

Pitzer

Living Legend

Dolores Huerta, who co-founded the United Farm Workers with Cesar Chavez, spends two days at Pitzer, addressing classes, talking with students and faculty, and participating in commemorative events By Denise Hamilton



There's a fire inside of Dolores Huerta, and it lights up her luminous face and burns undiminished, even after 40 hard years fighting for workers' rights. Indeed, as the new millennium dawns, Huerta, who founded the United Farm Workers in 1962 with her *compadre* Cesar Chavez amidst the grape arbors, almond trees and injustice of Central California agriculture, is busier than ever.

Farm workers throughout America are still being exploited. In Los Angeles, thousands of janitors are striking for living wages.

And so Huerta, who turned 70 this year, maintains a punishing schedule that takes her far from her Bakersfield home and sends her on the road for days that start with 8 a.m. breakfast meetings and linger way past dinner. She plots strategy, meets with supporters, speaks to students and negotiates with powerful opponents such as the Gallo Wine Company, which has yet to ratify a contract for its agricultural workers.

One recent spring day, Huerta stood at the head of a conference table at Pitzer College and addressed two classes of students who had filed in to hear this page of living history. Although she must have given similar talks a thousand times already, her words sound fresh and sincere, delivered by an urgent, fearless, unstoppable voice that over the years has captivated both barefoot *campesinos* and hotshot lawyers in \$2,000 suits.

She starts by dispelling a common myth about unions: "People have to understand that a union is nothing more than an organization of workers. Agribusinesses belong to organiza-

tions, they have marketing and trade groups, they have education, speak English, have money and power. Compare that to people who works from paycheck to paycheck, have no money or education or power. And yet for those workers to want an organization to represent them is somehow seen as wrong?

"Now you tell me," Huerta asserts, "who needs that organization more, the worker or the employer?"

The students listen, captivated by this small, slender woman they have studied about, written papers about and yet never, until now, met in the flesh.

"It just amazes me that she never gave up," says Salina Espinosa, 18, a Pitzer freshman. "She has a lot of energy and her advice is simple: you just do it. I'm really impressed that she spent so much time with us."

But for Huerta, spending time with ardent young students is the best investment. She tells the assembled Claremont crowd that it has always been young people who have fought for and won big changes in our country — farm-workers rights, civil rights, an end to the war in Vietnam.

That's why she tries to preach her gospel before college crowds whenever possible. They are the ones with the energy, drive and determination to get things done, she says. At Pitzer, her talk ranges from the Equal Rights Amendment to NAFTA, the mistreatment of immigrant Latino farm workers, the amnesty program, a recent child shooting in Michigan, the plight of Afghanistan's women under the Taliban, and RU 486, the morning-after pill.

Through it all weaves one common theme: Students must join the political process and fight for universal human rights.

Maria Soldatenko, who teaches Contemporary Issues of Chicanas and Latinas at Pitzer, says her class has studied Huerta's life: "We always talk about important historical figures in the Chicano movement, but to have her here in class adds a whole different layer to the students' learning experience. I hope this will inspire the students to follow her example and participate in unions because to see her here, it's such a personal experience, and they get emotionally involved with her."

Then, Huerta is off to address another class. Later, she will have lunch with a group of faculty and lead a procession in honor of Cesar Chavez Day on campus. Following that, she will speak at a memorial for the UFW co-founder, then attend a dinner. The next day, Huerta will be in Los Angeles, showing solidarity for the striking janitors.

Her two-day visit to campus has been organized by Jose Calderon, a Pitzer professor of sociology and Chicano Studies with strong links to the United Farm Workers. Each spring, Calderon's class in Rural and Urban Social Movements visits the UFW headquarters in Central California's La Paz, spending a week with the farm workers and organizers and experiencing firsthand how they live.

The students know that Huerta has thrown her body on the line for her beliefs. She's been beaten so badly by police that her spleen ruptured and she needed 14 pints of blood. Huerta also tells the students about her historic moment on the dais with Bobbie Kennedy in 1968, moments before he was killed by an assassin's bullet.

It's been a long and colorful life for a little girl who grew up middle-class in Stockton, Calif., battling racism while earning straight A's. Her father was a tough union leader who had served in the New Mexico Legislature. Her mother, a hotel manager, always managed to find food for those who had none. By her teens, Huerta was an activist and organizer. But she still smarts that school officials once held back a prize she won because they didn't want to give it to a Mexican-American.

After graduation, Huerta attended Stockton College and became a teacher, but quit because she thought she could do more to help children who came to school hungry, cold and barefoot by organizing their farm-worker parents. But Huerta soon grew disillusioned with the existing unions, whose leaders didn't speak Spanish or understand the problems of the migrants. So in 1962, she and Chavez launched their own.

Along the way, she had 11 children, many of whom now work for unions or other human rights organizations.

Watching Huerta at work this spring at Pitzer, one gets the feeling that she draws energy from the students, the prickly negotiations, the staggering workload, and that this, paradoxically, is what keeps her young.



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Renowned political adviser and syndicated columnist Susan Estrich delivers the keynote address.



Friends and family came to support the Class of 2000.



Robert Montenegro



Midori Kaneko

Speakers to Graduates: Make A Difference, Follow Your Passions

On May 14, friends and family gathered on the Brant Clock Tower Lawn — where orange marigolds spelled out “Pitzer”— to view the pomp and color of Pitzer’s 36th annual commencement exercises.

When the graduates appeared in their orange-and-white robes, guests gathered alongside the procession, holding gifts of bright spring floral arrangements and rainbow-toned balloon bouquets.

Some graduates had ornamented their robes with colorful leis, political buttons and kente cloth. Others had decorated their mortarboards with paint and tinsel. A few chose alternate head coverings — one graduate wore a wreath of white flowers, another sported a green cap à la Peter Pan.

The senior class speakers colored their remarks with thoughts of the future, challenging their classmates to use their Pitzer experience to institute social change.

Senior class speaker Nazbanoo Pahlavi said the greatest thing she had learned at Pitzer was “to be able to think critically and purposefully rather than through a formula.”

She added: “Identifying and questioning life’s boundaries is what makes our education unique.”

Senior class speaker Daniel Williams encouraged his classmates to “dive deep into the heart of the system and change it from within.”

President Marilyn Chapin Massey also looked to the future, noting the Class of 2000 was on the cusp of a new century and a new millennium and commissioning the graduates to be agents of transformation. “Live out the College’s mission — *Provida Futuri*,” she said, “that is, mindful of the future, to provide a better future, to make a better world.”

Susan Estrich, a USC law professor and renowned political adviser and syndicated columnist, adopted a more somber tone for

the keynote address, telling graduates their outlook could remain bright even when their circumstances were not.

“Bad things happen in life,” Estrich said, illustrating her point with a personal tragedy: She was raped the night before her own graduation from Wellesley College.

“The challenge in my life is to take that hand [that life deals] and figure out how to adapt it, how to play it and how to make it work,” she added.

Estrich, who became the first woman to head a national presidential campaign in

1988 and was the first woman president of the Harvard Law Review, also encouraged students to follow their hearts: “If you wake up most mornings and you love your work and you love what you’re doing, you’re blessed.”

Special participants at commencement included two faculty marshals, Jim Lehman and Nigel Boyle, and three honored guests from the College staff chosen by the senior class, Micki Clowney, Wendi Crawbuck and Lynne Spear.

Claremont Colleges Terminate ARAMARK

Pitzer College is negotiating with Bon Appétit Management Co. of San Francisco to manage its food services, beginning Aug. 1, President Marilyn Chapin Massey announced in May. The change follows a decision by The Claremont Colleges to terminate the current five-college agreement with ARAMARK.

“Starting in July, all food service employees will be managed by Bon Appétit and they will be paid by and receive benefits from Pitzer College,” Massey said. “This will result in significant wage increases for those who meet Pitzer’s employment criteria. We intend to employ at Pitzer all eligible ARAMARK employees who are in good standing and are regularly assigned to McConnell Dining Hall.”

