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LITTLE CREEK ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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October, 1986

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Another Homecoming weekend is past and it was an exciting one for all of us who were there. To the outgoing Alumni officers, Little Creek faculty and staff and everyone who was involved, I would personally like to extend a thank you for all the work done to make the weekend a success.

For those of you who were unable to attend, we hope that this letter finds you in good health and spirits.

As is traditional, your association elected a new set of officers, and carried out business at the Saturday evening business session and I would like to report on the proceedings.

Firstly, the officers of the Alumni Association are as follows:

President	Donald Chase '82
Vice-president	Keith Shaw '82
Treasurer	Cynthia (Straw '81) Mitchell
Secretary	Rogene Goodge '59
Historian	Sarah Ann McNeilus '43

Secondly, it was voted that the President and Vice-president should serve a term of two years (after they had voted us in), and at the end of these two years the Vice-president should become president or step down at his option to allow someone else to be voted in as President and as Vice-president. This was done because it was felt that a one year term did not allow the officers to even become familiar with the organization. A term of two years would give the officers a longer time span for which to plan and therefore be able to serve the Alumni Association better.

The final item of business was the collection of dues for the upcoming year. Many people who were there have paid, however many people have still not paid. I would like to encourage you to pay your dues soon.

As your Alumni President, I am honored to have the opportunity to serve you and I am looking forward to getting to know you better during the upcoming two years.

Sincerely,



Donald G. Chase, '82
Alumni Association President

HONOR CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR: 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982.

LITTLE CREEK ACADEMY
1810 Little Creek Lane
Knoxville, TN 37922
October, 1986

Dear Creekers,

Notice the change in salutation? So many of you tell me, "I'm not an ex-Creeker. Once a Creeker always a Creeker." So you are all now Creekers. Prof left a few minutes ago with all his gear to take some girls backpacking. The weather is perfect for them as it was all weekend for Homecoming.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING

The house seems so empty and lonely. Just yesterday twelve of us were here. Joan and June, the Davidson twins, slept on the floor! Because the girls are now occupying the old san, guest space is limited. Anyway I now have a quiet time to tell you all about it. Pouring the sidewalks was delayed by five days of rain and was completed on last Thursday, October 16. You should have seen this campus on Friday morning. Everyone pitched in to remake a campus full of building materials, rubbish, mud ruts from the big trucks--you can imagine it all. The grand finale was Kenny washing the road with water from the fire truck.

How exciting to watch the arrival of all our "children" and "grandchildren" and their spouses, my very special people, as well as our very own grand and great grandchildren. We gave them a royal reception as we were all sweeping roads until nearly supper time. The new building added a new dimension and everyone who talked to me thought it was a great improvement.

Before I tell more about the weekend, I want to give credit to your alumni association leaders, Bob Folkenberg and John Dysinger, who have given so freely of their time this year. On October 12 a troupe from Southern College painted the cafeteria walls an off-white. They sponsored the new vertical "venetian drapes" purchased with your alumni funds. Those who helped paint were Bob, John, Pam Sayler, Laura Klatt, Kathy Folkenberg and Jimmy France. Many thank yous to those who paid their dues to help with this. As soon as the landscaping is complete a new carpet will be put in with the help of the insurance money from our "roof disaster" when the carpet was damaged with excessive water.

WORK BEE

This deserves the front page also. On Sunday morning following a pancake breakfast several helped work on the lower level of the new building, applying the block filler. Frank Sheffield and his wife Donna, Bob Folkenberg, John Dysinger and his friend Pam, James Pickett, Jimmy France and his dad (husband of Jo Ann Malmede), Gene Sellers (husband of Virginia Davidson). We do appreciate all these efforts. There's a lot of work ahead of us to prepare the classrooms. Everyone is hoping December will see us occupying the lower floor.

So far we're managing very well, but it will be so much better with everything in one place with class bells ringing again. The science lab is the first priority and this will be completed first.

