Homecoming October 28-30 Has Full Slate

Fall is in the air, signaling the annual pilgrimage of alumni back to their college and university campuses. It’s called homecoming.

It’s been going on for more than a century at schools large and small from Maine to Hawaii and from Florida to Alaska.

Lewis & Clark is no exception. Homecoming Weekend on Palatine Hill this year is October 28-30.

And, as on most campuses, Saturday afternoon’s football game is the centerpiece of the celebration.

The game, with a 1 p.m. kickoff in Griswold Stadium, features the 67th renewal of football rivalry with traditional Northwest Conference foe Willamette University.

The 13th annual Pioneer Tailgate Extravaganza will again feature clam chowder from Seattle’s Pike Place Chowder House owned by L&C alum Larry Mellum `77. It precedes the game, beginning at noon under the tent in Griswold Stadium’s south end zone.

The 38th annual Pioneer Athletic Hall of Fame induction dinner takes place Friday evening in Pamplin Sports Center.

Football is only one part of a full weekend of activities put together by the Alumni and Parent Programs office.

Some 34 different events include campus tours, art exhibits, receptions, theatre productions, concerts, a rich list of Pioneer College sessions, movies, nature walks, a 5K run, alumni swim meet, volleyball match, faculty retirement parties, and much, much more.

To see the full schedule, visit go.lclark.edu/homecoming. You can register online.

Senior Survey Aids Planning for Future

A survey to gauge senior alumni interest in Albany Society and other college events, as well as to solicit ideas for future activities, netted 262 responses or roughly 27 percent of those surveyed. The survey was emailed to 961 alumni who graduated before 1967.

Of those responding, 39 percent, or 101 senior alums, had attended one of the three main events sponsored by the Albany Society in the past five years. The Golden Medallion Luncheon was attended by 85 percent of this group, far outpacing the Summer Celebration and holiday event.

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Merritt Kelsay ’49 wears his World War II Veterans cap proudly most everywhere he goes.

“It has been a big help lots of times” explains Merritt, who enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943 at the age of 19. “The cap is a great conversation starter; it even got me out of a speeding ticket once.”

If the college had a hat recognizing service to his alma mater, the 92 year old former B-25 bomber pilot would have the right to proudly wear that one as well.

Along with brother Harold and many other returning veterans, he enrolled at Lewis & Clark as a freshman in 1947.

Merritt majored in education and was a starting guard on the Pioneers’ 1949 basketball team that claimed the college’s first Northwest Conference championship.

His first job after graduation was teaching and coaching in Powers, Oregon, a small logging town 43 miles southeast of Coos Bay.

Among the students he helped influence to come to Lewis & Clark during his three years in Powers were Duane Brady ’57, an all-NWC guard in basketball, and Joe Boutin ’57, an All-American javelin thrower in track and an all-league selection in basketball. He also played football one year.

Joe’s brother, Jim Boutin ’63, a three-time basketball All-American and school record holder in the javelin, followed a couple of years later.

Bob Bates Joins Albany Society Board

Bob Bates ’66, who grew up down the road from the college and two years ago retired after a distinguished career in higher education, is the newest member of the Albany Society Board of Directors.

Bates, who majored in biology at L&C, went on to earn a master’s degree in bacteriology and public health at Washington State University and a doctorate in virology at Colorado State University.

He served as provost for eight years at WSU following a 30-year tenure at Virginia Tech that began in 1972.

Rising to full professor of microbiology by 1987, Bob was associate dean and then dean for eight years of the College of Arts and Sciences, Virginia Tech’s largest college with 34 depart­ments and programs, more than 600 faculty members, and 9,000 graduate students and undergraduate majors.

The university honored him with the title of emeritus professor of biology and emeritus dean of the College of Arts and Sciences when he left for WSU.

Before retiring fully in 2014, he served as director of research and graduate education at WSU’s Vancouver campus and was interim director of the Washington State Academy of Sciences.

A freshman in L&C’s 1962 Overseas program in Japan, he grew up in the Bates’ family home across from what is now the Lewis & Clark Law School. Bob and his wife, Wendy, now make their home in Lake Oswego.
ALBANY SOCIETY’S ANNUAL GOLDEN MEDALLION Luncheon on Alumni Weekend drew a happy crowd of former classmates. Twenty four members of the Class of 1966 were in the spotlight, celebrating their 50th reunion. Reunion classes of 1956 and 1961 were also recognized.
From the *Pioneer Log* to the San Francisco Opera

He was editor of the *Pioneer Log* his senior year at Lewis & Clark. Three years later, he was named public relations director for the San Francisco Opera, one of the world’s leading opera companies.

Herb Scholder ’55, calls it “a miracle” since he was only 24 years old at the time, had no previous public relations experience and no job references to offer in his letter of application.

