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LITTLE CREEK SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Creekers:

Dec 1991

I want to get this letter in the mail while the events of the just concluded alumni weekend are still fresh in my mind. I don't think anybody who was there will likely forget the blessings we experienced, but you know what they say about senility.

I would first like to express my appreciation personally and on behalf of the alumni association for the job that Rogene and Warren did in preparing for and carrying out the events of the weekend.

The reunion started with a musical and testimonial program on Friday evening. The musical selections were excellent as they always are at Little Creek. The words of praise that were extended to Little Creek and the people who have made it what it is through the years gave strong evidence of the positive effect the school has had on the hundreds of young people who have passed through its doors.

The Sabbath evening vespers the recently elected president of the school, Elder James Micheff gave a highly spiritual talk that brought us all closer to the Lord. It appears that the leadership of Little Creek, which includes Elder Micheff as president and has Rogene serving as principal will continue to provide the spiritual and professional style of direction that we have come to expect from the staff of Little Creek over the years.

The final event of the weekend was the election of officer (sic). I was promoted (!) from vice-president to president. Bruce Vogt '58 was elected as the new vice-president and he will be anxiously awaiting his turn to lead our great organization to higher and higher accomplishments.

We are going to try to keep you posted on a regular basis about the events and activities of the school and the association. There will be more word later on the possibilities for alumni projects to benefit the school. If you have any ideas for projects we would be glad to hear from you. Also if you have any news about yourself like weddings, births, graduations or other significant events in your life we would appreciate hearing about them.

Sincerely,

Steven Foster, President

P.S. I have not talked with Steve concerning alumni projects, but I do know that a good one would be the worthy student fund. We have a number of students this year who are struggling financially.

ALUMNI WEEKEND ATTENDANCE

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| 1943 Sarah Ann McNeilus | 1961 (continued) Connie Walker Summitt | 1977 Debbie Straw Tait Kent Williams | 1986 Kenneth Lockhart Jon Gearhart |
| 1946 Mary Scott Jones | 1962 Ann Goodge | 1978 Ellen Rieseberg Prest Jeff Basham | 1987 Matt Davis Donna Hill Davis Steve Connor |
| 1947 Elwyn Sievers | 1964 David P. Brummett | 1979 Genevieve Dimick Patterson Terryn Kurzynske Shaw Kevin Shaw | 1989 Philip Mitchell |
| 1948 Bud Scott | 1966 Tim Peckham Clarence Small | 1981 Karen Hiner Holland Cynthia Straw Mitchell Doug Johnson Faye Whiting Cherie Michals Linda Tetz Shaw Brent H. Van Arsdell Lisa Allen Larrabee Kent Greve Cynthia Vogt Weitzel Lonny Weitzel Jan Malmede Greve Dale Tunnell Kim Heller Headlee | 1990 Josie Buck Vesta Curtis Don Enevoldson Jimmy Johnson Tim Lee Jae Kim Chris Blake |
| 1951 Mary Martin Shaw | 1967 Bill Richards Sharon Beck Straw | 1982 Keith Shaw Wendall Heidinger | 1991 Kurt Amos Jon Bentjen Lisa Dick Keli France Kimberly Remington Brent Goodge Angela Vogt Darron Boyd Erin Figge Michelle Courtney Michael Forbeck Tim McClain April Pillsbury |
| 1953 Alvin Ringer Norman Peek | 1968 Steve Foster | 1983 Carl Sellars Lindy Weitzel James Gulley Karen Heidinger Nelson | NON-ALUMNI Sylvia Maltby Keplingers Fred Morgan Marilyn Morgan Amy Hack Charles Downing Lynette Downing Tony Figueroa Grant Tuttle Joahanna Evans Albert Ringer Sherry Wilhelm Terry Scott |
| 1954 Harold Brown | 1969 Edd McDowell | 1984 Daniel Peek Julie Chacon Duane Chesney Jill Gunderson | |
| 1955 Elaine Ringer Post Robert Peel Stanford Straw | 1970 Warren Ruf | | |
| 1956 Doris Brown | 1971 Deborah Downing McDowell | | |
| 1957 Betty Brummett Kurtz Thelma Brummett Figueroa Kenneth Straw | 1972 Sarah Eneveldson McHenry Penny Peltier Comeaux | | |
| 1958 Bruce Vogt Dolly Nelson | 1973 Lynn Phibbs | | |
| 1959 Jerry Hill Ted Summitt Burton Goodge Rogene Goodge | 1974 Carl Shaw David Hack | | |
| 1960 Evelyn Reiber Hill | 1975 Sharon Medanich David Van Devander | | |
| 1961 Bert Coolidge Carolyn Williams Coolidge Grant Goodge | 1976 Larry Ringer Karen Cobb Scott Carroll Wheeler Edd McDowell | | |

