

# The Gatehouse

THE ALBANY SOCIETY'S NEWSLETTER FOR SENIOR ALUMNI



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## Homecoming 2015

October 16-18  
Highlights for Senior Alumni

### Friday

- Oral History Project reception, 2-3 p.m.
- Career Center Grand Opening, 3-4 p.m.
- Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction ceremony, 5:30 p.m.

### Saturday

- All-Class Football Alumni Brunch, celebrating L&C's 70th football season, 10 a.m., Pamplin
- Women's soccer game, 10 a.m. Griswold Stadium.
- 12th annual Tailgate Extravaganza, noon, Griswold Stadium.
- Homecoming Game vs. Pacific University, 2 p.m., Griswold Stadium.
- Retirement dinner for John Callahan, 5:30 p.m.

Find a full schedule of events online at [go.lclark.edu/homecoming](http://go.lclark.edu/homecoming)



CELEBRATING THEIR 50th REUNION is this happy group from the Class of 1965. Their impromptu jig took place before the start of the Albany Society's Alumni Weekend Golden Medallion Luncheon. Dancers are Jean Ewalt Julier (left), Donna Arbogast Hazel, Terry and Dinah Faw, and Franel Nelson.



**DOROTHY WITTENBERG DAVIDSON '45** was the only one on hand to celebrate her class's 70th reunion but the whole Albany Society luncheon crowd made the moment memorable for her. Dorothy was a freshman in 1941, the college's first year on its new Palatine Hill campus and the first under its new name – Lewis & Clark.

## '52 Alumnus Revisits Selma March

**Bob Peters '52** and his wife, Peg, were in Selma, Alabama, in March for the reenactment of a 1965 march that greatly influenced the Voting Rights Act, a landmark achievement of the 1960s.

Bob had been there before. Fifty years earlier he was right in the middle of that historic five-day, 50-mile march from Selma to the state capitol in Montgomery led by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The protest called for free access to the ballot box for African Americans in the face of vigorous action by southern legislatures to keep it from happening.

Two earlier marches from Selma had ended in failure with protestors reviled, threatened, and physically abused by local and state law enforcement officers who employed

billy clubs, tear gas, and even police dogs. Millions of Americans watched nightly television news accounts in horror. Bob and his wife, Peg, were among them.

An ordained Methodist minister working on a doctorate in history at the University of Washington, Bob knew he couldn't just sit and watch the struggle going on from the comfort of student housing in Seattle. He knew he had to be part of the protests. Peg's desire to go with him was tempered by being "very" pregnant with their fourth child.

Before starting his doctoral studies, Peters had been a campus minister at Oregon State University. That led to him being selected as a national Methodist Student Movement representative at the protests.

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**CLASS OF 1965 — 50 YEARS LATER.** Class of 1965 members take a break from celebrating to pose during a warm Alumni Weekend in June. The class had a big reception in Smith Hall and drew special attention at the annual Albany Society Golden Medallion Luncheon Friday in Stamm Dining Room. Class members in this picture came from 12 different states for the reunion. A full list of those in attendance at the luncheon can be found on page 3.

## OHSU Endowment Honors 'Alumna Betty Thompson '56

"My father was an accountant," recalls **Dr. Betty Thompson '56**. "It was before computers when spreadsheets were entered by hand. Being an accountant didn't appeal to me."

Instead, not long after enrolling at Lewis & Clark, Betty was drawn to the natural sciences, leading to a rewarding 27-year career at the Oregon Health & Science University.

She was recently honored by the university with the establishment of a Betty B. Thompson, M.D., Endowment for Student Education and International Service. The fund supports OHSU medical or anesthesiology residents on medical missions to developing countries.

Her interest in the sciences at Lewis & Clark was sparked and encouraged by professors, especially William Shearer, Francis Gilchrist, and Lewis Thayer.

"They were always available to students," she said. "We could walk into their offices at any time. The atmosphere encouraged discussion and was a constant facilitator for us."

