a captive.

Unquestionably, as a psychological principle, perceived power and influence can override will. Steven Hassan in his book, Combating Cult Mind Control, says, "When cult leaders tell the members that their personal being is not important, or that they can't believe it at all, the open door, give them the impression that their own behavior is going to result in serious consequences."

Since Hassan's book is Combating Cult Mind Control, says, "When cult leaders tell the members that their personal being is not important, or that they can't believe it at all, the open door, give them the impression that their own behavior is going to result in serious consequences."

Induced phobias are psychological like being told that you are on the road to destruction (or hell) if you learn you are being raped, like I was, that, "You know what hap-

pened to the person who opposed the church, don't you? They have a heart attack, AIDS, a horrible car crash, committed suicide, etc." And people who have left the church are financially ruined, divorced, chil-

dren have been raped or raped or raped or raped or raped. Or simply if you have yourself settling for second best spiritually. Related to this, you could be told that all other churches are inferior or not as the group is. Even being told that you can't survive outside of the organization.

One or all of these examples show how phobias can be induced. For instance, if you were a member of the organization and was "persecuted," the organization would then be the "center of the universe." One or all of these examples show how phobias can be induced. For instance, if you were a member of the organization and was "persecuted," the organization would then be the "center of the universe." One or all of these examples show how phobias can be induced. For instance, if you were a member of the organization and was "persecuted," the organization would then be the "center of the universe." One or all of these examples show how phobias can be induced. For instance, if you were a member of the organization and was "persecuted," the organization would then be the "center of the universe." One or all of these examples show how phobias can be induced. For instance, if you were a member of the organization and was "persecuted," the organization would then be the "center of the universe." One or all of these examples show how phobias can be induced. For instance, if you were a member of the organization and was "persecuted," the organization would then be the "center of the universe."
Privatizing hurts, not helps students

The administrations of public universities are like glaciers: they are blunt, unthinking bears that measure movement in terms of inches per year. They also have a tendency to ignore little things, like people, who get in the way. This glacier-like tendency can be seen anytime a department needs additional rules imposed. There were moves involved with everything from buying a pack of pencils to adjusting faculty salaries, and often they just don’t work. So, what’s the answer to melting the lumbering giants we call universities?

In the first place, what’s the sense of having a university—alternately referred to as a ‘private’ university—that is essentially running a corporation? Batting away students with a barrage of paperwork and fees to get a degree is a pretty obvious way to get the student into the hands of universities as quickly as possible.

Furthermore, most of the paperwork is routine and as time passes, and people begin to understand what a mess we have created, the entire system will be swept away.

—[Chris Miller]

Aldrich speaks out of his depth

"The facts show that people who are raped—whether they really were raped—do not work and they don’t get pregnant," Senator Henry Aldrich was quoted as saying in a story run in the Idaho Statesman Review.

Aldrich is implying that if a woman is pregnant from rape then she must have enjoyed it. Otherwise she would have gotten her brakes on.

Sometimes I thought that the 90s ideas like these are terrible. When I was younger I thought that he said it in front of the North Carolina House Appropriations Committee while it was debating the elimination of a state abortion fund for poor women. People like Aldrich should not be holding office. People like Aldrich, a 71 year old periodicalist, should not have a say in what a woman does with her body. By arguing for the elimination of this fund, he is guaranteeing poor women no choice. The Supreme Court has guaranteed women the right to an abortion and the protection of private amendment to the Constitution. This right has to be preserved. Furthermore, there are legal and religious standards of one person on another is wrong. No one wants to be told that they must believe a certain way. By attempting to take away the right of a woman to have control of her body, he is helping people to believe that abortion is wrong. To have an abortion is a personal decision based on a personal situation. To have state or federal limitations on abortion is placing women in the position of having no say in their future.

By saying this statement in a political arena, in the hopes to sway opinion, Aldrich is ensuring the perpetuation of myths and inaccuracy surrounding rape. Margaret Henderson, President of the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault, stated in the same article, "It’s really common sense to say rape victims to be blamed or being raped, this is the first time I’ve heard of rape victims being blamed for becoming pregnant." Me too. Where does this stop, and when will these myths be crushed?