The termination of ARAMARK followed in the wake of student demonstrations in support of the right of cafeteria workers to organize. On the eve of Alumni Weekend, students from several of The Claremont Colleges took over Pitzer’s Broad Center, demanding that President Massey compel The Claremont Colleges to pressure ARAMARK to accept a card-



Lauri Veverka



Trustee Hisham Nazer, left, congratulates his son, Fehr.

check union election. More specifically, the protesters wanted the colleges to pressure ARAMARK to agree not to lobby against a union and to recognize one, if half the workers signed union cards.

Negotiations between student leaders and President Massey went on for two days. The protestors vacated the building after President Massey agreed to lend support to their cause and carry their message to the consortium's other presidents.

The following Monday, the protesters moved to Pomona College, using bicycle locks to attach themselves by the neck to the exterior doors of Alexander Hall, barring entrance for two days to that institution's central administration building.

Pomona President Peter Stanley refused to negotiate with the protestors. Several faculty members worked behind the scenes as intermediaries to initiate a process aimed at settling the impasse. At the end of the process, President Stanley agreed to meet with the faculty members and two of the Pomona student leaders to draft a statement of shared principles that all parties could endorse.

The statement read as follows: "All parties agree that by the start of the next academic year Pomona College's food service provider will determine and act on the wishes of its employees regarding unionization through a process that is timely, publicly accountable and non-intimidating. Among the various ways of accomplishing this might be tabulation of authorization cards by a neutral party. Pomona College prefers to achieve this through cooperation with other Claremont Colleges."

The presidents subsequently met and agreed that the best plan of action was to terminate ARAMARK's contract and add cafeteria workers to the payroll of the campus where they normally worked.

Although each college is now negotiating separately for food-service management, the change will not impair students' ability to take meals at other campus dining halls.

Pitzer has chosen Bon Appétit, which promises "a unique approach to both the residential and retail side of campus food service, to provide restaurant-style food with on-campus convenience."

Other colleges and universities who use Bon Appétit include Hamilton College, Lewis & Clark College, Loyola University of Chicago, Northwestern College, Reed College, Stanford University, University of Pennsylvania, Washington University and Whitman College.

"I am confident that Bon Appétit will provide excellent management, service and food quality, and that this change will benefit everyone at Pitzer College," President Massey said.

Students Present Research Findings

In a day-long event this April, about 30 Pitzer students presented their original research in public forums, the first of what is to be an annual, College-wide symposium showcasing undergraduate research.

Audiences were small; the topics ranged from the scientifically arcane to the socially earnest; and some of the handmade graphics lacked the eye-grabbing production values seen at professional conferences.

Even so, the event was deemed

successful by providing a non-classroom forum to recognize creative projects and to foster a culture supportive of such endeavors, said Betty Farrell, a sociology professor, and one of the symposium's organizers.

The event was hosted by Pitzer's Center for California Cultural and Social Issues, which received funding for the event from the American Sociological Association, a professional group. A two-year grant provided funds to pay student coordinators Josina Morita '00, Jose Mata '01 and Julie Williams '00. The coordinators reviewed applicants' projects and grouped them into categories, such as gender studies, international perspectives, communities, science, social justice, health and recreation.

While most students gave 10-minute summaries of their findings in Broad Hall classrooms, another seven students chose to present their findings on posters, and were available to individually explain their projects.

Of four students whose work was grouped under recreational culture, each emerged with unexpected insights unseen by the casual observer.

Emily Farish, 20, a sophomore anthropology major training to ascend the perennial snows of Washington's Mt. Ranier, focused on the ethnography of a local gym, Iron Works. She was fascinated by the experiences of its denizens, including the metamorphosis by a 67-year-old man whose weight had ballooned to 245 pounds and was plagued by fainting spells. Now, a title-holding body-builder, he bench presses 450 pounds.

"I was impressed with their stories and values," said Farish, whose research delved into the motivation of the gym's 12 employees. "My informants," she said, "were tired of where they were." Each said they improved their physique not out of vanity, but to ensure a lifestyle uninhibited by physical restrictions. Doing so meant a lifetime commitment to working out and "eating clean," a diet free of sugar and alcohol.

"I feel they really inspired me," Farish said.

Jeanne Gural, 36, a senior biology and anthropology major, spent 14 hours observing human and animal culture within the confines of Claremont's dog park. "I didn't interview people," she conceded. "I'm much more comfortable with dogs than humans."

Gural focused on the behaviors of her two- and four-legged subjects, which she documented by "spot sampling," recording a narrative map every two minutes. Among the comic stand-outs were the "Pied Piper," a woman who walked the park's periphery with her own three dogs but was inevitably followed by a pack; and the show-off dog who waited for an audience of animals before splashing in a water-filled bucket.

Accompanied by her "Domino," Gural found that interaction between unfamiliar dog-owners mimics their pets. Salutations would follow only after the dogs greeted each other in the park's middle. "It's the dogs that are breaking the social barriers," she said.

Jose Mata, 21, a junior majoring in sociology and English, attempted to learn what factors influence the culture of high-school freshman football players. His research, daily three-hour visits between September and November, began with 45 players but ended with just 30 subjects, all Latino except one.

Mata found that on-field playing time reflected a player's off-field status. He concluded the sport hurts outside relation-



An herb garden begins to take form in Scott Quad. Photo by Gregg Segal

ships and academic performance. All the players felt school was easy even if their grades were poor. "School is not viewed as a positive endeavor," said Mata, himself a former high-school player. "The only reason you go is to stay eligible for football."

Teachers, he found, use football as a tool of social control, using eligibility as a carrot. Mata said football colors students' goals, shaping their choice of a college and creating unrealistic expectations about attaining professional status.

Iann Williams, 19, a sophomore sociology major, tried to decipher the "indirect" codes of pool-hall players. Williams, a self-described "intense" pool hobbyist, had an inkling of what she would find, since her own brother had refused to allow her to play because of her gender.

She observed and participated in weekly games at Harvey Mudd and Claremont McKenna pool halls. An etiquette arises among male or female players who are gamblers, occasional players or tournament-level players, she said. Most women, though, are passive players who assume the role of pupil to the male teacher. Women who rise to the level of more serious "pool chicks" or "pool girls" she found to be more aggressive and assertive.

Rudi Volti, a sociology professor who moderated the recreational panel, called the symposium "more a process than a product." Research, he said, forces students to sharpen their perceptions, detect a pattern of interaction and create a conceptual framework for their scholarship.

—Andrea Adelson

A Garden of Healers and Teachers

If you haven't visited the Pitzer campus in a while, you might be surprised at the transformation of Scott Quad from the way it appeared just a few years ago. The quad, which lies east of Scott Hall, used to be an open, grassy area, with a tree here and there, transected by sidewalks leading to the buildings full of classrooms and offices that surround it. About five years ago, the western half of the quad was paved with gray brick and dotted with patio tables. Since then, the middle has also been planted with lush green foliage, offering

almost tropical shade.

Now, the eastern half of Scott Quad has been transformed as well: This spring, the grass was removed to make way for a diverse garden of herbs.

The garden was designed and planted primarily by John Rodman, professor of environmental studies and director of Pitzer's Arboretum, along with Jason Marshall, assistant director of the Arboretum and a specialist in irrigation systems. They were assisted by about a dozen environmental studies students, who carefully studied and meticulously cared for individual plants as the garden was being installed.

The garden features plants used by humans as medicines, nutritives and spices throughout history, though a few have gained familiarity and popularity in recent years as nutritional supplements, herbal teas and aromatherapy tools.

Professor Rodman, who has taught at Pitzer since 1965, has fond memories of many of these plants being used in his childhood household for their traditional, medicinal qualities. He wanted to add these special plants to the wide range of flora featured in the nearby Arboretum.

"These plants have been important to people for a very long time," he says, adding that he hopes the plants will be studied and utilized by students and others at Pitzer, as well as the larger Claremont community.

Some of the herbs are planted in the ground and will be watered with a conservation-friendly emitter drip system; others are planted in large, ceramic pots or in hollowed-out tree trunks. The area around the plants is covered in wood shavings, with sandy walkways into the garden allowing for up-close viewing. Rodman says small stakes will be posted to label each plant.

