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A LETTER FROM OUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT

August 15, 1996

Dear Alumni All,

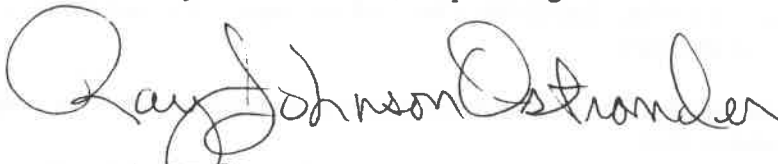
Cycles are predicable. Summer is half gone, and the Dog Days of summer are almost here. For those in academic roles, another school year is about to begin. And time is short until Little Creek Alumni meet. This is one cycle I personally look forward to.

In June I was at Little Creek for a weekend. What a transition has occurred in what used to be the "back woods"! Large (and I mean large) three story homes are occupying the sky scape where once large elms, oaks, and maples used to leaf. My daughter and I took the opportunity to clamber through several of these "trespassers" that were under construction. This foray precipitated mixed emotions. While I know change is inevitable, I found myself reflecting on the many times I had herded the cows to the milking barn in early morning, dug fence post holes and strung barbed wire, picked strawberries, cut and squeezed cane, etc. Visible to me as I gazed out glassless window frames was a part of this life erased forever. Only the memories are present to tease me, the memories and people associated with them. And that's what our alumni meetings are all about, a celebration of people who experienced the joys and pains coming of age brings. So, yes, the back woods are gone, but the "we" are still present. I invite you to come and celebrate this essence of our lives with me.

Several items need mentioned. First the weekend program. As you know, Friday evening is a time of singing and reminiscing. If you can, be there. The Sabbath services will be inspiring. Greg Scott will lead out in Sabbath School. He is part of the Adventist World Radio team and will share with us how this technological mission outreach is spreading the good news of Christ's love. Jim Tucker, professor of Educational Psychology at Andrews University, is the invited speaker for church. As Dr. Tucker and his wife are the authors of the Junior morning devotional books *Windows on God's World & Glimpses of God's Love*, I imagine he will mix stories of God's creation with his message. Then again, he could surprise me. I know that what ever he does will be certain to renew us and cause us to view life with a different perspective. For Sabbath vespers, the 50 year Little Creek graduates have a special planned that you won't want to miss. If any of you still play an instrument, start warming up now and bring it for Sabbath School orchestra. (If you have a portable music stand, you will want to bring that with you as I believe Heritage Academy has the stands that used to be at LC.) Following vespers will be a short business meeting. A minimum of five items will be discussed: (1) current status of alumni dues, (2) consideration of a change of the traditional alumni weekend time, (3) change of business meeting time, (4) the establishment of a Little Creek Alumni World Wide Web home page, and (5) consideration of an alumni project for the existing facility (Little Creek still needs a new sign).

A heartfelt thanks to all of you who have paid your alumni dues. A number of you responded to my last appeal. Your continued support is important. Alumni weekend does not just happen. It takes dollars to buy the food we will eat as well as to pay to feed the Laurelbrook students that come to clean the dorms and grounds before we get there. Remember, the new year's dues will be due starting that weekend. Any of you who know you won't be able to attend (sad face) and wish to pay early, no problem.

Until I see you in November, keep smiling.



Ray Johnson Ostrander
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Hi! - When are you ever going to come back and visit. Come to Homecoming? We really have had a good crowd and the Straws got comfort seeing everyone. Ann



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 ALUMNI NEWS LETTER

Dear Creekers,

Time is flying by and it will be **HOME COMING** time before we know it! **NOVEMBER 1 AND 2**. This July we were invited to visit the class of 1981 as they gathered the week end of July 27 at the Wonderland Hotel in Wears Valley, with all of their classmates in attendance. It was a joy to see them. Above is a picture taken at that time.

NEWS ITEMS

FALL CREEK FALLS WATERSHED AT RISK FROM STRIP MINING! "THOSE OF US WHO CARE ABOUT FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK HATE TO EVEN IMAGINE WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THE SKYLINE COAL COMPANY HAS ITS WAY WITH OUR PARK". ALICE STRAW CALLED THE NUMBER GIVEN IN THE KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL ON AUGUST 19 AND THEY WERE EXCITED TO THINK THAT SOME CREEKERS MIGHT HELP. SO PLEASE CALL 1-423-426-9455 SOCM (SAVE OUR CUMBERLAND MOUNTAINS) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP AND IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A CREEKER

The February 22 issue of the Adventist Review printed a devotional entitled "Is Perfect Peace Possible?" by **TRACY GLASS '93**.

