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LITTLE CREEK ACADEMY  
1810 Little Creek Lane  
Knoxville, TN 37922  
September, 1983

Dear Alumni:

Where has the summer gone? School has already begun. I had an opportunity to talk with Rogene and it sounds like they have gotten off to a good start.

The Music Racks and Audio Visual equipment projects seem to be getting some support--Audio Visual more so than the Music Racks. It is very exciting to see projects completed. Thank you for your donations--past and future.

I really don't have a lot to say this month, but I do want to stress again the Home Coming Weekend, October 29 and 30. Kenny Shaw and the Little Creek staff are working hard to make it an enjoyable weekend for all.

See you then.

Sincerely,



Kent Williams

For those of you who have forgotten--the Honor Classes are: 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, and 1978. Come and visit with your friends.

To those of you who might be interested--Miss Costerisan has promised us that she is coming this year. Some of us have not seen here in several years.

We are hoping to have a special supper for the alumni.

Come and swell the crowd. It is so much fun to visit with you all.

If you plan to come and wish a place to stay on campus it would be well for you to contact Rogene right away. We are always happy to what we can to make it possible for you to come.

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Dear Ex-Creekers:

I really didn't know I was associated with so many--what shall I say?--sneaky people! Quite a resemblance to the Watergate cover up. Ha! Stanford and Janet and Kenneth and Sharon finally told us about the celebration when they brought the newspaper with our picture in it to our house on Sunday morning, August 28. Surprises kept unfolding during the week: flowers, relatives and friends arriving, phone calls and even a telegram of congratulations from our Congressman, John Duncan. He must have a secretary who reads the paper!

The scrapbook full of cards is something else! We're going to need another book as I have another stack--they still arrive daily. Because of so much company and excitement I have not yet read them all. Ken Shaw wants a newsletter to go so I'll just say many thanks to you for now. It was a wonderful week-end. Kenny put it all on video--so maybe they will have it for you at homecoming. Burton Goodge took pictures also.

The month of August has been hectic in many ways. Foremost was the unrelenting heat wave with 40-50 days above 90°, many above 100°. Since our house is not air-conditioned, we were thankful to go to work anywhere it was cool. Cleaning the San kitchen cold room was a pleasant occupation of our spare time.

Jeff Scott's wedding in the Knoxville church, August 11, was very lovely. We went early to escape the 102° heat. The reception in the Ramada Inn was beautiful. As we left for home, the wind was blowing wildly. Soon the rain poured in torrents and we had to sit in the car quite a few minutes waiting for a lull so we could run to the house. But the best part was the temperature dropped 20° in 30 minutes. Jeff and Donna live close to Knoxville and we were happy to see them at our reception on the 4th.

Now I want to back track a little to August 6, when Greg Scott '76 spoke for our church service. He told us of his interest in radio as a means of spreading the gospel. What an inspiration for all of us to continue to be faithful. He left on August 14 (or a day or two later as he was on standby) for Frankfurt, Germany, where the Keplingers met him and took him to our school in Collonges, France, near Geneva, Switzerland. His ultimate goal is to set up a radio station in Ventimiglia, just across the border into Italy so they can beam the good news of salvation to Monaco. This is a self-supporting project worthy of our support. I know he will be lonesome so write him a note.

Greg Scott  
Via delle Ginestre, 39  
18036 Ventimiglia (Mortola)  
ITALY

August 21 brought ex-Creekers galore to the wedding of Jon Larrabee '80 and Lisa Allen '81. It looked like home coming week-end: Cynthia Straw '81, Linda Tetz '81, Jodi Larrabee, Ann (Kennedy '77) Shaw, Clark Larrabee, Laury Weitzel '79, Barry Scott '80, Loren Rieseberg '79, Jook-Ting Shim '80, Glen Van Arsdell '80, Karen Peck '82, Faye Whiting '81, Karen Hiner '81, Ann Baynard '81, Michelle Kurzynske '80, Terryn (Kurzynske '79) Shaw, Kevin Shaw '79 And Rogene '59 and Ann '62 Goodge all were involved in the actual wedding and reception. Was all very lovely and Jon and Lisa are living in Florida where Jon is working in public relations at a Sunbelt Hospital.

