



LISLE LEADERSHIP IN TRANSITION

The Lisle Fellowship Board is happy to take this occasion of the publication of *Interaction* to say farewell and Godspeed to Martin Tillman as he moves on to new work and to introduce and welcome Richard Chartier as Interim Program Coordinator of the Fellowship.

Martin Tillman has served the Fellowship well in its transition from the retirement of the Baldwins and in developing new programs in Philadelphia, Alaska, and India. He looks forward to returning to India for some months in 1984.

The Fellowship and its board honored Marty at a dinner in New York on November 19th. This was a festive occasion with good wishes communicated by many Lislers and the formal presentation of a citation from the board which read:

To Martin Tillman

In deep appreciation for his many years of devoted service to the Lisle Fellowship.

For his initiation of the Lisle India unit in conjunction with the Gandhi Peace Foundation we are most grateful. His outreach to alumni in a contagious and caring fashion has contributed immeasurably to Lisle's revitalization.

We are especially appreciative of his loyalty and unstinting devotion to Lisle goals of dissolving barriers and building community in our conflict-ridden world.

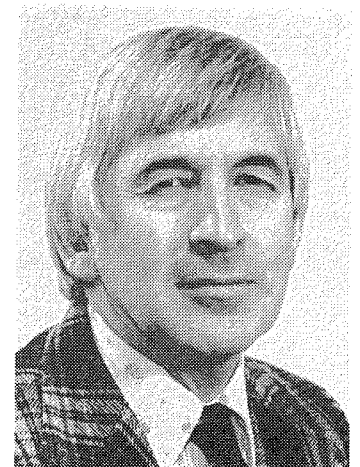
He has added his own unique approach to the heritage of DeWitt and Edna Baldwin in applying the fellowship philosophy and method to building bridges between highly diverse cultures and persons.

As he moves ahead to apply his convictions, vision and talents to new endeavors, we wish him Godspeed.

Since the successful conference and The Gathering at Itha-



MARTIN TILLMAN



RICHARD CHARTIER

ca this summer, the Fellowship is embarking on a program of development involving broader alumnae participation in Fellowship activity and encouraging regional alumnae groups.

Summer units and other activities are being planned and the Fellowship is pleased to have Richard Chartier as its part-time coordinator. Richard brings a rich experience of teaching and urban ministry in Argentina and of work with the Fellowship of Reconciliation here in the United States. He will be coordinating programs and alumnae development and advising on new ways of implementing Lisle's objectives.

The Fellowship has been gifted in its staff, and we bid adieu to Marty and bienvenue to Richard.

Board Seeks Broader Base For Membership

The Lisle Board of Directors at its September meeting, acting on suggestions made at The Gathering in July, adopted a procedure and schedule which will permit and encourage nominations to be made for board membership from other parts of the country and world. Each year at the annual membership meeting the terms of about one third of the board expire and an equal number of new members are elected to new three year terms.

This year the membership committee of the board is asking that the names of suggested nominees for the board be sent as early as possible, along with biographical information, so that the total list of proposed nominees can be seen by the entire Lisle membership and voted on by mail or by proxy. To this end, the entire membership of the class of 1984 has been polled as to their desire to stand for renomination, and an application form appropriate both for old board members and for new nominees has been designed.

Any person wishing to be on the Lisle Board or to nominate someone to the board should write to Walt Ligon, Chairman of the Membership Committee, 320 Bedell St., Freeport, N.Y., 11520, and request a board nomination application form. The board, at a meeting prior to the annual membership meeting, will adopt a slate of nominees for the class of 1987 based on the entire application pool and the preferences indicated by mail vote up to that time. At the annual meeting the slate of nominees proposed by the board will be either adopted or modified by the members present and voting (including proxy votes) as specified in the by-laws.

Nominees to the board should be advised that the board meets three to four times a year and some committees meet more often. Expenses of attending board meetings are not guaranteed to be reimbursable but should be deducted by the individual attending for income tax purposes.

A MESSAGE FROM UNCLE SI

The great Lisle event of the year was the "Gathering" at Ithaca and Lisle, New York. Aunt Edna and I felt it was the greatest privilege of our year to meet more Lislens, some after years of separation, than we had met for many years. Others are writing more about the specifics of Ithaca and the pilgrimage to Lisle so let me just say a few things about the months that have passed since.

