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Greetings from Your President, Karla Steere

Change—Wonderful, Not So Wonderful, Often Necessary

Occasionally when I have time to think about something other than grading papers, students, computers, and family needs, I am tempted to drift back to easier times . . . times when all students did their assignments (oh, yeah). . . times when the world was not so very scary . . . times when reading a good book at night didn't bring forth feelings of guilt while stacks of ungraded papers sat on the kitchen table . . . times when a drive up the canyon didn't cost so much . . . times when money stretched so much farther . . . times when I knew nearly everyone in business education in the state and we all joined their business professional organizations and we all looked forward to meeting every summer in Logan for a week of learning, movies and ice cream.

As I'm thinking change just isn't for the better, the ringing of my cell phone reminds me that there are some innovations I have grown to love. I treasure those first emailed pictures of a new grandchild. Computers, word processing software, software such as Photoshop and In-design, the backspace key on my computer keyboard are simply marvelous when compared with that IBM typewriter without lift-off correction tape. I cannot even imagine living without my email program to communicate every day. My microwave did not replace my gas stove (as the eager salesman said it would do) but I could not exist without both of them. The list is long.

Yes . . . sometimes life brings wonderful changes to our existence. Those who have surrounded us during our career provide richness to our lives. I've learned to truly treasure our past experiences together as well as the present ones. I've respected, valued, and learned much from colleagues (some who are now retired) that shared volumes of wisdom and worked hard to make the positive changes in our profession. They spent many hours working for me and for you. I look forward to the ideas offered from the new fresh faces who are coming.

As Jimmy Durrante put it . . . "Thanks for the memories" . . . and thanks for all UBCEA members who give so much to make our profession better. You're marvelous.

Teacher Spotlight

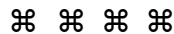
Karla Parsons



Box Elder Middle School

Karla Parsons is in her 16th year of teaching at Box Elder Middle School in Brigham City, Utah. She teaches Computer Technology and Word Processing I & II to 8th and 9th graders. Currently she is serving as the Chairman of the Community Council for her school and served two years on USU's Advisory Council for Secondary Education.

She has watched her classroom progress from one-half typewriters and one-half computers to Dell computers loaded with Microsoft XP. Karla loves teaching technology and business and has always felt the skills learned in her classes would be "survival life skills" for her students in the future. Her five children are the light of her life. After school hours are spent supporting their activities and sharing in their accomplishments.



Informative and Helpful Websites

Website	Description
www.adigitaldreamer.com	Provides advice and guidance to students interested in career dealing with graphic design, web design, multi-media or 3D animation.
Salary.com	Select a job category and zip code, the <i>Salary Wizard</i> will find current salary amounts for the targeted area.
www.khake.com/page13.html	Prize-winning career research Website about career exploration.

There is divine beauty in learning. To learn means to accept the postulate that life did not begin at my birth. Others have been here before me, and I walk in their footsteps. The books I have read were composed by generations of fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, teachers and disciples. I am the sum total of their experiences and so are you.

Elie Wiesel

Laura McCleod, President Elect of UBCEA, Attends WBITE and NBEA Conference.

The highlight of the year for me serving as President Elect of UBCEA was attending the WBITE and NBEA conferences. Traveling with Karla to Portland and Chicago was lots of fun, and she was a great mentor preparing me for my term as President.

What stands out most about this year's WBITE conference is the drive to recruit younger members and encourage them to attend the conference. The new generation of teachers have much to share and WBITE wants to get them more involved.

The conference offered a variety of sessions to learn about upgrades to software such as Office 2003 and new technology such as tablet PCs. Fun sessions on wine tasting and becoming a stylish traveler were mixed in with informative sessions on curriculum development and online teaching. A Karaoke Party gave teachers a chance to show their singing talents - or lack there of. . . . The Utah group did not prove to have the best musical talent but got through their performance to the song "Work, Work" with no permanent injuries except to our pride! Hats off to Nancy Noe and the Oregon crew for a very successful, informative, and fun conference!

I've been to several NBEA conferences but this year's conference tops them all in my

opinion mainly due to the general session speakers. Kathrine Switzer, the first woman to run the Boston marathon, gave a motivational speech on how we can all be heroes in our own ways and in our own little spots in the world. Your own health comes first, if you're going to be a hero. She reminded me how important it is to fit that walk in every day, even if for only 15-30 minutes.

Next, Anne Beiler told the intriguing story about her Amish Mennonite upbringing and how she became a successful entrepreneur as founder and CEO for Auntie Anne's Pretzels. Of course, Karla and I had to sample the infamous pretzels after her speech, and we had no problem fitting the half hour walking in as we made our way through Downtown Chicago.

