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This newsletter is an internal publication to help keep everyone informed about activities related to English teachers and English teaching at Western Kentucky University.

SELECTED APRIL DATES

1 All Fools' Day
8 Buddha 563 B.C.
13 Eudora Welty 1909
15 Henry James 1843
17 Thornton Wilder 1897
23 Shakespeare b. 1564, d. 1616
24 Robert Penn Warren 1905
30 John Crowe Ransom 1888

ACTIVITIES

ANN FIELDS and GRETCHEN NIVA attended the 17th annual meeting of the Southeastern Conference on English in the Two-Year College, in Winston-Salem, N.C. February 24-28. They served as program coordinators for the sessions on developmental studies.

PAT NAVE was the guest speaker at the February 28 meeting of the WKU chapter of the National Collegiate Association for Secretaries.

PEGGY STEELE had a poem in the most recent issue of Poetry Now (a California publication). Also, she conducted a poetry workshop for students at Volunteer State Community College on February 11th.

RUSSELL MOORE spoke March 2 to a couple of classes at Warren Central High School on "How to Succeed in College, Especially in English Classes." He did an outstanding job.

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APRIL VOCABULARY WORDS

looby, prehensile, serry, debacle, galimatias, nacreous, scarify, darkling, denouement, pudency, paschal, peroration, amphoric, kerf, precatory, scrim, illation, piceous, suborn, extrapolate, lateritious, chortle, sidle, wormwood, petroglyph, meander, acuate, venatic, tactile, moil

A SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS

6 most important words: "I admit I made a mistake"
5 " " " : "You did a good job"
4 " " " : "What is your opinion?"
3 " " " : "If you please"
2 " " " : "Thank you"
1 " " " : "I"

Aspasia, a famous mathematical scholar, was a teacher of Socrates. By the brilliance of her example, she also convinced Pericles, whose mistress she was, that women deserved educations.

"Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught."

Oscar Wilde, 1891
CONCORD WINE

(Sung at the Completion of Zeller Schwarzer Katz, 1958)

By the broad bar that arched the wall--
Their aim to shoot the breeze a while--
Here once the host and guest stood tall
And popped the cork heard with a smile.

The host long since in silence slept;
Alike his guest, though snoring, sleeps;
Close watch on time their wives have kept,
And kept, and kept, and still will keep.

On this green rug, by this soft light,
We set tonight a loud alarm,
That they not sleep all through the night,
Lest irate wives should do them harm.

Spirits, that made these heroes dare
Pass out, their wives to wonder where,
Bid Time and Nature gently spare
The cup we raise to them, with cheer.

--Beverly Bow, 2/5/77 (contributed by Janet Schwarzkopf, by one of her students)

EXCUSES, EXCUSES by John Williamson and Ruskin Teeter (contributed by Bob Ward)

Below are some "classic" excuses received from parents. They are reproduced in their authentic, original form.

Dear school: Please excuse John for being absent on January 28, 29, 30, 32, & 33.

Chris have an acre in his side.
Mary could not come to school because she was bothered by very close veins.
John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.
I kape Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I didn't know what size she wore.

Please, excuse Alice, She had been sick and under the doctor.
My son was under the doctor's care and should not take P.E. Please execute him.

Please don't make Rosa dress because she had fever yesterday and she has a cool.

Dilia was absent from school yesterday as she had a gang over.
Please excuse Joey Friday. He had loose vowels.
Please excuse Blanch from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday she fell out of a tree and misplaced her hip.

Please excuse Joyce from jim today. She is administrating.
Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He hurt in the growing part.
My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent the weekend with the marines.

Please excuse Johnny for being. It was his father's fault.
SUGGESTIONS FOR WRITING, Narrative Topics

1. Tell a story about the last time you cried (or felt like it).
2. Tell a story about a time you apologized to someone and really meant it (or should have apologized but didn't).
3. Tell a story about discovering something about yourself.
4. Tell a story about the last time you did something you knew you shouldn't have done (or almost did it).
5. Tell a story about your discovery of prejudice or bigotry.
6. Tell a story about quarrelling with someone close to you.
7. Tell a story about getting or being lost.
8. Tell a story about doing something for the first time—like driving, drinking, flying, water-skiing, or traveling abroad.
9. Tell a story about being rejected.
10. Tell a story about discovering that you loved someone (or about realizing that you didn't love someone you thought you did).
11. Tell a story about the last time you hit someone (or someone hit you).
12. Tell a story about a time when you disliked yourself.
13. Tell a story about a time when it felt great to be alive.
14. Tell a story about the beginning or end of a love or friendship.
15. Tell a story about going someplace—to a sports event, amusement park, picnic, party, college, rock concert, or beach.