The next week we were favored with a truck load (100 boxes) of beautiful peaches, only good ones we've seen in 2 years. Stone Cave helped us by picking and delivering them. At the same time a fall green bean patch came in. The end of the week was our annual faculty dinner. Elder Vernon Becker was here to speak to us. We were so happy to see him.

We started a new school year with a gala Sunday evening. The seniors lighted the candles of the underclassmen in a circle on the lawn and closed singing "one Little Candle" and "Side by Side."

We've enjoyed having David and Sheila Patterson with us several times since they returned from their month at Andrews University. It was fun having them with us on our last bicycle trip around the cove. Mr. Patterson left Monday, September 5, for Ethiopia and Mrs. Patterson will leave a week later with the children. We surely will miss them. In case you have misplaced their address, here it is again--P. O. Box 45, Shashamene, Ethiopia.

#### DOWN LITTLE CREEK LANE, AGAIN

Yes, our new record, with jacket to match the 1983 Annual is ready.

If you're not already aware, the Handbell Choir will be touring with Friendship Ambassadors again immediately following graduation 1984. We will be touring 2 weeks in the British Isles.

The record features the Bell Choir, Chorale, Choir and Prof Straw. We think you will like it.

We are anticipating heavy sales! The records are \$7.00 and cassettes \$6.00. We have 1,000 records and 500 cassettes. On hand are limited quantities of our first record. If you'd like one, we will sell them for \$3.00. Also there are some 8-tracks of the first record for \$3.00.

If you are coming to Alumni Week-end, plan to bring orders from friends in your church and take them back with you.

If anyone wants records or cassettes mailed, please add \$1.00 for postage and handling. We feel the recording company did an excellent job. Thank you for your support in the project.

Ringingly yours,  
S.A.M.

P.S. Order soon to avoid disappointment!!

#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

MUSIC Music books are needed, beginning through advanced levels. If you have any books that you no longer need, please consider sending them to Little Creek for the grade school and academy students.

FUND RAISING FOR NEW PIANOS On September 25, the Little Creek Academy students are having a Work-athon at the school and in the community to raise money for new pianos which are desperately needed. Each student is trying to get enough sponsors to raise \$100 to help reach our goal of \$6,000. Would you like to sponsor a student for an 8 hour day. If so, please contact Little Creek.

Thanks for your help,  
Mrs. Tonya Wessman

#### NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Marty (and Tonya) Wessman joined us in July. Mr. Wessman is teaching biology and chemistry and helping with the painting. Mrs. Wessman is teaching piano lessons and music I as well as being assistant dean of girls. I'm so excited to have Mrs. Wessman to help me with piano lessons and to teach Music I. I taught too much last year. It's marvelous to have time to get a drink! We certainly appreciate their talent and help.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard (and Debbie) Smith and infant son, Landon, came in August. Mr. Smith is assisting with the business office for Kenneth as well as giving some instrument lessons and organ lessons and being band director. Mrs. Smith is full time mother to Landon though she is well qualified to teach elementary school. She is planning to teach the health class during the second semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd (and Glenda) Gungl arrived in late August. She is cooking at the Sanitarium kitchen and he is helping with the garden and whatever needs to be done. They have one son who is in the 10th grade.

Christine Grentz is helping with the cooking at the Sanitarium kitchen. She arrived in August too and we appreciate her help.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard (and Opal) Brown have joined us. Mr. Brown is in charge of the shop and boilers. Mrs. Brown is an R.N. and will be nursing for us. They came just about the time school started.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger (and Licia) Dunder joined us the last of August. He is teaching physics and algebra II. Mrs. Dunder is working in the business office and teaching typing.

Mrs. Bonnie Kovach has volunteered her services in the office this year. We are very happy to have her and her children with us.

We thought some of you might be interested in our new faculty so have tried to tell you a little about them. How thankful we are for their help.

