Teaching English in the Information Age

BelNATE Online Workshop

By Vance Stevens

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Webcast from Abu Dhabi to Minsk

Via Elluminate and Learning Times

http://www.learningtimes.net

http://www.vancestevens.com/vance.htm

Why are we here?
Vygotsky: learning is social

The Learning Classroom:
Theory Into Practice
Session Overviews

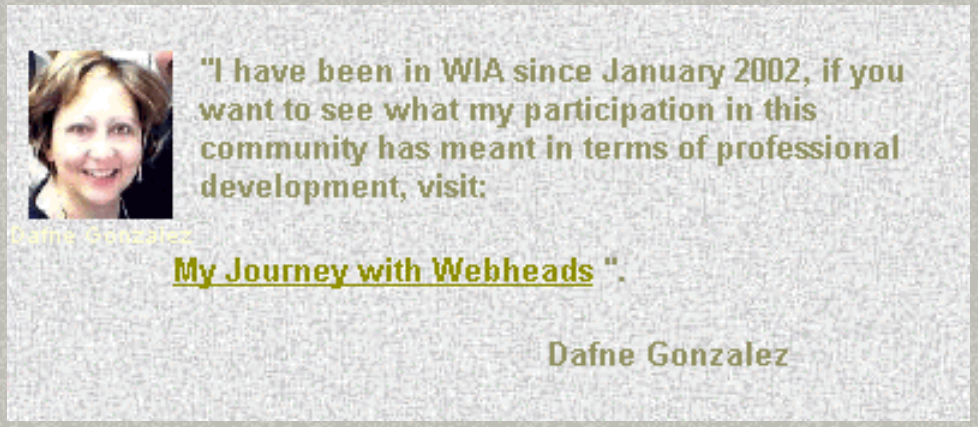
7. Learning From Others - Learning in a Social Context

"Vygotsky understood that all learning is social – that we don't actually end up doing most of our learning all by ourselves in our own heads; that we work with others, we assist one another to learn. Teachers can help students learn by consciously teaching within their zone of proximal development – right in that area where they're ready to learn and providing assistance, or having other students provide assistance in that social context."
Linda Darling-Hammond

http://www.learner.org/channel/courses/learningclassroom/session_overviews/social_context_home7.html

Key questions

- How do people learn in social contexts?
- How can teachers develop communities of learning
  - In other words, what tools are available to promote these outcomes?



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Who is Sergei?

Teaching for Webheads

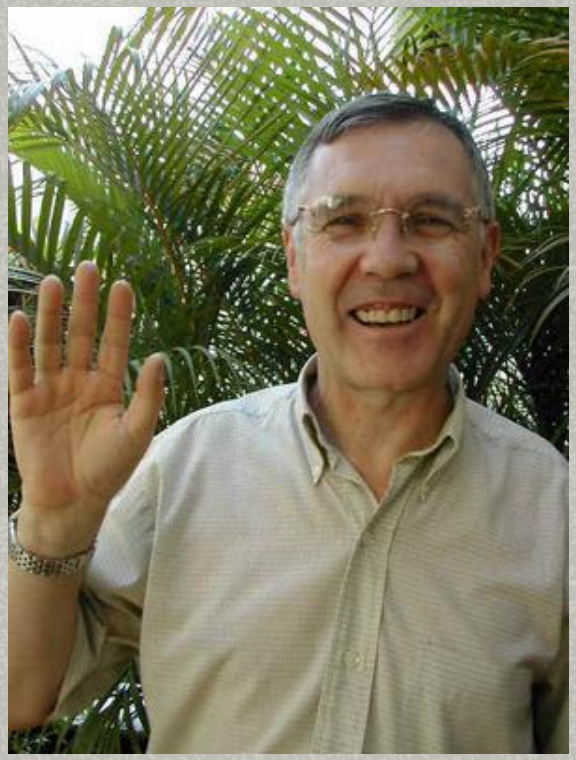
http://lightning.prohosting.com/~vstevens/tfw/index.html

Who are the Webheads?

Getting to know each other asynchronously

http://www.webheads.info

Who is Jean Michel Chaupart?



- Recognized for 30 years work as a language teacher in Colombia with the highest academic french decoration : "les Palmes Académiques“
- Jean Michel attempted to invite Webheads to join in a virtual portion of the ceremony when the Ambassador of France in Colombia, journeyed to Bucaramanga to bestow the honor in June 2004

Dafne met Jean Michel's daughter
in Spain and shared pictures via her website

http://www.geocities.com/dygonza/wia1/jacqueline.html

Who is Dafne Gonzales?