But Kurt Adler, the world-renowned leader of the San Francisco Opera for 28 years who hired him, must have detected Herb’s deep passion for opera and innate understanding of what makes it work.

This launched the Lewis & Clark journalism major into a rewarding career of more than three decades working with some of the world’s most prominent opera and ballet companies. More than half that time was in San Francisco where he was “a mainstay of the press department during much of Kurt Adler’s reign,” according to one longtime California arts administrator.

“I was very lucky,” Herb said. “I worked in the golden age of the San Francisco Opera under Adler, as well as under the creative founders of the Joffrey Ballet, American Ballet Theater, and Chicago Lyric Opera.”

As company director for these prominent theatre groups, he organized domestic and international tours, visiting most of Europe’s major cities.

“It was really thrilling.” Herb remembers. “For an opera lover such as myself, it was great to have the opportunity to hear the best performers every night, and on top of that getting paid to do it.”

In 1983, he served as company manager for a production of *Porgy and Bess* that commemorated the 50th anniversary of New York’s Radio City Music Hall, and toured with the show.

Herb was born in Vienna and was five years old when he fled with his mother and father to the United States after the German army invasion of Austria in 1938.

He developed a passion for the opera in his early teens independent of any family connections.

During his student days at L&C, he would join with other enthusiasts in Portland and organize trips to San Francisco to attend the opera. When he lived in Platt Hall dormitory as a junior, his Kappa Phi Alpha fraternity brothers were privy to a steady diet of opera arias emanating from a record player in his room at the end of the hall.

After graduation Herb moved to San Francisco, got a job with the *San Francisco Examiner*, and started hanging out at the War Memorial Opera House. A job opening was posted, he applied, and the rest, of course, is history.

Herb retired in 1991 although he admits not totally, since he continued to take on short gigs for a couple of months a year for a while.

As retirement became permanent, because of his love to travel, he and his partner visited most of Asia, sailed to Antarctica and South America and spent an extended time in Portugal, Spain, France and Northern Italy.

One trip included traveling by a local bus in India, an experience he called a “real adventure.”

His favorite place? St. Petersburg, Russia. “I loved it there so much we made more than one visit and actually rented an apartment and stayed a while,” he said.

“I don’t like being bored and have been bored very rarely in my life.”

Herb now calls home the Rhoda Goldman Plaza senior community in the heart of San Francisco. Of course, it’s within walking distance of the Opera House.

The *Olive*, the Rhoda Goldman Plaza’s newsletter, is the source of much of the information and quotes contained in this Class Note and is used with permission.

Herb was named Resident of the Month at the Plaza earlier this year.

*The Gatehouse* is a semiannual newsletter published for senior alumni by the Albany Society in cooperation with Lewis & Clark College’s Office of Alumni and Parent Programs and the Division of Institutional Advancement. Chuck Charnquist ’58, editor. Editorial staff members: Dolores Willey Chenoweth ’62, Curt Copenhagen ’55, Don Floren ’53, Louise Dennis Kasper ’63, Ardis Bowersox Mangels ’58, and Bill Mangels ’55, with staff support from Emily Decker ’85, Rachel Hunter, and Caitlin Peel.

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Survey

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attending was “too far from home.”

Overall, 37 percent of those responding indicated an interest in faculty-led international travel opportunities, something the college might offer in the future.

Of the possible destinations, Great Britain ranked the highest in interest (42%), followed by Scotland (41%); Cuba (31%); Greece (24%); Japan (20%); Turkey (15%); India (14%); East Africa (14%); Morocco (12%); and Ecuador (11%).

When asked about The Gatehouse, a newsletter published twice a year by the Albany Society, nearly 80 percent of respondents indicated that they receive the newsletter. Seventy percent indicated that the best liked content was “class notes about fellow alumni,” followed by “feature stories” about alums (55 percent).

Of the 33 percent of respondents who indicated an interest in attending other campus events, theatre and music performances had the highest interest level (combined 55 percent), with sporting events and academic lectures also receiving votes (12 and 19 percent respec-

Remembering

Classmates who have passed away within the past year based on information gathered by the college.

Zimmerman, Edith Foleen '42
Sept. 14, 2016, 96 years

Mooney, Dorothy Kirkwood '47
Sept. 3, 2016, 90 years

Stipe, Patricia Bernard '50
Aug. 13, 2016, 89 years

Mahar, Shirley Jan Kanzler '51
June 22, 2016, 86 years

Russell, Carol Bigham '52
July 3, 2016, 86 years

Allen Jr., Chuck '53
July 7, 2016, 87 years

Paulson, Don '53
May 2, 2016, 84 years

Janes, Rea Mae Johnson '53
June 10, 2016, 82 years

Watson, Richard '59
July 10, 2016, 79 years

Crook, James '60
Aug. 8, 2016, 82 years

Ellingson, John '60
June 22, 2016, 77 years

tively). Art shows and literary/poetry readings were also mentioned.

