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## **Little Creek Newsletter November 1985**

Little Creek Academy

LITTLE CREEK ACADEMY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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KNOXVILLE, TN 37922  
November, 1985

Dear Fellow Alumni:

It is my prayer that this letter finds each of you enjoying good health and basking in the many blessings that our wonderful God gives us each day. I know each of you who attended this past Alumni weekend are enjoying an added blessing of renewed friendships and memories.

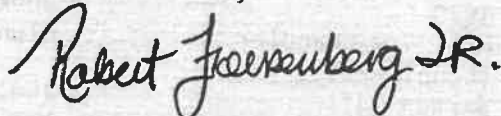
The Alumni weekend was packed with activities, time to visit and time to just take a stroll to a favorite place that was special to us. Among the activities of the weekend was our annual Business Meeting where the new officers for this year were elected. Let me take a minute and inform you of your officers for this coming year. Our historian will be Ann Goodge '62, our Secretary-Treasurer will be Michelle Kurzynske '80, our Executive Secretary will be Rogene Goodge '59, our Vice-President is John Dysinger '82 and I, Robert Folkenberg, Jr. '82 will be your President.

We have been discussing some of the needs that LCA has at the present and we find that the cafeteria needs new drapes. The ones that are in place now have been there since the fall of 1975 and they need to be replaced. The Alumni Association is going to take up that need as its project. We are not sure of the cost but it will more than likely be around \$2500.00. We would like to encourage each of you to support this project and the Alumni Association by paying your \$10.00 dues and contributing donations for this project. At present there are 495 alumni of LCA, of which only 50 have paid their dues. Also as you can see we really need to be faithful in our support of the Alumni Association and the school. Remember that any donations are tax deductible. You will be receiving very soon a self-addressed envelope with postage already paid so you can easily send us your donations and dues. Make all checks payable to LCA and a receipt will be forthcoming.

Feel free to write and give us any suggestions you might have that will facilitate a better running of your alumni association and we will take each of them seriously and do our best to implement them.

May each of you grow daily in Christ's love is my prayer.

In His love,



Robert Folkenberg, Jr. '82  
Alumni Association President

LISTING OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED HOME-COMING

1943  
Mrs. V. E. McNeilus  
(Sarah Ann Goodge)

1945  
Darrell Jones

1948  
Bud Scott

1949  
Mrs. Robert Evans  
(Bonnie Evans  
Paul Burdick)

1950  
Mrs. Harold Rose  
(Pearl Rook)  
Mrs. James Foreman  
(Mary Shafer)

1951  
Mrs. John Shaw  
(Mary Sue Martin)

1952  
Mrs. Gene Sellars  
(Virginia Davidson)

1953  
Norman Peek

1955  
Mrs. Galen Petty  
(Anne Davidson)  
Mrs. Bob Kurzynske  
(Mary Peek)  
Robert Peel  
Stanford Straw

1957  
Mrs. Thelma Figueroa  
(Thelma Brummett)  
Kenneth Straw

1958  
Mrs. Wilma Rasmussen  
(Wilma Keller)

1959  
Barbara Pletcher  
(Barbara Collins)  
Eaton Goodge  
Eugene Goodge  
Jerry Hill

1960  
Murray Brown  
William Coolidge  
Mrs. William Coolidge  
(Rose Holverstott)  
Mrs. Frances Laswell  
(Frances Keller)  
Mrs. Jerry Hill  
(Evelyn Reiber)  
Mrs. Homer Allen  
(Betty Williams)

1961  
Jim Boyle  
Grant Goodge  
Mrs. Ronnie Smith  
(Barbara Pace)  
James Pickett

1962  
Alfred Burdick  
Ann Goodge

1963  
Gwyn Van Cleave

1965  
Robert McMullen  
Malcolm Schmehl

1966  
Mrs. Linda Wilhelm  
(Linda Malmede)  
Mrs. John Hagan  
(Virginia Pillsbury)

1967  
Mrs. Kenneth Straw  
(Sharon Beck)

1968  
Steve Foster

1970  
Mrs. Jim Chandler  
(Connie Foster)  
Warren Ruf  
Mrs. Marshall Schmehl  
(Melody Woolsey)

1972  
Mrs. David Hakes  
(Daina Clark)  
Penny Peltier  
Mrs. Gary Carlson  
(Janice Williams)

1973  
Gary Carlson

1974  
Carl Shaw

1975  
Jim Greve  
Jack McNeilus  
Sharon Medanich  
David Van Devander

1976  
Kenneth Shaw  
Carroll Wheeler

1977  
Mrs. Denzil McNeilus  
(Donna Myers)  
Linda Watson

1978  
Jeff Basham  
Bill Scott  
Jim Watson

1979  
Genevieve Dimick  
Mrs. Kevin Shaw  
(Terryn Kurzynske)  
Denzil McNeilus  
Mrs. Larry Wilson  
(Mary Lou Mitchell)  
Kevin Shaw  
Laury Weitzel

