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## FROM GRANDMA BEACH'S DIARY

Brigham City, UT

Paulene Beach

October found me on home health care for my knee. Lisa's husband, Curtis, got sick and doubled up with pain. They found that he had a 30-pound tumor on his kidney. They had to remove the kidney and the tumor. He seems to be doing alright but weak. It wasn't cancerous. That's a good thing. I am trying to sell this big house and go in a house on one floor. The steps are hard on me, back and knee. Also the maintenance on this big house is hard on less money coming in. Houses are hard to sell right now. No one coming to look.

November came in cold and we had our first snow this month. I am going to outpatient physical therapy now. They work me hard. Our first money from the gas rights of Uncle Morris came in this month. I wish Fred could have lived for a while longer. He always said it wouldn't come in his life time. He only missed it by a couple of months. I talk to him often. I'm sure he's happy. Sometimes I think maybe he and his uncle Morris are up there helping things along for us. Don't know. God has blessed our family a lot and I am so thankful to Him. We had a huge wind storm and it blew a lot of branches off our trees. I was sick with the flu for 4 days but finally beat it.

December came in with a lot of baking and cleaning to get ready for the holidays. It was fun. Kate and Meg and Kate's friend Jared came in and helped me bake cookies. We had a great time. We made molasses cookies and muddy buddies to send to our two missionaries for a treat. We made some banana nut bread for the neighbors for Christmas. Love this time of the year. Went to the temple with Sister Williams since I can't drive much yet. My knee is still sore and painful. Then she took me out to dinner. We had a nice evening. She's the greatest!! I had a great Christmas. Mike's family came home and Jessie and her family came from Georgia also. Played lots of games and enjoyed visiting with everyone. Hectic but wonderful. We all went to Lisa's for her granddaughter Halyn's 6th birthday and then went out to dinner at a Chinese restaurant. We had a good time. We had a great dinner party for New Year's and then Mike and his family and Jessie and her

family had to go home. We will miss them. Maybe I will get to see them next summer. Can't wait until warmer weather.



## ASHLEY'S ARTICLE

Rexburg, ID

Ashley Beach

Wow, it seems like time is slipping away from me more and more these days. Here we are with yet another quarter behind us. Oh well, time flies when you're having fun right? Speaking of time flying, it's time to fly through what happened the last few months.

When October began, I was a month into my last school year and I couldn't believe how SLOW it was moving. Don't they usually say that if you keep yourself busy, that time passes quicker? Well, unfortunately, it wasn't the case this time (sigh). No matter how much I had to do, the time never seemed to get a move on. It was probably because I wanted it to end so much.

My hardest class this semester, and arguably my hardest class ever, was scoring and arranging. In this class we had to take existing pieces and "rewrite" them for different sets of instruments. For example, I took a hymn that is typically a piano piece and made it playable for a set of woodwinds. The main thing that I learned in that class: I am NOT destined to be the next Mozart. When it comes to composition I have two musical left feet. Oh well, I've always been more interested in the performing side anyhow.

The nice thing about having my hardest class was that I also had one of my easiest. I took....Bowling! It was a great stress reliever that's for sure. I only improved my overall game by about 10 points on average, but it wasn't too bad overall.

During this month, I also had the fun of going on a road trip. With the other members of my choral practicum group, I drove down to Utah to observe the way that some of the teachers in that area conducted their classrooms. It was fun watching how creative that they were with their students. It was also a way to spark my creative juices as I started to picture my own classroom. It was sort of an exhilarating yet scary thought that 1 year from this point I would have my own classroom as a student teacher. Needless to say, I was paying attention.

It wasn't all work, however. We also got the

opportunity to visit the tabernacle and see, and be part of, a Mormon Tabernacle Choir rehearsal. I can now officially say that I have sung with the choir. Let me tell you, it is HARD work. One of the pieces that we were rehearsing they had only received the previous Sunday. The kicker was that it was to be sung at the *Music and the Spoken Word* on the coming Sunday. This gave them about a week to learn it. It's a good thing that you have to be good at sight reading to do it because you couldn't do it otherwise.

The rest of the month was pretty uneventful. I attended the annual Halloween concert as was my school tradition, which I greatly enjoyed. It was based on *Indiana Jones and the Search for the Crystal Baton*. It was entertaining as always. Sadly, this would also be my last one as it was my last year at BYU-Idaho. Oh well, maybe that could be a tradition that I could start at the school I eventually teach in.