#### ALUMNI NEWS

##### GRADUATIONS

Kathi Vera Cruz '80                      Kettering College of Medical Arts, Nursing                      July 16, 1983

##### WEDDINGS

Jeff Scott '74 and Donna Backhurst, August 11, 1983, Route 2, Box 154, Friendsville, TN 37737.

Jim Davenport '78 and Sharron Connell, July 3, 1983, 4810 Hidden Forest Drive, #K, Mukilteo, WA 98275.

Debbie Scheibe '80 and David Stunkard, August 14, 1983, c/o 4852 Herton Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32223.

Lisa Allen '81 and Jon Larrabee '80, August 21, 1983, 258 Faith Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

##### NEWCOMERS

Emily Christine, August 19, 1983, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter (Debra Danforth) Eskildsen, 4436 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, OH 45429.

Cara Leigh Renee, September 4, 1983, to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Swinyar '68, 3909 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703.

A little bird told me that Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Betty Dunn '74) Watson are the proud parents of a little boy, Dallas Brooks, born the middle of July: Route 12, Box 188, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

Seems from time to time we have a hard time keeping up with some of the alumni. Right now I am trying to locate addresses for Beverly Benchina, Dennis Clark, Kim (Keller) Jenou, Pat (Trim) Kopp and Avalon (Ruby Holverstott) Rickerson. Most likely they are not missing but if you know of their whereabouts please let us know.

The seniors had a good time cleaning and trimming shrubbery at the lodge the first day of school. It was so hot they played at the "Y" for 75 minutes and still weren't chilled. They enjoyed their four pans of blueberry cheese cake.

Again many thanks for your part in our anniversary celebration. I thought you might enjoy some quotes from our gifts.

"The path that leads to happiness is so narrow that two cannot walk it....unless they become one."

"Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 18:19

"Love is the river of life in this world, Think not that ye know it who stand at the little tinkling rill, the first small fountain. Not until you have gone through the rocky gorges, and not lost the stream; not until you have gone through the meadow, and the stream has widened and deepened until fleets could ride on its bosom; not until beyond the meadow you have come to the unfathomable ocean, and poured your treasures into its depths--not until then can you know what love is."

Henry Ward Beecher

I'm trying to get someone else to be in charge of reporting alumni news in this letter. My reporting is so erratic. Who will do it? I do know that Evan Chesney has accepted a position at Mt. Pisgah Academy, teaching voice and choral groups plus three Bible classes.

Bob Scott '83 left yesterday morning for Rwanda where he will serve as a volunteer for a year. The entire family--Bill '78, Barry '80 and Bengi (presently a junior at LCA)--were here to see him off.

Edwin Dysinger '77 and his wife came by to visit. They are in Loma Linda working on Masters Degrees in public health, but this fall quarter will be working part time helping to start a self-supporting institution nearby. (See, I didn't write it down so can't tell you exactly where.)

Glen Van Arsdell '80 was home from Loma Linda during August. We enjoyed his trumpet solos and hymn playing.

Jeanine Greenhaw '74 was home this summer and returned in August to her teaching church school in Poplar Bluff, MO.

A church school has been started at Grace Church and Mary Charles (Scott '46) Jones is teaching it.

Coley Sellars '80 also graduated from Respiratory Therapy at Kettering College of Medical Arts on July 16.

James Gulley '83 is teaching conversational English at Montemorelos, Mexico.

Ellen Rieseberg '78 was at home for a few weeks this summer before returning to Andrews to complete her Master Degree. We certainly did appreciate her help in the kitchens.

*I have had time now to read all your cards and letters and enjoy the pictures. More keep coming and each one is precious. As I read them I kept thinking about the complexities of operating a school. I wish we could carry malpractice insurance as the risks are so high. Matching personalities and ideas in shoulder to shoulder relationships every day and night with sixty teen-agers plus their parents and interested relatives plus staff members etc. produces a high risk for human error and misunderstanding. Wouldn't it be great to have insurance to cover our blunder? However, as we think of your kind words, we realize the best insurance is a loving, forgiving spirit that looks past human frailties and with a "breath of kindness blows the chaff away."*

*Thank-you for your love and generous spirit -  
Will look forward to seeing you at home coming -*

*Gratefully yours,  
Alice and Leland Straw*