Happy Holidays

LITTLE CREEK SCHOOL
1810 Little Creek Lane
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December, 1991

Dear Creekers,

GOD'S WINDOWS

In the velvet blue of evening twinkling stars attract my gaze,
They're the windows of God's palace radiating diamond rays,
The universe's Maker engineered this awesome sight,
And He lights up heaven's windows as He wraps the earth in night.

O how vast His splendid universe; how deep His fields of space!
And so wispy-thin the starbeams as they brush across earth's face.
Heaven's glory-light will flood the earth when God throws wide the gates
And admits His window-watchers to His palace that awaits

By Fannie L. Houck

I know Christmas is not far away because it is astronomy time in my English I class and Rogene is scolding me everyday about a newsletter. So maybe you can also enjoy this little poem.

Sent to a humble stable,
They made a lonely pair,
Until God's only Son arrived
And angels filled the air.

Isn't that a lovely thought--and not only for Christmas?

On November 1 and 2 our campus was transformed with many alumni plus families--those dear in-laws who bring our "children" home. What an exciting time it was!

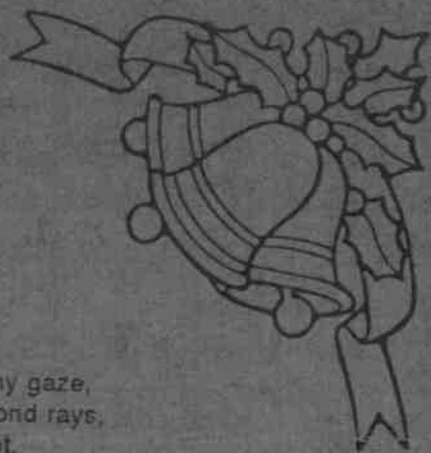
I think the Class of '81 had the largest percent attendance--Cynthia (Straw) Mitchell came for her 10th year reunion all the way from Florida with Amanda, our fourth great grandchild. Lisa (Allen) Larrabee and Kelsey were in from Hawaii having traveled the most miles of anyone in the class. Most of the class members met at the lodge on Thursday evening. They had a good time at Cades Cove with a picnic dinner before arriving on campus on Friday.

At dinner in the dining room they gathered by our table and sang "The Orchestra". It was great fun. How many of you could have helped them? They also repeated "Path in the Sky". Could you say it? If not--I decided to close this letter with it so you can re-learn it.

Debbie (Straw 77) Tait and family came also, so we had a real family reunion.

Enclosed is a copy of the program. We were so proud of all who participated. Every service was an inspiration. Warren Ruf's hard work was evident everywhere. I'm sure Steve Foster '68 will tell you about the Alumni association meeting and Rogene has prepared a list of all who came.

Gwen (McNeillus '76) Burns was unable to attend but sent a nice letter and pictures of her baby to share with her classmates.



Just after Homecoming we were privileged to have Bob Folkenberg, Jr. '82, give our week of prayer. His theme was 20/20 vision and the theme song was "Open Our Eyes Lord." His messages were appreciated by all. The week ended with a Friday evening Agape supper in the cafeteria. Bob is the pastor of the Tallahassee, Florida district. He had just returned from the funeral of his grandfather. Many of you may remember Elder Stanley Folkenberg, who brought his beautiful replica of the sanctuary that covered half our platform and spent a week with us. We will miss him too!

