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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from the Alumni Association. By the time you get this letter, summer will have officially ended and fall begun, which means Alumni Weekend is quickly approaching. November 3-5 are the dates to note on your calendars. Remember that the honor classes are those ending in a 4 or a 9. We are looking forward to seeing each of you there.

I would like to thank all of those who have willingly accepted an invitation to participate in the weekends programs. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

As a reminder, our Alumni project this year was to raise enough money to buy some new computers for the computer lab. So far, \$735.00 has come in, and we would like to see the remaining \$1,265.00 come in by alumni weekend. We appreciate the donations that have come in and look forward to reaching our goal of \$2000.00.

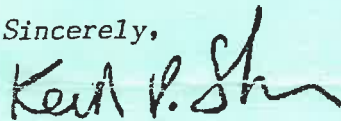
This year we have made a few changes from our usual schedule of events for Alumni Weekend. For your convenience, and to help us with our record keeping, we are going to have a registration booth located in the lobby of the new girls' dorm.. When you arrive on campus, either Friday or Sabbath, please stop by the booth to register and pick up a program for the weekends events. You will also be able to see who of your classmates and friends has arrived for the weekend.

For those of you coming Sabbath morning. Sabbath School will begin at 10:00.

If you need to find a place to stay on campus, please give Rogene a call at 615-690-6080. She would be glad to find you a comfortable place to stay.

Hope to see each of you there.

Sincerely,



Keith Shaw
Alumni Association President

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Dear Creekers,

On my list of regrets is one maybe you could help me cross off. I wish we had kept a record of the weddings we have been a part of. That would make an interesting addition to a 50 year celebration. Of course we have memories of these but not very specific. If you will send me a little resume including date, place, what we did, what we played etc. that would be fun for us.

I surely will remember Danny Peek's date as it was our anniversary! I don't think anyone else has been married on September 3. He was married so far away in Abbotsford, British Columbia that we couldn't even attend!

Summer sailed by so quickly--but autumn is always best for me. A new year, new opportunities along with rare beauty.

MELLOWNESS
Lin Yutang

"I like spring but it is too young. I like summer but it is too proud. So I like best of all autumn because its leaves are a little yellow, its tone mellow, its colors richer, and it is tinged a little with sorrow. Its golden richness speaks not of the innocence of spring, nor of the power of summer, but of the mellowness and kindly wisdom of approaching age. It knows the limitations of life and is content."

Perhaps the best thing about October is the stars re-appear. (Daylight savings time for us is a disaster as darkness comes about 10:00 p.m.) Also the atmosphere becomes cleaner and cooler. I'm hoping to show the freshmen the summer triangle tonight and enjoy the inspiration of the sky. Everyone did enjoy the lunar eclipse this summer and the photos of Neptune from Voyager 2. The stars are such fun and consolation--as Longfellow puts it:

"Silently, one by one, in the infinite meadows of heaven, blossomed the lovely stars, the forget-me-nots of angels."

A recent visit with Grant Goodge '61 was so interesting I thought you would enjoy it. It always amazes me that there are so many varied talents to use. Grant is starting his 21st year at the National Climatic Data Center. His most recent promotion was to the position of Data Quality Assurance Chief. He has worked on projects that involved the Space Shuttle Program, U.S. Naval Operations in the Persian Gulf and he was a spokesman for the Center on an internationally televised symposium on the 1988 drought.

He and his wife Yolanda have hosted over 40 foreigners that have visited the Climatic Center and both say that entertaining these people at their home is always a blessing, that they are reminded how lucky we are to live in a free country and also because they are able to witness to them about Adventist doctrines. Most are impressed by their meatless diet, non-alcoholic beverages, and worship on the seventh day of the week.

Grant's continued love of weather, flying and photography has resulted in his photographs being published in several national magazines as well as being used in the law suits that resulted from the crash of Delta Flight #191 in Dallas, TX. However, he said the greatest reward came this past year when he received a phone call from the wife of an Illinois farmer who told him that because of his correction of an error on a rainfall report, she and her husband received a \$70,000 drought insurance payment that kept the local bank from foreclosing on their farm.

WESTERN UNION NEWS

August 23, Nancy (Fulfer '64) Merz and her family were here. They use their talents in diet and nutrition. That same weekend Kandy Habenicht '89, Merrie Li Camp '88, Kim Goodge '88, Amy Ford '88 and Ed Schneider '87 were here.

Esther Eirich '89 sprouted wings and helped in the San the last 3 weeks of the summer.

Has been fun to see Greg Scott '76 in and out as he has spent 3 months at home and traveling, promoting Adventist World Radio part of the time. He left for Guam just last week.

Karen McKinney '87 performed with the Southern College Symphony orchestra at Carnegie Hall plus six concerts in Greece. We appreciate her coming up and helping at the San several weekends this summer to help relieve the nursing shortage.

Duane Chesney '84 received a \$2500.00 vocal scholarship at Southern College. Lisa Vogt '85 received a \$500.00 scholarship as Outstanding Home Economics Senior.