The third general session speaker was Patti Holmes, President of Holmes Training and Development. Her down-to-earth, uplifting speech gave us helpful advice on communication and leadership. Monty Selvy, a former public school teacher and principle, closed the conference sharing humorous stories and advice by singing and playing his guitar.

I left both conferences with a renewed, uplifting feeling - ready once again to tackle the every-day challenges of teaching.

President's Perkins Plan Provides Limited Improvements

Significant Concerns Remain

The Administration released its revised Blueprint for the reauthorization of the Perkins Act on May 11, 2004. The proposal is entitled the "Carl D. Perkins Secondary and Technical Education Excellence Act of 2004" and is organized under the Department of Education's new vision for career and technical education.

This new proposal does contain some improvements over the Administration's original February 2003 proposal, in large part due to the feedback from the career tech community. Chief among these is a provision that makes it clear that Perkins funds may not be transferred to Title I of No Child Left Behind as was originally proposed by the Administration.

However, there are still numerous proposed changes to the program's structure that could be detrimental to career and technical education across the country.

These changes include the elimination of the Tech Prep and career information programs, a reduced focus on technical skill attainment, the elimination of a local funding formula, and a requirement that local funding be directed only to mandatory partnerships between local school districts and postsecondary partners.

The Administration's Blueprint is available online at

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/sectech/leg/cte/04blueprnt.doc>

and a summary can be found at

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/sectech/leg/cte/04summ.doc>

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The things you learn in maturity aren't simple things such as acquiring information and skills. You learn not to engage in self-destructive behavior. You learn not to burn up energy in anxiety. You discover how to manage your tensions. You learn that self-pity and resentment are among the most toxic of drugs. You find that the world loves talent but pays off on character. You come to understand that most people are neither for you nor against you; they are thinking about themselves. You learn that no matter how hard you try to please, some people in this world are not going to love you - a lesson that is at first troubling and then really quite relaxing.

--John W. Gardner



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UBCEA MEMBERSHIP FORM for 2003—2004			
Name:		School:	
Home Address:		School Address:	
Home Phone:		School Phone:	
Fax Number:		School Phone:	
E-mail Address:			
UBCEA Membership Dues (Select one option only/UBCEA is included if you join UACTE/ACTE)			
<input type="checkbox"/> UBCEA—\$10 (Student Dues \$4)			
<input type="checkbox"/> UBCEA/UACTE/ACTE—\$105			
NBEA/WBITE Membership Dues (Select one option only)			
<input type="checkbox"/> NBEA/WBITE—\$70 (Undergraduate Student Dues, \$40; Graduate Student Dues, \$70)			
<input type="checkbox"/> NBEA/WBITE and ISBE—\$100			
TOTAL			
<p>Write your check to UBCEA and Send this membership form and your check to</p>			<p>Dr. Allyson Saunders TBE Department Weber State University 1501 University Circle Ogden, UT 84408-1501</p>



50th Anniversary Celebration!

ATE Business Educators'

Summer Conference

June 15, 2004 4:30-7:30 pm

DDD Ranch, Herriman, Utah



Come celebrate with us at the Ranch!!

FOUR MEAT BARBEQUE

- Hamburgers
- Hotdogs
- Chicken
- Ribs

Volleyball

Hay Rides

Softball

GAMES

TALENT SHOW

Horseshoes

Playground

PRIZES

Swimming

COUNTRY DANCING

AND MORE!

WHO: Business teachers, family, and friends – ALL are invited!

WHAT: An evening of fun and food

WHERE: 7070 W 13090 S (see map on back)

WHY: BECAUSE WE DESERVE IT!

HOW MUCH:

Most of the cost has been covered through conference registration. We have tried to keep the cost for guests at a minimum. (See prices below)

A Bargain!



Please send a note to Vonell at vhatch@usoe.k12.ut.us telling us if you plan to attend. We'd like to get an indication of interest for attendance.

Visit WWW.DDDRANCH.COM for more details

NAME _____

****Make Checks payable to: BATC ****

EMAIL _____

Conference Registrant _____ \$3.00

PHONE _____

Guest(s) \$8.00 x ____ = _____

Youth 4-12 \$4.00 x ____ = _____

Children 3-Under _____ Free

Mail to: USOE
Attn: Vonell Hatch
PO BOX 144200
SLC UT 84114-4200

TOTAL Submitted: \$ _____

Number of people expected to attend: _____

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