

March 2004

UB/WI Newsletter

Berea College TRIO Programs

UB DATES

March 13

April 17

May 8

June 13

July 31

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March—ing on to summer 2004!

People try to rain on your parade, because they have no parade of their own." -- Jeffrey Gitomer

May the Luck of the Irish be with you—even if you aren't Irish!

It's already March—you know that means summer is just around the corner. Soon there will be graduations and proms to get excited about! Then you start packing for another UB summer—hippy skippy! For many of you this will be your first UB summer and you probably have many questions and even some apprehensions about what is in store for you. Rest assured that every student that has joined the program over the past 36 years has had the same concerns you are having. Also know all those students that took a leap of faith and committed to trying a UB summer will tell you—it was an amazing experience. Granted out of the more than 2600 students that have been in the program, a few did not make it thru a summer. In the twelve years I have been with the program, any student that will come for the summer and agree to stay at least a couple of days will end up staying for the entire summer. That's all we ask—if you are having reservations about attending for any reason—just agree to come for a couple of days to see what it's going to be like. Then if you still want to go home you can. You are never—in any way—forced to stay or participate in UB if you decide it's not for you. But if you don't give it at least a chance you will never know what you are missing. Ask anyone that has participated in at least one summer and they will tell you—You will miss the opportunity of a lifetime. So please ask questions—have your parents call us with their questions, talk to other students or us about any thing you need to know. We can work around many

schedule conflicts, family obligations and other camps, but you have to let us know what your commitments are in advance.

I mean you know you want to come—just to learn where we're going on the Mystery Trip this year now don't you?

——Vicki

MYSTERY TRIP 2004 CLUE #1

Who would come to mind if we talked about a famous number seven, who was also an "old nut" so to speak? Could you find him in a river, could you find him in an office, could you find him in the north or could you find him in the south? Did he hear the call to go east young man—or was that west?

Counselor's Corner

Scientists have been around since the beginning of time, attempting to describe and understand the nature of the universe in whole or part. Today's scientist usually hold a Ph.D. and are well trained specialist in a specific field. There are many disciplines ranging from astronomy, biology, chemistry and physics to the social sciences such as anthropology, psychology, and sociology.

Scientists work in a variety of settings and are employed by private industry, colleges and universities, and governmental agencies. Average salaries for scientists are \$40,000 to \$80,000. Students interested in becoming scientists should have a strong background in mathematics and you guessed it ...science.

People become really quite remarkable when they start thinking that they can do things. When they believe in themselves they have the first secret of success."

-Norman Vincent Peale

WHAT MAKES POPCORN POP?

A popcorn kernel is actually a seed. At its center is a tiny plant embryo, a life form in its earliest phase. The embryo is surrounded by soft, starchy material that contains water. Surrounding the embryo is a hard shell. When the kernel is heated to about 400 degrees Fahrenheit, the water turns to steam. The pressure from the steam causes the kernel's shell to explode and the starch to spill out. You have to add the butter!

(factmonster.com)

Science Quiz: Fill in the blank to identify the scientist. Hint: most scientist titles end with the letters ist, such as botanist. Answers are on the next page. (don't peak)

1. _____ studies how traits are inherited.
management.
2. _____ specializes in soils and crops.
trends.
3. _____ studies the spread of disease.
amphibians.
4. _____ studies weather and climate.
system.
5. _____ specializes in fossils.
6. _____ a zoologist that studies insects.
of the earth.
7. _____ studies origins and social
behavior.
relationships of humans.
8. _____ studies prison
9. _____ studies election
10. _____ studies reptiles and
11. _____ studies the nervous
12. _____ studies plants.
13. _____ studies the history
14. _____ studies mind and

HOW IMPORTANT IS GETTING AN EDUCATION AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

Think of a class you're taking now that has about 25 students. Out of those 25 students, pick four at random.

In the real world, these four students would be the only ones with the basic skills needed in today's job market. That means, out of 25 students, only four would be able to get good-paying jobs in the real world. This is because many students finish high school and think that they can live a good life without continuing their education.

