Medallion Event
To Celebrate
Class of 1965

It will be a golden moment on Fri-
day, June 26, when the Class of 1965
is celebrated at a special luncheon
marking the 50th anniversary of
graduation from the college.

The luncheon is a highlight of the
50th Reunion activities planned for

Organized by the Albany Society
and the Office of Alumni and Parent
Relations, the Reunion Luncheon will
take place in Stamm Dining Room.
Members of the Classes of 1960 (55
years), 1955 (60 years), and 1950 (65
years) attending the luncheon also will
be recognized.

Presentation of cast brass medall-
ions to Class of 1965 members
attending commemorates graduation
ceremonies of 50 years earlier and
welcomes the entire Class of 1965 into
the Albany Society.

Last year, 129 alumni, faculty, and
staff attended the luncheon, includ-
ing 37 members of the Class of 1964
who were welcomed into the ranks of
senior alumni.

The increasingly popular Alumni
Weekend last year drew nearly 1,000
registrants for the four days.

Albany Society Picnic Friday, Aug. 7

“Friendships and Memories” is the
theme for the Albany Society’s 10th
annual picnic August 7 in Albany
Quadangle’s Smith Hall.

Senior alumni, spouses, and friends,
along with faculty emeriti and former
staff members, will gather at 11 a.m. in
the Quad, with an all-American buffet
served beginning at noon. Beverages,
including beer and wine, will be
provided.

This year’s theme is borrowed
from a graphic developed by Don Hoyt
’50 and presented to the Albany Society
Board of Directors. Don was a charter
member of the board, retiring in 2011.

“The theme is really what the picnic
is all about,” said Chuck Charneckti,
picnic chair.

Registration details will soon be in
the mail and available on the college’s
website. For further information, call
503-768-7950.

The Epitome of a Pioneering Spirit - for 63 Years

Marshall Burnett ’52 has taken the college’s
“Pioneer” identity to heart and done some
pioneering of his own in the 63 years since his
graduation.

A resident of Chapala, Mexico, for the past 17
years, Marshall’s current involvement in con-
tributing computer classrooms to local elemen-
tary schools is a highlight in an adventurous and
rewarding career in business, journalism, and
archaeology that has taken him from Chile to the
Bering Sea, with lots of stops in between.

“When I retired to the Lake Chapala resort
area in Mexico’s Jalisco state, I was looking
for things to do and wanted to help the com-


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Dodson Earns Don Balmer Citation

Arleigh Dodson arrived on campus the summer of 1960 as a newly minted member of the college’s chemistry faculty, not far ahead of members of the Class of 1964. Fifty-five years later the professor emeritus is still very much involved in the Lewis & Clark community.

In February, Arleigh was honored with the Donald G. Balmer Citation for outstanding service to the college at the Board of Alumni Honors Banquet. The award is named in recognition of longtime political science professor Don Balmer’s selfless support of the college and is given annually to encourage others to follow his example.

Arleigh’s impact on the college community is far greater than just his influence in the classroom and the lab. Before he retired from teaching in 1993, he had served as chair of the Department of Chemistry, interim and acting dean of faculty, acting provost, codirector of the Environmental Studies Program, and even as acting director of athletics.

Arleigh and his wife, Marion, also led an overseas program to Ghana in 1967, laying the groundwork for students from that country to enroll at Lewis & Clark.

Retirement hasn’t slowed his involvement. He served for 10 years as commissioner of the nine-member Northwest Conference of Intercollegiate Athletics and currently is faculty emeriti liaison with the Albany Society Board of Directors.

During his faculty tenure, Arleigh was a teacher and marcher in the Freedom Summer of 1964 in Jackson, Mississippi; was an elected member of the Portland delegation of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam to Washington, D.C., in 1967; and served in a variety of capacities in Lake Oswego, including membership on the school board and water board. He continues to be active on county and statewide Democratic Party committees.

Arleigh and Marion’s daughter-in-law, Lisa Grill Dodson ’81, who is director of the Oregon Area Health Education Center, was recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Five Alums Join Albany Society Board

Five new members joined the Albany Society Board of Directors in January. Three are from the latest class – 1964 – to qualify for membership in the senior alumni group.

Margi Crain Brown ’64 graduated in elementary education, taught school in California, and worked for Sunset Magazine before embarking on a 25-year career with the Presbytery of the Cascades as an administrative assistant. She is active in organizations supporting the Portland Public Schools.

Sam Macon ’64 majored in health and physical education and played football while at L&C. He was a head junior varsity football coach in the Portland and Vancouver school systems. After a stint as a coach in San Paolo, Brazil, he spent 25 years in the Portland Public Schools as an administrator, retiring as dean of students at Grant High School.