She fondly remembers that the Sack brothers — Brad and Bill — were in those same classes. **Dr. Bradley Sack '56** went on to become recipient of the OHSU School of Medicine Distinguished Alumni Scientist Award. **Dr. William Sack '56** is professor emeritus of psychiatry at the university.

"We all belonged to the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at Lewis & Clark. We often discussed why we were there. Several of us in the natural sciences came to the realization that we wanted to serve and to teach."

Along with seven of her Lewis & Clark classmates, including one other woman, **Marilyn Nelson Billings '56**, she enrolled at the University of Oregon Medical School (now OHSU) in 1956.

"There were only four women in my medical school class," she remembers. "Four was the quota for women admitted each year, a policy that remained until the 1970s."

Betty went on to earn a doctor of medicine degree in 1959, the same year as her husband, Dr. John Thompson.

After completing her residency in anesthesiology at the UCLA Medical Center, the Thompsons moved back to Portland.

In 1963, Betty joined the OHSU faculty on an interim basis with plans to go into private practice.

However, she soon realized that she preferred teaching and mentoring.

"My work was 100 percent taking care of patients and 100 percent teaching anesthesiology techniques to residency students on a one-to-one basis," she said. "We taught the residents how to talk to patients, and how to convince them to put their lives in the hands of those caring for them."

"Teaching solid techniques of anesthesiology not only affects the patient in front of you but also future patients of that resident."

"When I joined the faculty, there were only six teaching anesthesiology. The faculty grew and we were greatly enriched by each other."

Her philosophy of teaching and her thoroughness and commitment to both education and service led to OHSU establishing the prestigious endowment in her honor.

—Louise Dennis Kasper '63

### Keep in Touch

Share with 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 Lewis & Clark Chronicle*, *The Gatehouse*, and on the L&C website. Send your Class Note to:

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# BACK ON THE HILL 2015



**CLASS OF 1955** at Alumni Weekend 2015 celebrating their 60th reunion. From left: Bill Martell, Drew Hall, Donald "Buzz" Lunday, Priscilla West Williams, Diane Vinton Floren, Curt Copenhagen, Ron Clemenson, Ann Fitch Van Fleet, Jeannine Stanenko, Kay Love Jansen.

*Photos from Class of 1965's 50th reunion reception and the Albany Society's 2015 Golden Medallion Luncheon, courtesy Parent & Alumni Affairs.*

## Class of 1965 Celebrates 50th Reunion

While several more were able to attend a Thursday reunion reception and Saturday's Salmon Bake, 32 members of the Class of 1965 gathered for the Albany Society Medallion Luncheon Friday afternoon. They were:

Sylvia Amtmann Kell, Arizona; Donald Baird and Robert Bauer, California; Jeananne Norris Bartleson, Colorado; J. Reynolds Barnes and David Fahner, Georgia; Mary Hodgins Higgins and Melvia Choy Kawashima, Hawaii;

David Sack, Maryland; Bob and Jean Ewalt Julier, Michigan; Allen Neighorn, Ohio.

Terry Faw, John Fontaine, Linda Forbes, Russell Gorsline, Wayne Harris, Donna Arogast Hazel, John Hickox, Cheryl Barnes Hooley, Carl Lino, Carol Morgan, Franell Nelson, Jack Parr, Nancy Sue Dyrud Rimkeit, Ronald Smith, Herb Swett, and Don Udlock, Oregon; Judy Nelson Elkins, Nevada; Roger Carlstrom and Betty Beeson Lyche, Washington.

## Senior Alumni Notes

**Dean Soule '56**, who will be inducted into the Pioneer Sports Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend, has been retired from teaching and coaching for 25 years. But the 1955 first team All-America football lineman for the Pioneers is still competing 60 years later — not on the gridiron but on the softball diamond. Dean's been playing senior slow pitch softball at the highest level for two decades. His team returns to St. George, Utah, this fall to defend the 80s-and-older world championship it won in 2014. He taught at Evergreen High School in Vancouver, Washington, and Lebanon High School in Oregon in a career covering 32 years.