We've had exciting letters from Avalon (Ruby Holverstott, '63) Rachele-Kraft. Her husband, Dr. Edwin Kraft returned in August to his work as a medical director for Malamulo Hospital in Malawi, Africa after receiving a call from the General Conference. Avalon stayed behind to sell the house. This has been big news in Anchorage, Alaska where Avalon has been in the real estate business. There was a full page picture and article when Dr. Kraft left and another full page just before Avalon left on October 18. I can only give a small portion of it. The title was Soles for Africa. I quote, "She (Avalon) hosted an unusual event at her home recently--a shoeshine party. At the party several of her friends joined her for an evening of polishing the used shoes. She got the shoe project idea from Mike Milanzi, an African who is studying at the University of Alaska. He said to take second hand shoes, because they are very expensive and most young men headed for school just can't afford them. This shoe project is just a small part of the 10,000 pounds of goods she has collected and packed for African families.

We wish the best for them in their important work and look forward to hearing more about it. Their address is Dr. Edwin Kraft and Avalon Rachele-Kraft, Malamulo Hospital, P. O. Makwasa, Malawi Africa.

Recently six students--Stephen Bralley, Robin Criddle, Loretta Curtis, Rochelle Freeman, Steven Kurti and Trausty Shepherd--along with Veronica Faz, one of our staff members, went on a Mission Trip. There were a total of 7 adults and 21 students representing Laurelbrook, Fletcher, Harbert Hills and Advent Youth Ranch as well as LCA. The project was at Bethel Institute which is located 40 miles north of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Bethel is a training school for self-supporting Bible workers. At the present there are 5 young men and 2 young ladies--ages 17-24--who are students there. While there the group did finishing work on the chapel and built additions on to two homes. Water lines were installed to the homes. The students had opportunities to visit nearby villages to give Bible studies and pass out clothing. They also visited the Country Life Restaurant in Santo Domingo and passed out literature on the streets. The students were most impressed by the eagerness of people for spiritual food. Our group had a wonderful time and would have been happy to stay right there and continue what they were doing.

WEDDING

Stacy McDowell '83 and David Mitchell, October 4, 1991, 57 Knox Green, Binfield, Berkshire RG12 5NZ England.

NEWCOMER

Sharon Alicia, September 24, 1991, to Harvey and Brenda (Sparks, '82) Steck, P. O. Box 1094, Eatonville, WA 90328.

Please remember to send us your change of address when you move. We have address correction but it costs .30 for each one that comes back and then it costs again when I re-mail them. I need addresses for the following people: Tom Martin, Ron Woolsey, Libna Lizardo, David Habenicht, Carolyn (Martin) Lawson, David Lemmon, Ben Maxson, Trudy O'Grady, Ken and Janet Penner, Susan (Rozell) Pettibone, Betty (Boyle) Sinclair, Brian Sparks, Jeanne (Clayton) Stephens, David Tonsberg, Stanley Trim, Arden Tuttle, Bob Vandeman, Ardonna (Manous) Ford, Lynnette McMullen, Eric Gunderson, John Laswell, Lee Laswell, Roger (Skip) Holley, Joey Capps. If you know about any of these, please drop me a card. Thanks!

We have had several visitors that were not here at Homecoming weekend: Tim and Jane Leffew '78, David and Kathy (Leffew '77) Twombly, Kent and Joan Van Arsdell '79, Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley, Mickey Sayles and Greg Shank.

Stacy (McDowell '83) and husband, David Mitchell, paid us a visit while they were in the States for a couple of weeks. Greg Scott '76 is home for the month of December from Guam. He told us about the work of Adventist World Radio Guam this past Sabbath at Sabbath School.

THE PATH IN THE SKY

The woods were dark and the night was black
And only an owl could see the track;
Yet the cheery driver made his way
Through the great pine woods as if it were day.

I asked him: "How do you manage to see?
The road and the forest are one to me."
"To me as well," he replied, "and I
Can only drive by the path in the sky."