Elisabeth Hampton Gray ’64 graduated in elementary education and spent 22 years as a missionary in the Philippines, where she also served as a church pastor. Her career included teaching teacher education at Antioch University for 12 years. In 2002, she received a Ph.D. in psychology from Jacksonville Theological Seminary. She is currently the organist at the West Portland Methodist Church.

Louise Dennis Kasper ’63 graduated in journalism and political science. She held communications positions with U.S. National Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, St. Mary’s Academy, and the Center for Urban Education before joining the Oregon Liquor Control Commission in 1985. Since retiring from OLCC as public affairs coordinator and spokesperson, she has been an active Master Gardener volunteer.

Mel Knight ’59 majored in music education and taught music at middle and high schools for 26 years. In 1963, he earned a master’s degree in music composition from L&C. He became director of music for Barbershop Harmony Society, an international organization based in Tennessee, in 1985. He traveled the world arranging for and coaching the society and continues to do arranging in retirement.

Remembering

Classmates who have recently passed away (based on information gathered by the college)

- Virginia Smith Poling ’34 (Albany College) - July 19, 2013, 101 years
- Mark Hanna ’49 - January 25, 2015, 90 years
- Loren Wahlin ’49 - November 29, 2014, 95 years
- Alice E. Irving Brown ’50 - September 18, 2014, 89 years
- Dorothy Van Veen Iverson ’50 - October 11, 2014, 86 years
- George Marlowe ’50 - October 27, 2014, 94 years
- Norman Westling ’50 - August 12, 2014, 87 years
- Werner Durtschi ’51 - December 15, 2014, 88 years
- Bob Godel ’51 - December 8, 2014, 86 years
- Stanley Loney ’51 - January 15, 2015, 89 years
- Eileen Jones Misley ’51 - February 4, 2015, 85 years
- Harry Holl ’52 - October 2, 2014, 92 years
- Betty B. Hibbard Jones ’52 - December 4, 2014, 84 years
- Richard Meigs ’52 - December 9, 2014, 90 years
- Richard "Rick" Rubin ’52 - September 9, 2014, 83 years
- Alexander "Dick" Bartley ’53 - December 4, 2014, 84 years
- Darlene Clayton Zikes ’53, M.M.E. ’67 - August 21, 2014, 81 years
- Delores Nordlander Haggard ’54 - February 10, 2015, 83 years
- F. Douglas Day, ’55 - November 22, 2014, 81 years
- Darryl Gordon ’55 - September 24, 2014, 81 years
- Darlene Snodgrass Cain ’58 - March 7, 2015, 79 years
- Harry McAdams ’58 - September 29, 2014, 86 years
- Karla Steinhauser ’58 - October 24, 2014, 78 years
- Claire May Brecken ’59 - December 7, 2014
- Paul Roeder ’60 - October 16, 2014, 78 years
- Peter Sargent ’60 - November 5, 2014, 76 years
- Joan Shapira ’60 - January 18, 2015, 79 years
- Mary Ellis Bieker ’62 - October 10, 2014, 74 years
- Harvey Schmidt Jr. ’63 - February 28, 2015, 73 years
- Martha Hicks Dawson ’65 - November 17, 2014, 71 years
Michael Davis brings Poet’s Touch to Planned Giving Office

Michael Davis not only brings financial know-how to his new job as director of planned giving for Lewis & Clark, but also a touch of a poet’s soul.

Michael graduated from Kenyon College in Ohio, where he learned ancient Greek while in pursuit of a degree in religious studies. That was followed with a master of fine arts degree in poetry from the University of Oregon in 2005. He taught freshman composition there before moving into college advancement work.

“My father was a college professor and the world of academia appealed to me, but not as a teacher,” Michael said. His interest led him to a job at Reed College, where he spent eight years in the development office before moving to L&C.

Michael joined Lewis & Clark’s institutional advancement staff in August, replacing Sharon Bosserman-Benson. He started the same day as incoming students were arriving on campus, the symbolism of which did not escape him.

In his role, he meets with people who are interested in finding the best way to leave a gift to Lewis & Clark as part of their estate planning.

Davis and his wife, Melissa, have a two-year-old daughter, Ivy.
Senior Alumni Notes

Helen Wegener Holt '45 fondly remembers touring the campus in summers past with Sharon Bosserman-Benson. Now a resident of the Rose Villa retirement community in Milwaukie, Oregon, Helen received her M.Ed. degree from the University of Oregon. She was honored with the prestigious Ruth Q. de Prida Award by the Retired Teachers Association of California.