MORE ON ALUMNI WEEKEND

The entire weekend was super fun and left time for class parties and visiting. I'm sure you will enjoy a copy of the program. Then I will tell a bit about what is not on it. During Greg Scott's report on the KOST radio station in Italy, he played a tape from the Carroll Wheelers who are now operating the station for a year. The tape began with the song "Edelweiss", a LCA school song-- "Little Creek, Little Creek, how I love to remember" etc. Then he began to talk. The background music if I'm not mistaken, was Leland playing Vocalise by Rachmaninoff on his violin, right Carroll? Wish I could quote the tape. Suffice to say we wanted to fly over and see them.

During the lesson study at Sabbath School, Mary Charles (Scott '46) Jones, told of the very first school at Grace church plus the green house. Then Ed Zollinger '51 told of the first school building that he helped to build. As you can imagine the lesson about the destruction of the first temple and the re-building of it just had to be related to the situation at LCA now. The lessons are the same. There's a work that is waiting and "God is Depending on You" and us. This beautiful song was sung by visiting alumni for the close of the lesson study.

In the afternoon Ray Ostrander '67, who came from Union College, directed the alumni choir. Many thank yous to all those who sang for me. I love to hear you.

It is a thrill to see all of you capable leaders in your churches and communities. I could brag on and on. My idea of heaven is best expressed in terms of the New Earth, where I've already reserved our campus as mine. All the Creekers will gather and tell of their exploits completed unhampered by the "low blows" of Satan. We'll take our choir and other musical organizations to Jerusalem for special music on Sabbath and to other worlds who have witnessed this great controversy. We'll sing the song of the redeemed that they can't sing. Ah! that's why I want to be there. Won't it be great to see a video of creation? and explore the Universe?

ASTRONAUT

Weightless
He spins through space
Weighing our hearts. When he
Resumes weight safely hearts will soar
Weightless

Jane Merchant

In the afternoon Sarah Ann McNeilus was the coordinator for the musical program. The handbell choir performed along with many others. I hesitate to try and recall everyone who took part for fear I will miss someone but I'll try: The Greve brothers (Kent '81 and Rick '78) and the Williams brothers (Kent '77 and Craig) sang in a quartet; Robert McMullen '65 played his saw; Debbie (Downing '71) McDowell, Amanda (Downing '76) Huffman, Charles Downing, Donald Chase and JoAnn (Malmede) France each sang solos. Leland and Cynthia (Straw '81) Mitchell played a violin and flute duet. Ray Ostrander '67 led the alumni choir.

There were 128 actual alumnus here plus several former students and faculty members. We will try and list them accurately.

