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LITTLE CREEK ACADEMY
June 8, 1987

Dear Creekers,

Several "strangers" in our midst recently were concerned about all the work involved in graduation week-end as we had quite a crowd to house and feed. Many asked me if I would be glad when it was all over and we could all relax. My answer was as non-committal as possible because they wouldn't have believed the truth anyway. I'll skip Sunday evening with the tears of those whose best friend had graduated, the scared new freshman needing consolation, the "let down" for the rest who were wondering "What can we do?"

Monday morning. Really? You mean there are no girls to help in the san kitchen? We have two boys to help prepare breakfast who have never been there before. So it was great fun. At least Prof and I could wash dishes three times a day! After breakfast dishes I went to the laundry to help Verna Dimick who had a new boy and Mr. Del had him off part time learning the water testing operations. Where's Mr. Foster? He's on tour with the bell choir. So Prof dashed off to town to do the purchasing. Reports from the san were ominous. The help was changed there too. The patients were missing their favorite girls. The nurses were in a state of shock. Who will clean the Inn (old san where all the company stayed)? And help do all the extra laundry? I will stop here and suffice it to say the week after graduation is always interesting to say the least. Mrs. Peek seemed the only one who could master her fate with one boy. Her customers had dwindled and we had plenty of left overs to eat. But it was great to see everyone rally round to help and we kept the ball rolling.

Monday at five-fifteen P.M. The joke was on me. I was washing dishes in the san kitchen when Mrs. Johnston came in and said "Mrs. Straw, Mr. Love is at the desk to see you." I nearly fainted as I remembered I had invited them for supper. I had marked it on my calendar but had not looked at it that day (my freshmen loved that)! Sharon and Mrs. Starrett shoved me out the door saying we'll send the supper to you. So they sent up the left-overs and we had a good time after all. However, my ego needed a shot of vitamin B.

I've spent parts of two days cleaning the old san. This paragraph is for the old timers. So many memories! How the halls used to bustle with all the activity. It especially brought memories of my dad, Papa Goodge. His last words to me were to be sure to save Room One for him so he could be near his office. We all thought he was coming home, but it wasn't to be. I guess losing him was the saddest day of my life. I wish all of you could have known him. I thought of how amazed all four of our parents would be to know it was 1987 and to see the new san and school. They all worked so hard to help us and fervently believed in this work. There will be a lot to tell when the Great Day comes. As I dusted the "curly-cue" rails going upstairs, I thought of all your loving hands. How many of you dusted them? Enough of this.

CAMPUS NEWS

When the chorale went on tour in May, the bus broke down (on the way home, fortunately) near the home of one of our students, Ed Schneider, whose mother is Sandra (Roadman '61) Schneider. It is a long story, but they were able to be fed and wait in comfort for Kenny Straw to come for them in the yellow bus.

One of the most interesting vesper talks was given by Pastor Leslie Smart when he spent the weekend recently. He was our boys' dean for two years. He reviewed the Bible prophecies concerning Jesus and projected the odds that any of them would be fulfilled. There seemed no possibility that it was likely to happen from a human viewpoint--yet every one has come to pass. The conclusion was that the final prophecy will also be fulfilled and Jesus will surely come again. This gave me great courage as it is so

easy to begin to wonder why so long. We expected Him to come so much sooner and never thought we would live to face old age. This study increased my faith. I want to be ready for that day.

Cheers! Marilyn Greenhaw is finally home, sporting a pacemaker and looking fine after two months in the hospital. Jeanine '74 is home to help her for a month.

Everyone has been busy as bees. The drawers are in and the doors are all on the girls' cabinets, the air conditioning is humming away, the drape is hung in the girls' private parlor, many hundreds of bales of hay have been put in the barn, plus umpteen things I can't keep up with.

A big welcome to nineteen new alumni, our recent graduates: Cindy Bofink, Darla Boyd, Joey Capps, Steve Connor, Becky Cote, Matthew Davis, Sheila Draper, William DeWitt, Faye Gearhart, Donna Hill, John Laswell, Libna Lizardo, Karen McKinney, Laura Ann McNeilus, Robbie Neall, Annette Newell, Susan Rempher, Ed Schneider, Kimberly Stairs. They had a lot of fun playing Pomp and Circumstance on the cowbells as they did their freshman year. To tell the story of graduation would take another letter so come see us and we'll tell you about it. Seniors, we miss you.

