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Dear Ex-Creekers,

As I sit here writing, I can hear the buzz of the power tools as they are putting the finishing touches on the new cafeteria roof. In the last newsletter I talked about how much work there was to do, but May 7 compounded that observation. At 5:00 A.M. a severe storm (or tornado I called it) ripped through the campus and took half the roof off the cafeteria and laid it on top of our car and Stanford's truck. The windshield wipers were twisted off our car and I found them 2 days later under a pile of debris. The huge cherry tree by Grandma Straw's apartment went down but miraculously missed the house. Another tree fell and demolished the tool shed by our old house. We thought our new house was doomed but it stood firm as a rock and no trees hit it (another miracle). For those of you who can picture it, as you stood by the old san and looked toward Mr. Roger's house the trees were piled so high you could hardly see Miss Frederick's house. The wind didn't up root them but twisted them off about 10 feet above the ground.

We then understood about work. It rained almost constantly from 5:00 a.m. Monday until Tuesday evening. Some emergency roof company from town came out and tried to help and it did help some, but for two days they cooked in rain coats and hats while another crew emptied buckets and kept two wet vacs and a squeegee going. Mrs. Verna Dimick and Bert deserve a gold medal. They took a nap in the afternoon, then stayed up both nights to clean up the water.

Prof and Mr. Gungl put up a temporary roof that helped a lot while the insurance people were making their assessment. The insurance covered hiring the new roof put on, so my theory that every minus has a plus still stands unchallenged. At present we have a fine roof--fully insulated.

Fortunately the dining room wasn't too much affected. The students marveled that Mrs. Peek and Rogene (with help from some of the students) had breakfast for them by candlelight that morning. What a romantic plus!

Janet and Stanford were staying overnight with us so I could baby-sit the great grandchild that morning while Janet had to work. So that's why Stanford's truck was there. Janet had Brandon up and ready to go to the basement. (Mrs. Foster had the girls up and on their way to the steam tunnel when it suddenly ended.) Well--more stories could be told but enough for now.

Our two-week vacation to Maine in June delayed this letter, but Leland's blood pressure was almost normal when we returned--so we are happy about that. A historical tour of the early part of Ellen White's life was of great interest to us. I plan to give a slide program to the students this fall. The skyline drive from Washington D.C. was banked with mountain laurel on both sides for miles. What a thrill!



May 13 we were supposed to leave for Fall Creek Falls but there was something more important--Norman and Mary Peek and families gave a reception for Eugene and Winnie Peek's 50th wedding anniversary. They planned to have it in the cafeteria, but because of the storm we went to the lower level of the new San. It was a very nice party and so many came to wish them well. Leon couldn't be there, but he made a special tape of their favorite music (Leon is in Korea). We wish them many more years together.

The next day we left for Falls Creek. Was so much easier than the usual Sunday A.M. hassle. However, it cost three days of classes for the seniors. The weather was so perfect--except for being a little on the cool side. When we arrived, they were repairing the electric stove. After we were half unloaded, the ranger decided we would have to move to Camp 2 as they couldn't get the power back on. We couldn't survive without the refrigerator, so everyone helped pack up and across the lake we went. Every minus came true again. We had a cabin with bathroom!! The camp was so much closer to the swimming and canoeing, but we missed our small diningroom. The juniors were a bit too obvious. We watched their look-out airplane (Benge Scott) for miles as we neared home. They had quite a welcome prepared.

For the first time in some 40 years I didn't have to worry about graduation. That was a welcome relief. The weather was nice and since there were 13 seniors the program was shorter and everything went smoothly. The senior project was to refurbish the swimming pool. This has been a long job. They put in new skylights and repaired the roof. It's all painted white and will soon have a tile floor. New wiring and lighting has been installed. A new diving board will be installed soon too. The summer crowd has missed swimming so we hope they can soon wind it up. David Habenicht, Duane Chesney and Kimberley France have each spent a week since school was out to help Mr. Dunder (our math and science teacher) to complete it. It surely looks nice.

The 13 seniors joining the alumni this year are: Nadine Ashton, Julie Chacon, Duane Chesney, Kimberley France, Jill Gunderson, David Habenicht, Roger Holley, Clark Larrabee, Ronda McBroom, Shelly Neall, Daniel Peek, Lance Van Arsdell, Cindy Watson.