1943	1967	*1981
Sarah Ann (Goodge) McNeilus	Sharon (Beck) Straw	Ann (Baynard) Waite
*1946	Ray Ostrander	Kent Greve
Mary Charles (Scott) Jones	Bill Richards	Kim (Keller) Headlee
1948	1969	Jan (Malmede) Greve
Billie (Kelly) Burdick	Edd McDowell	Cherie Michals
1949	1970	Cynthia (Straw) Mitchell
Bonnie (Block) Evans	Warren Ruf	Linda Tetz
Paul Burdick	*1971	Dale Tunnell
*1951	Deborah (Downing) McDowell	Brent Van Arsdell
Mary Sue (Martin) Shaw	David Dunn	Cynthia (Vogt) Weitzel
Ed Zollinger	Dan King	Lonny Weitzel
1952	1972	1982
Virginia (Davidson) Sellars	Carol (Trivett) Garner	Donald Chase
1953	1973	John Dysinger
Alvin Ringer	Jeanie (Beagles) Danner	Bob Folkenberg
1955	JoAnne (Chitwood) Collier	Karen Peck
Mary (Peek) Kurzynske	1974	Charlene Peek
Stanford Straw	Betty (Dunn) Watson	Keith Shaw
*1956	Doreen (Reins) Williams	1983
Joan (Davidson) Rouse	Jeff Scott	Brent Amos
June (Davidson) Littler	Carl Shaw	James Gulley
Jimmy Tucker	*1976	Kelley (Gunderson) Hassencahl
1957	Joy (Beagles) Brown	Maria Holley
Kenneth Straw	Shirley (Belknap) Johnson	Sharon (Kennerson) Russell
1959	Karen (Cobb) Sherington	Carl Sellers
Burton Goodge	Amanda (Downing) Huffman	Brian Sparks
Rogene Goodge	Jim Hiner	1984
Ted Summitt	Cliff Johnston	Kimberley France
1960	Gina (Mitchell) Sherlin	Jill Gunderson
Frances (Keller) Laswell	Larry Ringer	Shelly Neall
*1961	Greg Scott	1985
Bert Coolidge	Kenny Shaw	Doug Dewey
Grant Goodge	Barbara (Wheeler) Tyson	Sonya Gulley
Lynda (Laffin) Draper	1977	Jeff Hill
Barbara (Pace) Smith	Jackee (Conner) Jackson	Michelle Maxson
James Pickett	Ann (Kennedy) Shaw	Bruce Myers
Sandra (Roadman) Schneider	Donna (Myers) McNeilus	Lisa Vogt
Connie (Walker) Summitt	Debbie (Straw) Tait	1986
Carolyn (Williams) Coolidge	Kent Williams	Kathi Folkenberg
Robert Williams	1978	Jimmy France
1962	Rick Greve	Steve Frey
Alfred Burdick	Linda (Van Arsdell) Whiting	Jon Gearhart
Ann Goodge	Sidney Whiting	David Hamilton
1964	1979	Laura Klatt
David Silverstein	Sharon (Chesney) Jenkins	Sandra Lizardo
Arlene (Williams) Ward	Genevieve Dimick	Kenny Lockhart
1965	Albert Heidinger	Pam Sayler
Malcolm Schmehl	Denel (Hiner) Greve	<u>Former Students and Faculty</u>
Robert McMullen	Terryn (Kurzynske) Shaw	Cindy Bame
*1966	Denzil McNeilus	Lunnetta (Brininger) King
Faye (Garner) Franklin	Mary Lou (Mitchell) Wilson	Joann (Malmede) France
Linda (Malmede) Wilhelm	Kevin Shaw	Marty Gustin
Faye (Melendy) Steen	Laury Weitzel	Mary Gustin
Tim Peckham	1980	Frank Sheffield
Virginia (Pillsbury) Hagan	Betty (Greenhaw) Neally	Grant Tuttle
	Eric Gunderson	Sylvia Maltby
	Michelle (Kurzynske) Chase	Rosamond Buck
	Coley Sellers	Craig Williams
		Charles Downing
		Shirley Bolivar
		Sheila Patterson
		Nora Melendy
		Chaplain and Mrs. Keplinger

Counting all the families of the alumnus and families of current students who were here we had a full house in the church and at meal time. At noon the dining room was full and there must have been about 100 people who had to wait to be served. I'm afraid the food ran low at the last but we hope that no one went hungry.

Gwen (McNeilus) Burns '76 could not come so she sent a little booklet she had prepared with pictures of her June wedding and a letter of greeting to her classmates. It was great to hear from her.

Faye Whiting '81 called at noon on Sabbath. She is in medical school at Loma Linda and wished she could have been here to visit with her classmates.

CAMPUS NEWS

Those arriving for homecoming probably appreciated the widened, newly re-surfaced North Shore Drive. It is now a pleasure to drive on it.

The play area behind the boys' dorm is finally completed. Our thank yous to two of our alumni who sponsored it.

The seniors had fun at the lodge this year. We washed all the windows and cut back some of the brush behind the house. September was very hot and dry, so they could swim in the "Y". When our own family had a reunion at the lodge on October 5 it was still warm enough to swim.

Laurelbrook sent us a truck load of tomatoes to can. They surely look nice on our shelves.