The garden features varieties of sage and lavender, lemon grass, large aloe and other succulents, *ephedra*, *ginkgo biloba*, angel's trumpet and more, including sweet bay: In classical times, bay leaves were made into wreaths to crown great poets, scholars and athletes. It's a fitting plant for an institution of learning, and this plant, as well as the others in the garden, will serve as teachers themselves, while lending their unique beauty to the Pitzer campus.

—Dora Dalton '96

LEEP Wins National Award

Pitzer's Leadership in Environmental Education Partnership (LEEP) recently received a Silver Medal for excellence from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

In the past three years, LEEP enabled about 400 children from elementary schools in Claremont and Pomona to study environmental and ecological issues at The Claremont Colleges' Bernard Biological Field Station, an 85-acre parcel that contains a variety of habitats and species. Under the guidance of college students and faculty, elementary school children conduct environmental science projects at the station's outdoor lab, engage in cooperative problem-solving and participate in activities that build environmental responsibility.

The CASE Circle of Excellence Awards Program identifies and rewards excellence in the areas of alumni programming, philanthropy programs, institutional relations, electronic and new media, and periodicals and publications. Pitzer's LEEP program received the Silver Medal in the School and College Partnerships category.

"In what was a very competitive category, LEEP was a particularly strong example of doing something that builds a strong bond between a college and the community it serves," said Roland King, vice president of public affairs for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. King was a judge for the awards program. "[LEEP] had a high degree of community impact, it dealt with a societal problem and had well-documented results."

LEEP was created and implemented at Pitzer College in 1998 by Paul Faulstich, associate professor of environmental studies, and his wife, Susanne. Both are alumni of Pitzer College.

"I was thrilled to find out about the award but not entirely surprised," said Professor Faulstich, who directs the program. "The LEEP program partners with wonderful and committed individuals and schools."

As part of LEEP, a course at Pitzer called "Theory and Practice in Environmental Education" trains college students to develop and teach an environmental education curriculum.

"The most rewarding part has been watching students, both elementary and college, develop another level of enthusi-



From left, Nigel Boyle, Cruz Bustamante, Martha Crunkelton and Mario Soares gather outside the European Union Center prior to a conference session. Photo by Nancy Newman-Bauer

asm for learning, and to see how the natural world lights a spark within them," Faulstich added.

Conference Explores Immigration

The issues surrounding immigration — from actions taken by the European Union when an openly racist party came to power in Austria, to the reaction of California immigrants to Prop. 187 — have been felt around the globe. Some of these issues were explored at The Claremont Colleges in March, during a three-day conference titled "In Migration: Immigration, Racism and Policy in California and Europe." The conference, sponsored by the European Union Center, a five-college program, and the Scripps College Humanities Institute, featured prominent speakers from the U.S. and Europe, including Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers; Cruz Bustamante, lieutenant governor of California; and Mario Soares, former prime minister of Portugal and a leader in the European Parliament.

"These are topics of vital interest for California and for the member states of the European Union since, with the decline of nation-states, the movement of people across borders is now routine," said conference organizer Nigel Boyle, an associate professor of political studies at Pitzer and deputy director of the EUC.

"Cross-border mobility has forced a rethinking of citizenship and has polarized the political spectrum in both Europe and California," he added.

Bustamante, the first Latino elected to a California statewide office in more than 120 years, discussed the immigrant reaction to Prop. 187, a 1994 California ballot initiative that made illegal aliens ineligible for public social services, health care and education. The measure has

spurred proposals in Congress to limit and deny benefits to legal immigrants.

"Not surprisingly, there was a backlash," Bustamante said. "[Prop. 187] was used shamelessly ... to differentiate immigrants from suburban Californians who were suffering from defense downsizing and other economic maladies of the time. Ironically, Prop. 187, a divisive attempt to exclude and scapegoat immigrants, greatly boosted their civic participation. They became citizens and voted."

Soares provided the European perspective on immigration and also addressed the EU's condemnation of Austria's neo-Nazi-inspired leadership: "The coming to power of a racist, xenophobe party in Austria is definitely intolerable for the European Union. This is not a case of interference with the political choice made by a sovereign country: Austria belongs to a family of nations — the European Union — whose aggregating cement consists of its relentless search for peace, its love for freedom and pluralist democracy, the absolute respect for human rights, solidarity, and the struggle against racism, xenophobia and social discrimination."

Other conference sessions addressed the topics of citizenship, culture and race; rights, justice and law; immigrant and immigration policies; and mobilization of immigrant workers and voters.

Pitzer Loses Longtime Friends

Pitzer College recently lost two dear friends and longtime supporters: Jean Elizabeth Mosher Pitzer died of natural causes in her Berkeley, Calif., home in late April. Elinor Nathan, a lifetime trustee of the College, passed away June 10.

Mrs. Pitzer was the wife of the late Kenneth S. Pitzer, whose father, Russell K. Pitzer, was a founding trustee of the College in 1963 and a benefactor of Pomona Valley Hospital and many other local causes. Kenneth Pitzer, who died Dec. 26, 1997, served as president of Stanford and Rice universities and as dean of the College of Chemistry at U.C. Berkeley. He gained a national reputation as a researcher in the fields of physical and theoretical chemistry, where he was known for his work predicting the thermodynamic properties of molecules.

Mrs. Pitzer was born Sept. 2, 1914, in Pomona, Calif., the youngest of three daughters. Her father was a local high-school teacher and principal. She attended Pomona Junior College and Pomona College, graduating in 1935 with a degree in sociology. She married Kenneth Pitzer, her high-school sweetheart, in July 1935.

The couple moved to Berkeley, where Mrs. Pitzer later took up archeology and published several papers.

"Mrs. Pitzer had deep roots in this



Paul and Susanne Faulstich with children in the LEEP program. Photo by Axel Koester

area,” said President Marilyn Chapin Massey. “With brilliance and humor, she would describe to me her memories of escaping the dorm at Pomona early in the morning and walking through the beauty of what is now the Bernard Field Station. The College is most grateful for her generosity, especially her and her husband’s gift of the Jean M. Pitzer Professorship in Anthropology.”

Mrs. Pitzer is survived by her three children — Ann E. Pitzer of La Jolla, Calif.; John S. Pitzer of McLean, Va.; and Russell S. Pitzer of Columbus, Ohio — and five grandchildren. Russell Pitzer is a trustee of Pitzer College.

Born Aug. 30, 1910, in Duluth, Minn., Mrs. Nathan attended the University of Wisconsin before moving to New York to perform on Broadway. She later relocated to Chicago, where she joined the Amos & Andy Radio Show. In 1935, she arrived in California to continue her radio career. Two years later, she married Frank Nathan, and went from the life of a radio personality to the role of a wife, mother, PTA president and political activist. She was a founder of the Friends of the Beverly Hills Library and served on the Beverly Hills Board of Education from 1963 to 1971. She was appointed to the Board of Pitzer College in 1971 and became a life trustee after 25 years of service. In 1995, Pitzer College awarded her an honorary degree.

“Elinor was a woman of dignity and strength with a strong devotion to her family and friends,” a family spokesperson said. “Those who knew her recognized her inner and outer beauty. She will be remembered for her generosity and spirit, her energy and her love of life.”

Mrs. Nathan is survived by Frank, her husband of 62 years; her daughters, Judy Pasquinnelli and Nancy Gettelman; five grandchildren; and a great grandson.

Mrs. Nathan’s family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Nathan Family Scholarship Fund, Pitzer College, 1050 Mills Ave., Claremont, CA 91711.

Participant Gets New Managing Editor

Holly Vicente-Robaina joined Pitzer’s public information office in May as associate director/publications editor.

Vicente-Robaina graduated from Claremont McKenna College in 1995 with a bachelor’s degree in literature/government. While at The Claremont Colleges, she took classes at Pitzer and served as editor-in-chief of Collage, the five-college student newspaper. She also served as an editorial intern at the Claremont Courier. Since 1997, Vicente-Robaina worked at the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, first as a reporter and later as a page designer and copy editor.

At Pitzer, she serves primarily as managing editor of Participant and editor of the College’s bi-weekly electronic newsletter, Pitzer Press.



Vicente-Robaina

Scholarship Fund Embodies Spirit of Michelle Silas '98

Isabelle Michell Silas '98 always had a plan. She knew where she was going and had mapped out how she would get there. She had planned to teach for a while after graduating from Pitzer. Then, she wanted to obtain her master’s degree in counseling. She intended to become a child psychologist and open up her own practice. Helping young people would be her life’s mission.