SUGGESTIONS FOR WRITING, Descriptive Topics

1. Visit a local nursery school (or kindergarten) and describe the children at play.
2. Describe student reactions to an especially boring (or inspiring) class.
3. Describe an exciting event—like a football game, circus, rock concert, or panty raid—in order to communicate its excitement to your readers.
4. Describe a place that is special for you—a roller rink or amusement park, an athletic field or playground, a cabin on a lake or a bench under a tree, a farm, bar, or pizza parlor—in order to make your readers sense its specialness.
5. Describe someone that you either love or hate in order to make your readers feel what you feel.
6. Describe a college party so that someone who's never been to one gets a feeling of what it's like.
7. Describe what it's like downtown after the football team has won a big game.
8. Describe what goes on at a rush party so that your friend who will attend one next week knows what to expect.
9. That special person you met last spring in Fort Lauderdale has written to ask you "What's it really like?" at your school. Tell him or her.
10. Your kid brother is thinking about trying out for the wrestling team (track squad, school play, newspaper staff) but isn't sure whether he'll like it or not. Describe a typical practice session to give him a sense of what it's like and whether he'll find it fun.
11. Describe how you felt when you were forced to spend some time with someone you didn't like—say on a blind date.
12. Describe the meeting of two people—friends, relatives, or lovers—who haven't seen each other for a long time.
13. The psychiatrist you have an appointment to see next month wants you to write "an honest description of your real self." Do it.
14. In order to get along better with your parents (or sister or friend), describe for them an aspect of yourself that they've never really recognized or understood.
15. Describe a city you've visited so that others would want to visit it, too.
SIMPLIFY

1. Similar sire, similar scion.
2. Precipitancy creates prodigality.
3. Tenants of vitreous abodes ought to hurl no lithoidal fragments.
4. Compute not your immature gallinaceous prior to their being produced.
5. It is fruitless to become lachrymose because of scattered lacteal fluid.
6. Cleave gramineous matter for fodder during the period that the orb of the day is refugent.
7. Pulchritude does not extend below the surface of the derma.
8. Failure to be present causes the vital organ to become more enamored.
9. Every article which coruscates is not fashioned from aureate metal.
10. Freedom from guile or fraud constitutes the most excellent principle of procedure.
11. Each canine passes through his period of pre-eminence.
12. Consolidated, the party of the first part and the party of the second part maintain an upright attitude; separated, these entities defer to the law of gravity.
13. You cannot estimate the value of the contents of a bound, printed narrative or record from its exterior vesture.
14. Folks deficient in ordinary judgement scurringly enter areas on which celestial beings dread to set foot.
15. Liquid relish for the female anserine fowl is the individual condiment for the male.
16. A feathered creature clasped in the manual members is equal in value to a brace in the bosky growth.
17. The individual of the class aves, arriving before the appointed time, seizes the invertebrate animal of the group vermes.
18. Socially orientated individuals tend to congregate in a gregariously homogenous grouping.
19. One may address a member of the equidae family towards aqueous liquid, but one is incapable of compelling him to quaff.
20. One pyrus malus per diem restrains the arrival of the Hippocratic apostle.
21. Fondness for notes of exchange constitutes the tuberous structure of all satanically inspired principles.
22. Supposing one primarily fails to be victorious, bend further efforts in that direction.
23. Be adorned with the pedal casement that gives comfort.
24. Prudence and sagacity are the worthier condiments of intrepid courage.
25. He who expresses merriment in finality expresses merriment excelling either in equal quality.
26. A beholden vessel never exceeds 212 degrees Fahrenheit.
27. A rotating lithoidal fragment never accrues lichen.
28. Do not dissipate your competence by hebetudinous prodigality lest you subsequently lament an exiguous inadequacy.
29. It can be no other than a maleficent horizontally propelled current of gaseous matter whose portentous advent is not the harbinger of a modicum of beneficence.
30. Aberration is the hallmark of homo sapiens, while longanisimos placability and condonation are the indicia of supramundane omniscience.

--contributed by Bettye Albin

What words contain the 6 vowels in proper order?
What word can be made shorter by adding a syllable to it?
What word reads the same forward, backward, and upside down? (4 letters)
What are the longest monosyllabic words in English?
For how many letters of the alphabet can you name a word beginning with a doubled letter (examples: eel, ooze)?