DeWayne Beers '74 visited with us recently and we had fun talking about LCA in the 70's. Carl Shaw '74 came to see him so they sang duets and DeWayne accompanied them 3 times-- church, San program and vespers. Jeff Scott '74 also came to see DeWayne. We enjoyed it all.

A happy surprise was a visit from Helen (Day) Hines, who lives in Jacksonville, FL. She came to LCA in 1941--that is a long time ago. She lived in the "lean to" attached to the log cabin where we lived. As I recall 5 girls lived there that year. She and her sister Virginia were real pioneers.

David Dunn '71 favored us with a short visit on his way to Washington where he is preparing to leave for Jordan to pioneer work for the Muslims. He talked a bit to my Bible IV class and Kenny gave him a quick tour of the building. Our prayers follow him.

The seniors' trip to the lodge left a big change in the lawn, lots of hard work cleaned the driveway of grass about to ruin it. The tubing and diving at the "Y" made the hot potato soup a welcome item. A group of them traveled to Florida for Bible Conference this year.

Paul Eirich '88 and William DeWitt '87 are spending the year at Palau Mission Academy in Palau. We have received interesting letters from them telling of their work with the young people there.

Carroll Wheeler '76 and his wife are teaching at the academy on Guam this year. Their letter sounds as if they found plenty to do to get ready for school to begin there.

Rogene says that while in Hawaii for the A.S.I. meeting it was great fun to see Joy (Beagles '76) Brown, her husband Jeff and their little daughter and Denzil and Donna (Myers '77) McNeilus '79. Maria (Holey '83) Kutzner came to the airport to see them and brought some most beautiful lei's. They had only a short time to visit but it was fun! Joyce (Garner '64) Lohr lives there too and they talked on the phone from the airport. Just wished there had been time to get together.

GRADUATIONS

Gary Carlson '73, MBA, Valdosta State College, Valdosta, GA.

Bert Dimick '88, Auto-Diesel Mechanics School, Nashville, TN.

Dan Peek '84, Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering, Michigan Tech.

Bob Folkenberg '82, M.Dv., Andrews University.

WEDDINGS

Ma Johnston '75 and Ross Cornwell, August 13, 1989, P. O. Box 154, Orleans, CA 95556.
Dan Peek '84 and Cynthia Ergang, September 3, 1989, 224 3rd Street, Ashland, OR 97520.

NEW COMERS

John Matthew Van Devander, September 14, 1989, to David and Angela VanDevander '75, Route 2, Box 386, McDonald, TN 37353.

I SAID A PRAYER
FOR YOU TODAY

I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard--
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word!
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind)--
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that He'd be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way!
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small--
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all!
--Selected

We had some visitors since the last letter--David and Kathy (Leffew '77) Twombly, Tim and Jane Leffew '78, Patti Munger '89, Devora Buck '89, Heather Wise '88, Todd Folkenburg '88, Bruce and Barbara Vogt '58, Lisa Vogt '85, Barry and Penny (Peltier '72) Comeaux, Lin and Karen (Habenicht '82) Sherwood, Donna Hill '87, Matt Davis '87, Joey Capps '87, John Laswell '87, Jonathan DeWitt '89, Steve Harper '87, Jeff Pride '89 and Carol Shaw '89--we are always happy to see each of you anyway time you can stop by.

Home coming is just around the corner and we are looking forward to seeing many of you. If you need a place to stay for the weekend, be sure and contact Rogene right away so that we can do our best to accommodate as many as possible. (The school phone number is 615-690-6080.)

The chief purpose of this letter is to remind you of Homecoming - Nov 3 and 4. Keith has an interesting program for you I'm sure. See you soon.

Affectionately
Alice and Leland Strawn

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

10/9/89

We have really had a busy time since the last alumni newsletter was sent out. In August, Roger and Genevieve Goodge, Rogene Goodge, Virginia Gustin, Heidi Straw and I attended the national A.S.I. Convention in Kona, Hawaii. We saw a couple of last year's graduates, plus a couple of currently enrolled students at the convention. It was also a pleasure to see Ed Zollinger on Sabbath afternoon. He has been living in Hawaii for the last year or two.

I arrived back at Little Creek on Friday afternoon just in time for our annual staff supper. By Sunday, we had eighty (80) academy students (including staff children) on campus for the new school year. Schools are supposed to be happy for full or increased enrollments, but at times we wonder if we haven't lost a little of the personal touch with so many kids on campus.

It seems that each generation of students knows less about work than the previous one. In fact, we sometimes wonder if it is really worth the struggle to maintain a work program with the students we have now. We not only have to struggle to keep the students trained and certified for the nursing home, but we have many operations like the dairy, kitchens, etc. that have to run every day of the year. As parents have become more affluent, many of them prefer that their kids be home in the summer and during vacations, and it becomes a constant struggle to keep the program running and everyone happy with the schedules.

However, as we look at the type of kids being turned out in the public school system, cannot help but be thankful that we have been instructed to teach our students how to work, how to carry responsibility, and how to find joy in service. I am convinced to a large degree that the problems with alcohol, drugs, and crime are the result of the leisure society we have created in America. While not all of our students meet the lofty ideals held out to the Christian,, I wouldn't trade them for any others that I have seen.