Silas

Sadly, her journey was cut short by cancer on June 2, 2000, a month before her 25th birthday. As a tribute to her memory, Pitzer College has established the Isabelle Michell Silas Scholarship Fund.

“Michelle knew exactly where she wanted to be when she was 30, and every once in a while, she’d remind us,” says Yvonne Berumen '97, a friend and former classmate.

Silas was in touch with her Latina and African-American heritage, and was actively involved with the Office of Black Student Affairs. She studied abroad in Africa, fulfilling her goal to visit the “Mother Land.” Berumen, a Latina, says she drew strength from Silas’ cultural awareness.

“I think she gave us a lot of confidence in ourselves,” says Berumen, who currently works at Pitzer as an admission counselor. “As students of color, sometimes you begin to doubt why you’re here, if you’ll measure up. Meeting Michelle, I felt a sense that we do belong and we have a point of view that needs to be stated. Michelle had it in her that she needed to be revered for her experiences.”

Silas’ was known for being outspoken at the College. Jose Calderon, associate professor of sociology and Chicano studies, recalls how Silas started discussions in the classroom and continued them, long after class was out, in the quad or the dining hall.

“She was a catalyst in the classroom,” Calderon says. “She always questioned, then was very upfront about her views and what she believed.”

“She was a fabulous student,” adds Halford Fairchild, professor of psychology and Black studies. “She embodied the spirit



Michelle Silas poses with other graduates at the 1998 Pitzer College commencement.

of Pitzer with her deeply probing questions of conventional knowledge.”

At Pitzer, Silas worked toward her future goals by majoring in developmental psychology. She also participated in the Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP), serving as a mentor for junior- and high-school students from the local area. Through this program, Silas helped develop the College 101 Program, which was designed to help youth improve their reading, writing and research skills.

David Perez, who then served as director of EAOP, says he was impressed by Silas’ significant contributions. “College 101 is an example of her influence with the program and students,” says Perez, now associate dean of students at Pitzer. “It continues today as an important part of EAOP.”

Shortly after graduating from Pitzer, Silas was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer. She continued with her life’s mission — she taught a second- and third-grade combination class at Altadena Elementary School for as long as she was able. Even after her illness made it impos-

sible to teach, she continued to visit her students.

Silas enjoyed writing poetry while at Pitzer, and she continued writing even through her illness. The following is from a piece she wrote in December 1999:

When faced with my biggest fear, as I am facing my biggest fear, I draw upon my being and begin to live. This life is a force that nothing can take away because I have already touched myself and others. This contact transcends any definition of time.

A gift to the Isabelle Michell Silas Scholarship Fund is a meaningful remembrance that will help make a Pitzer education possible for another generation of students. Please make your gift to Pitzer College and send it to:

The Isabelle Michell Silas Scholarship Fund
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Alumni Notes

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L. Peppi Wray Clark (Somerset, Calif.)

I have 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. I live on 40 acres in the foothills of the Sierra Mountains in Northern California between Sacramento and Lake Tahoe. I teach in the evenings four days a week and Saturdays in a camp run jointly by the Youth Authority and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. I teach all academic high-school subjects, GED preparation and facilitate one class each semester through Sacramento City College. Yep, it's a "one room" type of school. We have three rooms, two additional teachers for a resource program and remedial education in the other two rooms. I don't have time for extra degrees, exhibitions, publications, or to collect any awards.

Priscilla Fawcett (Del Mar, Calif.)

Anyone visiting Del Mar can be cautioned where to eat, sleep and shower in our fair vicinity. I volunteer dubious services at both the Del Mar Chamber of Commerce, and if they prefer politics, the Del Mar Times. I'm very enthusiastic most of the time. Seriously, I cherish memories of Pitzer.

Marsha Tadano Long (Olympia, Wash.)

Our daughter, Merisa, is finishing her sophomore year at Stanford. She's enjoying her college experience as much as I enjoyed mine at Pitzer! It's fun to see her learn about the "larger" world.

Susan Page (American Embassy, Vilnius)

I am about to change posts to become financial management officer at the American Embassy in Barbados, West Indies. I have served 10 years in the Foreign Service of the United States Department of State.

1969

Gayle Breitbard Klusky (Danville, Calif.)
Being a grandma is the best!

1970

Maya Tsuji Lawrence (Vallejo, Calif.)

Gary Lawrence (CMC '68) and I have been married for 26 years. We have two great kids — Katherine, 19, and Matt, 9, and three cats. I'm a school psychologist in Vallejo — been there for 23 years



Class of 1970 alumnae.



Meg Perry '72, Andy Goodman '81, Debra Beach (Andy's wife) and Dave Clark, dean of students, share a moment together.



President Massey chats with Ellen Strauss '74 and guest, Cheryl Harrison.

More Than 200 Return for Alumni Weekend

A backyard barbecue at President Massey's house and a standing-room-only performance by the five-college improvisational theater troupe "Without A Box" (starring WAB founder David Straus '90, returning for his 10th reunion) were among the highlights of Alumni Weekend and Reunion 2000, held at Pitzer April 28-30.

Members of the Classes of 1970 and 1975 enjoyed their own reunion receptions, while the Classes of 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1995 celebrated together at a packed Grove House reception. A reunion dinner — featuring live music, good eats and much reminiscing — followed at Gold Student Center.

In other Alumni Weekend activities, more than 200 alumni and guests participated in festivities and faculty seminars on the theme of "2000 and Beyond." Eleven faculty members took part in the Alumni College program, including Professor Emeritus Allen Greenberger, who presented the opening address. Joining Greenberger were Dave Clark, Agnes Jackson, Jackie Levering Sullivan, Sheryl Miller, Arnaldo Rodriguez, Kate Rogers, Barry Sanders, Susan Seymour, Jack Sullivan and Al Wachtel.

Pitzer Alumni Weekend coincided with reunion celebrations at Harvey Mudd, Pomona and Scripps colleges, enabling Pitzer alumni to participate in many joint college activities, and to catch up with friends from the other Claremont campuses.

The photographs that follow, except where noted, were shot during Alumni Weekend by Walt Mancini.

doing what I love. Gary is an administrator for UC, Office of the President. I have many wonderful memories of my Pitzer years, which I sometimes share with my friend **Linda Cole**. Best wishes to all.

Carol E. Osborn (Pasadena, Calif.)

To my fellow "free spirited" women of 1970 ... Congratulations that we have arrived at year 2000 still whole in spirit and with dreams for the future!

Yolanda Retter (Encino, Calif.)

Our 2000 class reunion was attended by approximately 20 of us. A good time was had by most. Activities included singing "We Shall Overcome;" wine, rather than tea, at Scripps; chatting with students who took over the administration building; a "Remember When?" video and taping; faculty presentations; and singing our favorite '60s songs after dinner. Many thanks to **Susan Price** and to **Susanne Faulstich '81** and assistants for

organizing and managing the event. The Class of 1970 alumni gift is unofficially dedicated to the memory of our classmates who have passed away: **Lynne Allyn, Judy Bruff, Karen Meub, Ilone Missler, Patti Rosenzweig, Monica Heilbron, Catherine Waugh** and **Susan Brock**.

1971

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Abby Parsons (Claremont, Calif.)

After first setting foot on campus in September 1967, I will be leaving Pitzer on June 30. Although Jack (CMC '70) and I have no plans to leave Claremont, I am not sure exactly what lies ahead for me. Thank you to the Alumni Association for my wonderful going-away gift, a fountain, which was presented by **Hector Martinez '88** at my farewell party on campus in May. If you have any great job ideas, don't hesitate to contact me via e-mail at abjack@hotmail.com. Thank you



Members of the Class of 1975, along with Alice Holzman, Pitzer's vice president for college advancement, reminisce over a yearbook. Pictured, from left, are Mike Christie, Anne Turley, Holzman, Laurie Maynard Greenwood and Ron Caswell.



Members of the Class of 1970 pore over the yearbook.

to all the alumni who have helped make my life at Pitzer so rewarding and fun all these years.