**Jim Petersen '56** and his wife, Sally, are 16 years into retirement, of sorts. But retirement is a relative term for them. Both Jim and Sally are writers. Jim's books, including a just off the press sequel to his best seller *Why Don't We Listen Better? Communicating and Connecting in Relationships*, are outgrowths of 50 years experience in counseling and ministry. The first *Why* book, with more than 20,000 volumes sold, has proven to be a boon to everything from corporate clients to colleges, universities, and churches. The second edition includes additions based on his experience and reader reactions to the first book. The Petersens, who recently moved back to Portland from the Oregon coast, manage a small Portland business, Petersen Publications. Jim, who holds doctor of ministry and master of divinity degrees from San Francisco Theological Seminary, maintains a counseling practice specializing in working with couples. After pastoring churches for 40 years, including a long tenure at Southminster Presbyterian in Beaverton, Jim retired in 1999. The Petersens enjoy fishing, traveling, and between them five children, a dozen grandchildren and two "greats."

**Richard Ditewig '62** has, since retiring, availed himself of the opportunity to travel to England and France to participate in the British and French Organ Music Seminars. It has allowed him to play appropriate organ music on historic European instruments. He says it was a wonderful experience to hear and play music on organs for which the compositions were written.

**Jack Lewis '66** retired in 2011 after 27 years at the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California. Now he is advising a former student, the CEO of a Japanese firm that produces and markets Teas' Tea and Oi Ocha ready-to-drink green tea

products. This is a progression of his teaching and serving as an associate dean in international business at USC. Jack was one of six freshmen on Lewis & Clark's first overseas studies program to Japan in 1962 to go on to earn Ph.D.'s or masters' degrees, four of

whom taught and conducted research on Japan. He keeps in close touch with Lewis & Clark and has a special passion for the H. Adunni Warren Endowed Scholarship that provides financial aid to women minority students from the Portland area.

## Salem Experience Reunites Student Nurses



L&C's Nursing Students in training at the Oregon State Hospital in 1954. They are, in the front row: Edith Graham, Catherine Ness. Second row: Loris Loree, Verna Lee, Kay Love, Jeannine Stanenko, Annette Childreth. Back row: Jo Ann Beard, Joan Gainer, Ruth Gregerson. (Photo from 1954 Voyageur.)

Six members of the Class of 1955, all graduates of Lewis & Clark's nursing degree program of the 1950s, recently held a special reunion at the Oregon State Hospital's Museum of Mental Health in Salem.

The nurses who took part, now all retired, included **Ruth Gregerson Tyler** of Salem, **Annette Childreth Newman** of Eugene, **Joan Gainer Hoy** of Newberg, **JoAnn Beard Jaqua** of Keizer, and **Jeannine Stanenko** and **Kay Love Jansen** of Portland.

They used to get together at five-year intervals but age is catching up with them and the gatherings are less frequent.

But this was a special one. Tyler's daughter, Jean Southworth, is a volunteer for the museum's oral history project and recorded interviews with each of the participants.

It was such a special time that Capi Lynn, a feature writer for *The Salem Statesman-Journal*, participated in the interviewing. She wrote a story about the student nurses' first hand experiences during a three-month rotation of hands-on learning about psychiatric care 60 years ago.

You can read Lynn's *Statesman-*

*Journal* February 21, 2015 story bygoing to <http://stjr.nl/1PqxOOv>.

Tyler said the college's degree in nursing, offered in cooperation with Portland's Emanuel Hospital, was a four year, 12 months a year commitment. The group's first year was typical of most Lewis & Clark freshmen, either living on campus or commuting from their parents' homes.

Tyler and Jansen were among the founding members of the Delta Phi Gamma sorority, and Newman sang in Stanley Glarum's choir.

The middle two college years were spent studying at Emanuel Hospital and on experience rotations such as the one at the Oregon State Hospital.

"We returned to campus for our senior year, graduated in June with the Class of 1955, then finished the four-year program working at Emanuel that summer," Tyler said.

"It was an excellent nursing degree program that covered four years non-stop," she remembers.