The discerning and stimulating discussions about Lisle and its future have continued to direct our thought in these months. One important direction which arose out of the discussions was the suggestion of working more through the regions of Lisle. In the board meetings since August plans have been laid for regional committees and development. I believe this will bring Lisle much closer to every Lislens wherever he or she may be in this country or in regions around the world. An idea which sprang out of the appeal of "old Lisle" was the enthusiastic proposal of some of those who made the pilgrimage to Lisle, New York -- that venerable center of our first eight Lisle units -- was that Lisle should have a home center. Many feel this is a wonderful idea. Others hesitate feeling that Lisle may not be the best center if we do plan to have a home center, while others would be fully in favor of the idea if energy-wise, as well as financially, it did not draw our attention from our main goals.

As the Baldwins look some distance at what is happening they are more than pleased at the ways in which alumni/ae are taking hold to make Lisle a living, creative, functioning organization. We admire the wonderful way the Lisle Board has worked to make The Gathering an outstanding success of which we may be proud. In itself it shows other organizations, as well as ourselves, that Lisle continues to have values very pertinent to the living of these days.

Aunt Edna and I wish to extend our very warmest wishes to each of you. We feel that ours has been a wonderful privilege to share in the values of your thinking and living. May the Christmas holiday season be a time of joy and wholesome pleasures with family and friends and may the New Year extend before each of you, as well as Lisle, many opportunities to be creative, to build toward and interdependent and cooperative world for the human family.

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A Word From Interim Program Coordinator Richard A. Chartier

It may be premature for me to make a "progress report" on my work as interim program coordinator of the Lisle Fellowship. Working on a part-time basis only since the first of October I am aware of how much needs to be done and how much I need to know in order to be able to do it! Of course the work of Lisle is of *all of us* and I hope my role as program coordinator will mean just that. In addition to the various tasks that I shall perform directly, I shall be doing my best to serve as a resource person and collaborator in the various Lisle-inspired or Lisle-oriented activities in which we all engage whether as Board or committee members -- in our "official capacities," that is -- or as concerned individuals. For all of us -- we/you/I are the spokespersons for and instruments of the philosophy and programs of Lisle.

These first few weeks have been busy and interesting ones -- not to say a bit confusing! -- as I have tried to get acquainted with Lisle through the reading of batches of material and in conversations with a number of persons. Much of my time has been devoted to a kind of tentative delineation -- with the board and executive committee -- of my responsibility, in general, and the specific areas of

Lisle's program that should receive my attention. Also, I have begun to do some more "long-range" thinking about Lisle's objectives and priorities and how best to achieve and implement them.

Finally -- to keep this first report of reasonable length! -- I have begun to deal with such specific tasks as the backlog of correspondence, the development of the 1984 program units, and the alumni/ae regional development thrust -- to name just a few.

I am pleased to add to that list of activities the role that I have played in helping to gather and edit materials for this issue of *Interaction*. I am -- as I am sure that we all are -- very grateful to Walt Ligon for the many ways in which he has contributed to this issue (as in reporting Board actions), to our other contributors -- identified for the most part -- and most especially to Frank Hood who has so graciously agreed to assume responsibility for the layout and printing of this newsletter.

We dare to believe that you will find the issue of interest and that you will be mindful of the news and articles of interest that we have included than that which we have omitted!

Shanti and Shalom from Marty Tillman

Over the past six months, a constellation of circumstances led the board and me to agree that my leaving Lisle in mid-September was prudent. It was not easy. But, none of these seven years was without trial. In 1976, my interest was sparked by the magic of Si and Edna; in time, I came to my own vision and sense of Lisle's potential. I leave satisfied with what I accomplished given the resources at hand. The Cornell conference and alumni reunion were visible results of my efforts to revitalize the Fellowship and also to project a new image of Lisle to a wider audience of students and professionals. Yet, equally important, but more invisible, is the way the domestic and international programs have changed the lives of persons here and abroad. In some ways, it is a very private satisfaction because of the personal style of Lisle in recruiting and following up with Lislers. Not atypical of the reactions of Indians over the years was this poem I received recently from an Indian student in the '83 unit:

LISLE CENTER STREAMS

*Our doors are open with no difference,
We have no colour or race.
Manifestation of strength lies in calm
Embracing expressing feelings warm.
Each soul a circle, a true Self
Potentially divine-emerging Every Self,
Like rivers roll into a sea becoming one.
Lisle Center Streams that Spirit within.*

