

Pitzer



A group of roving doo-wop singers entertained guests with lively tunes.

Pitzer Launches First Major Fundraising Campaign

Amidst the nostalgia and merriment of Alumni Weekend, Pitzer officially launched its first major fundraising campaign on April 28 at a gala event some have described as one of the proudest moments in the College's 37-year history.

McConnell Center dining hall was transformed into an elegant, candlelit ballroom for the kickoff of The Campaign for Pitzer College, which drew some 400 alumni, faculty, trustees, students, staff, parents and friends.

Highlights of the evening included the world premiere of a video and remarks on the importance imagination played in creating Pitzer College by Mary Beth Garber '68, Paddy O'Brien '71, President Marilyn Chapin Massey and Susan Pritzker. Pritzker chairs the Campaign and the College's Board of Trustees. Peter M. Nardi, professor of sociology, was master of ceremonies.

The video, titled "Imagine a College" to reflect the theme of the Campaign, featured new footage shot on campus, at community-based programs and in Nepal, as well as interviews with professors Steve Glass, Agnes Jackson and Alan Jones; alumni Juan De Lara '96 and Ella Pennington '81; and students Cristal Torres '01, Sarah Bentley '01 and Veronica Briggs '03. The video soundtrack was arranged and performed by Lew Ellenhorn, professor emeritus of psychology.

The evening began with a reception in McConnell Living Room and ended with dancing to the sounds of City Connections. A jazz combo performed during the reception and roving doo-wop singers entertained throughout the evening.



Members of the class of 1981 celebrate at the Campaign kick-off event.



Paddy O'Brien '71, left, visits with President Marilyn Chapin Massey.



Former President Frank Ellsworth greets Laura and Richard ('81) Barton.



From left, Francine and Bill Baker chat with Susan Pritzker.

Photos by Nancy Newman-Bauer



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Kristin Kasper '91 and David Hyde '91 dance to the tunes of City Connections.

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“The Campaign for Pitzer College is a critical step in gathering the resources we must have to move ahead with vision and purpose,” said Pritzker, adding that Pitzer has already raised nearly 60 percent of its \$40-million goal. “The Campaign is far and away the most ambitious fundraising effort the College has ever undertaken.”

Comprehensive in nature, The Campaign for Pitzer College seeks to undergird the institution’s solid financial base while furthering three goals essential to a robust future: increasing the endowment (\$20 million), building the annual fund (\$8 million) and expanding philanthropic support of innovative projects and programs (\$12 million).

“Pitzer’s progress is gratifying, but more must be done to assure that we are positioned to meet the challenges of a new age,” said President Massey. “We must reinvigorate the commitment to our educational goals so that we can continue to lead with a liberal arts focus placed where it always has been at Pitzer: on a concern with values generated through spirited intellectual inquiry, on the tradition of participatory interchange, and on a commitment to a diversity of perspectives, experiences and persons.”

With these larger goals in mind, the Pitzer community engaged in a collaborative strategic planning process that probed the potential and challenges facing the College in the 21st century. From this process emerged critical objectives that shaped the funding priorities for the Campaign: Increasing Access for a Diverse Student Population; Invigorating the Residential and Intellectual Community; Attracting and Honoring a Remarkable Faculty; and Providing the Tools for Effective Teaching, Learning and Collaboration.

“At this point in its history, Pitzer is uniquely positioned to set new standards for liberal arts colleges,” said Pritzker. “But this can only happen if those who know and care about Pitzer College actively support the goals set forth in The Campaign for Pitzer College.”

Pitzer will be 41 years old when the Campaign concludes in 2004.



Steve and Mary Beth ('68) Garber.



From left, Christy Hemesath '91, Brooke Sterling '91, Kris Engel '91 and Liz Eisman '91.



From left, Agnes Jackson, professor emerita of English and Black Studies, chats with Jose and Rose Calderon. Jose Calderon is associate professor of sociology and Chicano studies.



Edee and George Piness, seated, applaud John Atherton, Pitzer's first president.



Sheryl Miller, professor of anthropology, and Ann Pitzer, a member of the founding family.



From left, Tom Manley, Leslie Dashew '70 and Professor of Classics Steve Glass mingle during the reception. Manley is senior vice president for college advancement. Dashew is a member of Pitzer's Board of Trustees.