Ruth echoed her classmates when she said the time as a student at the State Hospital in Salem was one of the defining parts of her nursing profession preparation.



## Remembering

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

Mildred Davis Whalley '38 (Albany)  
January 31, 2015, 99 years

Imogene Leghorn Sittner '40 (Albany)  
April 25, 2015, 96 years

Robert Knoll '42  
May 26, 2015, 95 years

Jack Sias '46  
March 26, 2015, 93 years

Margaret Eaton Wills '46  
February 28, 2015, 87 years

Melba Everson Miner '47  
April 30, 2015, 89 years

Berkley Snow II '48  
May 21, 2015, 92 years

James Bitonti '49  
May 20, 2014, 93 years

Charles Babin '50  
April 3, 2015, 89 years

Barrett, Donald '50  
September 1, 2015, 90 years

Margaret Flock Bucholz '50  
October 4, 2014, 86 years

C. Miles Edwards '50  
August 15, 2015, 89 years

Donald McPherson '50  
March 16, 2015, 94 years

Alden Gilchrist '51  
September 1, 2014, 83 years

Gerald Mitchell '51  
January 28, 2015, 85 years

Donald Stamm '51  
March 21, 2015, 87 years

Raymond Zora '51  
March 11, 2015, 87 years

Loren Cowgill '52  
August 20, 2015, 82 years

Lyle Dean '52  
January 23, 2015, 88 years

Eleanor Brodie Jones '54  
June 11, 2015, 82 years

Eckhart Franz '55  
March 16, 2015, 83 years

Ray Hyde '55  
June 5, 2015, 82 years

William H. Richards '55  
January 5, 2015, 81 years

Richard Uhl '55  
March 29, 2015, 87 years

Art Clawson '56  
April 4, 2015, 80 years

Joe Wimmer '55, '56  
August 11, 2015, 81 years

Kenneth Erickson '58  
February 27, 2015, 87 years

Claire Ann May Breckon '59  
December 7, 2014, 77 years

Marvin Devereaux '60  
June 21, 2014, 76 years

Marjorie Edens '62  
April 1, 2014, 73 years

Virginia Nichols Delap '65  
March 24, 2015, 72 years

## Alpha Gamma Endowed Scholarship Helps Keep Sorority's Name Alive

Fraternities and sororities passed from the campus social scene more than four decades ago, but alumni of several of them still keep the friendships, camaraderie, and spirit of their organizations alive.

Alpha Gamma alumni have taken that friendship a step further with the establishment of an endowed scholarship to help assure the spirit and the name of the sorority will endure on campus.

At a sorority tea held during Alumni Weekend in 2013, the idea to endow a scholarship to "recognize a woman of high academic merit" was born.

In a short two-year span, the fund has grown to \$24,000, nearly half of what is needed to endow a perpetual scholarship of \$2,250. That award will increase as the fund grows beyond the \$50,000 starting point.

To date, 45 Alpha Gams have contributed to the scholarship, representing all but three of the grad-

uating classes from 1950 to 1971.

Spearheading the effort are **Ann Granning Bennett '54, Eloise Wood Cole '54, Diana Fields Nelson '60, and Donna Reed Manning '61.**

"Alpha Gamma is the first Lewis & Clark sorority or fraternity to create an endowed scholarship," said Rebecca Holt, senior development officer for the college. "Their leadership can serve as an inspiration to other alumni affinity groups and to student scholarship recipients."

Those interested in contributing to the sorority's scholarship fund may do so by sending checks with an Alpha Gamma notation made out to Lewis & Clark.

Holt invites alumni of other campus fraternities and sororities interested in exploring similar scholarship opportunities to contact her at [RebeccaH@clark.edu](mailto:RebeccaH@clark.edu), or call 503-768-7943.

—Dolores Chenoweth '60

## Michael's Corner

Recently, I spoke on the phone with an alumna – I'll call her "Mary" – to finalize arrangements for a charitable gift annuity (CGA). A CGA is a simple contract between a donor and Lewis & Clark. The donor makes a gift to the college and in return receives a fixed sum each year for life, as well as a charitable deduction.