1980  
Mrs. Gene Neely  
(Betty Greenhaw)  
Michelle Kurzynske  
Jon Larrabee  
Barry Scott  
Coley Sellars  
Jook-Ting Shim  
Glen Van Arsdell

1981  
Mrs. Jon Larrabee  
(Lisa Allen)  
Kent Greve  
Mrs. Kent Greve  
(Jan Malmede)  
Cherie Michals  
Mrs. Brian Mitchell  
(Cynthia Straw)  
Linda Tetz  
Brent Van Arsdell

1982  
Mitzi Acosta  
Donald Chase  
John Dysinger  
Bob Folkenberg  
Karen Habenicht  
Linden McNeilus  
Joylynn Michals  
Debra Odell  
Charlene Peek  
Keith Shaw  
Brenda Sparks

1983  
Brent Amos  
James Gulley  
Karen Heidinger  
Maria Holley  
Carl Sellars  
Brian Sparks

1984  
Nadine Ashton  
Julie Chacon  
Duane Chesney  
Kimberley France  
Jill Gunderson  
David Habeni  
Clark Larrat  
Shelly Neall  
Dan Peek  
Cindy Watson

1985  
Sonya Gulley  
Jeff Hill  
Jodi Larrabee  
Michelle Maxson  
Bruce Myers

Miss Buck  
Mary Gustin  
Sylvia Maltby  
Grant Tuttle

Dear Ex-Creekers,

What a change! The campus is so quiet with the rain still pouring down. Quite a lonesome feeling after the three happy days of homecoming.

The excitement began on Wednesday afternoon when Pearl (Rook) Rose '50 arrived from Ohio. We were sorry her husband Harold could not come, but Pearl spent two busy days--teaching two classes, cooking and shopping. At Sabbath School she gave a moving memorial for Dale Bringer, a deceased member of her class.

Miss Costerisan called from Arizona on Friday afternoon to send her greetings to all the alumni. Was good to hear her voice.

Sheila Patterson was unable to come because of illness. We missed her, but Jonathan came with his dad. Everyone enjoyed Mr. Patterson's presentation for Friday evening vespers.

The following is the program and you can imagine each meeting as I never could write it all.

FRIDAY EVENING VESPERS  
8:00 P.M.

Organ Prelude	Leonard Smith
Song Leader	Robert Folkenberg, Jr., '82
Messages in Song by the Chorale	
Prayer	
Welcome	Jon Larrabee, '80 Kevin Shaw, '79
"Canticle of Joy" Handbell Choir	Acker
Scenes from Ethiopia	David Patterson
"Oh Worship the King" Handbell Choir	Hopson
Benediction	

SABBATH SCHOOL  
10:15 A.M.

Pianist	Kevin Shaw, '79
Song Leader	Barry Scott, '80
Worship in Song	Donald Chase, '82
Opening Hymn	
Scripture and Prayer	Pearl Rose, '50
Superintendent's Remarks	Mary Kurzynske, '55
Mission Appeal	Melody Schmehl, '70
Meditation in Music	Glen Van Arsdell, '80
Offering	
Lesson Study	Jim Boyle, '61

WORSHIP SERVICE  
11:55 A.M.

Organ Prelude	Leonard Smith
"The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"	No. 692
Ministers Enter	
"Glory Be to the Father"	Congregation No. 660
Invocation	
Announcements	Kenneth Straw, '57
Welcome	Jon Larrabee, '80
"Come Before His Presence"	Choir Purifoy
Offering	
"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"	No. 694
(Congregation please stand)	
Offering Prayer	
Hymn of Worship	No. 2
"All Creatures of Our God and King"	
Pastoral Prayer	William Coolidge, '60
Prayer Response "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"	No. 684
(Congregation)	
Message in Song	Anne Petty, '55
Sermon	Warren Ruf, '70
Closing Hymn "Gentle Jesus, Meek and Mild"	No. 540
Benediction	Ken Shaw, '76
Organ Postlude	

Sabbath afternoon the band played two numbers and several alumni took part. I vow each year to take notes so I can report it accurately, but failed again.

2 male quartettes

Melody (Woolsey, '70) Schmehl and Warren Ruf '70 sang a duet accompanied by Connie (Foster, '70) Chandler

Bill Coolidge, '60 gave a talk

Cynthia (Straw, '81) Mitchell and Prof played a flute and violin duet

The alumni Bell Choir performed

Jodi Larrabee '85 and Sonya Gulley '85 each played a bell solo

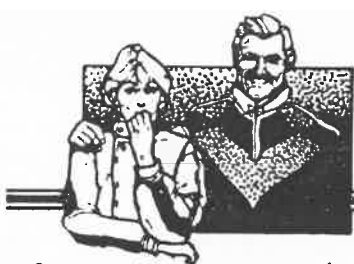
The one disappointment to me was no alumni choir. Just too much fun visiting it seems.