The May 18 issue of Insight printed a tribute to Alice Straw by former student, **MICHELLE (BRUMAGIN) STORM**. Michelle is Editorial Assistant of Insight and her article was intitled "A True Missionary".

PROF AND MRS. STRAW drove to Andrews University the first week in June. While there, they attended the graduation of **SHEILA PATTERSON** who received the Master of Divinity degree. Also graduating, from the Academy, was granddaughter, **KRISTY STRAW**. Following the graduations, Kristi accompanied her grandparents on an Amtrak trip to the West Coast.

Many of you will be interested to know that **CLAIRVIEW LODGE** (at Townsend) was sold in April to Prof's nephew, **MONTY STRAW**. Sarah Ann has all the Guest Books if you care to read and reminisce about all your good times there. Monty and his sister, **DEE (STRAW) MELIN '62** visited recently while doing some much needed renovations at the Lodge.

MARY (PEEK '55) AND BOB KURZYSKE spent a Friday night with the McNeilus', while attending the Wildflower Festival in the Smokies. And on June 14 the Straws and Sarah Ann spent the night with Mary and Bob while attending the Madison Homecoming. **SARAH ANN (GOODGE) MCNEILUS '43** was asked to be the Friday evening speaker at the Homecoming. **VIOLET GOODGE AND ALICE STRAW** were in the honor class of 1936. (60 yrs.)

A few months back we were happy to receive a phone call from R.J. Jack. He was passing through Knoxville --driving a large delivery truck. We had fun talking about old (really old) times (1946).

LEON '64, EUNHEE, AND NOEL PEEK visited the Straws and we all were invited in to hear **LEON AND NOEL** play several duets. Fantastic! --- for someone 7 years old.

MRS. STRAW was very pleased to receive a phone call from **VERN ERICKSON '62**, and was impressed to hear the musical performance of his five children who played for her over the telephone.

CINDY WATSON '84 was so helpful during the 10 in. snowfall -- was below freezing 139 hrs. She shoveled snow and bought groceries -- She and her mother helped feed patients. Kudos to them!

ESTHER (EIRICH)'89 AND IRA FARLEY ask for your prayers for their work of sharing the gospel in China.

BECKY COTE '87 writes she will be starting a 3 year residency in Family Practice Medicine in Kingsport, TN. Her address is 2601 John B. Dennis Hwy., Kingsport, TN. 37660.

DAVID VANDEVANDER '75 was involved in giving a Christian Concert with ASAPH on Friday, June 28, in Cleveland, TN.

BRENT VANARSDALL '81 now has his Model Stirling Engine Business on the internet. You can view his home page at <http://www.stirlingcycle.com> these are unusual model engines that run on a cup of hot water or a pile of ice cubes! The customers have been about equally divided between science teachers and hobbyists. You can e-mail Brent at brentvan@stirlingcycle.com or call him in Wichita, KS at 316-684-9306.

WAYNE DYSINGER, '78, has moved to Hopkinton, New Hampshire, where he is an assistant professor in the department of community and family medicine at Dartmouth Medical School. His responsibilities include those of director of community and preventive medicine for the family practice residency, and medical director for the residency outpatient clinic in Concord, New Hampshire.

His wife June works as a certified nurse-midwife in a local hospital, and their three-year-old son, Stephen, is thoroughly enjoying the seasons of northern New England.

HEIDI STRAW is in Washington D.C. this summer as an aide to Congressman Upton from Michigan. She will be attending the Republican National Convention in San Diego in August. Heidi has just spent a week with her grandparents since Mrs. Straw had a fall about 4 weeks ago and suffered a compression fracture of her spine. Aunt Alice has been in a lot of pain with this.

PROF AND MRS. STRAW played for **PAMELA DRAPER'S '88** wedding in Greeneville, TN. They had also played for Pamela's parents' wedding. **ROGER AND LINDA (LAFFIN)'61 DRAPER**.

After working eight years in Florida for the Department of Defense, **STEVE WHITE '77** has accepted a promotion that involved a move to Rhode Island where he is working for the Naval Undersea Warfare Center.

APRIL 11, 1996 PROF STRAW'S 85TH BIRTHDAY

Family and campus friends gathered Sabbath evening, April 6 to celebrate Prof Straw's 85th birthday. The supper was preceded by a vespers and time of sharing memories.



VISITORS

JOHN DYSINGER '82 and family spent a week end in early June, while vacationing in the area.

EVAN CHESNEY '77, SHARON (CHESNEY) JENKINS '79, DUANE CHESNEY '84, all had lunch at the McNeilus home after the funeral service of their Grandmother.