I asked Mary what had inspired her to establish a CGA with the college. She lives on the East Coast, and told me that she visited the campus last spring for the first time in decades. She saw some of her favorite buildings and places – the Manor House, the Gatehouse, the gardens – as well as all of the new buildings.

However, what struck her the most was how much Lewis & Clark felt like the college she remembered: warm, welcoming, and creative.

She wanted to support a place that had a positive impact on her own life, and when she learned she could make a gift to Lewis & Clark and receive a quarterly check, the decision was easy!

If you have a story to share about why the college is meaningful to you, or you want to learn more about gifts that provide you or a loved one with income, call Michael Davis in the office of gift planning at 503-768-7911 or email me at [mpd@clark.edu](mailto:mpd@clark.edu).

—Michael Davis

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## '52 Grad Marches With Dr. King in Alabama

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Seattle-area Methodists paid for his round trip plane fare.

Bob had been in the Deep South only once before and only for a few days. Now he was headed for Selma, Alabama, and didn't really know what to expect.

"I wasn't frightened," he said. "But after watching television of the earlier marches, I knew there could be trouble."

On his arrival at the Montgomery airport, he and others coming to join the protest were met by a convoy of vans to take them to hotels. Their driver offered succinct advice: "lay low."

The first unsuccessful march had taken place on March 7, Bloody Sunday. Some 600 marchers, most of them black, crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge on the way to Montgomery and were met on the other side by state troopers and local law enforcement officers wielding clubs and firing tear gas.

Two days later, Martin Luther King, Jr. led a group across the bridge but was turned back at a police barricade. That night, a white minister was murdered by segregationists. Earlier, a black activist had been shot to death.

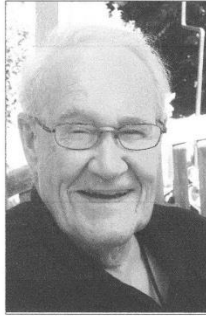
Prospects for success in the third attempt were somewhat better. President Lyndon B. Johnson had dispatched a small unit of U.S. troops to Selma and had federalized the Alabama National Guard in support of a decree by a state judge forbidding interference.

"I wasn't sure about the commitment of many of the state's militia," Peters said. "Particularly those who wore confederate battle flags under their uniform jackets."

The protesters moved out on March 25. By court order, only 300 of the thousands in the original contingent were allowed to take part at a prescribed rate of 12 miles a day. Marchers, including Bob, slept alongside the highway at night. When the procession reached the state capitol's mall, more than 25,000 had joined the protest.

Bob kept notes along the way: "At 12:30 we moved out... Eight abreast... Marshalls every 10 feet on

either side ready to lock arms to protect the inner ranks... Ranks very close... Old men, young men. Very poor people. Distinguished men and women. Students. Doctors. Clergy.



Bob Peters '52

"Whites were jeering, laughing... A phonograph played 'Dixie'... I stood within inches of a national guardsman and received a withering glance.

"On to Montgomery!"

In retrospect, Peters says he wasn't fully aware of the significance of the marches at the time.

"I didn't know how it would play out," he remembers. "But history sometimes allows you to be present and make a difference any-how."

Afterwards, Bob returned to campus ministry for awhile then joined the history faculty at the University of Oregon. It was not long

"Stony-faced Alabama guardsmen, distaste deeply set in their stiff postures, stood guard... Clusters of black people shouted encouragement as we approached the Pettus Bridge.

before he became a law student at the university with particular attraction to constitutional law, "the guarantor of our freedom."

After law school, Bob spent the next 25 years as a public defender in the Eugene area helping assure that people, often without friends, money, or public approval were afforded their rights under our system of justice.

While living in Eugene, Bob and Peg were attracted to international track and field competition for seniors. Even though neither of them had done it before, Peg took up race-walking and Bob, not wanting to be a mere spectator, learned to throw the discus and shot put.