Rod Downey '50 and his wife, Susanne, a Lewis & Clark staff member for 21 years, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary September 16, 2014.

Susan Cook Blair '51, an elementary education major, lives in Northeast Portland. She has three children, six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren, with two more on the way. Her husband, Stan Blair '51, passed away in 2012.

Janice Cox '55 enjoys reading The Gatehouse and especially the story about old friends Virginia Bitar Lindle '55 and Blair Lindle '54. She still lives on the farm north of Salem with her family close by. She enjoys spending time with L&C friends of more than 60 years and is looking forward to the Albany Society Picnic on August 7.

Janice Caldwell Carr ’61 was in South Africa last fall learning the story of the apartheid era from “Black” Africans who experienced it. She also took a safari in Botswana with a group from the Los Angeles Zoo Association studying African dogs and hyenas. Her home time is split between California and Oregon, where she has two married sons and six grandchildren.

Nancy Simpson Knudsen ’61 retired from Tacoma’s KPLU Public Radio in 2010. She keeps active by working as a “check-in” for Alaska Cruise in Seattle and for events and music productions at Seattle’s Benarova Hall, and finds time for travel to Scotland and Panama.

John Loy ’61 is “re-cycling” in retirement. He participated in bike tours of Provence, Tuscany, and Crete. His next cycling trip? Ireland.

Bonnie Boyd Shannon ’61 was inducted into the Portland Interscholastic League Hall of Fame in October in honor of her accomplishments as a swimmer at Cleveland High School from 1954 to 1956.

Sandra Fields Barker ’63 recently moved to the Holiday Park Plaza in Portland. She then took to the road, cruising the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, and the rivers of Portugal. Her son, Ron, is a financial planner in Portland and her daughter-in-law is a rheumatologist.

James Kawashima ’64 and Melvia Choy Kawashima ’65 live in Honolulu and are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Rick Kell ’64 and Sylvia (Sam) Amtmann Kell ’64 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December. They spend their winters in Tucson, Arizona, and their summers in Vancouver, Washington. They hope to see L&C friends at the Alumni Weekend in June.

Keep in Touch
Share your fellow alumni what you’re up to and where you are. It’s a great way to renew friendships. Your submissions may be edited and may be published in The Chronicle Magazine, The Gatehouse, and on the L&C website. Send your class notes to:

U.S. Mail: Office of Alumni and Parent Programs - MSC 77 Lewis & Clark 0615 SW Palatine Hill Rd. Portland, OR 97219-7899

Web: go.lclark.edu/college/class_notes

Phone: 503-768-7950
Please remember to include your class year, address, phone number, and email.

Terry Faw ’65 and his wife, Dinah Ladizinsky-Faw, live on 40 acres outside Rainier, Oregon, with a beautiful view of Mount Saint Helens. He says three acres of blueberries and lingonberries, a small orchard, and a jam keeps him reminded of the work it is to retire when you haven’t yet become tired. Terry continues to use his experience in psychology by serving as executive coach for a select group of clients. Travel includes visiting family in Seattle, San Diego, and Phoenix. They are looking forward to greeting friends and the Class of 1965’s 50th Reunion in June.

Fred Gerhardt ’65 is a retired music teacher at Hillsboro High School, where he spent most of his time directing choral music. He began his teaching career in Coquille, Oregon, and also taught at Hillsboro’s R.A. Brown Junior High. Diagnosed in 1988 with multiple sclerosis, he says he has been fortunate in dealing with the disease. His wife, Denise, worked for several years in the Department of Music at Lewis & Clark.

Rhonda Stilley Kotelchuk ’65, after two years of being involved in the civil rights movement, earned a master’s degree in city planning in 1970 and moved to New York City, where she still lives with her husband, Dave. Rhonda pursued a career in health care policy, planning, and administration. She currently runs the Primary Care Development Corporation (www.pcmdc.org), a nonprofit organization dedicated to making high quality-health care available to underserved communities. Her husband is retired from teaching at the Hunter Graduate School of Health Sciences. She loves hearing from and about all those early friends who shared such formative years with her at L&C.

Thomas Neff ’65 received the Board of Alumni’s Distinguished Alumni Award, which was presented during the annual Honors Banquet in February. He was recognized for proposing, creating, and shepherding the Megatons to Megawatts deal from 1991 to 2013 under which Russia destroyed more than 20,000 nuclear weapons and recycled the bomb-grade uranium into fuel for U.S. nuclear power plants. Thomas, a mathematics and physics major at Lewis & Clark, earned a Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Stanford University. As a researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Center of Theoretical Physics, he was involved in a series of high-level nuclear energy policy studies. For more details of his fascinating story, check out the cover story in the fall 2014 issue of The Chronicle Magazine.