1972

Dana Hamilton Hunt (Elk Grove, Calif.) I have recently returned from private practice, where I specialized in victims of violent crime — primarily domestic violence. I have been awarded *Diplomate* status in the American Psychotherapist

Association and The American College of Forensic Counselors! I continue to consult on cases.

1973

Yvonne Captain (Silver Spring, Md.) Yvonne continues to be a professor at George Washington University in Washington. In addition, she is an avid genealogist.

F. T. Eyre (Alexandria, Va.)

I serve as the senior photographer to HQ US Army Corps of Engineers, providing photographic support to headquarters.

1974

Gary Kates (San Antonio) Gary Kates, professor of history and acting dean of the Division of Humanities and Arts for Trinity University, has been honored with the eighth annual Nancy

Lyman Roelker Mentorship Award. Given by the American Historical Association, this award recognizes an undergraduate professor's commitment to mentoring with an emphasis on their academic and individual benefit to students. His students and academic peers nominated Kates for the honor.

Deborah Norris (Napa, Calif.)

I am currently working in the Napa County District Attorney's Office, Domestic Violence Unit. I have two daughters, 19 and 15. My husband is the parks superintendent for the City of Richmond.

1976

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Leslie Harnish Gustason (Littleton, Colo.) I am a school counselor in Littleton. Married and the mother of two wonderful teenagers.

Karen A. Thomas (Brooklyn, N.Y.)

I have been a chiropractor for 13 years. Recently, I became licensed in acupuncture. I have a private practice in Park Slope, Brooklyn, where I also live with my daughter, Adrienne, 12. I met some of the other Pitzer alumni at a reunion at the Harvard Club in NYC. We had a great time. It was great to see my roommate, **Karen Phillips**.

1977

Jean M. Swenk (Escondido, Calif.)

I recently had an article on strategic planning and academic culture, "Planning Failures: Decision Culture Clashes," published in the fall 1999 edition of the Review of Higher Education. I also have been asked to author a chapter in an upcoming book from Peter Lang Publishing on strategic planning and chaos theory. I've now been with National University since 1993 (approaching my longest stint anywhere) and after five years of full-time teaching I'm now thoroughly enjoying the challenges as the director of institutional research. On the home front, my husband of three-and-a-half years and I love our new home in northern San Diego County, as do our now 1-year-old puppy and kitten.

1978

Kurt Rosenberg (Portland, Ore.)

Back in the 1980s, my family, during a

sailing adventure in the Mediterranean, discovered Turkey. They immediately fell in love with Turkey's people, culture and history. Eventually, they bought some property in southwestern Turkey. To their delight, they found that there were olive trees on the property and started to make their own olive oil. The family is now exporting its extra virgin olive oil to the U.S. My brother and I own the Olive Farm, which is the marketing and distribution center for the oil and other Turkish/Mediterranean specialty food products. If you'd like to request a product catalog or would like to learn more about the Olive Farm, visit us at our web site www.olivefarm.com, or call us toll free at (888) 231-8651. We'd love to hear from you.

Rodney M. Fujita (Oakland, Calif.)

Rodney Fujita, who is working for the Environmental Defense Fund, was selected as one of 10 ocean ambassadors from five continents to be awarded \$150,000 each by the Pew Fellows Program in Marine Conservation. This is the world's largest and most prestigious award for preservation for the sea. Rodney will be examining emerging trends affecting marine ecosystems and strategies to prevent problems.

1979

Marla Bollak (Black Mountain, N.C.)

Marla Bollak creates sculpted earthenware pottery in Black Mountain. Influenced by the ancient art of pre-Columbians, Aborigines and Africans, she specializes in vessels that contain interior space. These objects manifest as rings, spheres and double-walled bowls. Marla hopes to translate spirit into form and then share with all through sight and touch. Marla's pottery is in the collection of Incan Shamans in Peru. Photos of Marla's vessels appear in "Wheel Thrown Ceramics" by Don Davis and "The Ceramic Design Book," both published by Lark Books. For more information, she can be reached at (828) 669-9332.

1980

Barbara Hartz (Lake Arrowhead, Calif.)

I was elected president of the Southern California Harley-Davidson Dealers Association. Also Pomona Valley Harley-Davidson placed in Dealer News Top 100 dealerships in the nation for the fourth year.



Class is out and alumni are off to the next session.

Celniker's Research May Help With Study of Human Diseases



It's hard to believe that an insect only a 10th of an inch long has so much in common with humans.

Susan Celniker '75 is among the scientists at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories showing the world what the tiny *Drosophila melanogaster* (a.k.a. fruit fly) has to offer.

Celniker was part of the team that deciphered the entire genetic code of the fruit fly earlier this year, as co-director of the Berkeley *Drosophila* Genome Project (BDGP), which joined forces in 1998 with Celera Genomics, a private company, for the effort. Thanks to

techniques developed by Celniker's team, sequencing of the human genome was not far behind.

Scientists have long studied simple creatures such as fruit flies because their genes are often similar to humans. The fruit fly has yielded many genetics discoveries in the nearly 100 years it has been studied. In this latest effort by Celniker's team, the tiny fruit fly is offering clues about many common human problems, including kidney disease, Alzheimer's and cancer.

Initial analysis of the fruit fly's genome found it has a minimum of 177 genes that are counterparts to disease-causing genes in humans. The insect has genes that cause neurological and neuromuscular diseases in humans, and it has seven of the eight genes known to cause human kidney problems. It has genes similar to 70 percent of the human genes known to cause malignancy. Celniker's team also discovered a version of a human gene called p53. Defects in this gene are associated with cancer.

While fruit flies don't suffer from most human diseases, the insects may provide new ways to study the affected genes.

"We can find human tumor-suppressing genes in flies easier than we can in the mouse," Celniker said, noting the fly's genes could be used in experiments that would be difficult or unthinkable with a human subject.

There was another benefit of the fruit fly sequencing effort: It utilized a new method to rapidly sequence genomes. Celera developed the technique, known as whole genome shotgun sequencing. Researchers cut the genome into small pieces, sequenced them, then used computers to put the pieces into the correct order. The process was used to sequence the human genome.

"Susan Celniker brought to the fly genome project her great skills as a molecular geneticist," said David E. Sadava, the Pritzker Family Foundation Professor of Biology at Pitzer. Sadava remembers instructing Celniker when she was a Pitzer student — he served as co-director of her senior research thesis.

"The sequencing of the fruit fly genome will offer even greater insights into how this creature works," Sadava said. "And many of these findings will apply to other organisms."

Alumni Scholarships Become Reality

In 1998, Pitzer's Alumni Association had a dream: to create a scholarship program that would not only help students financially, but also would put them in closer contact with alumni.

That dream became a reality this year when 13 students were chosen by a committee of alumni volunteers to receive Pitzer Alumni Association Scholarships (PAAS): Rick Campbell '01, New Resources; Kevin Carroll '01; Amanda Day '01; Keith Fitz '00, New Resources; Joanne Forster '01; Shana Garcia '02; Karen Hamilton '02; Shirley Ku '01; Melissa Noble '01; Heidi Piepho '00; Robin Podolsky '00, New Resources; Jumane Redway-Upshur '01; and Lakesha Thomas '02.

PAAS provides financial support for full-time students in their sophomore, junior and senior years, and for New Resources students who have completed at least four courses. Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit as well as financial need. Recipients must qualify for financial aid, and the amount of the awards varies based on financial need. Recipients also are expected to participate in at least one Alumni Association activity to allow alumni to become acquainted with them.

"The PAAS committee felt that more alumni would participate in annual giving if they could see the impact of their gifts on students," said Susanne Faulstich '81, who directs Pitzer's annual fund.

Though academic performance is considered — recipients must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 — it isn't the most important factor in selection.

"We wanted to have the flexibility to give scholarships to people who were doing interesting things at the College," said Richard Chute '84, a volunteer PAAS committee member who was instrumental in establishing the program.

The scholarships are awarded annually and may be renewed if the student makes satisfactory academic progress. Organizers hope this will encourage retention.

Scot Liepack, Ph.D. (Honolulu)

I received my Ph.D. from the University of Miami in 1998. I finished my postdoctoral work at Kapi'olani Child Protection Center in October 1999. I am intending to take my licensing exam in October. I have been in Hawaii since September 1998, and consider it home.