Should Lisle carry on? Can Lisle make it? Each question requires a different analysis and interpretation of facts. Carrying on points to understanding our mission and assessing our place amidst the many organizations who share

our goals for building peace and understanding. Making it requires imagination in our fund raising efforts, perhaps more risk-taking in our investment of capital and, of course, the continuing support and involvement of our greatest asset -- you and other Lislers! I believe Lisle *should* carry on. And I say this without nostalgic sentiment for the perpetuation of a well-remembered past; no, rather, with renewed conviction about the value of our methods of widening the world views and changing the attitudes of program participants. The time is ripe for new and daring initiatives with the program. The great success of our work in India, the groundwork for units in Alaska, the major breakthrough of the Israeli unit -- these point the way. The axis of influence in world affairs has shifted to poorer regions, the Southern nations, and to unfamiliar cultural terrain. Lisle needs to challenge vestiges of old assumptions about "world education." Lisle must support and act as a catalyst for new dialogue here and abroad. If we demonstrate vitality and strength in our development of future educational projects, we *will* make it. Lislers will support Lisle. Others (as happened at Cornell) will appreciate the creativity of our methods and ideas and value our efforts to build a new vision of world community.

Thank you all for your support; for your many kindnesses in my travels, and above all, for your commitment to Lisle -- a commitment I will always share.

Shanti and Shalom,
Martin Tillman

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After February 1: c/o Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ashram Road, 380014 Ahmenabad, India.

An Autobiographical Sketch -- Richard A. Chartier

Although not a "Lisler" -- "some of my best friends are Lislers" -- I feel very comfortable with its philosophy, purposes, and programs in the measure that I have come to know the Lisle perspective and approach. I "arrive" at Lisle out of a life in which I have tried to give expression -- as a person and in my professional roles -- to the kinds of values and commitments that seem to characterize Lisle.

My "life-long" (I was 60 on Dec. 10) concern has been to help create a global, interdependent social order marked by peace, justice, and human dignity. I come to Lisle at a moment when there is a terrible urgency to address the problems which not only frustrate the achievement of that goal, but also threaten the fabric of the human community and its very existence on planet Earth. The decision to serve with Lisle in an interim, part-time way is consonant with the other commitments that I have made and to which I dedicate a considerable part of my time.

My concern for peace continues to lead me to support the work and witness of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), an inter-faith organization that is opposed to war, the arms race, and other institutionalized violence and committed to the search for peace and justice through active nonviolence. My concern for global community has led me to play an active role in Global Education Associates (I serve on its Board of Trustees) which seeks to work "toward a human world order." GEA has its seminal vision the shaping of the *ethos* and the creation of the institutions that will affirm and reflect the interdependence of the human community. It emphasizes the need to move beyond the "straight jacket" of the nation-state system in order to be able to adequately address the problems which confront the human family. My concern for justice and human dignity finds a particular focus in Latin America (and now, more specifically, in Central America) as one of the regions of the "Third World" in which people seek real political freedom, the end to economic exploitation, and the chance to participate effectively in controlling their own destinies. (My role as the leader of a recent FOR-sponsored "fact-finding" trip to Nicaragua and Honduras exemplified that concern.)

My most recent "travels" in this long-time journey found me as editor of *Fellowship* (the magazine of the FOR) from 1977 to 1982. Prior to that I was a teacher, researcher, public speaker, and "supply preacher" in Massachusetts from 1973 to 1977. In 1973, because of factors in the family situation, I terminated my role as a missionary of the United Methodist Church in Argentina where I had served since 1959. In Argentina I was a professor at the interdenominational Protestant seminary, founder and director of an ecumenical community action and resource program in the shanty-towns of Buenos Aires, consultant to various other programs, and speaker/lecturer and writer.

I was born and raised in Wakefield, Massachusetts. I am a graduate of Ottawa (Kansas) University, and I have two graduate degrees -- one in theology and the other in Sociology/Social Ethics -- from Boston University. I am the father of four children (ranging in ages from 22 to 27). Divorced since 1980 I am now engaged to be married to Mabelanne Jackson (divorced mother of three children and a psycho-educational therapist with emotionally-disturbed pre-school children).