Additional general feedback and suggestions for the future include:

- I am not able to travel for campus events; perhaps there is a way to create a virtual alumni gathering.
- I really enjoyed the all-morning program this spring put on by the Albany Society on campus.
- I like events that have content rather than just socializing.
- Perhaps there could be regional versions of the picnic and holiday receptions.
- Are there ways alumni could interact virtually and/or through social media?
- I would appreciate knowing of anyone willing to supply transportation to alumni events.
- I would love to be invited to a theater production, musical concert, or lecture.
- Interested in events that don’t have a big price tag.
- Monthly email of campus lectures, readings, etc. that are open to the public.
- More historical information about the campus and its changes over the last several decades. Plans for future growth?
- More discussions/input of current students.
- More news of/from alumni.
- Pre-event gathering before a select play or musical.
- Provide more and easier parking or shuttle service for on-campus events.
- Published faculty book talks, particularly the literary arts.
- Seating by class at the Golden Medallion luncheon.
- The Remembering page of The Gatehouse is an important update on my classmates who have passed away.
- Topics relevant to aging.

At its planning meeting in September, the Alumni Society Board discussed the results of the survey and focused on suggestions that would open up additional opportunities for senior alums to be re-connected with former classmates and with Lewis & Clark.

Michael’s Corner

Working at Lewis & Clark, life naturally follows the rhythms of the academic year. And, as the new year begins, I want to use this space to share stories from three different bequest gifts that arrived in the past 12 months.

A vast majority of Lewis & Clark students receive some form of financial aid and many donors choose to direct their gifts to support these students. One alumnus designated a percentage of his estate to be given to the college for the purpose of “endowing undergraduate scholarships for students with promise of making this a better world ... ”

Notice of another bequest gift arrived in January. In this instance, the college was the beneficiary of a retirement account. The gift was given to improve handicapped accessibility on campus, most notably in Agnes Flanagan Chapel.

Another gift, this time for a specific amount of money, arrived just as the school year began to support the general operations of the college.

Each donor had a purpose in mind and a specific way they wanted to make a gift. Each gift -- whether through financial aid, handicapped accessibility, or general support -- will help enrich the campus community and support its students and faculty for years to come.

If you want to talk about ways to support Lewis & Clark through a bequest gift, or a gift that provides you lifetime income, please contact me.

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Linda Rose Walker Allaway '57

Willard “Bill” Mears '57 and Meredith Hiss '62 were married in 1963 and eight years later packed their belongings and drove the Alcan Highway to Anchorage, Alaska, where Bill went to work for the State of Alaska.

“Driving the 1,500-mile Alcan then was nothing like it is today,” Bill remembers. “Then it was a narrow roadway at times with a mix of mud and gravel and little civilization.”

He went to work as the State of Alaska's loss control manager, operating out of both Anchorage and Juneau. After taking early retirement, Mears bought and operated a scaffolding company in Anchorage before selling it 20 years later.

Now fully retired, Bill and Meredith live on the banks of Lower Fire Lake in Eagle River, a community 13 miles north of Anchorage. Their beautiful home was built out of Douglas fir logs brought in from the Olympic Peninsula in Washington state.

Bill took up flying shortly after arriving in Anchorage, then bought a float plane that for years allowed his family to enjoy camping, fishing, hiking, and the scenic beauty of Alaska's lakes, rivers and glaciers.

“Alaska has been a good home for us,” he said. “We’ve seen many changes here but the freedom and the beauty of the state never changes.”

Bill and Meredith have two married daughters and five grandchildren, all living outside Alaska. So, visiting family is an important part of a busy travel itinerary they have enjoyed in retirement.

After leaving Lewis & Clark, Bill first worked as a scientific computer programmer in Boeing’s Aerospace Division applied mathematics department.

Former classmates may better remember Bill by his student nickname, Laddy Mears.

Linda Rose Walker Allaway ’57 was a stay-at-home wife and mother of four children until 1976. After her divorce, she returned to school and earned an Associate in Applied Science Degree in respiratory therapy at Mt. Hood Community College. Linda was employed as a nicotine education specialist at Providence Medical Center and served as manager of Inpatient Respiratory Care Services at Kaiser Permanente Northwest Region. She also consulted with various government agencies focused on indoor air quality and asthma education. Linda, a certified asthma educator, is a founding member of the National Asthma Educator Certification Organization. Now retired, Linda lives in Portland, enjoying her four grandchildren, gardening, cooking, Pacific Northwest history and serving as an historical interpreter for the National Park Service.