Peter Loy (The Hague, Netherlands)

Having lived for three years in Ecuador, where we had our first son, followed by three years in the Philippines, where we had our second son, we are now in our third year in the Netherlands. No more kids in the plans though, and we may be here for a while longer. Through it all, we've been with some great people and continued to see different parts of the world, from Oman to China's Great Wall, to the summit of Cotopaxi. Working in international schools has been wonderful for all four of us. Can be reached at ploy@ash.nl.

Lauren Manduke Reibstein

(Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.)
Married and expecting our first child in May 2000.

David Svenson (Wrightwood, Calif.)

I am still working with glass and neon art. Teaching neon sculpture at the Academy of Art College in San Francisco. Continuing working with the North West Coast Indians in Alaska and building my solar house in Wrightwood.

Karen Vogel (St. Paul, Minn.)

Greetings to all from Minnesota! We are alive and well. My husband, Venu, re-

cently was promoted to vice president of technology and planning at Aetrium, an engineering firm in north St. Paul. I just celebrated my 10th anniversary teaching at Hamline University in the Political Science Department. In April, I will be taking a team of students to the National Model United Nations Conference in New York. I could not be at the reunion, but wish you all well. Hope you had a great time! If you want to get in touch, our e-mail is: karven@gte.net.

1981

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Andy Goodman (Oak Park, Calif.)

I am a partner at Greenberg & Bass in Encino, Calif., practicing bankruptcy law and living with my wife Debra and my 6-year-old daughter Hannah in Oak Park. Most recently, I have been elected as the new Alumni Association President of Pitzer College, and would love to reconnect with all my classmates. E-mail me at andyg@greenbass.com and feel free to send me ANY thoughts, comments, suggestions, gripes, etc, especially with regard to our 20-YEAR REUNION coming up this April 27 - 29, 2001.

Jon Parro (Los Angeles)

In March 2000, I moved over to the law school at UCLA as assistant dean for development and alumni relations. I was previously working at UCLA's Graduate School of Education.

1982

Matthew Lewis (Brooklyn, N.Y.)

Matthew and his wife, Marie Laguerre Lewis, are the proud parents of twins, Kayla and Omar.

1983

Terry Tippie (Pacifica, Calif.)

I got married two years ago to Jill Deuser. We're living in Pacifica, right on the coast. We're getting along great and looking forward to having children. Both parents passed away in the last year due to cancer, and we are still in shock from that experience.

1984

Katrellya Angus (Sierra Madre, Calif.)

In 1998, the C. S. Lewis Foundation awarded me a scholarship to attend Oxbridge '98, the C. S. Lewis Summer Institute in Oxford and Cambridge, England. I studied philosophy, attended the C. S. Lewis Centennial celebration, and became completely immersed in the English culture. On my way home, I spent four days in Ireland, where I gained a deeper understanding of my heritage. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Southern California C. S. Lewis Society. I give lectures and presentations on Lewis, including a special on Lewis as a medieval and renaissance scholar, for the Renaissance World Conference in Burbank, Calif.

Annabel F. Buckley Wildrick

(Gloucester, Mass.)
My husband, Ben, son, Lorenzo, and I recently moved from Seattle to Gloucester. Daughter Lily Elinor was born Oct. 7, 1999, here in Massachusetts. We miss Seattle, the northwest and



Two alumnae share a moment in the shade.

friends greatly, but are closer to families here and have the seacoast of Cape Ann. Pitzer alums in the area should contact us at (978) 282-9957 or wildricks3@aol.com.

Robert Goldberg

(Manhattan Beach, Calif.)
Karen, Sophie, Mia and I just moved to a new house. More space!

Sandra Greenberg (West Covina, Calif.)

I am back in school once again! After teaching elementary school in Pomona and then in the L.A. Unified School District, I went back to satisfy pre-med requirements and am now a second-year medical student at Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine. I have two beautiful children, Adam, 8, and Beatrice, 6.

A. Grant Kingsbury (San Diego)

Brand new beautiful son, Rein Sebastian Kingsbury, born Sept. 5, 1999.

Julie S. Rosenberg (Arlington, Va.)

We had a great reunion when **Kathy Mansfield Matera** and **Debbie Stern** came to D.C. We had a trial run for Pitzer classmates/roommates class of 2019 with our daughters who loved bunking together for the weekend. Julie's daughter, Ilana; Kathy's daughter, Elise.

Victor Rivera (New York)

Victor and Lynne Murphy were married on July 1 in Chappaqua, N.Y. Victor is a litigator with Lebensfeld, Borker and Sussman in New York.

1985

Karen Buttwinick (Berkeley, Calif.)

It has been a fabulous year of burping, spitting up, pooping, laughing and crying. And that's not just for Karen and **David Greensfelder '87**, but for their daughter, Julia, too. Julia celebrated her first birthday on Feb. 19. Not only is she adorable, but she also is a remarkable conversationalist, speaking often and at length about "doe does" (dogs). Still happily living in Berkeley (go figure, zoids in Bezerkeley), Karen continues to sculpt and David still works in commercial real estate.

Suzanne Haberland (Minneapolis)

Alive and well in Minneapolis. Working as an e-commerce practice lead for Cap Gemini. Progressing in kick boxing; staying active and looking forward to more travel in 2000.

Joan Titcomb Bowyer (Novi, Mich.)

I live in Michigan with my husband, Bill, and my two boys, Lucas and Tyran.

1986

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Yoon Jung Park

(Johannesburg, South Africa)
Yoon is completing her Ph.D. with the Department of Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand, focusing on issues surrounding the ethnic, national and cultural identity of South African-born Chinese in the new South Africa. She also is co-editor of the publication "Reclaim-



Alumni College inspires discussion among, from left, Jackie and Stuart Smith '80, Mike Filigenz '80 and Doug Rose '80.

ing Women's Spaces: An Examination of Violence Against Women and Sheltering in South Africa." It will be published in South Africa by the Nisaa Institute for Women's Development. Yoon relocated from Johannesburg to Nairobi, Kenya, in March 2000 to join her husband, Roland V. Pearson Jr. Visits from alumni friends are heartily welcomed. E-mail: rolandpearson@yahoo.com

Debbie A. Sutcliffe (Red Bluff, Calif.)

I have just celebrated my first year in solo practice. I continue to do hospital work at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, but I am no longer doing obstetrics — just too difficult with two small children. On the bright side, we just returned from a week at Club Med in Florida, where they lovingly entertained both kids all day, leaving mom and dad time to enjoy being grown-ups! What a treat!

1987

Eliza Bonner (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

Have been living in Rio de Janeiro for four years. I will be leaving my job soon with a multinational company to pursue freelance writing and translating. I can be reached at elizabonner@openlink.com.br.

Doug Welsh (San Diego)

I am an art teacher at Mt. Miguel High School in San Diego.

1988

Rebecca (Pope) Tolstonog (Cardiff, Calif.)

I recently moved to north county San Diego, where I am the manager of environmental affairs for an international company that produces environmental building materials from sustainable resources. Since graduating from Pitzer, I have lived in Alaska, Northern California, Illinois (where I received my M.S. in environmental science) and finally back home to Southern California. I can be reached by e-mail at rebecca@kafus.com.

1989

Joseph Parker (Madrid, Spain)

I've been living in Spain now for 10 years and will probably be here for another 10 years. I got my master's degree in linguistics at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid and was working in the teaching sector for eight years and just recently opened my own business in the computer industry 13 months ago; and it's doing very well! I just wanted to wish all old



Professor John Rodman gives a tour of the Arboretum.

friends greetings and to apologize for being so out of touch! I'd definitely love to hear from Pitzer alumni at futureway@ctv.es.

Jamey Rogers (Flagstaff, Ariz.)

I received my master's degree in teaching English as a second language in May 2000.

Gregg Sanders (Portland, Ore.)

After leaving Pitzer, I went to the University of Oregon to pursue a Master of Architecture degree. Upon graduation, I moved to Portland and started working for a small firm, which then grew to a big firm. I live with my wife, Jessica, and our cat R.J. in a 1909 house that will undoubtedly take a lifetime to repair. For those who knew me, I still drive an orange BMW 2002. I was licensed as a Professional Architect in 1998, and I have recently moved on to a new firm where I work on medical and institutional projects. Life is good, and spring is coming after a gloomy Oregon winter.