I look forward to what I trust will be a mutually-beneficial and satisfying relationship with Lisle as its interim program coordinator.

Lisle Sponsors A Memorable Summer Event

"Education Toward A World View" was the theme of the international conference conducted at Cornell in Ithaca, N.Y., sponsored by the Lisle Fellowship and its Center for Intercultural Studies. The results of months of planning and preparation, this significant and successful venture was the first of three related meetings. We are pleased to include in this issue Jackie Wasilewski's fine interpretation of the conference.

Following the conference -- which was attended by many Lislers -- the Lisle alumni/ae reunion was held from July 29 to 31 to "celebrate Lisle's first 47 years." That very special time together -- called "The Gathering" -- is reported on by Nancy Kinney. The last of the three meetings, July 31 to August 3, focused on planning for new programs and projects to give expression in the future to the nature and genius of the Lisle purpose and philosophy.

Richard A. Chartier

The Lisle Conference

The Lisle Conference on experiential education, "Education Toward a World View," conducted at Cornell University July 25 to 29, was a veritable celebration of principles the Baldwins have been demonstrating in their fifty years of work in experiential intercultural learning. Among those principles is the admonition that to truly understand another human being one has to "stay with" the other person until one can see the world from that person's point of view.

Co-sponsors of the conference, along with the Lisle Fellowship, were the Association for World Education, the Council for the Advancement of Experiential Learning, the Council on Educational Exchange, Cornell United Religious Work, Crosscurrents International Institute, the Experiment in International Living, Global Perspectives in Education, the International Society for Educational, Cultural and Scientific Exchange, Rockland Community College, and the World Policy Institute.

Each full day of the conference focused on a different level of education towards a world view: the first day at the level of the person, the second day at the level of the local community, and the third day at a global level.

The conference opened with an evening plenary session. Participants were welcomed by Dr. Anne-Marie Keyes, President of the Lisle Fellowship Board of Directors; by Martin Tillman, Director of the Lisle Center for Interculture Studies at Rockland Community College; and by Reverend Mr. Robert Johnson, director of Cornell United Religious Work. Uncle Si then gave the major address of the evening in which he reviewed Lisle's fifty years of experience in applied experiential intercultural education.

To close the session, Kristina Davis' Terra Firma Dramatists involved participants in a series of psychodramatic vignettes which addressed the major themes of the conference. Each vignette posed an international interpersonal dilemma, and at a critical moment the players (all recruited from the Cornell/Ithaca community especially for this presentation) would turn to the audience -- this audience of experiential education experts -- for advice. It was a provocatively appropriate manner in which to begin a conference on experiential learning.

About 130 people participated in the conference, including

our keynote speakers Kenneth Boulding, Alec Dickson, Mercedes Fermin-Gomez, Gedong Oka, Carl Rogers, and Ruth Sanford. One of the major positive comments about the conference was the privilege of interacting, not only at the formal conference sessions, but also over meals, between sessions, and in the evenings at Oliver's Cafe and other popular sites, with these distinguished "elders." In addition, as members of our resource staff we had Shirley DeHority and Randolph Wilkerson who provided excellent leadership in the special values forums, work groups, and in other ways.

Originally, the conference was structured according to a modified version of the nominal group technique, a structured group problem-solving technique developed at the University of Wisconsin in the 1960's. However, for a group of participants as well motivated and energetic as the people who attended this conference, this technique provided too much structure and was hampering rather than facilitating the generation of ideas. Thus, an "uprising" occurred on the second evening of the conference in which Kristina Davis of Terra Firma Dramatists requested that Carl Rogers and Ruth Sanford help us structure a process more appropriate to our needs. There was a strong reaction to this move, both positive and negative, but it did profoundly demonstrate that we were not just talking about experiential education, but actively practicing it in the conference process as well. Many of the conference participants who had also attended Lisle groups felt a startling sense of *deja vu* because the emergence and group resolution of such conflict is characteristic of Lisle group process as well.

Each day began with a plenary session to review the previous days' activities, to introduce the present day's activities, and to hear the keynote speakers address the problem of the day: Empowerment of the Person Through the Development of a Wider World View; Education for Social Action and Community Development With a Wider World View; and Promoting Peace and Intercultural Awareness in the World Community.