Pitzer's Largest Graduating Class Looks to the Future

It was something all of the attendees of the 37th Pitzer College Commencement seemed to feel: the triumph that senior class speaker Cristal Torres expressed as she walked across the makeshift stage on Brant Clock Tower Lawn, her head held high and arms thrusting skyward. For the 219 graduates, the largest graduating class in Pitzer's history, it was the culmination of four years of perseverance.

Torres, who was a finalist for the prestigious Fulbright and Coro fellowships, called on her fellow graduates to pursue their highest dreams. She punctuated the appeal with a story about her grandfather, who dreamed of better lives for his seven children and sent all of them to college on a farm worker's salary.

"There is a visionary, a leader and a creator in all of us," Torres told her classmates. "We must learn to live as if our dreams are possible, because then they will be."

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the controversial former U.S. Surgeon General whose outspoken views on sex education and AIDS prevention led to her resignation from that post in 1994, delivered the keynote address. She challenged the graduates to search for solutions to global dilemmas, including ways to distribute affordable HIV/AIDS drugs, to



Dr. Joycelyn Elders addresses the graduates.



From left, Carl Hertel, Sharon Snowiss and Jie SiTu. SiTu, who served as a visiting professor from 1991 to 1999, returned to Pitzer to present Jonathan Snowiss' degree in Mind/Body Healing; Qi Gong.

implement worldwide justice and universal health-care systems, and to offer comprehensive birth-control education.

"If you want to save our society, you have to find a way to control the three P's: poverty, population and pollution," Elders said. "We've got to teach more than reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic — the three R's — we've got to teach responsibility."

Along with these challenges, Elders offered graduates several tips for their lives: "Take good care of yourself," "Never forget where you came from," "Don't be afraid to ask for help," and, finally, "Never fear failure."

"The only time you can't afford to fail is the last time you try," she said.



Amy Kaufman, right, gets a congratulatory hug from Mia Floisand.



Maria Torres embraces her daughter, Cristal Torres.



The class of 2001 makes its way to the commencement ceremony.



Mi Yeon Kim shares a moment with her father, Kyung R. Kim, after being conferred with her degree in media studies.

Pitzer Harvests Bumper Crop of National Fellowship Awards

Pitzer seniors garnered a trove of prestigious awards this year, including a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, three Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships, three Fulbright awards and two Freeman Foundation Asia Fellowships.

"Every class has excellent students who have done things that make them good candidates for prestigious fellowships," says Nigel Boyle, associate professor of political studies. "What was unusual about the class of 2001 is that word of mouth seemed to spread, and students, upon hearing that their friends were applying for awards, decided to apply themselves. It became a collective enterprise: Students helped one another, read one another's proposals and personal statements."

Gabriel Garcia of Claremont, Calif., received both the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship and the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. He was at a party thrown by hearing-impaired acquaintances when he came up with the thesis that would ultimately land him the two elite awards. Scanning the guests that night, Garcia noticed an "unusual" number of interracial couples. Being himself the product of an interracial relationship, Garcia wondered whether what he was observing was something unique to the deaf culture. So, under the advice of his American Sign Language professor and mentor, he asked someone. The signed response from a party guest was, "That racist stuff is for all you hearing people." And from that point on, says Garcia, "I was fascinated. Racism is so prevalent in my life on a daily basis, and I thought about how it could possibly not be an issue in the deaf culture.

"And boom!" Garcia recalls. "There came my thesis": racial constructs within deaf communities — a concept he will investigate with his award winnings over the next two years, beginning in Panama.



Alice-Faye Brown had a two-fold reason to celebrate on the day of commencement: After receiving her degree, she proposed to her sweetheart, Dennis Tsugawa. He accepted.



Theodore Newman makes his way across the stage to accept his degree.

It is not the first time something has changed Garcia's life so quickly and so profoundly. He is the first to say his phenomenal, hard-earned successes at Pitzer are "beyond my dreams." Garcia's stepfather was an ex-Navy Seal as well as an alcoholic and recovering drug addict. By the time Garcia was 11, his stepfather was mentally and physically abusive. "After a pretty severe choking and thrashing" one day when he was 15, Garcia left home and lived on the streets for two years. Eventually, he rejoined his mother and two younger sisters who also had become homeless when they left their living situation.