Since accepting extra girls our ratio of boys and girls has been out of balance. Also the larger San requires more boy help. The new business offices took our band room. So the board voted to build an addition to the boys' dorm, extending the wing toward the church, adding 6 rooms. They plan to move the worship room back upstairs. The downstairs will serve as a music department to house the band etc. The roof is on now and weather won't make any more delays. They laid the blocks and put on the roof in record time. It should be ready for school which begins August 19 this year.

My biggest disappointment was not being here for the presentation of the annual. They came just as we were leaving for Falls Creek. I knew it was dedicated to the Morgans and I wanted to be here to cheer, but they felt they couldn't wait until we returned. The Morgans have accepted a call to Upper Columbia Academy in Washington. We surely will miss them. They will leave about August 12 after Ellen's wedding on August 5 and Cynthia Straw's wedding on August 12. I don't know how we are going to manage without them so my theory may collapse. I haven't found a plus yet for this minus. They will be near Loren and all her family and we wish every good thing for them.

April 28, Bob and Mary (Peek) Kurzynske presented a very interesting lyceum, showing pictures of their recent trip to Korea.

We are now enjoying our cannery since it is all painted white and orange and has a ceiling. Just finished our annual "kraut" bee. Virginia Gustin has come to help us, especially Mrs. Peek, and this really lightens our load--though she is found painting and paper-hanging also! We're thankful she is here.



## *Alumni News*

Ray (Johnson) Ostrander, Marie and their seven month old Alicia Maria after spending four years at Sunnysdale Academy, will be moving far away to North Puget Junior Academy, Burlington, Washington where he will teach band and grades 4-6. Ray will be able to spend more time with his family. They are spending the summer in Indiana and Tennessee until the first of August. We had fun visiting with them and baby sitting Alicia.

When we returned from our vacation, we found a note from Mark and Barbara (Chase) McKinney saying they were sorry to miss us. They are now back at Loma Linda medical school. We're sorry also especially since they are so far away.

Clark Larrabee is helping Mr. Belles in the San this summer. This has been a real asset.

David Dimick is working on the construction program. So nice to have him here.

Brenda Sparks is nursing in the San for part of her summer vacation. Genevieve Dimick is home for vacation also. Having them all here helps us not miss the seniors so much.

We've had some visitors--I have checked the book back as far as the the last newsletter: Jook-Ting Shim, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Jones, Brent VanArsdell, Susan Short, Maria Holley, Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Lynda Laffin) Draper, Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Joann Malmade) France, Sharon Kenerson, Rick Sharp, Jim Pickett, Jon and Lisa (Allen) Larrabee, Evan Chesney, Mark Bame, Mitzi Acosta, Ken and Ann (Kennedy) Shaw, Charlene Peek, Eric Gunderson, Tim and Jane Leffew, Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Sandra Roadman) Schneider, Ed Keplinger, Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Jones, Frances (Keller) Laswell, Rick and Denel (Hiner) Greve, Glen Van Arsdell, Barry Scott, Jim Watson, Rolland and Tina Ruf, Keith Shaw, Denzil and Donna (Myers) McNeilus.

Have received a long newsletter from Pattersons and a mission story. We'll try to enclose the latter. Mrs. Patterson is better and they seem to be gaining some immunity to the various germs there. There are many uses for any money you care to send. Most students cannot afford even \$5.00 to go to school. Sheila says it is a new feeling--being rich. They witness much poverty.

### GRADUATIONS

Rick Stewart has accomplished a dream of long ago as a student here. On May 4, 1984, he received his Ph.D. in Music Education. He is presently teaching in Miami, Florida.

## GRADUATIONS (continued)

SOUTHERN COLLEGE, May 6, 1984

David Hack - B.S. Elementary Education  
 Jon Larrabee - B.A. Communication [Radio/TV/Film]  
 Terryn (Kurzynske) Shaw - B.S. Nursing (Cum Laude)  
 Page Parker Weemes - B.A. Communication [Journalism]  
 Mark Bame - A.S. Nursing  
 Ann Baynard - A.S. Nursing  
 Debra Odell - A.S. Nursing  
 Brenda Sparks - A.S. Nursing

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY, June 3

Ellen Rieseberg - Master's Degree in Reading Education

Ben Maxson received his Doctor of Ministry. His doctoral project was the "Initiation of an Intentional Ministry Within a New Pastorate in Dalton, GA S.D.A. Church". He is in Dalton as pastor. We enjoyed reading portions of this project recently.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, June 8

Loren Rieseberg graduated *summa cum laude* with a Master's of Science degree in botany. His Master's thesis topic: *Floral Ultraviolet Patterns and Flavonoid Pigments in Viguera series Viguera (Compositae)*. He will attend Washington State University next fall. We will miss him very much.