Hartland arranged for us to obtain apples (for only the cost of the trip) so we made 100 bushels of apples into applesauce recently. Keeps us out of mischief. Ha!

BUILDING UPDATE

For those of you who have not visited, the building is now under roof. Today they are putting up the guttering and it looks really finished. The blocks must now be washed and sealed. We've tried to make the building maintenance-free as far as possible. Our many thank yous to all of you who have helped us with your donations. The board voted to complete the lower floor, and then we will wait until funds are available to complete the dormitory portion. "Silver and gold are mine saith the Lord" and we are sure He is in charge of this building. There are 77 students enrolled this year.

ALUMNI NEWS

New Comers

Christina Chantal, September 4, 1986, to Denzil and Donna (Myers '77) McNeilus '79, Route 1, Box 317, Dodge Center, MN 55927.

Heidi Michelle, May 14, 1986, to Kenny and Janet (Nelson '70) Penner '70, 315 East 20th, Olympia, WA 98501.

Emily Megan, October 24, 1986, to Mark and Ginger (Mitchell '69) Arnold, Route 19, #4 Martin Court, Johnson City, TN 37601.

Weddings

Lisa Lynette Pennington (daughter of Stanley and Betty Pennington, former staff members) and Charles Downing, 1131-3 Cedar Rock Road, Lenoir, NC 28645.

Kent and Joan Van Arsdell '79 have recently been in Guam assisting in a medical clinic for 6 weeks and also 4 weeks in Bangkok, Thailand before returning to Loma Linda to complete his senior year.

Leasa (McNeilus '77) Hodges has been managing plasma banks in various areas and is now living in Spokane, WA. She is the proud mother of a baby boy born last December.

We attended the funeral of the Burdick boys' father recently. We had not seen John Burdick for a long time.

Recently we were invited to Mary Charles (Scott) Jones' home for a baby shower for Ginger (Mitchell '69) Arnold.

Ruth (Trivett '49) Hoyt came by for a visit. Such fun! She lives in CA so hadn't seen her for a long while.

Dan Peek '84 deserves much credit for staying with us all summer. He was dean of boys after Wendell Heidinger '82 left, plus working on the building. We miss him. We certainly did appreciate Wendell's help. Don't know what we would have done without them.

Loren Rieseberg '79 has been co-author of three articles published by the Department of Botany at U. T. and Washington State University where he is pursuing a doctor's degree.

Elder and Mrs. Hiner came by one day and I sent music to Karen '81 who is directing the choir at Oklahoma Academy. She and her husband Brian Holland are teaching there. Some of our students attended a Self Supporting Bible Conference there and report they have a fine school with about sixty students.

We attended The Laymen's Extension League convention at Wildwood and saw Frederick Van Deusen '75 and Homer Barrett '58. They are both helping with the work there.

Mary (Shafer '50) Foreman and husband stopped by last week to say they couldn't come to Alumni Homecoming because of church obligations.

JoAnne (Chitwood '73) and husband Jerry Collier have come to help us. JoAnne is an R.N. and Jerry is a nurses aid but is working on his nursing degree. This is marvelous and we still need more nursing help.

Was good to see David and Amy Hack '74 at the conference teachers' meeting held at Little Creek.

Norman Peek '53 comes quite often as he is helping with The Layman Foundation and is chairman of our board. He has been very successful in helping the small Self-Supporting schools.

Nancy (Fulfer '64) Merz is way down in Weslaco, TX, near the Mexican border. He husband George is director of the dietary department at Valley Grande Manor Nursing Home operated by the Texas Conference of SDA.

Mark McKinney '80 came to visit while he was in Atlanta for a rotation connected with medical school at Loma Linda.

We have had a few other visitors lately--Don and Kay (Williams '69) Stair, Tim and Jane Leffew '78, Marshall and Melody (Woolsey '70) Schmehl, Linda Watson '77 and Jim Watson '78.