When will women stop being blamed for being raped? One in four college aged women will be raped or attempted rapes. What Aldrich is saying is that if any of these women get pregnant, they enjoyed it and therefore didn’t really get raped. That goes along with the wording in the State of Idaho laws specifying forced rapes, implying that rape is consensual. It also goes along with the perspective that women are winning cases in court when it comes down to his word against hers, regardless of whether he did it or not. I don’t know anyone who is going to always repeat when a conversation about rape begins. Rarely are stories told about women who have suffered. By repeating these false accusation stories, the credibility of women is undermined. By making statements like Senator Aldrich’s, women will once again be too intimidated to speak out.

Unfortunately there isn’t much we can do in Idaho about a senator in North Carolina. Most people in Idaho have no idea that there is debate about what is being said in an eastern state. We can only think. These are the people who are running our country, state by state, day in and day out. And the whole truth is that all that unusual, he just made the mistake of making his ideas public. I personally think that is a mistake; that mistake, he has committed political suicide.

—Jennifer Swift

Rhetorical strategies of hecklers work against their causes

I’m embarrassed. And angry. Last Wednesday, I attended the public meeting held by Rep. Helen Chenoweth in the Vandal Lounge. About 300 people were in attendance, and I say I’ve never been seen such shameful acts of public demonstration.

I don’t mind demonstrations, but there’s a time and a place for demonstrations and there’s a time and a place for public meetings. I don’t know about everybody else, but my sense is that a public meeting is a place for discussion—and not for vociferous demonstration.

Now let me make another thing clear: by your acts at Chenoweth’s public meeting, you have done more to drive moderates away from your causes than any right-wing, anti-environmentalist could hope to do. If this is the way you all have been approaching politics for the last 20 years, it’s no wonder the Republicans won by such a landslide—all the moderates are sick and tired of your sniveling, juvenile approaches to what should be an otherwise sensible discussion of issues.

For those of you who didn’t attend the public meeting, here’s a sample of what some of these hecklers were up to: shouting "Hitler" salutes at Chenoweth, loudly calling her a liar while she was speaking (too much for a dialogue), making raspberry noises and souring faces, and downright wearing red. Someone went so far as to call Chenoweth a "skanky broad" loudly enough for at least 40 to 50 people to hear. Can you say "ad hominem," kids?

And don’t let me exclude these people on the other side of the political spectrum who have engaged in the same kind of behavior—it’s just as despicable when members of the far right participate in similar activities. I’m not a big Chenoweth fan. Never have been. But the way she handled things last Wednesday impressed me.

She didn’t shrink to the level of her hecklers, and she gave them the opportunity to express themselves. She attempted to answer their questions and concerns—albeit in a politician’s usual dodge-the-issue manner.

Nevertheless, the facts that Chenoweth cared enough to hold a town meeting says something in itself.

The least her opponents could have done was to attempt to engage in some meaningful dialogue. What many people fail to realize is that the fact that Chenoweth was elected was because of her political views (or, perhaps more precisely of them). Nevertheless, she was elected by a majority of the voters who believed she would turn out as the polls last November.

So when you, who engaged in such demeaning behavior really are enthusiastic about your political agenda (and not just to make noise), this might be a more effective tactic: get out people to vote and inform them of these issues. Don’t go to these meetings and try to out shout your opponent or ridicule them—it doesn’t work.

Last November, 59 percent of all registered voters in Latah County turned out to cast their ballots. And that’s 10 percent less than the previous year, but it’s still a high and respectable number compared to the 37 percent which turned out in the rest of the nation, and it’s well-known by now that it was the base state which turned out to vote last November. So if you, who engaged in such demeaning behavior really are enthusiastic about your political agenda (and not just to make noise), this might be a more effective tactic: get out people to vote and inform them of these issues. Don’t go to these meetings and try to out shout your opponent or ridicule them—it doesn’t work.