1990

Mari Rahl (Las Vegas)

I got married on Oct. 2, 1999, and have changed my last name from Berman to Rahl. Also, my husband and I moved to Las Vegas in January.

(Paula) Rebecca Mendiola (Lansing, Mich.)

I have about a year-and-a-half to finish my residency in general surgery. Hoping to eventually move back to Colorado (from Lansing) and get a life! Hello to **Wanda Martinez '90, Lisa Otero '89, Linh**



Stewart Soto '90, David Straus '90 and President Massey share a story.



Hector Martinez '88 and Coleen Leavitt Martinez '90 spend some time with their son, William.

Truong Chang '89, Art Saito '89, Ted Wei '89 and, of course, to **Catherine Caporale.**

Maria Valentin de Domena

(Ontario, Calif.)
Received my license as a clinical social worker.

Ami Zanarini-Arnold (Rolling Hills, Calif.)

I teach fashion merchandising and fundraising at Marymount College in Palos Verdes, Calif. I have been married for almost five years.

Kathleen Sterling (La Jolla, Calif.)

I was selected by the Norwegian Ministry of Health and University of Oslo to evaluate Norway's health delivery system in 1992. I was recruited from San Diego by AmeriCorps VISTA as an inaugural alumna (1994 and 1995) to rebuild library literacy programs after the Northridge earthquake. As a member of the California State Library and County of Los Angeles Public Library, I was County of Los Angeles Volunteer-of-the-Year in 1997; unseated a 16-year incumbent with 55 percent of the voter turnout as a "Consumer Health Analyst" by capturing 63 percent of the vote. This was the first time a designated "consumer" won a position on the Board of Directors of a Healthcare/Hospital District in California. The Tri-City Healthcare District (Carlsbad, Vista, Oceanside and Camp Pendleton, located

in northern San Diego County) is responsible for over 350,000 residents' healthcare access.

1991

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Claudette M. Hatcher (Bellevue, Wash.)

After years of music and foreign-language study, Claudette is beginning a career in opera as a Verdi mezzo-soprano. In April 2000, Claudette embarked on her National Opera Audition Tour, starting with competitions in Los Angeles. She then plans to travel to New York, Indianapolis, Chicago, San Francisco and Houston. All of these auditions are preparing Claudette for the Metropolitan Opera Regional Auditions in Seattle next winter. Penny Orloff and Charles Long, former Metropolitan Opera singers, are currently coaching Claudette. In addition to performing Verdi opera like "The Masked Ball," "Il Trovatore," "Don Carlos" and "Aida," Claudette is looking forward to performing roles such as Carmen and Lady McBeth.

Laure Holloway (Cupertino, Calif.)

Currently employed as a third- and fourth-grade teacher at Huff Elementary in Mountain View, Calif. Lots of recent moves ... too many! I am planning on returning to the Los Angeles area at the end of the current school year.

Christine McDonald

(Laguna Niguel, Calif.)
Christine McDonald and John Whitsell had twins on May 11, 1999.

Lynne Kristoffersen Stallings

(Indianapolis, Ind.)
A postdoctoral fellowship (doing language acquisition research for children with cochlear implants) brought Daniel and me to Indianapolis. The highlight of our year has been the birth of our daughter, Kelby Lynne Stallings, on Dec. 27, 1999.

1992

Sally Black (Menlo Park, Calif.)

1999 was an important year for me — my name changed three times! First, I became Sarah bat Sarah Imenu, then I became Mrs. Black on July 4, and, in December, I became Sarah Wilder Wurts, Ph.D. (Neuroscience, UCLA). Steven T. Black and I married in Saratoga, Calif., on our sixth anniversary (CS: We are eternally grateful to you for our introduction!). **Claudia Molina** celebrated with us as a bridesmaid. My husband has been working hard as a founder of an Internet start-up company, while I wrapped up my dissertation work as a visiting researcher at Stanford. I will continue on the academic research path at Stanford by studying the neural mechanisms of the sleep-disorder narcolepsy.

Chrystian Dulac (Playa Del Rey, Calif.)

I've been involved in the Big Brother program for the last two-plus years. Got my little brother, Blake, involved in ice hockey ... go figure! I am working on the Rugrats Feature No. 2. Give me a ring if you remember me. I'll be glad to get back in touch with a few lost friends. I can be reached at (323) 468-2682 or cdulac@klaskycsupo.com.



Members of the Class of 1990.



In April, a group of alumni living in Europe gathered at a quaint London pub to welcome President Massey; Tom Manley, vice president for external relations; and Carol Brandt, vice president for international programs. Thanks to Henry Escudero '91 and Suzon Forscey-Moore '77, the event was a huge success and plans are already underway for the next European Alumni Event. For more information on Pitzer alumni activities in Europe, or to help organize future events abroad, please contact Escudero at henry@chinacatrider.demon.co.uk.



Professor Emeritus Allen Greenberger teaches at Alumni College.

Claudia Molina (Whittier, Calif.)
I married Russell Jones on Dec. 30, 1999 and we're expecting our first baby in May!

Stacy Schultz (Jersey City, N.J.)
I am a Ph.D. candidate in the art history department at Rutgers University. This is my second year in the program. Upon acceptance, I was awarded a one-year fellowship and a two-year TA-ship. I am scheduled to take my Ph.D. qualifying exams in September. I am focusing on modern art with an emphasis on feminism and gender. My master's thesis is entitled "Lyle Ashton Harris: Self-Portraiture as Redemptive Narcissism." I'm still exploring ideas for a dissertation topic I plan to propose by the end of the fall semester 2000. Beyond school, my fiancé and I are buying a condo in Jersey City. Brett Burger and I are planning a wedding date ... maybe September? Brett and



The Student Alumni Relations Committee (SARC) of the Alumni Council and Susan Pritzker, chair of Pitzer's board of trustees, hosted the first "Dinner With A Few Friends" program on March 2. Fourteen Pitzer students enjoyed dinner and discussion at the homes of local alumnae Catherine Caporale '90 and Emily Mason '71. Students and alumnae hosts alike enjoyed the opportunity to share their unique Pitzer stories. We look forward to more such events in the fall. Pictured here, from left to right, are Jay Courdes (Pomona '93), Catherine Caporale '90, Rebecca Van Buren '03, Mehavi Shah '00, Megan Hill '00 and Lindsey Smallsreed '03.

I met in 1993 via a former Pitzer student, **Tanya Laden**. Brett works in New York for Intelisys Electronic Commerce. He is a graduate of UCLA and is currently working on a film certificate at the New School for Social Research.

1993

Clay Ballantine (Amherst, Mass.)
I moved to Amherst last summer with my wife, Joanna Schwartz Ballantine, and our daughter, Hannah. We bought a house and I am now working in the Alumni Office at Amherst College. Our e-mail address is clay.joanna@mind.spring.com.

Brian Christiansen (Durham, N.C.)
I will be graduating from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University in May before heading to Portland, Ore., to begin working for Intel.

Amanda Harris (Fountain Valley, Calif.)
I am a substitute teacher in Santa Ana during the school year, ocean lifeguard in L.A. County in the summer. Beginning graduate psychology program at Pepperdine (Orange County campus) in fall '00. Love to travel each winter ... last year spent one month in New Zealand and this April will visit Thailand for three weeks.

Francesca Tussing (Berkeley, Calif.)
At the moment, I'm a desktop publisher in Berkeley. If all goes according to plan, I will return to Southern California in the fall, when I begin pursuing an MFA in graphic design.

1994

Sarah Ann Johnson (Portland, Ore.)
Just had a baby boy in January.

Michael Grammer (Oakland, Calif.)
I'm going through a mid-life crisis at the ripe old age of 28.

Paul Hewitt (Tustin, Calif.)
Antoinette (Pomona '92) and I recently celebrated our second wedding anniversary by buying our first home in Tustin Ranch. My investment advisory business is growing rapidly. I manage investment portfolios of varying sizes up to several millions of dollars. It would be great to hear from any and all. I can be reached at Phewitt97@aol.com.

