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Little Creek Newsletter May-June 1983

Little Creek Academy

Dear Ex-Creekers,

Strains of Pomp and Circumstance fill the air, strawberry shortcake fills the tummy, so we don't have to be told the time of year.

The Fall Creek trip was dampened with drizzle the first day, but Tuesday was lovely and we could see the "pure, blue sky" as we sang Green Cathedral at Piney Falls. We found the cabin where we stayed on the very first trip. I remember the rain, getting there in the dark (no electricity then), eating tomato soup heated by the fireplace and strawberry shortcake, hunting Darrell Jones '45 who had to stop his homemade motor scooter in the rain as it had no lights, and the thrill of hearing our motor cycle and side car backfiring through the park some time after midnight. The next day dawned bright and clear. But from then on my mind is a blank. Would like to hear from some of you who went. I wish I had kept a diary of these trips.

A L U M N I N E W S

April 30--This was a big week-end. Graduation at Southern College. Sabbath evening was especially exciting for us as our granddaughter Cynthia '81 received her A.S. in Nursing. Debbie (Straw '77) Tait brought our great-grandson from Texas so all the family were together for this big event. Another bonus was seeing Elder and Mrs. Tetz--what fun!

After the service on Sunday morning, someone said to me "Little Creek did pretty well to have 50% of the highest honors." But the best part of of it was to know they plan to use their talents for the Lord. Such a fine group, we were happy to be there.

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| Evan Chesney | B.S. in Music Education |
| Richard Greve | B.A. in Theology |
| Mark McKinney | B.A. in Chemistry |
| Kevin Shaw | B.A. in Physics, B.S. in Computer Science and Math |
| Sidney Whiting | B.A. in Music |
| Linda (Van Arsdell) Whiting | B.S. in Home Economics |
| Lisa Allen | A.S. in Office Administration [Business] |
| Julie Basham | A.S. in Nursing |
| Malinda Boyd | A.S. in Nursing |
| Doug Johnson | A.S. in Nursing |
| Jan Malmede | A.S. in Nursing |
| Cynthia Straw | A.S. in Nursing |
| Linda Tetz | A.S. in Nursing |

May 27-29 the weatherman smiled on us and the campus lawns and flower beds were at their best from previous rain as the seniors and their families enjoyed the sunshine. Everyone appreciated the new lawn chairs and Sunday evening we used them for a pea shelling party.

The class gift was presented to the two deans: a set of Bible Commentaries for each dormitory. This was a much needed addition--one that future students will really appreciate. Thank you seniors.

One of your former classmates who graduated from Laurelbrook the same day sent a message we forgot to read to you. We'll print it here.

"Dear Seniors,

Hope you are all ready for your graduation. Wish I could be there but it seems that I have some prior engagements. I know you will do well--after all you are in my class--please write me!

As you all go your separate ways remember what has been done for you at Little Creek; Remember also what you, as a Christian, stand for. Don't live/work for yourself to get a nice home and a good job; believe me, those things are great but they shouldn't take the 1st place in your lives.

'I will pass this way but once', any good thing therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now, let me not defer nor neglect it for I shall never pass this way again.' Make that your motto.

Love,
Trey"

Welcome to the ranks of alumni--SENIORS OF 1983. Brent Amos, Koyle Belvins, James Gulley, Kelley Gunderson, Karen Heidinger, Maria Holley, Sharon Kenerson, Mitchell Kingsbury, Stacy McDowell, Janelle Maxson, Bob Scott, Carl Sellars, Susan Short, Brian Sparks, Cheri Stuyvesant, Lindy Weitzel.

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* Ken Shaw, the Alumni President, wishes to welcome each one of you seniors into the distin- *
* quished alumni of Little Creek Academy. On behalf of the alumni of Little Creek, we wish *
* you the best in the future as you continue to let the Lord lead. *
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May 8 was a big day. Seven of the Handbell Choir traveled to Cookeville to play for Mike Boyd's '79 wedding. Leland played two violin numbers. The weather was not too favorable for an outdoor wedding; but the rain kindly remained in the clouds. The groom and groomsmen arrived on horseback, the bridesmaids by farm wagon and the bride in a horse drawn buggy, the driver with top hat and all the trimmings. This really was a "first" for us. Mike and Cindy stopped by to see us on their way home from honeymooning in the Smokies.

Carroll Wheeler '76, Karen Peck '82, Kevin '79 and Terryn (Kurzynske '79) Shaw and Sidney '78 and Linda (Van Arsdell '78) Whiting have just returned from a trip to Russia and Romania with the Southern College Orchestra. They needed some special entertainment while there so tuned up some bottles and performed. I never dreamed my former freshmen would ever achieve such fame!

NEWCOMERS

Rebecca Jane, March 28, 1983, to Pastor and Mrs. Warren Ruf '70, 2027 Wayne Cricle, Maryville, TN 37801.

GRADUATIONS

Dennis Eugene Clark '74, Doctor of Dental Surgery, Loma Linda University, June 10

Janie Liston '74, Master of Public Health, Loma Linda University, June 12

Greg Scott '76, Bachelor of Arts, Loma Linda University, June 12

WEDDINGS

Mike Boyd '79 and Cindy Robinette, May 8, 1983, 863 Shanks Street, Apt. #3D, Cookeville, TN 38501.

Kim Belles '82 and Steve McAfee, May 15, 1983, #72 Apartment "E" South Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452

VISITORS

Over graduation and since the last letter we have had several visitors. We are always happy to have you visit us. Faye (Lea '45) Nelly, Myrna (Lea '52) Blevins, Virginia (Davidson '52) Sellars, David Maxson '61, Ben Maxson '67, Glenda (Maxson '69) Davidson, Edd McDowell '69, Debbie (Downing '71) McDowell, Rich Sharp '73, Ken Shaw '76, Evan Chesney '77, Kent Williams '77, Linda Watson '77, Sidney '78 and Linda (Van Arsdell '78) Whiting, Sharon Chesney '79, Kent Van Arsdell '79, Laury Weitzel '79, Kathie Vera Cruz '80, Coley Sellars '80, Cynthia Vogt '81, Lonny Weitzel '81, Brent Van Arsdell '81, Ann Baynard '81, Linda Tetz '81, Faye Whiting '81, Doug Johnson '81, Cynthia Straw '81, Wendell Heidinger '82, Linden McNeilus '82, Barry McKinney '82, Debra Odell '82, Mike Courtney '82, Brenda Sparks '82, Joylynn Michals '82, Donald Chase '82, Charlene Peek '82, Keith Shaw '82, Karen Habenicht '82, Charles Whiting, Tony Figueroa, Robin Smith.

Lee and Glenda (Maxson '69) Davidson are at Oklahoma Academy, Harrah, OK, where Lee is Principal and teaches Math and Science. Oklahoma Academy is a new self-supporting academy. Glenda gave us a good report of the progress there.

Rena (Strange) Meintzer '55 stopped by to see us for an hour. She enjoyed her tour of the campus. Quite a change in 28 years.

I'm sorry for such a mixed up letter - but there are some excuses. Mrs. Courtney caught her hand in the bread mixer so I have been trying to help there. We hope there will be no permanent injury to her hand. I'll try to do better next time -

Much love to you all,

Alice and Leland Straw

P.S. Ken Shaw says to tell you that the chair project is finished. We surely do appreciate them. You can believe they got plenty of use graduation week-end. Thanks so much.