

A Glimpse of Things to Come

May 10, 2008, was a momentous day for LVCHS. Not only did that day commemorate the 20th anniversary of LVCHS, but it also embodied the first ever alumni activities of the new Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association was founded to create a sense of family amongst all attendees of LVCHS. It strives to link members of LVCHS' past with each other and with the present LVCHS population, and it seeks to bring benefits to both the alumni and the school.

On the second Saturday of May, those strivings started coming to fruition. During the school's birthday party, alumni shared with teachers, current students and their families, and fellow alumni what LVCHS meant to them and how their experience at LVCHS helped shape their lives. Many more alumni were honored for their sacrificial service, as all alumni in Christian, missionary, or military service were recognized. Teachers, past (who make up an integral part of the Alumni Association) and present, were also honored during this day. They received a pin and certificate for their 5, 10, 15, or 20 years of service to LVCHS. During the early festivities, Jesse '03 and Taylor '07 Thompson and their friend Seth played original live music.

After these initial celebrations, the alumni events really hit full stride. Dozens of alumni from numerous classes converged on LVCHS to attend the multi-class reunion and enjoy an alumni soccer game.

All alumni in attendance enjoyed these events. Sandra Tress '05 said, "The multi-class reunion was a great opportunity to catch up with a few people who I had not seen in a few years. Being able to talk to alumni from different classes and various teachers is a wonderful way to remain in contact and reminisce about high school memories."

Steph Ritter '05 also enjoyed the day. She said the multi-class reunion was good because, "sometimes it's hard to get in touch with people." She said it was great "to catch up with old friends and to see some new faces."

The multi-class reunion afforded Sandra and Steph the time to hark back to the good times at LVCHS. Sandra said, "While revisiting LVCHS, I took the time to wander through the hallways with Steph and remember all the fun times we had in the different rooms."

Perhaps the biggest hit of the day, though, was the alumni soccer game. Members from the current boys' soccer team challenged the alumni to an 8-on-8, 60 minute soccer game. (The girls' soccer team made it to districts, so they were still in season and could not participate in the game. As a result, the alumnae held out as well. However, the current girls' team has challenged the alumnae to a game, and they have accepted the challenge. Their game will be held in mid-August.)

The game was a lot of fun. Alex Miller '07, who set the LVCHS all-time goals-scored mark during his time at LVCHS, said, "The alumni soccer game was not only a chance to play soccer

against the current LVC team, but also a chance to rekindle friendships that had been lost or forgotten. It was great to see familiar faces and play soccer with friends from past years.”

The fans had a good time too. Steph said, “I think it was neat to see the soccer players of previous years playing against the current players.”

In the end, the alumni, despite being older and in poorer shape, proved to be the better second-half team and pulled away from the younger LVC team to win comfortably, 4-1.

JJ Meyer '04 enjoyed the events and said, “I can't wait until they are annual and even more people come.”

JJ has gotten half his wish. A similar event is already on next year's schedule (it will be held in late May, stay tuned for more details). For the LVCHS Alumni Association to be a true success the second half of his wish will have to come true too. For these events to be truly successful we want everyone to participate!

Despite falling short of that lofty goal this year, the day was a triumph. Alex summed up the day best when he said, “Overall, I felt it was a great success and definitely should be repeated in the future.” And so it will!