1995

Araceli Cortes-Campos (Montebello, Calif.)

Pues fijense que estoy contentisima. Me case hace poco con un chavo increible que se llama Ace. Es el baterista de Aztlan Underground. I hope everyone is doing well!

Lilia Hernandez Benjamin (Los Angeles)
It's been five years since I last saw most of you. So here's what I've done with my life: I got my MSW from UCLA in 1997. I work for the Adoptions Division of the Department of Children and Family Services in L.A. County. First as a children's social worker, and now as a placement and recruitment coordinator. I married Kevin Benjamin (attended Pomona '91 to '93) in June 1999 and we had a baby girl, Omari, in January. Kevin is now attending film school at CSUN. Life has been good and sweet and I send you all best wishes. Big hug and hello to **Reba Bindra** and **Margot Tsang**, what's up with you guys? You can reach me at liliax@mediaone.net.

Christopher O'Rand and **Ayana Rodriguez** (Miami)
We were married in August 1999. Chris will graduate law school from Miami School of Law in May 2000.

Chau "Joe" Phan (Oakland, Calif.)
I'm currently living in Oakland earning my master's in physical therapy at Samuel Merritt College. I will be done in 2001, and will be moving back to Southern California to practice. Hello to all Pitzer grads. I'd love to hear from you. E-mail: cphan73@hotmail.com

Justin Rood (Washington)
I'd like to announce the publishing of my very first book. It should be available in bookstores near all of you. It's entitled "The Child and the Machine: How Computers Put Our Children's Education at Risk," and it's by two fantastic authors, Alison Armstrong and Charles Casement. This is the first book I've ever published, so I'm quite excited.

1996

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Annemarie Jacir (New York)
Currently in pre-production on a documentary on the four Palestinian villages that were destroyed upon the creation of the State of Israel and where now stands the city of Tel Aviv, Israel's capital.

1997

Vida Kashuba (Pasadena, Calif.)
I am now engaged to Brett Pinkin, a former Pomona student.

Tiffany M. Lopez Powell (Phoenix)
Tiffany will marry Chris Huisman (Pomona '97) in January 2001. They will live in Phoenix, where Chris works as an auctioneer and Tiffany works in the public sector. They met while attending The Claremont Colleges.

Jason Lowery (Fullerton, Calif.)
I am working at Hope International University as the youngest head basketball coach in America at age 23.

Lizette M. Sierra (West Covina, Calif.)
I spent 1997-98 teaching Latin Ameri-



Three alumni share some time together at the Grove House, always a great place to connect.

can history/literature and Spanish language to high-school freshmen in a Southern California school. I began my graduate studies in the fall of 1998, and graduated with a Master of Arts in International Political Economy in May 2000 from Claremont Graduate University. I work in the international trade and economic development field for the City of Santa Ana, Calif. I will be attending the University of Miami School of Law this fall. If anyone would like to contact me, they can e-mail me at Lizz122@yahoo.com.

Travis Wheeler (Antarctica)

Just wanted to let you guys know what I'm up to. I decided to leave my fire-fighting job with the US Forest Service and have now been working in Antarctica for the past few months at the South Pole Station in the logistics department. I'll be down here for at least another year. I'd love to hear from anyone. It'll be a long, quiet winter. E-mail me at wheletr@spole.gov.

1998

Toru Nosaka (Tokyo)

Going to get married in September in Los Angeles.

Gail Cugno (Ontario, Calif.)

Received her Master of Library and Informational Science degree in May 2000 from San Jose State University.

Jessica Green (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

I am working as an apprentice at Horton Road Organics Farm in Blachly, Ore., for this season. Please come visit!

Marty (Marc) Hertzberg (San Diego)

I am currently a graduate student at the University of San Diego. One year down, one to go and then I get that piece of paper saying "MBA." I recently launched my clothing company Moku Lani. Things are good in San Diego although I do miss undergrad life. Pitzer treated us well.

Erin McKay Skitt (Los Gatos, Calif.)

I have been living in the Bay Area since 1998 and working in the digital video industry as a quality assurance engineer — corporate life certainly could use some Pitzer spice, that's for sure. I was able to go to Egypt last September and shoot some wonderful footage. This year it is going to be New Zealand and Australia.

I hold Pitzer dear to my heart as it really taught me how to live as authentically as possible. Hope to live up to such an excellent education.

Amber Megowan (San Francisco)

Jose Pacheco and I ran off to Florence, Italy, to be married in April. We are currently living in San Francisco. I'm working as an account manager for BrassRing Systems, formerly Hiresystems, in San Mateo.

Eric Weber (Los Angeles)

I am now in the U.S. Army and currently attending medical school at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Washington. When I am not studying, the Army twists my arm into rappelling down buildings and flying in helicopters ... not a bad life for a med student!

Eileen Neuwirth (Pasadena, Calif.)

John King '97 and I were married on June 10, 2000, making official what we started over four years ago at Pitzer. We have become the built-in married couple overnight, complete with home ownership and the dog in tow (Cooper, who some may remember). John is in the financial world and will begin his MBA education at USC starting in the fall. I am working as an account executive for an advertising agency in Pasadena. In our spare time, we ... we have no spare time. But we plan on some budget travel in Europe when things settle down.



San Francisco alumni enjoy a moment together at a reception with President Massey hosted by Susan Pritzker. Pictured, left to right, are Pritzker, Jenny Spitz '93 and Michael Gramer '94.

1999

Brad Johnston (Sydney, Australia)

Currently studying at the University of Sydney on an International Ambassadorial Rotary Scholarship. If anyone is interested in studying in Sydney or anything about Rotary, feel free to contact me at my e-mail address, brad_pitzer@yahoo.com.

2000

Lorie Partin (Riverside, Calif.)

Currently attending the CGU teacher internship program. I hope to teach middle-school English.

In Memoriam:

Susan Brock '70 (Edina, Minn.) died on May 4, 2000, after a long battle with cancer. Susan received a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Minnesota in 1974 and for the past 15 years served as a consultant to organizations around the world. She was particularly well known for her expertise with the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and her work for the Association for Psychological Type, once serving as its president. She contributed pioneering work in using psychological type in improving communication, relationships and organizational effectiveness. For Pitzer, she was a constant supporter to her alma mater, both financially and by regularly facilitating programs on campus, throughout the Midwest and even at her home in Minnesota. Susan is survived by husband, James; daughter, Meredith; and son, Evan.

Bob Letters, husband of **Robyn Olsen Letters '68** (San Luis Obispo, Calif.), passed away in May 2000.

Anne LeSure '72 (Seattle)

passed away in 1999.

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Making News

Word about Pitzer College is spreading! We thought it might interest our readers to know that, in the past academic year alone, stories mentioning Pitzer people and programs have appeared in the following media outlets: Associated Press, Back Stage West/Drama Logue, Bay Windows (New England gay and lesbian publication), the Beverly Hills Courier, the Boston Globe, the Burbank Leader, The Christian Science Monitor, Claremont Courier, Escondido North County Times, Financial Times (London), Footnotes, Ford Foundation Report, Hispanic Business magazine (Mesa, Ariz., circulation 200,000), Inland Empire magazine, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, Inland Valley Our Times (local section of the Los Angeles Times), KPFK-FM (Pacific Radio, North Hollywood, Calif.), La Opinion (L.A.'s biggest Spanish-language newspaper), La Voz, Los Angeles Daily News, Los Angeles Independent, Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Times Magazine, the Los Angeles Sentinel (focusing on the African-American community), Mid-Valley News (El Monte, Calif.), National Public Radio, Napa Valley Register, The New York Times, North County Times (San Diego), New York Newsday, Palisadian Post, Palo Alto Daily News, Pasadena Star News, Rafu Shimpo (serving the Japanese community in L.A.), Redding Record-Searchlight, Republic (Fairfield, Calif.), the Riverside Business Journal, the Riverside Press-Enterprise, San Bernardino County Sun, San Francisco Examiner/Chronicle, San Joaquin County Bulletin, Sunset magazine, Times Herald (Vallejo, Calif.), Tri-Valley Herald (Pleasanton, Calif.), USA Today, Victor Valley Daily Press and the Watts Star/Review.

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