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY, June 8

Karen (Holiman) Jeske - B.S. in Nursing

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE - June 3

Albert Heidinger - B.S. in Aviation, A.S. Business

## WEDDINGS

May 6, 1984, Julie Basham and Mike Holman were married in the McDonald S.D.A. Church at McDonald, Tennessee. We had so much fun having a part in this wedding. Rick Sharp played the organ with us. Renee (Regal) Rayburn, Malinda Boyd, Jeff Basham and Donna (Myers) McNeilus were in the wedding party. It was a beautiful service. They were supposed to leave in a balloon but weather prevented.

May 20, 1984, Mary Lou Mitchell and Laurence Wilson were married in the Maryville church. There were so many strawberries we were late, but enjoyed the reception at the Airport-Hilton.

## NEW COMERS

Evangeline Mae to Edwin and Jennifer Dysinger on April 6, 1984, 1253 Morrison Drive, Redlands, CA 92373.

Ryan Judson, April 8, 1984 to David and Elizabeth Dunn, 136 N. George Avenue, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

## A LIGHTED WAY

Tiny little plant  
 in shadowed room...  
 one little sunbeam  
 dispersing gloom.  
 One little flower-face  
 bending to light's ray,  
 reaching in the dimness  
 for a brighter way;  
 instinctively facing  
 one sunny glow,  
 gaining from its warmth  
 power to grow.  
 Like the little plant  
 I turn to beacon bright  
 to find strength and love  
 in God's Son-light.

by Alyce Pickett

(one of our  
own nurses)

*This newsletter's original purpose was to answer the many letters we received from former students. I would write personal notes to each one also. Since postage increased, we use a bulk rate and I cannot write on them any more. These former students can understand my vague pronoun references etc. So apologies to those of you who have trouble translating my jargon.*

*Much love and happy summertime to all of you. They tell me swiss chard and beets are waiting in the canneries -*

*Alice and I send straw  
 Don't forget to look for the 'plusses'. :)*

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is hard to believe that half the summer is gone, but one thing is for sure and that is Homecoming is only 4 months away. We want everybody to put the date, November 10 and 11 on your calendar and start planning now to come. We had set November 3 and 4 as the date for homecoming, but Southern College has once again selected the same date. Since they won't change, we kindly moved our date down a weekend. The Honor Classes are: 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979. We hope to have a high percentage of each honor class here. Plans are being made for the weekend and will keep you up-to-date on further developments.

One item of business which came up at the executive committee meeting was to alter Article XI, Section 2a of our constitution. It involves the nominating committee who elects officers for the association for the up-coming year. Section 2a states: (Members of the Nominating Committee shall have five members consisting of the President, Vice-President of the Association, Academy Principal, and two members at large.) The change would be as follows: [Members of the Nominating Committee shall have five members consisting of the Academy Principal, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Association and three members from at large.] If there are not any objections to the change we will use this revised version of Article XI, Section 2a in selecting the officers for next year. We will take a formal vote on this change at the business meeting November 10.

My wife and I were very fortunate to be able to tour Great Britain with the Little Creek Academy Handbell Choir under the direction of Sarah Ann McNeilus. It was nice to see this group of Christian young people sharing their talents in England.



ITEM	TOTAL
Chapel Chair Project	\$259.00
Dues	\$200.00

As you can see our finances need a little boosting. We have had only 40 members pay their dues since October 1983. The chairs in the small chapel need to be replaced and the total value of this project will run close to \$1100.00. There is only about one month left before August 19 when school starts. It would be nice if they had new seats by then. Thanks for your support!

#### WELCOME NEW ALUMNI

A happy welcome to each one of the Seniors of 1984 to the Little Creek Academy Alumni Association. Congratulations on reaching this milestone of your life.