Following the plenary sessions, participants broke up into smaller groups -- including one or more of the keynote speakers plus facilitators -- to address the day's topic. Following a lunch break, work continued in small groups. This chance to work in a relatively small group with these prestigious and

wise people was a facet of the original conference structure which was retained throughout the conference. The results of these working groups were reported back to the entire conference at the end of each working session. These summations will comprise the working papers of the conference.

Evening activities included a special lecture by Carl Rogers and Ruth Sanford, a cookout followed by a presentation of Appalachian clog dancing by Cornell University students, and Kenneth Boulding's address following the Celebration Dinner.

For me the conference had two high points, both of which occurred the third day: Gedong Oka's response to Kenneth Boulding's presentation in the plenary session the morning of the third day, and a discussion between Kenneth Boulding and Alec Dickson in the ice cream parlor following Boulding's presentation after the Celebration Dinner.

Kenneth Boulding was the first speaker of the third morning's plenary session. Tall with flowing white hair, this Oxford scholar (now residing in Colorado) demonstrated his remarkable charisma, erudition, and wit, as he expounded on the prerequisites for a stable world peace. It was a brilliant presentation.

Mrs. Oka was the morning's second speaker, diminutive, but with exquisite poise, a rare kind of balance, and a certain profound, tensile strength. She intimated that following Boulding was quite a challenge, as she felt she had just seen a great artist at work. Fortunately, her Balinese tradition stood her in good stead in this instance, since she could call upon her culture's deep understanding of aesthetics and the arts. Her opening comments were a *tour de force*.

This exchange was for me a demonstration of the immense possibilities of a human diversity in which persons are most fully themselves -- the urbane Oxford don and the intricately-balanced Indonesian legislator, teacher and activist -- in creative interaction.

My second high point occurred late the same evening after all formal sessions. Andre Nahmias, Kenneth Boulding, Alec Dickson, one of the Iranian students who participated in the

Terra Firma Dramatists, my son Nicolas, and I, went to the local ice cream parlor and had the privilege of listening to Boulding and Dickson talk about their student days at Oxford. It was a rare opportunity for my eleven-year-old son to be in the presence of these two eminent men -- scholar activists -- as they sat, balanced on their ice cream parlor chairs, facing each other across the small, round, marble table, licking their ice cream cones, as they talked about the days of their youth. In the final analysis it was not so much precisely what they said that was important as the quantity and quality of experience on which what they were saying was based. It was the wisdom of profoundly personal knowledge, knowledge which had emerged from lives well-lived.

The final morning of the conference we walked into the last plenary session and on practically every chair there was a magazine. We were asked to cut something out of a magazine which symbolized something that had been important to us during the week. We then were asked to glue this onto a triptych of cardboard. I cut out two pictures of flowers, one as seen by a human being and one as seen by a bee, and wrote beside these two pictures, "Perception is all."

After the flurry of cutting and pasting had subsided, the facilitator, Terri Rosenblatt, asked us to remember if, in doing this final exercise in this conference devoted to facilitating interpersonal interaction at all levels and across all sorts of boundaries, we had, 1. covered up anyone else's contribution in making our own offering to the group's collage, or 2. pushed away anyone in our zeal to make our own contribution.

It is this eternal struggle to make optimal behavior manifest in everyday life which captures the essence of the conference's central topic and of Lisle's ultimate concern.

Jackie Wasilewski

Editor's Note: The "official" conference report is not yet ready. We are most grateful to Jackie Wasilewski for this splendid interpretation of the spirit and substance of the conference.

The Gathering, July 1983

It was a cloudy July 29th at the Cayuga Nature Center outside Ithaca, New York. Nearly fifty years before, in 1936, in the tiny, nearby town of Lisle, a project had been born that would alter -- in some cases radically alter -- the lives of over 4,000 people. People began arriving, registration lists appeared and sleeping bags were unrolled on bunk beds. Spirits started lifting the clouds, handshakes and hugs were exchanged, and the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration and Gathering of participants of intercultural experiences with the Lisle Fellowship officially began.

For the Kinneys it was a family reunion with Uncle Si, Aunt Edna, and cousins Bud and Mireille, for we indeed experience them as relatives. Mark's mother, Virginia Baldwin Kinney, also accompanied us. For others there were multiple reunions with the Baldwins, unit leaders lost over the years, and memories of "the old days" in Colorado, Alaska, Denmark, India, or South America.