I looked above where the tree tops tall
Rose from the road like an ebony wall
And lo! a beautiful starry lane
Wound as the road wound, and made it plain.

And since, when the path of my life is drear
And all is blackness and doubt and fear,
When the horrors of night are here below
And I see not a step of the way to go,
Then, ah then, I can look on high
And walk on earth by the path in the sky.

By Eliza Parfitt

Now you remember don't you? If not, learn it so you can say it for me next year.

Jim Watson '78 stopped by to see us last week. Such an interesting work he is doing in plastic surgery at Kettering Hospital. He is so busy we don't see him very often.

Yesterday we had a special treat. Doris Brown '56 drove Roger and Kenney, Leland and me to Nashville to enjoy the beauties of Christmas. We heard lovely music to a gorgeous display of colored lights on the mountains. What delight!! I wish I could write each one of you personally to thank you for all the loving letters, phone calls, visits, flowers. We have cherished each one. Leland joins me in wishing you Christmas blessings.

Much love, Alice and Leland Strawn

LITTLE CREEK ALUMNI WEEKEND

November 2, 1991
SABBATH SCHOOL
10:00 A. M.

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| Pianist Song Service/with orchestra Opening Song Scripture and Prayer Superintendent's Remarks Special Music Mission Remarks Mission Offering Special Music Lesson Study Benediction | Sarah Ann McNeilus, '43 #334 Warren Ruf, '70 Karen Hiner Holland, '81 Faye Whiting, '81 Carroll Wheeler, '76 Dale Tunnell, '81 |
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WORSHIP SERVICE 12:00 P. M.

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| Organ Prelude Introit Welcome Scripture Hymn of Praise Invocation Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving Scripture Pastoral Prayer Worship in Song Sermon Scripture Sermon Closing Hymn Benediction Postlude | Leonard Smith Warren Ruf, '70 Responsive Reading, #702 "Give Thanks To the Lord" #88 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Clarence Small, '66 Ga.-Cumb. Conf. Advance Responsive Reading, #804 "A Prayer of Confession" Kent and Jan Greve, '81 Acts 2:1-4 Clarence Small, '66 "Community, The Holy Spirit and The Second Coming" #451 "Together Let Us Sweetly Live" Leonard Smith |
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cradle Roll, Kindergarten/Primary, and Junior Sabbath School Divisions along with a special church service are being provided this morning for the children. A greeter in the church foyer can give you directions.

This afternoon the campus is open for your walking pleasure, weather permitting.

Our sincere thanks to the faculty and staff of Little Creek who have been so hospitable this weekend. As always, you've been great hosts.

Meal times are as follows: Dinner, 1:00 PM; Supper, 6:15 PM; Sunday Breakfast, 7:30; Sunday lunch, 12:00.

Elder James Micheff, recently elected President of Little Creek will speak at vespers this evening beginning at 4:45. Before and after his comments, alumni are invited to share their musical and speaking talents. If you would like to participate, please see Duane Chesney, at your convenience.

Following the Vesper Service, alumni are invited to remain to discuss matters pertinent to the Alumni Association. Be thinking of someone who might serve as Vice President, assisting Steve Foster next year and assuming the position of President in '92. Copies of the 50th Anniversary yearbook are available after Sabbath for \$25.00 each. If you have an agenda item for the meeting, please confer with Warren Ruf prior to the meeting.

The annual Week of Prayer has begun. The devotionals in the **Adventist Review** feature Bible Biographies. In the conclusion to next Sabbath's presentation, Elder Robert Folkenberg writes, "We have much to learn from Daniel. . . Fingers of blame are thrust back and forth. "Conservatives" condemn "Liberals" for compromising with loose standards. "Liberals" in turn accuse "Conservatives" of impeding evangelism with their legalism.

"There may be much truth in the charges raised by both sides, but I'm afraid that the spirit is all wrong. Yes, we must deal frankly and forcefully with our problems, but only with the love of Jesus. We need Daniel's humble attitude--not "you have sinned," but "we have sinned."

The annual offering of Sacrifice will be taken next Sabbath. Sunset next Friday will be 5:33 PM.