Something else to think about: Do you know that, according to industry researchers, the vast majority of jobs that will be available to high school students today haven't even been invented yet? Even more interesting is the fact that many lower-paying jobs (those that don't require much beyond a high school education) are quickly being eliminated as companies use more and more computer automation. What remains are jobs for managers and technical specialists, jobs that in most cases require at least a bachelor's degree, if not more.

If your goal is to live a comfortable life, have a family, own a home, and enjoy what you do, then make sure you plan to continue your adventure in education beyond high school.

Article from Adventures in Education (www.aie.org)

Hope Is The Thing With Feathers
by Emily Dickinson

"Hope" is the thing with feathers –
That perches in the soul –
And sings the tune without the words –
And never stops – at all –
And sweetest – in the Gale – is heard –
And sore must be the storm –
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm –
I've heard it in the chilliest land –
And on the strangest Sea –
Yet, never, in Extremity,
It asked a crumb – of Me.

March Birthdays:

3/25 Morgan Lavoie

3/9 Ashley Armstrong

3/23 Jonathan Levant

3/12 Tranissa Baskette

3/18 Glenda Palmer

3/26 Jennifer Gibson

Answers to Quiz:

1. Geneticist
2. Agronomist
3. Epidemiologist
4. Meteorologist
5. Paleontologist
6. Entomologist
7. Anthropologist
8. Penologist
9. Psephologist
10. Herpetologist
11. Neurologist
12. Botanist
13. Geologist
14. Psychologist

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The Woodson Word

Woodson Students!

Be on the lookout for upcoming summer commitment forms to be mailed shortly. To help us schedule events for the summer and accept new students we need to know what our returners are planning to do. We hope each of you will be joining us in Berea but if not, please share this information with us so that someone else may join in your place. The deadline for summer commitment is Friday, April 30.

SENIORS: YOU ARE LIKE, SO DONE! BEWARE OF SENIORITIS

Most colleges make admissions decisions based on the four-year high school record. Unfortunately, many seniors become afflicted with "senioritis," a highly contagious disease that usually starts to fester when the last of all college applications have been mailed, and worsens once acceptance letters have been received. Its symptoms are readily identifiable: apathy, boredom, defiance of authority, lack of motivation, counting the days until graduation, and a constant desire to engage in amusing pursuits—mostly sleeping, working or hanging . . .

Make sure that you don't slack off too much, since colleges review final transcripts sent to them after graduation, and may withdraw or question offers of admission if a student's year-end grades are not consistent with prior achievement. An offer of admission to a college is conditional, pending successful completion of the senior year. Keep in mind that colleges do rescind offers, or place students on academic probation before they even begin college.

Nevertheless, the idea of "senioritis" is mainstream, and you're bound to feel it one way or another. Instead of spending your extra free time at the mall or playing the latest first-person shooter, consider putting your energies to good use. Find something that interests you and go with it: learn about Norse mythology, work in a homeless shelter, become proficient at chess, learn HTML, or take up painting. When you get to college, it will be your interests that take center-stage. You may not have had the time in the past to pursue those subjects that intrigued you. **NOW IS THE TIME!**

Did You Know Woodson Institute Pays for the Fee of ACT ReTesting

Although our office is only permitted to issue students one ACT Fee Waiver, we will reimburse students for retaking the test. Please send a note to Sara or Rodney with a copy of the new scores and details of the test date. We cannot reimburse for late-fees.

Information about ACT Re-Testing

First, there are no limitations on how many times you can take the ACT and there are some strong reasons to consider re-testing.

You should definitely consider re-testing if you had any problems during the test, such as misunderstanding the directions or not feeling physically well. You may also want to consider re-testing if you are not satisfied that your scores accurately represent your abilities in the areas tested. If you see a discrepancy between your ACT scores and your high school grades, or if you subsequently complete coursework or an intensive review in the areas covered by the ACT Assessment, re-testing may be beneficial.

During the Fall of 2004 UB/WI will institute a new policy regarding ACT scores. While it is still in the planning stages, it is likely that all students will be required to continue retesting until their overall score reaches above Kentucky's average and sub-scores reach a to-be-determined point. The reasons for this policy are many and we will discuss our changes with you during the summer.