If you know of anyone who left some children's clothing here we found 2 lovely sweaters--one pink, size 2 and one blue, size 6x. We will be happy to return them if we can only find out who they belong to. They certainly are too nice to loose.

Just had a letter from Rick Greve '78 and he included this poem to share with you.

LIFE'S WAY

No matter how pleasant the visit--
No matter how long the stay--
There comes a time to say goodbye,
As we travel along life's way.

We sometimes travel with strangers.
We often walk with our friends.
Still there comes a day to say goodbye
As the path we travel together ends.

We cherish happy moments together--
Rejoice in the joys that come--
Share in the sorrows of others,
Remembering where our help comes from.

When you have enjoyed the pleasant visit
And you cherish the long, long stay,
It is hard to say that last goodbye
As you travel along life's way.

But we shouldn't be disheartened
Or let our courage fall,
For there will come that one glad day
When there will be no goodbyes at all.

Charles E. Seltzer

Thank - you Rick. Were looking forward to that day.
The honor classes were well represented. I couldn't
find a winner as 1981 and 1976 each had eleven.
maybe by percentage there's a difference, but indolence
kept me from this research. We are going to leave
for the first time in October to visit Beverly, our niece.
Roy and Penny are going too - to also see the beauty of the fall.
The sidewalks reach to the boys' dorm and H. Straw
house. Just one more to go. The building looks so nice
since the blocks were washed. The ceiling sheet rock is in
place; every day progress is made.
Thank - you all for coming. I'm always sorry there
is not more time to visit.
Bye for now - don't forget to count the pluses -
Love to all of you.
Alice and Leland Straw

FRIDAY VESPERS
8:00 P. M.

Organist Leonard Smith
Song Leader Jimmy France, '86
Welcome Bob Folkenberg, '82
John Dysinger, '82
David Dunn, '71
Talk Choir and Chorale
Special Music Linda (Malmede, '66) Wilhelm
Talk Senior Mixed Quartet
Special Music Dale Tunnell, '81
Talk Ann Goodge, '62
Closing Prayer

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SABBATH SCHOOL
10:15 A.M.

Pianist Sidney Whiting, '78
Song Leader Rick Greve, '78
Prayer Cynthia (Straw, '81) Mitchell
Devotional Sue (Martin, '51) Shaw
Welcome Ken Shaw, '76
Mission Emphasis Greg Scott, '76
Special Music Gina (Mitchell, '76) Sherlin
Special Feature Jim Tucker, '56
Closing Thought and Prayer Barbara Tyson
(Wheeler, '76)
Lesson Study Prof and Mrs. Straw

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Saturday night following the Business Meeting Bill and Evonne Richards '67 presented an excellent slide show (1000 slides shown on 3 screens) with taped background music and narration. All who attended appreciated their willingness to share this experience.

Thanks so much, Bill and Evonne

WORSHIP SERVICE
12:00

Organ Prelude Ann (Kennedy, '77) Shaw
Introit
* Hymn of Praise No. 2
"All Creatures of Our God and King"
* Invocation Jim Hiner, '76
Pastoral Greeting Kenneth Straw, '57
Offertory Michelle (Kurzynske, '80) Chase
* "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" 694
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Scripture -- Responsive Reading No. 700
Hymn of Meditation No. 271
"Break Thou The Bread of Life"
Pastoral Prayer Bob Folkenberg, '82
Prayer Response No. 684
"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"
Congregation
Special Music Deborah (Downing, '71) McDowell
Amanda (Downing, '76) Huffman
Sermon Jim Hiner, '76
"Standing in the Gap"
* Closing Hymn No. 330
"Take My Life and Let It Be"
Benediction John Dysinger, '82
Organ Postlude Ann Shaw, '77
* Congregation please stand.

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Hope that this will give you a better idea of what took place during Homecoming. We missed those of you who could not come. We will let you know the dates for next year in the next letter so you can begin planning early.

FRIDAY VESPERS