Carl Neighorn ’65 recently visited campus and was amazed at all the changes yet sensing it feels very much Lewis & Clark. He’s rebuilding a 1916 Craftsman-style house -- his home -- while working to complete his Ph.D. He will be at the 50th Reunion in June looking to reestablish friendships and start new ones.

Past Chronicles On Line
Past issues of The Chronicle Magazine are at your fingertips at lclark.edu/chronicle. There you’ll find feature stories, class notes, photographs, and other interesting information in 31 issues spanning the past 12 years.
The late Bob Godel ’51 (left) in a 2008 photograph with Frank Lawrence ’52 and Pat Hibbard ’52 taken during the rededication of the Morgan Odell Alumni Gatehouse. The event during homecoming weekend was the culmination of an Albany Society initiative led by Godel and the late Jim King ’51 to renovate the iconic building at the college’s main gate. Bob, Frank, and Pat were all charter members of the Albany Society Board of Directors and each served a term as board chair.

“It’s a Pure Joy to Come Back to Lewis & Clark” — Bob Godel

Bob Godel ’51, whose love for Lewis & Clark helped ignite a senior alumni renaissance on campus, passed away December 8 at the age of 86.

Bob took leadership in a number of initiatives that have helped re-connect many alums to the college over the past two decades.

Among those efforts was spearheading one of the college’s most successful class gift efforts. During his Class of 1951’s golden reunion, the class set a goal of raising $51,000 in honor of its graduation year for student scholarship. The gift total now stands at more than $82,000.

Bob, along with Jim King ’52, was at the front of the Gatehouse renovation effort by the Albany Society. Alumni committed more than $100,000 to make the stone building at the college’s entrance a true alumni house. Rededication took place during the 2008 Homecoming Weekend.

“I get energized by talking to alumni — both old friends and new,” Bob said during his class’s 50th reunion. “For me, the experience has been a personal renaissance. It’s a pure joy to come back to Lewis & Clark.”

The quotes are from an article in the Spring 2009 issue of The Chronicle. He served on the Board of Alumni and was a charter member of the Albany Society Board of Directors, serving as its chair in 2008.

Bob is survived by his wife, Barbara Wolfe Godel ’50; daughters Sally St. Helen and Kathy Hobart; and granddaughter Candice.

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Michael’s Corner

By Michael Davis
Director of Planned Giving

The best part of my job at Lewis & Clark is being able to say, “Thank you.”

As it turns out, this happens less often than I’d like, although it’s certainly not for a lack of generosity. Alumni are remarkably generous. The same can be said for parents and friends of the college.

In fact, as I write this piece, there are more than 250 people who have told us that they have designated gifts to Lewis & Clark in their wills, living trusts, insurance policies, and retirement plans. More than 250.

These thoughtful and generous donors all have become members of the Heritage Society, an honorary organization that includes anyone who has informed us about an estate gift. However, in any given year, only about half of the bequests we receive are from those we are able to identify as members of the Heritage Society.

In other words, many of the bequests come as surprises to us.

It is always wonderful to receive a surprise gifts like these, but letting the college know in advance about your plans to make an estate gift benefiting both you and Lewis & Clark.

First, it allows us to recommend language to help make sure your gift will go to the area of the college that you want to support. Second, it gives us an opportunity to offer our thanks to you.

Planned giving is a blanket term covering gifts through estates, wills, living trusts, insurance policies, and retirement plans, as well as arrangements where donors can receive lifetime income from gifts made to the college.

If you’d like to tell us about a future bequest, please feel free to call me at 503-768-7911 or email me at mpd@clark.edu. Even if you’re just starting to consider a bequest or want to learn more about gifts that pay lifetime income, I’ll be happy to talk with you — and, of course, say, “Thank you.”
The Epitome Of a Pioneer

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ccontributed to first through sixth grades in nine local schools, plus kindergartens and orphanages, enhancing education opportunities for nearly 2,500 students in the area.

“Our schools’ general grade levels have improved markedly, especially in science, since the computers were installed,” said Maria de Jesus Tovar Renteria, director of the Las Redes Elementary School in Chapala.

“The computers are of substantial assistance to students, particularly in their homework,” she said. “The generosity and support from Mr. Burnett and his associate are greatly appreciated.”