November finally arrived. This meant that we were only a few weeks from a break. A much needed one, I might add. However, there were a few things to still make this a relatively fun month. One of these things was a date. That's right, a date. Well, I guess it was more of a group thing, but it was still entertaining.

It all started when my friend Sarah invited all of her I-team friends over for an activity. She made sure that she set up pairs for all of them. When she found that she was one girl short, she approached me about the idea of a blind date one day in class. Willing to give it a try and to help out a friend, I agreed. The night arrived and I met my date. His name was Jacob, and he was really friendly. Once everyone arrived, we began our first activity which was ice cream sculpting. We each got a quart of ice cream, spoons, straws, and other random tools to work with. Together, Jacob and I sculpted a bowl of ice cream complete with a spoon. A little ironic, but memorable anyway. As we sculpted, we talked about ourselves and got to know the other person. Jacob is pretty cool and we are now good friends. After the "judging" of the sculptures as couples we put on skits where one of the two would be the actor, and the other played the part of the actor's arms. This brought about some hilarious results. The funniest was when a couple that consisted of an extremely tall guy and a very short girl. The proportions were all off, but they incorporated it into their skit extremely well. All of the skits were about common things that you would do every day like brushing your teeth, making a sandwich, and folding a sheet, but with the mismatched arms, it made things very entertaining. For those of you wondering, I did the skit with the sheet folding and I was the arms. If you thought folding a sheet was difficult, you should try it behind someone else's back where you have no eyesight to assist you. It took forever, but I couldn't stop giggling. Hmm...maybe that was what made it take forever.

A few weeks later brought Thanksgiving break. I was picked up from school and taken down to Utah to enjoy the time with family. Just like every other break, I split the time between both sides of my family. I loved seeing family from both sides of my family. Not to mention, I got double the great food and I got to take some back to my apartment with me. Score!

Finally December arrived and crunch time began. It was time for finals and that meant many a late night studying, and going to the computer lab to put finishing touches on projects. How did I make it through? The constant reminder

that I only had one more semester, and I would be done with my on-campus schooling. It was extremely motivating.

After a week of torture, it was over. Another semester was behind me, and best of all it meant only one more to go. I was really excited. Things got even better when my ride arrived to take me to Utah for a much needed three weeks break.

Just like with vacations past, I split my time between both sides of my family. After my immediate family arrived, I went wherever they went. I had a lot of fun, and it was nice not having to think about homework and tests.

This year my family decided to pull a surprise attack on my grandparents and not tell them when they would arrive. Although the surprise didn't go completely as planned, it was still entertaining.

On New Year's Eve, we were playing games, talking, and watching the ball drop on T.V. We did our normal countdown. The New Year had officially begun!

Well, that's all from me for now. See ya next quarter!



## FAMILY HISTORY

McDonough, GA

Michael Beach

I found a cache of Beach family documents while searching online. They are in Wilkes-Barre, PA in the *Bishop Library* maintained by the *Luzerne County Historical Society*. The staff there has been very helpful. They copied the documents for me. As I get time I will try to decipher what I can and transcribe them to the computer. Here are examples of the documents in the folders.

Article of agreement made and subscribed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1843. Between Daniel Varner of Salem Township, Luzerne County, State of Pennsylvania of the one part, and Philip Schechterley on the same place of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Daniel Varner for the consideration hereinafter mentioned to be paid and performed on part of said Schechterley, hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto him the said Schechterley and to his heirs and assigns, a certain lot or message of land situate in said Township of Salem, and described as following, adjoining on the east of Hanteburdy Pect's land and south of J.A. Harman and Christian Belkeiman's land and West of Joseph Varney land, containing about seventeen acres it being a part of the lot of land on which said Varney now lives, being the north portion of his land, and said Schechterley for himself his heirs and assigns agrees to pay to said Daniel Varner or to his heirs and assigns twenty five for each and every acre which the same may be found on surveying to contain (as follows) one hundred dollars on the first day of April next. The residue of the purchase money to be divided in three equal annual payments, to wit 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1844, 1845 and

1846 with interest on said three payments from the first day of April next, and the said Daniel Varner agrees to make or cause to be made to the said Schechterley a good sufficient and indefeasible title to the same on receiving the one hundred dollars payment above mentioned (to wit) first day of April next. Said Philip Schechterley securing to said Daniel Cerner the residue of the purchase money. In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written in presence of John R. Henrie and Josiah T. Beach.