Four of the seniors were children of alumni. John Laswell is the son of Frances (Keller) Laswell '60. Donna Hill is the daughter of Jerry Hill '59 and Evelyn (Reiber) Hill '60. Sheila Draper is the daughter of Linda (Laffin) Draper '61. Ed Schneider is the son of Sandra (Roadman) Schneider '61.

ALUMNI NEWS

In May Bob and Mary (Peek '55) Kurzynske provided a delightful vespers of flower pictures with poetry and music. Donald '82 and Michelle '80 Chase assisted and it was good to hear them sing and play.

Leon Peek '64 surprised us with a visit and played for Sabbath School. I enjoyed the macadamia nuts, Leon.

Leland Zollinger spoke for the eleven o'clock service on April 10 for the Collegedale Academy Homecoming.

Charlene Peek '82 visited recently. She is working for the General Conference as an auditor for the Southern Union.

Brent Van Arsdell '81 wrote an article in the current Southern Tidings telling about S.C. students' trip to Honduras to build an addition on the primary school there.

Jeannie (Rauch) Mazat '63 and her husband were here with the John Rauch's Sr. and spent a day helping us select the furniture for the lobby of the new dormitory.

Clarence Small '66 sent us his newsletter from Rising Sun, Blythedale church in Maryland. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews June 7.

John Dysinger '82 will be assistant chaplain at S.C. next year while his wife, Pam, completes her last year there.

Pastor David Prest, Jr. whose wife is Ellen Rieseberg '78, was ordained last week at the Carolina campmeeting.

Kent '79 and Joan Van Arsdell are celebrating their M.D. degree with a trip to Europe "chaperoning" their sisters (how fortunate!). The first of July Kent will begin his internship in internal medicine at Kettering. Their new address will be 3894 Utica Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45439.

Brent Amos '83 is going to Oklahoma Academy to teach next year. His last year at Hartland he was the managing editor of a new youth magazine, Your Choice. Adena Peters was editor and Trey Shurley was associate editor. We

are hoping some of you will want to send in a subscription. Write Your Choice, P.O. Box 1, Rapidan, VA 22733. Six dollars per year.

Frederick Van Deusen '75 is now living at Wildwood, Georgia, with his mother and they are helping in the conditioning center. The prognosis for his health is not so favorable at this time and we are praying that God's will be done.

Tim Leffew '78 has been selected as one of the three sectional leaders for the publishing ministry in the Carolina Conference.

Loren Rieseberg '79 recently received his Ph.D in botany from Washington State University. He will be Assistant Professor in Botany at Claremont Graduate School and Research Scientist at the Rancho Santa Anna Botanic Garden. He will be moving to Claremont, California.

The graduation at S.C. was interesting this year. Miss Mary Elam who came to our graduation to present \$30,000 in scholarships from S.C. to this year's seniors told us that our alumni was well represented at Southern this year. John Dysinger '82 was president of his class, Bob Folklenberg '82 was class pastor and head of campus ministries and Brent Van Arsdell '81 was editor of the school paper.

Edwin '77 and Jeniffer Dysinger stopped by to see us. They are on furlough from Sudan where they have been working closely with the Sudanese Ministry of Health through ADRA in Mother and Child Health programs. Their goal is to help them strengthen their own programs which are good conceptually but weak in implementation. Edwin now works half time for ADRA and half time as church ministries coordinator for the Sudan field. They will return to Sudan after John's wedding.

Now I have some sad news to report. Ron '63 and Gay Keller suffered a great loss when on this past Mother's Day their sixteen year old daughter Kimberly Kay passed away following a brief asthma attack. That morning Ron and the children had taken their mother out for breakfast and purchased flowers for her in honor of the day. Kim was very active in sports and other activities at Andrews Academy. A memorial service was held at the Pioneer Memorial Church. Their address is 4975 E. Empire Ave. Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022. An endowment fund has been set up for worthy students at Andrews Academy in memory of Kim.