Many participants had participated in a Lisle-sponsored international conference entitled "Education Toward a World View" at Cornell University during the previous week. (They came inspired by such persons as Kenneth Boulding and Carl Rogers.) Spirited discussions took place on Friday evening

and Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon a nostalgic trip to Lisle showed everyone what is possible when an idea is larger than a sleepy, upstate New York village. The church and other buildings used by the first units were visited, and stories were told by those in the first units.

More thinking and dreaming took place on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning Rev. Everitt Sheldon led an interfaith service that moved people to both tears and joy.

The cooperation of everyone involved was notable. From Basil, the caretaker, to the T-shirt seller, and including the food service people and all those Lislors -- who volunteered to watch the younger children, run the dishwasher, and sweep the floors -- everyone was helpful and worked together with energy. The planners and backers of the event who were active long before the gathered Lislors arrived must also be acknowledged for their foresight and creativity.

Lislors went back to their homes from Maine to California, Canada and the Philippines, inspired to call regional meetings, contact other Lislors, and dream about future Lisle-connected events and experiences. Will we have to wait another fifty years for the next "Gathering?" Let's make it happen that the next Gathering will be next year! Nancy P. Kinney

Alumni/Regional Activity

Lisle Longhorn Roundup In Texas

A small group of Lislors met at Sam Houston University in Huntsville, Texas, October 7 to 9, for the first "Lisle Longhorn Roundup."

The group participated in a busy schedule of activities with a generous portion of festive fun -- singing, a barbecue (shared with a Common Cause group), a Sunday brunch -- interspersed with reports of the summer conference at Cornell and the Lisle Gathering and 50th anniversary celebration, as well as time devoted to creating and giving structure to the South Central Regional Lisle Council.

This newly created council -- which was an endorsement of the Lisle Gathering recommendation that regional councils be established -- will embrace Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico,

Arizona, and Louisiana. Marina Firestone was elected the first council coordinator.

The council delineated its task as identifying Lislors and ascertaining their interest in the development of the council, holding local and regional get-togethers, creating a regional newsletter, and promoting and supporting the work of Lisle in a variety of other ways.

Persons in the region who wish to support this endeavor are asked to send checks -- payable to Nathaniel Firestone -- to council coordinator Marina Firestone, 10915 Willowisp, Houston, Texas, 77035, from whom further information concerning the new council may also be obtained.

From a report by Bess Attwell and Marina Firestone

San Francisco Bay Area Lislors Gather

Lislors in the San Francisco Bay area gathered at the home of Chris and Dean Coons in Lafayette, California, on September 25.

The group reviewed and reaffirmed the Lisle goals and objectives as enunciated in the 1983 Conference Report as a point of departure for its conversation and deliberations.

The group accepted the concept of Lisle alumni/ae reactivation by means of the creation of regional groupings and committed itself to work in the Bay area. Among the objectives of that work would be: to support and promote Lisle programs including the 1984 units, to consider the possibility of a regional unit in the near future, to enlist other alumni/ae in the regional activity, and to establish contacts with like-minded

organizations in the area.

A number of steps were agreed upon and the corresponding tasks were assumed by the various persons present to implement the above-mentioned objectives.

Interest in various matters related to Lisle and the decisions and deliberations of the board of directors was expressed including some concern about Lisle's financial situation (e.g. the reduction in capital due to the expense of the conference at Cornell), and a discussion of the idea of a Lisle Home.

Those present reiterated their determination to make the regional group viable and effective. Further information may be obtained from Anja and Ray Miller, 224 Sierra Point, Brisbane, California, 94005.

Anja Miller

Uncle Si Attends Michigan Meeting

Their nametags read "Lisle '37, '39"; "Germany, '62"; "Colorado"; "MI Family Camp '56"; and "Alaska '84"! Their smiles and hugs were warm and enthusiastic and they talked non-stop. Who were they? They were twenty-four very special people who gathered on November 12, 1983, at First United Methodist Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, to re-connect with the Lisle Fellowship.

Uncle Si flew in from Washington, and the Ligans drove up from Texas (on their way to Pentwater, Michigan, and eventually Long Island). Other Lislors drove in from the Grand Rapids, Flint, and Toledo areas, bringing along potluck goodies to share for lunch. Ann Arborites joined us with special greetings for Uncle Si.