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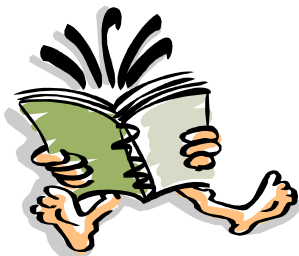
#### Caution

All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing, levying on, or in any way medaling with the following described property, we purchased at constables sale in Salem on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 1843 and have left in the possession of Patrick McGraw during our pleasure (to wit) one red and white cow, one Brindle cow, one red hog. J.T. Beach, W.W. Righter

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To the assessor of Windham Township, Wyoming County  
The following balances of tracts of land remain unseated and to be assessed as such. J.T. Beach, Windham, Dec. 16 1843

115 acres of James Cottenger, remainder seated  
Zebulon Butler all seated  
318 acres of Richard Sodensten, remainder seated  
108 acres of James Reese, remainder seated  
148 acres of William Morris, remainder seated  
94 acres of Tench Francis, remained seated  
Henry Lott, remainder seated  
Henry Sheaf, all in seated list  
Samuel Hazlehunt  
27 acres of George Harrison



## PAGE TURNER

### THE DIVINE COMEDY

By Dante Alighieri  
Vintage Books, 1950, 625 pages  
Review by Michael Beach

This epic poem was written between 1308 and 1321. The work is divided into three sections: Inferno, Purgatorio and Paradiso. The author represents an allegorical first-person passage through Hell, Purgatory and Paradise around Easter of the year 1300.

During this guided tour, Dante sees many characters. They are a mix of people he actually knew in life, historical figures, mythological personages, and Catholic iconic figures. He describes his visions of these post-life states in very graphic

ways. The misery and torture of Hell and Purgatory are very physical.

It is not clear to this reviewer how much of what the author included is meant to be allegorical and how much he believes to be the reality of the afterlife. Since there is such a mix of scripture with other non-doctrinal sources it's really hard to tell. It is certain many who have read this work have assumed it as literal and believe his descriptions to be completely based in scripture. This reviewer sees some similarity to scripture, but much more a strange hodge-podge of scripture, philosophy, mythology, history and the personal imagination of the author.

Despite the questionable doctrine of the work, as a piece of classic literature it is worth the read. One gains an interesting look into the mind of the scholarly thinking of the medieval period.

### YUKON HO!

By Bill Watterson  
Andrews McMeel Publishing, LLC, 1989, 127 pages  
Reviewed by Michael Beach

This is classic *Calvin and Hobbes* tomfoolery. The focus of the cartoons included are about winter and all that goes with it. Calvin is a small boy with a stuffed tiger who is alive and interactive with they are alone. To all the rest of the world Hobbes is just a stuffed toy. To Calvin he is simultaneously a play friend, confidant, deep philosophical debate counterpart, and at times the instigator of Calvin's mischief.

When my sons were little it was clear that there were parts of Calvin in each of them. I'm sure we will quickly see the same characteristics in the next generation as they grow into childhood.

All *Calvin and Hobbes* sketches are funny because they are so true. Anyone who as ever interacted with a male child will get the humor.

### OLIVER TWIST

By Charles Dickens  
The Modern Library, 2001, 442 pages  
Reviewed by Michael Beach

Originally published in 1837 and 1838 as installments, this tale has become one of the most known and loved of the author. Names such as Fagin and The Artful Dodger are familiar. The novel has been turned into many adaptations for stage and screen.

In the story, Oliver is orphaned and lives a difficult childhood under the forces of the lower parts of English society. As with other Dickens novels the story eventually ends well for the protagonist, but not without many damaging experiences along the way. The evil characters eventually get their "come-uppings".

Many of the persons depicted live parallel lives that are connected due to their interaction with Oliver. Some of the characters turn out to have other connections both with Oliver and with each other that had it not been for the circumstances of the tale would never have known.

Dickens is very talented in descriptions of people and circumstances. The story is entertaining, and the reader gains insights into 19<sup>th</sup> century English society.