By the time he moved into the Claremont area and enrolled in high school, Garcia's grades had slipped drastically. But a science teacher saw his potential and heckled him about his plans to go to a junior college while working at Staples. That same teacher obtained an appointment for Garcia with Leeshawn Cradoc Moore '87, then head of Pitzer's Early Academic Outreach Program. Garcia laughs about the now-indelible exchange between him and Moore that fateful day. Walking into Moore's office with hoop earrings, baggy clothes and looking down the brim of his baseball cap with a "tough-guy attitude," it dawned on Garcia that Pitzer College was a serious school. "I wanted to just take off, because I thought I was going to embarrass myself," he says.

Instead, Garcia cut to the chase, telling Moore, "Just tell me if I can get in here or not." Garcia recalls Moore's response: "Her eyebrow went up, and she kind of cocked her head back ... and said,



Garcia

"I believe we can do something."

Once enrolled, Garcia wasted no time building an impressive education, including a double concentration in sociology and psychology. In addition to his course loads, he's been tutoring disadvantaged youth through the Upward Bound program since his freshman summer (which is how he initially fell into American Sign Language courses). He also has managed to tutor twice weekly — up to three hours a day — for Touch of Life, a program that runs a home in Pomona, Calif., for incarcerated youth. The Pomona chapter of Touch of Life is managed by a Pitzer alumni couple, Charles and Diana Wade, both 1987 graduates.

"I'm definitely a better student now, by all means," says Garcia, when asked to compare who he was in high school, and who he is now. "I've developed study habits and I think I'm more motivated. I definitely have matured. Before, I wasn't confident in myself to engage people intellectually and academically. And Pitzer has given me more than that, and allowed me to grow and change in a lot of ways."

Seven other Pitzer seniors received prestigious awards this year:

Micaela White of Las Vegas, and Katya Hurwitz of Santa Cruz, Calif., also won Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships. White, an economics major, will study development planning and health care in Kenya. Hurwitz, a human biology major, will study public health issues in Africa.

Erin Good of San Diego won a Fulbright research grant for her proposed study, "Cultural Expectations and Language Acquisition by Tibetan School Children." Good, who held a double concentration in anthropology and linguistics, will conduct her research in Nepal.

Heather Miller of Laguna Hills, Calif., won a Fulbright research grant for her proposed study, "The Interactive Relationship Between Western Medicine and Andean Health Concepts." Miller, a sociology concentrator, will conduct her research in Venezuela.

Sacha Moustakas of Ann Arbor, Mich., was honored with a Fulbright teaching grant to teach English in Korea. Moustakas' concentration is international/intercultural studies.

Scott Davis of Mosier, Ore., and Man Trang of Hayward, Calif., both received Freeman Fellowships. Trang, an economics-accounting concentrator, will study the culture and industry of rice in Vietnam. Davis, a religious studies concentrator, will explore Buddhism and social action in Thailand.

Several seniors also were selected as alternates or finalists for awards. Sarah Bentley of Portland, Ore., is an alternate for a research Fulbright. Rachel Newman of Bethesda, Md., is an alternate for the Freeman Fellowship. Lindsay Thorson of Alhambra, Calif., and Cristal Torres of Upland, Calif., were selected as finalists for Fulbright awards. Torres also is an alternate for the Coro Fellows Program.

Along with the many seniors who received awards, Pitzer junior Diana Bob became the first student in the College's

history to receive the Udall Fellowship, a scholarship award. Bob is a resident of Ferndale, Wash., with a combined concentration in anthropology and environmental studies.

Film Benefits Reap 11 Scholarships

Two film benefits in April provided entertainment for Pitzer attendees and helped the College raise more than \$100,000 — enough to provide scholarships for 11 students.

On April 2, alumni, parents and friends of the College gathered at Paramount and Studio Theaters in Hollywood for the premiere screening of "Along Came a Spider" starring Morgan Freeman and Monica Potter. A post-party followed the screening.