The master's competition took them around the globe - Australia, Finland, South Africa. Peg won a silver medal in Finland.

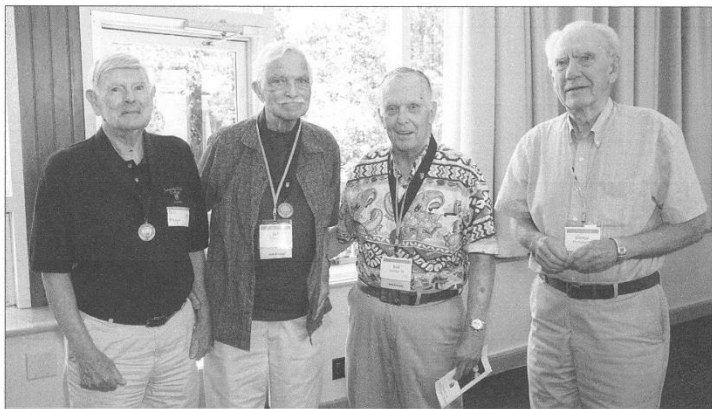
Bob also became a committed bicycle rider, sometimes riding with college friend **Clark Stephens '54**. He finished the challenging Cycle Oregon 20 times before a stroke ended his pedaling career.

Peters thanks his Lewis & Clark experience for having success in diverse efforts in his life's journey.

"I've always believed in the merits of a small liberal arts college for undergraduate work," Bob said.

The Peters now enjoy life at their Oregon coast home in Florence. They have three sons and a daughter.

—Don Floren '53



FOUR GUYS FROM THE CLASS OF 1950, Don Hoyt (left), Bob Young, Rod Downey and George Thompson were at the Albany Society Golden Medallion Luncheon held during Alumni Weekend, celebrating 65 years since their graduation.

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## Manor House Holiday Social Set for Dec. 5

Opportunities for senior alumni to reminisce with friends about holiday celebrations gone by will abound on Saturday, Dec. 5, when the Manor House doors open for the third annual Albany Society Social Hour.

The 5:30 p.m. event precedes the annual holiday reception for the college's extended community hosted by President Barry Glassner and his wife, Betsy Amster. A choral concert of seasonal music in

Agnes Flanagan Chapel follows the reception at 8 p.m.

Registration information for the free event will soon be available.

## "Lewis & Clark: Where Are You?" Answers on March 23

Ever wondered about all the changes -- physical and academic -- that have taken place at your college over the years? Want to take a peek at what lies ahead?

Opportunity for senior alumni to learn firsthand from top administrators about those changes and

about what the future holds comes Wednesday, March 23, at the first "Lewis & Clark: Where Are You?" session for senior alumni.

The event, from 9 a.m. to noon, is scheduled in Templeton Center's Council Chamber. It takes place during spring vacation so parking will not be a problem.

The event will have two sessions, one on all the campus changes and what's next for it. The other will be about today's students and the college's growing academic stature.

More information on the free event will be in the mail soon.

## Dates of Interest To Senior Alumni

### Friday, October 16

\* Pioneer Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner, 7 p.m., Pamplin Sports Center.

### Saturday, Oct. 17

\* All-class Pioneer football players' reunion brunch, Pamplin Sports Center, 10 a.m., preceding game.

\* Reservations required

### Saturday, October 17

\* 70th annual Homecoming football game vs. Pacific University, 2 p.m., Griswold Stadium.

### Saturday, December 5

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

### Friday, February 19

\* Annual Alumni Honors Banquet, Stamm Dining Room.

### Wednesday, March 23

\* "Lewis & Clark: Where Are You?" sponsored by the Albany Society. 9 a.m.-12 noon, Council Chamber, Templeton Center.

### Thursday-Sunday, June 23-26

\* Lewis & Clark Alumni Weekend, including the Albany Society Golden Medallion Luncheon, Saturday, 11 a.m., Stamm Dining Room

### Friday, August 6

\* 12th Annual Albany Society BBQ, 11 a.m., Smith Hall, Albany Quadrangle,