

November 2003

UB/WI Newsletter

Berea College TRIO Programs

UB Reunion DATES:

- **November 8**
- **December 6**

Visitors will be invited in November. You **MUST** have an application in the office to attend. Sorry but you can't just bring your friends up for the day.

Well we managed to find our way to Indiana and the Derby Dinner Playhouse to see Catch Me If You Can. We even managed to find our way back home! More than that we had a great time as well. UB and WI students got to hang out with each other; many for the first time since the summer! It was great seeing old friends and the play was fun with lots of unexpected twists and turns. Not many figured out that the husband had killed his own wife—pretty clever I say.

The hotel staff said we were one of the best high school groups they have had the pleasure of having in their hotel. That says a lot about you guys. Anyway check out inside the newsletter—I have included a few pictures while we were hanging out in the lobby and at dinner. I hope they copy well.

See you in November!

Vicki

TRIO THINKQUEST SEMI-FINALISTS!!!

Hey everyone, I checked out the TRIO ThinkQEst site this evening and 4 of our groups made it to the semi-finalists! 3 of the 4 groups are now in running for finalists!! If you want to check it out, go to this site and scroll down near the bottom, to see the group names: <http://depts.washington.edu/trio/comp/entries/semi03.shtml>

Finalists will be announced Oct. 24 and the top sites in November. So keep checking back. You all did a great job and the hard work has paid off. Congrats to all the groups.

—Resa

WHY DOES THE JACK O’LANTERN REPRESENT HALLOWEEN?

One popular version of the tale is an Irish legend of a man named Jack drinking too much liquor at a local pub on All Hallow’s Eve. The more drinks Jack consumed the more his life was slipping away. As the intoxicated Jack stumbled home, the Devil demanded that Jack come to Hell with him because of his evil ways. Jack, who was not too eager to die, convinced the Devil to climb a nearby tree to pluck him an apple. As the Devil climbed the tree, Jack carved a cross in the tree’s trunk—preventing the Devil from coming back down. The angry and deceived Devil demanded that Jack release him. But first, the clever Jack wanted to make a pact with the Devil. Jack made the Devil promise that when he died the Devil would not claim his soul. The Devil agreed and Jack set him free.

On the following All Hallow’s Eve Jack died from his excessive drinking. He was forbidden to enter the gates of Heaven because of his mean and evil habits. Desperate for a resting place, Jack tried entering Hell, but the Devil denied Jack access because of their previous promise. The Devil gave the rejected Jack a lighted coal to help him find his resting place, Jack, who was munching down on a turnip at the time, placed the coal inside the turnip to light his way through the dark night. Since then, Jack has been roaming the world with his jack o’lantern looking for a place to rest. Pumpkins were not used until the Irish immigrants came to America and realized that these big orange squashes were more abundant and cheaper than beets or turnips.

Hmmm so that’s probably more than you ever wanted to know about the Halloween tradition.....

FYI-DEVELOPING YOUR READING COMPREHENSION

READ TO UNDERSTAND NOT TO MEMORIZE!!

Be focused in your reading. Try to anticipate the author’s direction. Ask these four questions after scanning (the article or chapter), and before thorough reading.

What is the materials’s thesis or main idea?

What is my purpose for reading this selection?

What is the sequence of idea?

What information or ideas will I be looking for as I read?

—Take a 10 minute break every hour.

—Turn each heading into a question, then read to answer the question.

- Underline and highlight only after reading a paragraph or short section.
- Write in the margin the key words representing the ideas you've underlined. After you've read the entire assignment, go back and recite the ideas.

Give a person an idea, and you enrich their life. Teach a person how to learn, and they can enrich their own life."

Unknown

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Just a little FYI about Brenda Parson—she is alive and well doing her clinicals. One more semester of school to go!!

If you would like to say hello to Brenda, she would love to hear from you:

br3599@hotmail.com

Dara is kicking up her heels in Ireland but will return to Berea in January.

Eric graduated from Berea and has not been seen since.

Tommy and Jamie are scene on the field chasing the disk from time to time.

Kenny is back teaching and coaching a cross country team.

Jeri is seldom scene but keeping busy in Bourbon County.

Resa finished grad school and is teaching full time.

Wahida started grad school and is freezing somewhere in Wisconsin.

The Woodson Word

Carter G Woodson Weeekend

While in Louisville, many Seniors indicated an interest in coming to Berea for a weekend sponsored by the admissions office. This weekend is designed to provide African American students the opportunity to meet others and get a perspective on campus life for minorities at Berea. Although it is called the Woodson Weekend (in honor of Carter G Woodson), it is not

sponsored by UB. In order to participate in this weekend you must have a complete application on file in the admission office. If you are interested in this weekend, don't delay in turning in your application—including a recommendation from Mary.

MATH & SCIENCE CORNER

Solving problems is the most important aspect of math or science courses.

When working a problem, follow these steps:

Read through the problem at a moderate speed to get an overview.

Read through the problem again for the purpose of finding out what the problem is asking for (your unknown). Be able to state this in your own words.

Read each phrase of the problem and write down (symbolically or otherwise) all information given.

Devise a tentative plan to solve the problem:

Form relationships among all facts given, e.g., an equation including the unknown

Think of every formula or definition that might be relevant to the problem.

Work backwards; ask yourself, "What do I need to know in order to get the answer?"

Relate the problem to a similar example from your textbook or notes.

Solve a simpler case of the problem using extremely large or small numbers; then follow your example as if it is an example from the text.

Guess an answer and then try to check and see if it's correct. The method you use to check your answer may suggest a possible plan.

If you are making no progress, take a break and return to your problem later.

Carter G Woodson History

Called the "Father of Negro History," Carter Godwin Woodson (1875-1950) was instrumental in the founding of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915. During his lifetime he was probably the most significant scholar promoting the history and achievements of African Americans.

Carter Woodson was born in New Canton, Virginia, in 1875--ten years after the 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery, was written into law. His grandparents and his father, James, a tenant farmer, and mother, Anne, had been slaves. Consequently, when freedom was a reality, they were poor like thousands of newly freed families of African descent in the United States. Because of the close ties to his family and a strong sense of responsibility to them, Woodson worked throughout his early school years to help support his parents and siblings. By the time he was able to attend school, he was well past his teens.

Creative and imaginative as well as independent at an early age, Woodson taught himself by reading avidly in his spare time. As a result of his innate intelligence, personal accomplishments, and dedication to learning, he was able to complete high school. In 1903 he graduated with honors from Berea College, a unique college in the slave state of Kentucky. Founded in 1855, Berea introduced integrated education in the 19th century and thus permitted the enrollment of African Americans. In 1907 and 1908, respectively, Woodson earned an undergraduate degree and his M.A. from the University of Chicago. Just four years after completing graduate training at the University of Chicago, he was awarded the doctorate from Harvard.

Sara's Side ...

When it is cold and gray, here is one of my favorite quotes to remember:

Never judge a day by the weather