The event, underwritten by Paramount, was co-chaired by Pitzer trustee Susan Dolgen and her husband, Jonathan. Actor Morgan Freeman, who



From left, Alex Ridley '95, Richard Gore '95, Jake Bartlett '96, Jennifer Marks '94 and Adam Dipalo socialize before "The Golden Bowl" screening in New York.



"Along Came a Spider" cast members Morgan Freeman and Mika Boorem with the Rasmussen family, from left: Eric ('96), Dean, Kathleen, Erin and Jeremy.



From left, Amy Rosen '76, Peter Wormser '75, Liz Milwe '76 and President Marilyn Chapin Massey at the special preview showing of "The Golden Bowl" in New York.



From left, Alex Juhasz, associate professor of media studies; Rachael Baker '01; and Mary Beth Garber '68 gather together at the media symposium. Baker organized the event for her senior project. Photo by Nancy Newman-Bauer

was in attendance, served as the event's honorary chairman.

Later in the month, more than 70 Pitzer alumni and parents gathered at The Village East Cinema in New York for a special preview showing of "The Golden Bowl," a Merchant Ivory Film. Liz Milwe '76 and Peter Wormser '75 hosted a pre-screening party at their Greenwich Village loft.

Four alumni served as co-chairs for the Pitzer benefit: Peter Elson '76, Amy Rosen '76, Milwe and Wormser. About \$17,000 was raised.

Alumni in Entertainment Share Experiences

Behind many successes are the stories of struggle. Pitzer alumni from the past five decades gathered on campus this spring to share with students their personal highs and lows in a variety of entertainment-industry careers.

"This is not an easy business," Jana Memel '75, president of Chanticleer Films and three-time Oscar winner, told those assembled at the Media Studies Alumni-Student Symposium. "The only reason to do this is if you have a passion for it and something to say."

The symposium was the senior project of Rachael Baker '01, a media-studies major. Baker said the symposium participants had valuable advice for the students who were preparing to launch their careers. "The media industry is just so huge," she said. "A lot of us don't know where we are going to be in it. It is important that we get some words of wisdom."

Passion was the common thread running through the disparate tales of success in a notoriously cutthroat industry. Whether the speakers had carved a happy niche for themselves in movies, music, television or radio, whether they honed their skills to become producers, actors, writers, graphic designers, agents or administrators, all shared a seemingly unquenchable love for their work.

"When nobody would return my calls, when I could not get any auditions, I looked in the mirror and said 'I can do this,'" said actor Bruce Locke '84. "This is really what I want to do, and come hell or high water, I am going to do it."

Locke and other symposium participants shared how perseverance eventually paid off. They spoke about starting out at the bottom, taking jobs in their fields wherever they could find them, sometimes working for free.

Music video producer Sylvain White, a 1998 Pomona College graduate who credits his courses in media studies at Pitzer for helping him succeed, told of working as a poorly paid production assistant and once picking up cigarette butts on a rain-dampened sidewalk at 3 a.m. because a director asked him to.

Mary Beth Garber '68, president of the Southern California Broadcasters Association, told of working as a file clerk

and washing coffee cups. Steve Prime '83, Emmy-nominated editor for "Friends," recalled spending three years holding down day jobs so he could afford to edit documentaries and gain experience in his chosen field.

The degradations of anemic bank accounts and demeaning working conditions were merely the price of breaking into the business, learning vital skills just by being in the right environment and meeting people who could help.

"All the clichés are true," White said. "It is about opportunities and timing, being in the right place at the right time."

The symposium participants credited their Pitzer education, with its emphasis on independent thinking, with helping them to succeed.

"Take the independent thinking you will learn here," Garber said. "Take that outside with you, because that is what is going to do you the most good in the long run. Take that passion and harness it."

The daylong event was not only a boon for the students who came to listen and ask questions, but also for the alumni, who recognized the value of the event.

"I am so glad we are here today," said actor Joe Reitman '90, who told of the difficulties he had as a student trying to learn how to break into the business. "Because we did not have anything like this." — *Deborah Clark*

IDBS Hosts Hip-Hop Conference

A lot of people listen to the music being blasted across the airwaves on car radios and zapped into living rooms via MTV. But how many of us actually take the time to think about what we're listening to?