The salad bar supper was delightful. The alumni business meeting marked the end of a busy day. I'll let the officers tell you about it.

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October 10-13 we attended the convention of Self-Supporting Institutions at Pine Forest Academy in Mississippi. Norman Peek, '53, who is executive secretary of The Layman Foundation, chaired an interesting session of reports from the various schools. Clifford Tonsberg is a teacher there at the academy. We enjoyed a visit with his family.

October 17-20 Little Creek hosted a Mini Bible Conference for self-supporting schools. Elder Ben Maxson, '67, conducted the meetings using his own material called "The Discipleship Lab". Each student had a copy to use and keep for future reference. The conclusion was communion on Saturday evening. Even though they spent 2 full days in study, the student response was very positive. Ben is now working with the Carolina Conference. Oklahoma Academy brought about twenty students and Elder Jim Hiner, Sr., founder of the school spoke for the morning devotionals. His daughter, Karen '81, who is a teacher there this year, conducted the song services and taught everyone the theme song. The entire weekend was a big plus for me.



## Alumni News

While the Charles Witter family (staff members here) were en route home from Sudan in May, '85, they spent a few days in Khartoum waiting for a flight out. There they met Edwin Dysinger '77. He was waiting for his wife to join him. ADRA work was just beginning there to aid refugees from Ethiopia. Wayne '78 and John '82 Dysinger visited us recently and told us more about Edwin's work in development projects in health, education and agriculture. Wayne, a senior medical student at Loma Linda, was fortunate to spend one of his electives in Kenya where he saw Edwin.

Brent Van Arsdell '81 is editor of Southern Accent, student newspaper of Southern College. I noticed three other Creekers on the staff--James Gulley '83, circulation manager; J.T. Shim, '80, typesetter and John Dysinger '82, columnist.

Other alumni are busy at Southern College helping in the CARE project (Collegiate Adventists Reaching Everyone). Bob Folkenberg '82 is in charge of Campus Ministries and John Dysinger '82 is in charge of Collegiate Adventist for Better Living (CABL), stressing a healthful lifestyle. He is a junior this year working as an RA in the dormitory.

Steve Edney '75 paid us a visit recently. He is practicing dentistry and his wife Jewell is working in Health Education at the Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic in Guam.

We have had some visitors that did not make it to Home Coming. It is always so nice to see all of you. Do come and see us anytime you have the opportunity. Elder Ben Maxson '67, David Hack '74, Karen Hiner '81, Leon Peek '64, Ed and Debbie (Downing '71) McDowell '69, Kenneth Downing '75, Mark and Amanda (Downing '76) Huffman, Ted Liston '76, Steve and Jewell Edney '75, and David Silverstein '64, Jeanine Greenhaw '74 and Ellen (Rieseberg '78) Prest.

### WEDDINGS

Thomas Koyle Blevins '83 and Robin Elaine Medlin on October 27, 1985, P. O. Box 1115, Collegedale, TN 37315.

Linda Louise Watson '77 and Raymond Russell Lasley on November 30, 1985, 9821 Autumn Wood Circle, Apartment 24, Knoxville, TN 37922.

### NEW COMERS

Richard Benjamin, February 27, 1985, to Richard and Renee (Regal '78) Rayburn, 7750 Regal View Lane, Orlando, FL 32810. (Richard made his appearance 5 weeks early while Richard and Renee were on a trip to Tennessee.)

Timothy David, October 6, 1985, to Bill and Linda Sue (Nantt '66) Worth, 166 Fifth Street, N.W., Largo, FL 33540.

Luke Jonathan, October 27, 1985, to Sidney and Linda (Van Arsdell '78) Whiting '78, 24665 Stewart, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

Chelsea Morgan, October 31, 1985, to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Iles '71, 17 Varner Drive, McDonald, TN 37353.

Stephanie Joleen, November 1, 1985, to Mr. and Mrs. Kent Williams '79, 865 W. Lee Street, Lakeland, GA 31635.

Jessica Brittany, November 9, 1985, to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tunnell, '81, 117 Midway Drive, #1, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Thanksgiving week-end was very special this year as Linda Watson '77 and Russ Lasley were married in a lovely candlelight ceremony here at Little Creek. The poinsettias were so beautiful. So many on campus had a part in it that I won't try to name everyone.