- Webhead since 2001-2002 EVOnline Webheads in Action sessions

Meet Dafne

Hi Everybody,

I am so excited! Today I received the book I got at the Networking2002 conference for winning the Art Competition with a "self-portrait" drawn at my groupboard page. The selected book is "The Cooperative Think Tank. Graphic Organizers to Teach Thinking in the Cooperative Classroom" by James Bellanca.

My excitement is not only because of the book, but because I am so bad at drawing that I could have never imagined that I would get a prize for any drawing of mine. Another marvel of this virtual world. This is the url to my self-portrait. http://www.geocities.com/dygonza/self-portrait.html

Vance and Dafne have met

- in Salt Lake City
  (2002 TESOL Conference)

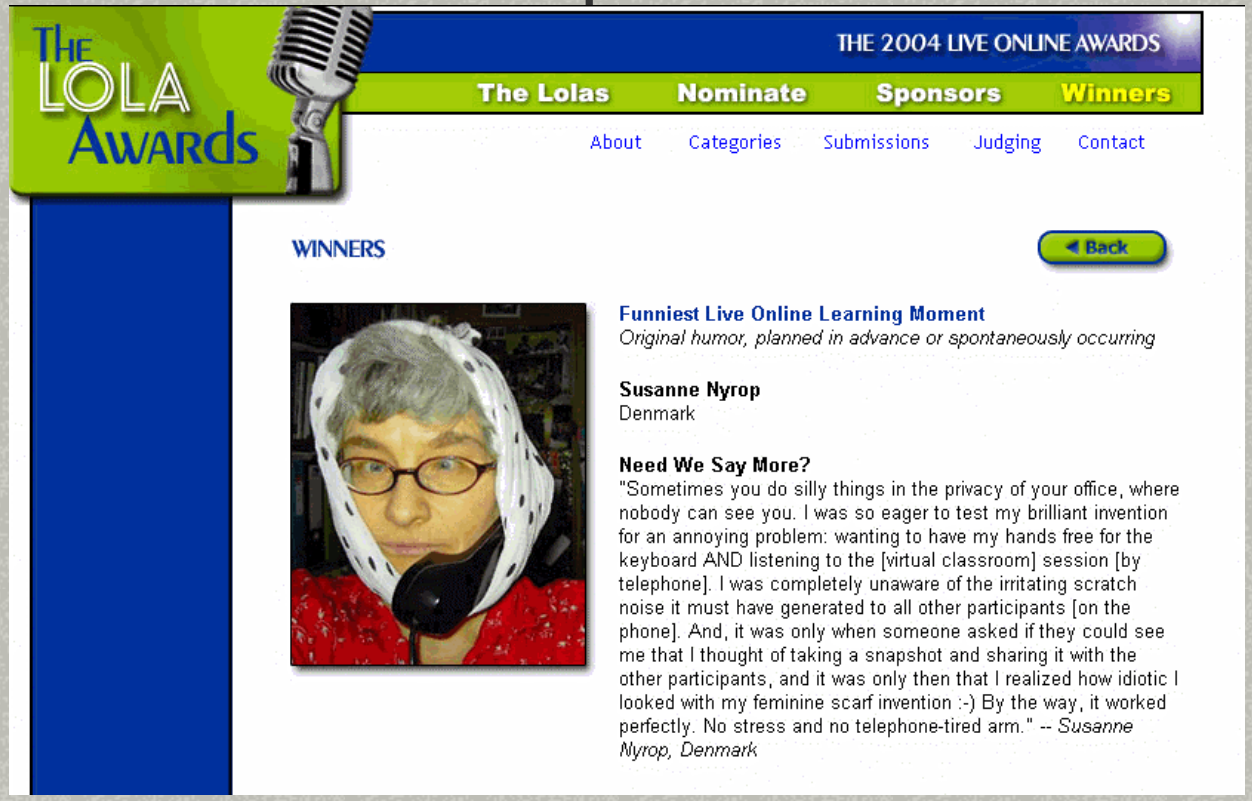
Dafne, Susanne, Maria, and Teresa

EVOnline Session: Becoming a Webhead

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/becomingwebhead/

Who is Susanne Nyrop?