After a delicious lunch we met to share information about the summer '83 Gathering and the Texas Lisle Longhorn Roundup which Betty and Walt Ligon had attended. Board members present shared September board decisions and out of the discussion came some important ideas.

1. If board meeting locations are rotated to, for example, Chicago, more people from the central U.S. could participate.

2. If options for donating money were made clear some

donors would be more willing to support Lisle. Investing in the endowment fund can provide the feeling of supporting the future of the Lisle Fellowship rather than only contributing to current expenses.

3. The matter of the Lisle Home brought up most visible support for the notion that "Lisle is an idea, not a place."

"Not preserving the Lisle Fellowship, but preserving its goals" was the theme of Uncle Si's message. He shared with us the progress on his book, Patty Hill's involvement, and Dottie Fisher's support in spending time with Aunt Edna. News of upcoming units in India, Alaska, and, possibly, Costa Rica, came from Mark Kinney. We closed with a circle and Lisle songs.

Plans were made for a February 4, 1984, meeting in Flint, Michigan, hosted by Mogens and Jean Jensen and Jerry and Betty Ailes, at which time coordinators will be selected and specific activities outlined for Michigan Lislors.

The Michigan secretary/contact person is Linda Easley, Siena Heights College, Adrian, Michigan, 49221.

Nancy P. Kinney

Lisle 1984 Summer Units

INDIA:

Building on successful experiences in previous years there will once again be a unit in India, from June 14 to July 25, on the theme "Alternatives to Violence: Education and Training and Social Change."

This project includes a rich variety of experiences: for example, there will be visits with Gandhian workers and institutions, participation in "peace brigade"-type training, and "bread labor" and rural reconstruction -- in addition, or course, to the cooperative living, dialogue and spiritual discipline and rich group life which mark the Lisle spirit and program.

For additional information, contact the Rev. Mr. Carl Kline, 802 11th Avenue, Brookings, South Dakota, 57006, phone 605-692-8465.

ALASKA:

This two week unit to be held in Ketchikan from August 15 to 29 will be a "family focused" one with the emphasis on fostering nurturing families.

Open to singles, couples, and families, the purpose will be not only to "learn about families," but to share in the experience of family life and to enjoy the richness of significant interpersonal relationships among the various components of the "family" unit.

Lislors Mark Kinney and Joyce Hardin will provide the structure and continuity of the group's life, and Virginia Satir -- the renowned family therapist -- will be the special resource person for the final five days.

For further information, write to Dr. Mark B. Kinney, University of Toledo, 2801 West Bancroft, Toledo, Ohio, 43606.

"The Baldwins Remember Lisle" Videotape Available

DeWitt and Edna Baldwin have been captured on a videotape now available for purchase by Lisle members.

The Baldwins recall their days as missionaries to Burma, their work for the Youth Board of the Methodist Church -- to set up a new kind of international experience -- and their reflection on and decision about the essential "ingredients" that should be included in the nascent Lisle Fellowship.

Miriom Zusman, with primary assistance from Ed Levy, free lance film maker, brought the Baldwins together in late November 1983 with a group of Lislors to respond to ques-

tions and talk about some of the roots and early beginning of Lisle. The result was more than four hours of videotaped-conversation featuring the inimitable styles of Uncle Si and Aunt Edna. Miriom enlisted the aid of Johnnie Miller, Elaine Muldro, and Walt Ligon, to produce a one-hour documentary of real historic value, particularly to Lislors who know the Baldwins and were involved in the early years of Lisle.

A copy of this one hour (1/2" VSR, *not* Betamax) videotape may be obtained by sending a check for \$60, payable to the Lisle Fellowship, to Walt Ligon, 320 Bedell Street, Freeport, New York, 11520.

Directory Update Completed

Once again we are happy to announce that another version of the Directory -- the "A-Z" listing of all known Lislors, with a separate section for friends of Lisle -- is available. Faithful Lisle supporters Patty Hill and her father, Brooks Hill, have completed the updating of the Directory based on the large number of changes and corrections that have been collected in various ways in the past few months. Cost of a copy of this important resource is \$20.

The Hills have also indicated that listings by state/country or unit can be made available to interested persons on request at cost which is only \$2 per listing.

Thanks to the splendid effort of the Hills -- with their eminently useful home computer and word processor -- communication among Lisle alumni/ae and friends will be greatly enhanced by the availability of the Directory and the separate listings. Our hearty thanks to them for this invaluable service.