BECKY (REMPHER) MCCURDY and husband James visited the campus. While visiting they and their five beautiful children had a picnic in McNeilus' carport.

DAVID PATTERSON visited the Creek May 5, enjoying a pot luck supper at the McNeilus' home. He and **BRENT MYERS '78** (who lives in the former Peek house) went fishing in the wee hours of the next morning.

OTHER VISITORS TO THE CAMPUS : **ERIC GUNDERSON '80** and sons Coley and Caleb, **JONATHAN PATTERSON, SHIRLEY (PILLSBURY) KLINE '62, PATRICK IM, DONNA (MYERS) MCNEILUS '77** and children Justin, Christina and Kimberly. **MARK HARPER '94, CHAD REGESTER '94, LONNIE AND CYNTHIA (VOGT) WEITZEL '81, BRENT VAN ARSDELL '81, KAREN (HINER) '81 AND BRIAN HOLLAND, JON '80 AND LISA (ALLEN) '81 LARRABEE**, and children Kelsie and Connor. **CARL SELLARS '83, BRUCE MYERS '85, AND JAMES GULLEY '83** spent a few hours on campus visiting old friends and former teachers.

GRADUATIONS

DEBORAH (STRAW) TAIT '77 B.S. NURSING, CUM LAUDE FROM WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, MAY 4, 1996.

REBECCA COTE '87, DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE, FROM UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS, JUNE 1, 1996.

DEBBIE FREY '92, B.S. OFFICE ADMINISTRATION, SOUTHERN COLLEGE, MAY 5, 1996.

JASON WILHELM '90, A.S. MEDIA TECHNOLOGY, SOUTHERN COLLEGE, MAY 5, 1996.

ANGELA VOGT '91 B.S. NURSING, CUM LAUDE, SOUTHERN COLLEGE, MAY 5, 1996.

JOCELYN BUCK '90 B.S. NURSING, SOUTHERN COLLEGE, MAY 5, 1996.

WEDDINGS

MAY 19, 1996, TINA CHAMBERS AND STEPHEN BRALLEY, '93, COHUTTA SPRINGS CAMP, GEORGIA.

JUNE 16, 1996, KRISTA OLSON, '88, AND JONATHON DALE, SOMMERVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA.

JULY 7, 1996, JODIE LARRABEE, '85, AND MICHAEL BREWER, CHATTANOOGA, TN.

JULY 21, 1996, PAMELA DRAPER, '88, AND DAVID NERNESS, GREENEVILLE, TN.

NEWCOMERS

Nathan William, November 2, 1995, 8lbs., 2oz., to NERIDA and DAVID HABENICHT, '84.

Nicole Brooke, November 14, 1995, 8lbs., 13oz. to DONNA, '87 AND MATT DAVIS, '87.

William Luke, March 5, 1996, 7lbs., 6oz. to BILL, '78 AND LORI SCOTT.

Nikoli Duncan, April 25, 1996, to KAREN (MCKINNEY) '87 AND IRVIN BROWN.

Dallas Andrew, April 26, 1996, to CYNTHIA, (STRAW)'81 AND BRIAN MITCHELL -- they are moving to Collegedale, TN.

Jennifer Marie, May 7, 1996, to CAROL AND CARROLL WHEELER, '76.

Natalie Rachelle, July 4, 1996, 8lbs., 8oz. to CLAUDIA (SUTHERLAND), '68 AND RON WOOLSEY, '67.

ADOPTION

KIMBERLY GRACE, BORN FEBRUARY 12, 1992, ADOPTED JANUARY 2, 1996 BY DONNA (MYERS), '77 AND DENZIL MCNEILUS, '79.

DEATHS

It is with sadness that we tell you of the death of Nellie Keplinger on February 25, 1996. She and Chaplain had made their home in Cookville, TN. since their retirement. Nellie is buried in the military cemetery across from Lakeshore (formerly Eastern State). The funeral service was held in the Little Creek Church-Auditorium. Before and after the service a meal was served by campus and area friends.

Alyce Faye (Williams) Treese '55, passed away on Christmas day following a long illness. She was in St Mary's Hospital in Knoxville, so it gave some of us an opportunity to offer some assistance to the family.

REMEMBER NOVEMBER 1 AND 2!

I attended the A.S.I. meeting in Providence, RI. July 30 to Aug. 4, Sarah Ann McNeilus went with me and we had a very enjoyable time. The meetings were full of spiritual encouragement and fellowship.

It is difficult to remember every one who has visited, so I hope we did not miss anyone. There are many things that I'm sure we do not notice, so be patient with us!

Ann Goodge

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