- Seen here having F.U.N Frivolous Unanticipated Nonsense



http://www.thelolas.com/snyrop.html

More FUN from Susanne

From a Sunday noon GMT http://www.tappedin.org Annual Webheads Halloween Party

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Webheads - Main Page | Join us | Welcome | Students | Virtual Community | Online class | Chat Logs | Reports and Studies | Grammar | Tutorials | Games | *Teaching for Webheads* | *Webheads in Action*
Time conversions - http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/full.html and more
Chats – *Tapped In* - /join VanceS in Office N2201, North Wing, 22nd Floor | *Homestead text chat or leave a message* | *GroupBoard text chat, whiteboard, and guestbook* | *Palaces* – avatar text chat at *plantation.chatserve.com* and *mycorner.xsia.com*, both on port 9998 | *Active Worlds* – animated avatar 3D text chat | **Discussion forums** – *Delphi Forum* | **Instant Messengers** – *ICQ* | *Yahoo! Messenger* | *MSN Messenger Service* | **Gloss this page** - http://www.voycabulary.com/ | **Translate this page** - http://world.altavista.com/ | **Proxies** - https://proxy.autistici.org/ | http://www.safeweb.com

Happy Hallowebhead

Links | Traditions | The Annual Hallowebhead Party | Greeting Cards | The secret identity of Professor Stevens & Dr. Cat

Links

As Teresa was preparing her Halloween lessons, she came across the following sites that she liked:

- Halloween Clip Art (great things!) http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/halloween/clip.html
- Halloween Cloze Exercise (I used it for my 7th grades, because I especially liked the perspective of a foreigner) http://www.lclark.edu/%7Ekrauss/toppicks/halloweencloze.htm
- Halloween Resources for Teachers (great stuff! also a French version) http://www.caslt.org/research/halloween.htm
- ESL/EFL Halloween Special Origins of Halloween http://esl.about.com/library/weekly/aa101600b.htm
- Matching vocabulary exercise http://esl.about.com/library/weekly/aa101600a.htm
- A Halloween Classic: The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe (includes vocab) http://esl.about.com/library/weekly/aa101600d.htm

W ear a costume

· ***Susanne reveals a long kept legend of Sleepy Hallowebhead ...***

of Professor Stevens & Dr. Cat!

te of precious time. For old webheads and playmates only! OBS

gether, Teresa asked Vance about the origin of the Webhead name. His a friend of his had used the term for the first time some years ago, and that many others are now using it, too. This sounded plausible. After all, he is a man with very original ideas and friends. In search for the two terms webheads + halloween, I had these interesting surprise hits: A Grateful dead rock band fan page, promoted: For Netheads, Webheads and Deadheads. http://www.jam.ca/bokomaru/links.html

http://www.homestead.com/prosites-vstevens/files/efi/hallowebhead.htm

Where have you read about this page before?

- *Write your answer in the space below*

Where have you read about this page before?

- From the BelNATE conference blog

Why am I asking all these questions?

- How many asynchronous communications tools were used to initiate and cement these relationships?
  - *Write your answers on the whiteboard here*

Why am I asking all these questions?

- How many asynchronous communications tools were used to initiate and cement these relationships?
  - Web pages
  - Blogs
  - Yahoo Groups

Where can you learn more about these tools?

- Web pages
  - Creating your first pages: http://www.vancestevens.com/papers/evonline2002/week5.htm#blogs
  - Dafne's **Creating web pages for beginners**: http://daf.bloki.com/index.jsp?name=wbpage&folderId=60888
  - Vance' s easy HTML and finding hosting: http://sites.hsprofessional.com/vstevens/files/efi/pi/very_basics/housekeeping.htm#website
  - :

Where can you learn more about these tools?

- Blogs
  - Vance's links and resources: http://www.vancestevens.com/papers/evonline2002/week5.htm#blogs
  - Barbara Dieu's webooklet on Blogging and Presence Online http://members.tripod.com/the_english_dept/blog04/
- Yahoo Groups
  - http://www.yahoogroups.com

Webheads inculcate use of these tools in teacher training

- forming communities of practice and practicing on each other
- helping each other gain familiarity with learning and communications tools
- Having F.U.N.

Webheads inculcate use of these tools in training

So that teachers can use them with students

Many examples here
http://cwp60.berkeley.edu:16080/TESL-EJ/ej28/int.html

And below …
Thank you,

and have F.U.N.

http://sites.hsprofessional.com/vstevens/files/efi/papers/tesol/colloquium2004/fun00.htm