Lucille Rieben '50 taught school for a year after graduation and then attended the San Francisco Theological Seminary, graduating in 1957. She travelled in the midwest and southwest in a position with the Board of Christian Education for the Presbyterian Church USA for a number of years. Lucille worked as a director of education for a church in St. Louis, and then in Kansas City, Missouri, at the presbytery level in Christian education. She retired in 1992 from a national position in women’s ministries with the National Presbyterian Church in San Francisco and now lives in Portland.

Densley and Joyce Fields Palmer, both ’58, moved to Anacortes, Washington, in 2001 after Densley completed a rewarding career working with college and university students. That journey took the Palmers from Everett Community College to the University of Washington Medical School to Linfield College, where he retired in 1999 as director of counseling emeritus.

Densley and Joyce, both native Portlanders, attended school together from elementary school through college. They were married in 1959 after Joyce returned from a year studying mathematics in Australia on a Fulbright Scholarship.

The couple continued their education with Densley earning an MA and PhD in counseling from the University of Oregon in 1965 and Joyce an MA in general studies from Oregon State University the same year.

Collected writings by Densley have been benchmarks in a spiritual journey during his career in counseling. Central to those writings are hymn poems and other forms of verse collected over 30 years and published in a book, Now That I Think About It, in 2015.

Pat Hibbard '52 shares this fun anecdote: “We moved a year ago to Sumnerfield (a retirement community) in Northeast Portland. We met a neighbor from across the street. Two weeks later I found out that neighbor, Bob Trappe ’52 graduated from L&C and was even in my class. Moral: No matter where you go, you’ll find Lewis & Clark alumni.” What’s more? Bob’s wife, Betty Koopmans Trappe ’48, is also an alum.

Ed Harvey ’53, owner and founder of Harvey Marine in Aloha, Oregon, has announced his company’s iconic mascot, a giant rabbit statue named Harvey, will not disappear, allaying fears of locals. Even though Harvey Marine is moving to an online business model, there are no plans to remove the iconic statue, named for the imaginary rabbit in the 1950 Jimmy Stewart classic film of the same name.

Barbara Pfau Getty BA ’56, MAT ’78, and cousin Trudy Allen J.D. ’82, visited Cambridge, England, last fall for the 800th celebration of the Magna Carta. They saw the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom in London and had a “royal time” celebrating Queen Elizabeth’s feat of surpassing Queen Victoria’s reign.

Allen Parelus ’59 retired in 2000 as associate professor emeritus of education from Indiana University. Over the course of his career, he taught at St. Louis University, University of Missouri-St. Louis, University of British Columbia, Adams State University, and Fort Lewis College. His areas of expertise include education of students with severe emotional impairments, special education administration, and education accountability systems. In 1970 he was elected a fellow of the American Association of Mental Deficiency, now known as the American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. He and his wife, Karen, live in Midland, Michigan, in the winter and in their log cabin on Clear Lake north of West Branch, Michigan, during the summers.
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Holiday Manor House Reception Dec. 3

Remember the decorations that turned the stately Frank Manor House into a magical place during holiday seasons past on campus?

It’s happening again on Saturday December 3, at 5:30 p.m. The annual Albany Society-sponsored Holiday Reception is a time for senior alumni to gather, enjoy delicious desserts, and share memories of Christmas seasons past on campus.

The Albany Society social blends in an hour later with the annual Holiday Manor House Reception, a traditional gathering of the extended college community with President Barry Glassner and his wife, Betsy Amster.

The annual Holiday Service of Sacred Song and Verse follows the reception. The service takes place at 8 p.m. in Agnes Flanagan Chapel. Featured are performances by the Cappella Nova student choir and the Columbia Brass Quintet.

Live Streaming Concerts
Would you like to take in concerts on the Lewis & Clark campus but you are either too far away to attend in person or are not able to drive at night?

You are now able, on your computer, to stream live events and view previously archived performances.

To link to the music events page, visit go.lclark.edu/college__events__music.

Dates of Interest
To Senior Alumni

Wednesday, October 26
Annual James W. Rogers Concert. This year’s theme is American Mosaic featuring L&C faculty and students. Agnes Flanagan Chapel, 8 p.m. with reception following.

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 28-30
Homecoming and Family Weekend.
* Reservations required.
**Tickets required.

October 28,29, November 3,4,5
**Shakespeare’s “Much Ado About Nothing,” Fir Acres Theater, 7:30 p.m. Special matinee performance, Sunday, October 30, 2 p.m.

Friday, October 28
*38th annual Pioneer Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner, Pamplin Sports Center, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 29

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**Homecoming football game vs. Willamette Griswold Stadium, 1 p.m.

Saturday, October 29
Volleyball match vs. Willamette, Pamplin Sports Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 3
Holiday in the Manor House. Albany Society social hour, 5:30 p.m.; Holiday Reception, 6:30 p.m.; Choral performance in Agnes Flanagan Chapel, 8 p.m.

Friday, February 3
*Annual Alumni Honors Banquet, Stamm Dining Room, Templeton Center.