Holiday season is here again. Our hearts are full and we long to convey our best wishes to all of you and your families. What comfort can be found in these words from Desire of Ages, pp. 48-49.

"The story of Bethlehem is an exhaustless theme. In it is hidden 'the depth of riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God.' Romans 11:33. We marvel at the Saviour's sacrifice in exchanging the throne of heaven for the manger, and the companionship of adoring angels for the beasts of the stall. Human pride and self-sufficiency stand rebuked in His presence....yet--Heaven and earth are no wider apart today than when shepherds listened to the angels' song. Humanity is still as much an object of heaven's solicitude as when common men of common occupations met angels at noonday.... To us in the common walks of life, heaven may be very near. Angels from the courts above will attend the steps of those who come and go at God's command.... Herein is love. Wonder, O heavens! and be astonished, O earth!"

IT WAS THAT NIGHT

It was that ethereal night  
When a matchless star stood glowing in the East,  
Trailing a man, a woman, a burdened beast.

It was that incredible night  
When an innkeeper became the first to say:  
"I have no room for You this day."

It was that incomparable night  
When Gabriel came ecstatic to the earth,  
Proclaiming glad tidings of a royal birth.

It was that immortal night  
When a caring God reached gently down to lay,  
His supreme gift, Love, upon the hay.

--Fred Bauer

It has been so long since I wrote most of this letter that I'm having a hard time believing it is time for Christmas. My mind travels back to homecoming and the rainy, gloomy weather. On Monday after that week-end the sun shone in all its glory and the campus was so beautiful I wished you were all here to see it.

All the Watson family were here last week-end for the wedding. Jim is a senior medical student at L.H. Jim, Linda and Cindy sang for church. Chaplain Keplinger and Ed were here a few hours.

Will be in Florida for Christmas. Just must see my ocean and sunrises.

To each of you especially we say,  
May every happiness be yours at this holiday season  
and may the days that lie ahead be happy for you  
and filled with many blessings.

Much love,

Alvin and Leland Straw

P.S. HONOR CLASSES NEXT YEAR WILL BE: Classes of 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961,  
1966, 1971, 1976, 1981  
Begin planning to come and see your classmates and friends.

OBITUARIES  
RICHARD O. KELLY

A sorrowful phone call from Paul Burdick (son-in-law) told us of the sudden death of Mr. Kelly October 1, 1985. Little Creek was born in 1940. There was only a farm house and barn--I'm not sure when, but sometime in the late forties the Kellys came and lived in hutments brought from Oak Ridge. We had very little to offer anyone, but they improved our food service and heating systems. He installed our first boiler plus many other improvements.

Then in 1975 Mr. Kelly came to install the drapes in the new cafeteria. I walked in to see how the drapes looked and he said "Alice, do you know what I think of when I see you?"

"No, what?" I said.

"You've come a long way, baby!" It was especially funny because it was so out of character for him.

Roger, Gency, Leland and I drove to Collegedale to visit with the family. Though it was sad they were thankful for his many useful years and that he went peacefully, without losing his dignity as so many do.

The funeral service was at 11:00 a.m., October 4 and was conducted by Pastors Gordon Beitz and Don Aalborg. Burial was in Onaway, Michigan.

Though my skies have not lost their hue and my life is not quite ebbing away, this poem gives a little of our feelings for Mr. Kelly. We will look forward to a glorious reunion someday.

TWILIGHT YEARS

As the days of life grow shorter and my skies have lost their hue,  
I've something to relate to all the folks I ever knew.  
I'm indebted for each friendship that I've formed along the way  
And I cherish them in memory through each and every day.  
I am thankful for the hours spent in lingering awhile  
And I'm grateful to the folks I knew who cause my heart to smile.  
I am happy for the little things that went unnoticed then;  
But I've thought of them a million times--the time away back when.  
So as twilight falls around me and my old life ebbs away  
I extend a heartfelt gratitude to my friends along the way.

--Burrough

NOBEL A. CARLSON

Nobel Carlson passed away November 3 in Holbrook, Arizona, and was buried in Orlando, Florida. There has been a long and pleasant association between the Carlsons and Little Creek. Dennis, the oldest son, graduated in '64, followed by Kevin and Gary. The Carlsons were on the teaching staff while Gary was in school here and where Gary met Janice Williams whom he later married. Gary and Janice were on the staff until this year. Brother Carlson will be remembered by his family and friends as a sympathetic teacher, a loving husband and father and a real Christian gentleman. He was ill only a few hours with a heart attack.

We never know when we've said our last words. A lesson for all of us who are left.

"The clock of life is wound but once,  
And no man has the power  
To tell just when the hands will stop,  
At late or early hour;  
Now is the only time you own:  
Work, pray, give with a will -  
Place not faith in tomorrow  
For the clock may then be still."