Nadine Ashton	Roger Holley
Julie Chacon	Clark Larrabee
Duane Chesney	Ronda McBroom
Kimberley France	Shelly Neall
Jill Gunderson	Daniel Peek
David Habenicht	Lance VanArsdell
	Cindy Watson

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Shaw  
Alumni Association President

## MISSION STORY FROM PATTERSONS

Yohannes was born into a wealth family in Addis Ababa and was raised as a member of the Ethiopian Coptic religion. [Ethiopia has had a strong Christian sector for centuries. When the Europeans rediscovered Ethiopia during the Renaissance they found the Coptic Christians more like Apostolic Christianity than the Roman Catholics. The Coptics kept the 7th day as Sabbath and refrained from unclean meats]. When the revolution came to Ethiopia in 1974, Yohannes' family lost more of their wealth. Eventually Yohannes went to work in a dairy to augment the family income. At the dairy he came in contact with Protestant Christians and joined their church. Yohannes' family was so displeased with his move away from the Coptic faith that they disowned him. Consequently, he took up residence at the dairy and part-time with his grandmother, who is a devil possessed person. He continued this pillar to post living arrangement for some time.

About a year and a half ago Yohannes joined his church group for a campmeeting. At the gathering were some of the graduates of Ethiopian Adventist College who developed a friendship with Yohannes. When he told his coworkers at the dairy that he wanted to start attending the Adventist church they told him he would lose his job and place to live if he made a habit of going to the SDA church. Nevertheless, Yohannes decided to continue going to the Adventist church and moved in with his grandmother full time. Soon the devil began to disturb the grandmother greatly and finally threatened to kill her if Yohannes did not quit the Adventists. When Yohannes' problem was presented to our workers in Addis they decided to send him here (EAC). It is my joy to report that Yohannes was baptised two weeks ago and is doing well in every way. The college is now his only home. We thank God the school is still here for him and several like him.

As SDA mission offerings decline our school and many like it face extinction. The buildings, equipment, and roads were built at a time when mission offerings were increasing. Today our budget includes virtually no provision to maintain the campus; there is barely enough for salaries, utilities, food, and supplies. Consequently, our campus is going into ruins. Other schools here in Ethiopia are already in ruins and will be (or have been) closed by government order. I am told that the same is true in other places in Africa. The Gospel commission calls for the work to go forward. Out here we pray for the ways and means to fulfill that commission.

The Little Creek Academy Handbell Choir made a tour of the British Isles under the auspices of Friendship Ambassadors Foundation May 28 - June 11. There were 36 in all on the trip-16 ringers Mrs. McNeilus, Gary and Janice (Williams) Carlson, Leonard Smith and Rogene Goodge from the L.C. staff; Donald Chase, Michelle Kurzynske, Bob and Mary (Peek) Kurzynske, Kenny and Ann (Kennedy) Shaw, Dr. and Mrs. John (Mary Sue Martin) Shaw, Debra Odell all alumni plus Dr. and Mrs. Mike Odell, Melanie Odell, Mrs. Betty Scott, Mrs. Joan Neall and Mrs. Glenna Williams, relatives of students.

When we arrived at Gatwick airport we were met by John Dysinger, Bob Folkenberg, Karen Heidinger, and Linda Tetz. It was great to see them! They all attended Newbold College last year. Our visit was short as we boarded the coach immediately and began our tour. Our courier, Shelley and our driver, Stuart, were very nice and made the tour most enjoyable. The group spent 9 nights in homes and 4 nights in hotels. We really did enjoy visiting with the people. Staying in their homes gave many opportunities for witnessing.

The ringers gave 9 concerts. Six of these were in Adventist churches and it was a joy to fellowship with our fellowbelievers. Sabbath, June 9 was spent at Newbold College. Dinner was provided for us in the college cafeteria.

We were very thankful for the care of our guardian angels when we were involved in an accident on the motorway. Fortunately the bells were not harmed in any way. There were 12 suitcases that sustained varying degrees of damage.

Many cities were visited along the way. We really enjoyed seeing the large cathedrals and in two of them arrangements were made for the group to visit the bell towers and see how they do the ringing of the bells. Several castles were visited too. Our country is very young when you realize the age of some of the cities and buildings there.

The flowering trees and of course the roses and others flowers in the gardens of the homes we visited were beautiful. They use every inch of land very carefully.

We really enjoyed our time in London--Buckingham Palace, St. James Park, Hyde Park, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, Downing Street, Parliament Square, Tower of London, Picadilly Circus, and riding the subways. Time there was too short to suit most of us but that is the way it goes when you are on a tour.

June 11 came too soon and 22 of the group came home and 14 stayed--4 in England and the other 10 went over the Channel and visited numerous countries. A week later the 14 met and came home together. All in all we had a delightful time!