The Directory and/or the separate listing(s) can be obtained from Patty Hill, 16513 Baederwood Lane, Rockville, Maryland, 20855.

About The Lisle Office

Since the termination of the arrangement with Rockland Community College and, subsequently, the departure of Marty Tillman as Program Director, Lisle has been without a national office.

Several possibilities for a modest, but adequate, office in the New York metropolitan area are being explored.

In the meantime -- pending a decision about the location of an office -- correspondence regarding the Lisle Fellowship may be addressed to:

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President, Board of Directors
The Lisle Fellowship
15 West 75th Street
New York, NY, 10023
212-595-5034

and/or

Richard Chartier
Interim Program Coordinator
The Lisle Fellowship
23 Brookside Avenue
Suffern, NY, 10901
914-357-0490

The Lisle office space in Washington is being maintained and a phone answering service functions there. That address is 1623 Belmont Street N.W., Washington, D.C., 20009, 202-234-4985.

Actions by Lisle Board Since "The Gathering"

September Meeting: On September 24 the Lisle Board of Directors held its meeting at Marymount Manhattan College under the leadership of President Anne-Marie Keyes. Among the actions taken was approval of the personnel committee's recommendation that Richard Chartier be appointed interim program coordinator on a part-time basis. He replaces Martin Tillman whose work jointly for Lisle and Rockland Community College the past three years came to an end with the expiration of the federal grant under which he had been supported. The board voted to honor Marty at its November 19 meeting.

A memorial tribute to the late G. Daniel Evans, long time Lisle Board member, was read by Walt Ligon. Dan's generous gift of property to Lisle, part of which was sold to carry Lisle through some of its leanest years, was noted, along with Dan's many ideas and unselfish efforts on behalf of Lisle. Dr. Mark Kinney, associate professor of social foundations from the University of Toledo, was appointed by the board to fill Dan's unexpired term.

Carl Kline reported on the very successful India '83 group and the board approved continuing this program for another year. Mark Kinney's proposal for a Lisle group focusing on the family as a social unit to be conducted in Alaska in the summer of 1984 was approved. Interest was expressed in an experimental program involving high school teachers or students based in Costa Rica but sponsored jointly by Lisle and the Missouri Botanical Garden.

The board requested that reports be given of regional meetings planned for California, Texas, and Michigan, and approved the encouragement of more such meetings to be planned by those in a position to do so. Interest was expressed in proposals for cooperative projects between Lisle and Dwight Hall at Yale University and with Friends World College and approval of further exploration of possibilities at each institution. Approval was also given for continued exploration of the possibility of Lisle acquiring additional property to be designated as a Lisle Home.

November Meeting: Directors at the meeting of November 19, also

conducted at Marymount Manhattan College by President Keyes, elected Belvin Williams secretary *pro tem* of the board.

The role of Richard Chartier as interim program coordinator was discussed and the decision made to confirm his continued employment in that capacity on a part-time basis in accordance with the terms discussed with him by the executive committee. He later reported on the variety of activities in which he is engaged.

A suggestion regarding the creating of "working groups" or committees to assume responsibility for various Lisle tasks and programs was discussed at some length. It was agreed that such work groups should be established and steps will be taken by the executive committee and the board to implement that decision.

Mark Kinney reported on plans for the Alaska unit and progress was noted on the plans for the India unit, both to be conducted in 1984.

The board heard with pleasure the reports of regional meetings in California, Texas, Michigan, and Atlanta.

There was also a progress report on the exploration of the idea of a Lisle Home. No decision has yet been made by the board of this initiative.

The board confirmed and clarified its earlier decision to establish a satellite office at Dwight Hall. The plan provides for one experimental semester under the supervision of Richard Chartier -- in consultation with Lisle alumni/ae in the vicinity of New Haven -- and contingent upon finding a highly qualified graduate student who reflects Lisle's values. A budget of \$6,000 to \$7,000 was voted for this endeavor.

The board also reaffirmed its desire to maintain the Lisle relationship with Friends World College and to explore possible avenues of future collaboration with that institution.

Other action concerned the reaffirmation of the relevance and importance of the Three Year Plan (1983-85) for the program, management, administration, and financing of the Lisle Fellowship.

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