Chain Reaction

While I was kneeling down to pray one day
The Lord spoke. This is what I heard Him say,
"Although many times you have had to weep,
Through you I've been able to feed My sheep.
The tears you have cried have not been in vain,
You are a link in My heavenward chain.
You were made stronger by what you've been through,
And others have witnessed My strength through you."

Charles '60, Tommy '66, and Carolyn '69 Martin have had sorrow also. Their father, Charles Martin, a pioneer in this work and life long friend of ours, passed away. The Roger Goodges and we shared their sorrow at the memorial service.

Newcomers

Homer Irving, May 3, 1987, to Mr. and Mrs. David (Sylvia Harmer, '70) Mason
Country Lov'n Farm
Witt Springs, Arkansas 72686

Meagan Elizabeth, April 29, to Cliff and Shirley (Belknap '76) Johnson '76
Route 2, Box 290-H
Rising Fawn, Georgia 30738

Erin Elise, March 23, to Tony and Betsy (Blodgett '67) Gerrick
14467 Holmwood Dr.
Magalia, California 95954

Weddings

Maria Lynne Holley '83 and Donald James Kutzner, June 7
Linda Tetz '81 and Keith Shaw '82, June 8
John Dysinger '82 and Pamela Sue Ivins, June 21
Edgar Keplinger '76 and Tamara Koehn, June 7

Graduations

University of Central Florida, May 1
Joyce (Garner '64) Lohr, Bachelor's of Social Work (Health Services)

Southern College May 3
John Dysinger '82, B.A. Religion
Bob Folkenberg, Jr. '82, B.A. Religion (Ministerial)
James Gulley '83, B.A. Chemistry
Edgar Keplinger '76, B.A. Biology
Brent VanArsdell '81, B.S. Business Administration
Jon Gearhart '86, Diploma Senior, Auto Body Repair
Becky Rempher, A.S. Home Economics

Washington State University, May 9
Loren Rieseberg, '79, Ph.D. in Botany

Loma Linda University, May 31
Mark McKinney '80, Doctor of Medicine
Kent VanArsdell '79, Doctor of Medicine
Sidney Whiting '78, Doctor of Medicine

Chattanooga State, June 5
Kim (Keller '81) Headlee, Registered Nurse

Andrews University, June 7
Clarence Small, Master of Divinity

Walla Walla College, June 7
Charles Whiting, Bachelor of Science Engineering

Hartland College, June 10
Brent Amos '83

We have had several visitors since the last newsletter was sent. Will try and list them. Malinda (Boyd) Haley '80, Mike Boyd '79, David Silverstein '64, Stanton and Debbie (Straw '77) Tait, Wilma (Keller) Rasmussen '58, Denzil and Donna (Myers '77) McNeilus '79, Mark and Barbara (Chase '79) McKinney '80, Carl Sellers '83, Skip Holley '84, Shelly Neall '84, James Gulley '83, Bruce Myers '85, Esther Kurtz '85, Sonya Gulley '85, Jimmy France '86, Kenny Lockhart '86, Steve Frey '86, David Hamilton '86, Sandra Lizardo '86, Kathi Folkenberg '86, Pam Sayler '86, John Dysinger, '82, Chuck and Sharon (Chesney '79) Jenkins, Doris Brown '56, David Laffin, and Charles Keller. (We did not list those here who were listed in Alumni News as having been here recently.) We also enjoyed visits from former staff members--Mr. and Mrs. Howard Belles, Mr. and Mrs. William Ingersoll, Chaplain and Mrs. John Keplinger, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rodeffer, and Donna Shurley. We certainly do enjoy your visits--keep them coming.

Mark and Mitzi Bame want to carpool with someone about three hours from Wilton, Iowa - such as Chicago. Otherwise they cannot come to home coming this fall. Anyone help? Their address is P.O. Box 592 - Wilton Iowa 52778.

The bell choir is back - will write about it next time. We've been freezing beets, broccoli, and green beans. The students have decided it's fun to have "half the gang" It's worth it all to watch them hide in on the hay. having such a good time.

This is our first "computer letter". My thanks to Kenny and Leonard Smith for helping me. I'm a prayer for LCA each day. Love to you - A. L. Straw