# THE LAST WORD

(Editorial comments - submissions welcome)

## WISDOM THROUGH KNOWLEDGE, INTEGRITY AND SERVICE

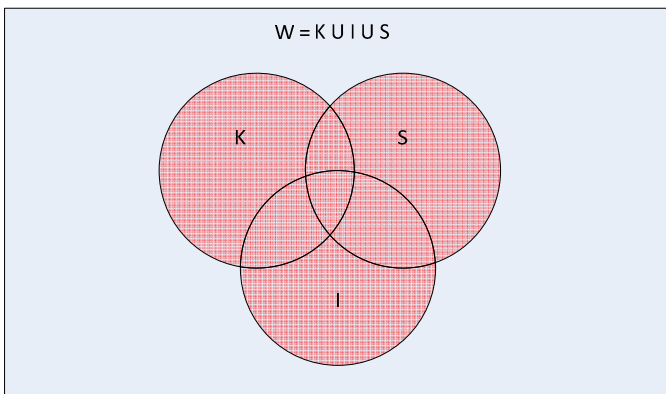
McDonough, GA

Michael Beach

I've been thinking about this word *and*, and the way we are using it in the context of our family vision statement. There is a specific meaning we had in mind when we wrote the statement. As I've thought about it I've come to realize that this word seems simple, but is really quite complex. In fact, depending on how it's viewed the word can mean several conflicting things.

As we consider *and* there are three different depictions I'd like to explore; English, Boolean logic, and the Venn diagram. I will focus on two differing meanings of *and*, and try to demonstrate the ideas in each of the three languages.

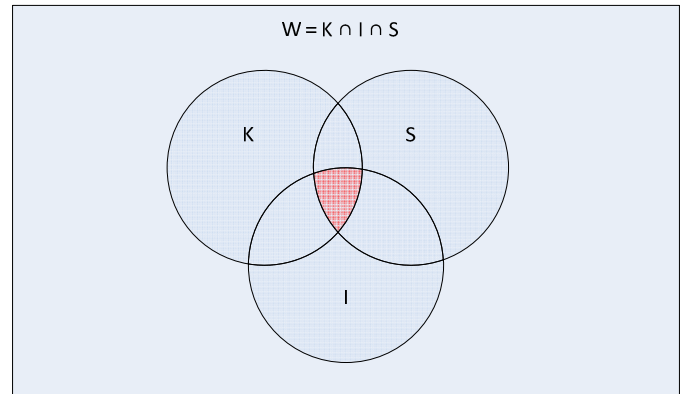
When we wrote the phrase *Wisdom through knowledge, integrity and service* we didn't take into account the potential double meaning. We wrote it mathematically almost as a joke as  $W = K + I + S$ . This construct gave us the shortened mnemonic of *the we kiss rule*. If one were to rewrite the English following the math construct it would be *Wisdom through knowledge and integrity and service*. This could be understood as any and all parts of each element are included. The Boolean way to write that same idea would be  $W = K \cup I \cup S$  ( $\cup$  is pronounced union). The Venn diagram would look like this.



In this construct it would be possible for a person to focus on just one of the three designated essential elements and still find wisdom. Rewriting the English the idea would be more commonly spoken *Wisdom through knowledge, integrity OR*

*service*. In this sense the word *or* is also a Boolean construct with the same meaning as the English.

This idea of all-inclusiveness in that any of the three attributes arrives at wisdom is not what was intended. In fact, the idea originally was exclusionary in that one had to gain some portion of all three elements to come to some degree of wisdom. Back to Boolean we change  $\cup$  with  $\cap$  and rewrite the formula as  $W = K \cap I \cap S$  ( $\cap$  is pronounced intersect). The Venn diagram looks like this.



These two renderings of *and* in the form of either  $\cup$  or  $\cap$  are not exactly opposites or complimentary. In Boolean logic a compliment includes everything that is not in the initial statement and is written as an apostrophe. This means the compliment of the union statement would be  $W' = (K \cup I \cup S)'$ . It would include all the area outside the red circles of the first Venn diagram.

The compliment of the intersect statement would be written  $W' = (K \cap I \cap S)'$ . It would include all the area outside the red triangular shape of the second Venn diagram.

In the  $\cup$  compliment version only the area that includes none of the three characteristics is included. The  $\cap$  compliment includes the same as well as any area with only one or two of the foci.

To be clear about the idea intended by our family statement, one must focus on all three attributes to obtain some measure of wisdom. There can be varying degrees of each element, but all must be present. The total statement speaks to ingredients in the recipe, but does not speak to quantity. One can assume the more of any or each ingredient the greater the wisdom.

### Submissions

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