An added benefit is that Chapala students can now participate in selected University of Guadalajara virtual classrooms by using the internet.

Why Mexico? Marshall was asked.

“I was always interested in Latin America, fueled by my Spanish courses at Lewis & Clark,” he said.

A journalism major who wrote for the Pioneer Log, he holds master’s degrees from UCLA and Portland State University in journalism and archaeology respectively.

Now 85, he has traveled the Western Hemisphere extensively.

His work odyssey began in logging and lumber camps in Chile where his fluency in Spanish was a valuable asset.

Two years later he returned to the United States, eventually becoming head of the Associated Press news bureau in San Diego.

Then Alaska called. Marshall served as chief information officer for the state’s Fish and Game Department for a number of years. He also manned his own 40-foot commercial fishing boat in Alaskan waters from May to September, often braving the seas alone.

He embarked on a mining adventure that ended when a dredge heading for the gold fields near Nome, Alaska, went down in a shipwreck in the Bering Sea.

While in the northern latitudes, Marshall also spent time as office manager for the Haida Indians on Alaska’s remote Prince of Wales Island.

Archaeology became a focus late in his career. He worked on large projects in Oregon and Washington, including a natural gas pipeline that ran from the Columbia River to the California border.

One of his favorite experiences, he said, was going to Belize to work on an “organized dig” excavating Mayan ruins.

Today, Marshall continues to support Chapala-area cultural programs and takes great interest in helping further children’s education.

“I really enjoy seeing first graders learn to use their computers,” he said. He and his friend are currently completing a computer classroom for a ninth grade school.

Marshall has fond memories of his student days at Lewis & Clark. He lived on a farm near Wilsonville and rode a Harley-Davidson motorcycle to school. He said he may be the only student of those times who milked a cow after finishing classes every day, then chopped firewood for the family home.

To pay for college, he worked summers as a tugboat deckhand on the Columbia River. “And I was a logger in Southwest Washington, helping build a 13-mile logging road as a ‘powder monkey,’ blasting out hundreds of stumps.”

He has four children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

“Overall, I guess I’ve had a pretty adventurous life,” Burnett observed.

Add to that one that has lived out the pioneering spirit for more than six decades.

Curt Copenhagen ‘55

Angela is a Mom

Angela Torretta took some time off this past winter to become a mom for the first time. Angela and her husband, Rob Neyer, are the proud parents of Olive Katherine, born on January 31, weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces. Angela, senior associate director of Alumni and Parent Relations, is the office’s very capable liaison with the Albany Society.
Festive Alumni Weekend June 25-28

This year's Alumni Weekend -- which begins Thursday, June 25, and continues through Sunday, June 28 -- is again packed full of activities to keep returning alumni and their families fully involved.

Friday's luncheon honoring the Class of 1965 and recognizing the Classes of 1950, 1955, and 1960 is just one of many events planned for the weekend.

Last year more than 70 events were on the five-day schedule. They ranged from receptions, breakfasts, dinners, reunion parties, and other events for classes and overseas groups to the alumni college, campus tours, tours of the wine country, exercise opportunities using campus facilities, musical events, and much more.

The annual Northwest Salmon Bake and BBQ in the Estate Gardens on Saturday afternoon again will be a highlight of the weekend. More than a thousand alums and friends gathered on the lawn above the swimming pool for this event last year.

Find a full schedule of events online. For more information, call 503-768-7950.

Dates of Interest To Senior Alumni

Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26
*Portland Chamber Orchestra's "Spring Swing," with L&C's Cappela Nova, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Agnes Flanagan Chapel

Thursday, April 30
A cappella choral groups' Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., Agnes Flanagan Chapel

Saturday, May 9
College of Arts and Sciences 142nd annual Commencement, 2 p.m., Griswold Stadium

Thursday-Sunday, June 25-28
**Lewis & Clark Alumni Weekend

Friday, June 26
**Albany Society Medallion Luncheon honoring Classes of 1950, 1955, 1960 and 1965, 11 a.m., Stamm Dining Room (Templeton)

Sunday, June 28
Alpha Gamma Tea, 2 p.m., Smith Hall (Albany Quadraplange)

Friday, August 7
**10th annual Albany Society Picnic, 11 a.m., Smith Hall (Albany Quadrangle)

Wednesday, August 19
Kappa Phi Alpha Summer Reunion, noon, Alumni Gatehouse

Friday-Sunday, October 16-18
Pioneer Homecoming 2015

Saturday, October 17
*Homecoming football game vs. Pacific U., 1:30 p.m., Griswold Stadium

* Admission charge. ** Registration required.