That's what the panel of four hip-hop and rap specialists did in a daylong symposium that raised contemporary issues related to hip-hop. The event included both intellectuals and entertainers from the country's fastest growing popular music. Students and faculty from The Claremont Colleges packed into Pitzer's Broad Center Performance Space to listen to the speakers.

Tricia Rose was among the panelists at the Intercollegiate Department of Black Studies' (IDBS) spring conference titled "Hip-Hop and Rap: Redefining the Black Public Sphere."

Rose, assistant professor at New York University and author of "Black Noise and Microphone Fiends," placed the dis-



Todd Boyd, a USC professor and author, speaks to conference attendees about rap artists. Photo by Marc Campos

claimer that her criticism of the music genres was rooted in a deep appreciation of a musical tradition that she has traced and helped validate in academic studies. She said that she can't be offended for long by the lyrics before the rhythm and beat make her dance in the car or while she's doing her laundry.

Now that the "location of hip-hop has changed dramatically over the last eight or 10 years from marginal to central," she said, the music has a new responsibility to be socially conscious.

Rose addressed the need to break away from stereotypes and open up to more diverse voices in the music, including women's and political voices, as it gains a greater cultural influence. She set the pace for the conference, bringing about varying degrees of agreement and dissent among the panelists.

"Right now is a great opportunity to open the discussion," said Pitzer junior Joanna Cuevas.

Taking perhaps a less controversial view but still in accord with Rose, Samuel Craig Watkins, author of "Representing: Hip-hop Culture and the Production of Black Cinema," focused on how the "music is a forum for discussion of issues for youth."

It was an informal format. The Rev. Michael Eric Dyson, professor of communication studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was in the area visiting panelist Todd Boyd, and was invited to join the discussion. Panelists were free to ask questions of the others

— which sometimes erupted into heated debate — before discussion was opened up to the audience.

Mark Anthony Neal, assistant professor of Africana Studies at SUNY Albany and author of "What the Music Said: Black Popular Music and Black Public Culture," emphasized in his lecture the histories of segregation and policing and the potential for "autonomy, personas, leaders through hip-hop."

Disagreeing on many counts with Rose's anti-consumerist stance, Boyd, associate professor in the school of cinema/TV at USC and author of "Am I Black Enough for You?," embraced the potential for black artists to liberate themselves through the financial success of their music. His lecture focused on the role of white hip-hop artists and how they fit into a black music tradition.

Such a collection of experts in the subject was a rare event even for some of the panel members. Neal asked the other panelists for their autographs.

Linda Jung, a staff member at Harvey Mudd College, said she took away the need to "be more critical and more sophisticated about what plays on the air."

The event brought in local talent to complement the academic panel. Abstract Rude performed during the lunch break and groups Medusa and Bukueone from Los Angeles performed at an after-party held in Gold Student Center. — *Chris Schraeder*

New Deans Appointed

Pitzer recently appointed Alan Jones as vice president and dean of faculty and James Marchant as vice president and dean of students.

Jones joined Pitzer's faculty in 1986 as assistant professor of psychology. He was promoted to associate professor in 1991 and to full professor in 1997. During his tenure at Pitzer, he also has served as director of the Center for California Cultural and Social Issues (CCCSI), as chair of the Five-College Neuroscience Group of The Claremont Colleges and as director of the College's innovative Pitzer in Ontario off-campus study program.

"Professor Jones brings to the position an impressive record of faculty leadership, visionary thinking and administrative expertise," said President Marilyn Chapin Massey. "He is highly regarded



Jones, Marchant

as an inspiring and imaginative teacher, scientist and community leader."

Jones' major research interests include teratogenic influences on brain development, effects of early undernutrition on development, and neural and metabolic factors in the ontogeny of obesity. His research findings have been published widely in scholarly journals and he has presented numerous invited papers at professional meetings and conferences.

Jones holds B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in neuroscience from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and an M.A. in psychology/neuroscience from Princeton University.

Marchant joined the Pitzer College staff in 1995 as a program administrator in the Center for Career and Community Services, where he advised and provided resources for students on career, internship and community-service opportunities, and coordinated the College's Early Academic Outreach Program. He served as assistant to the vice president and dean of student affairs for a year in 1996, then as assistant dean of students for two years.

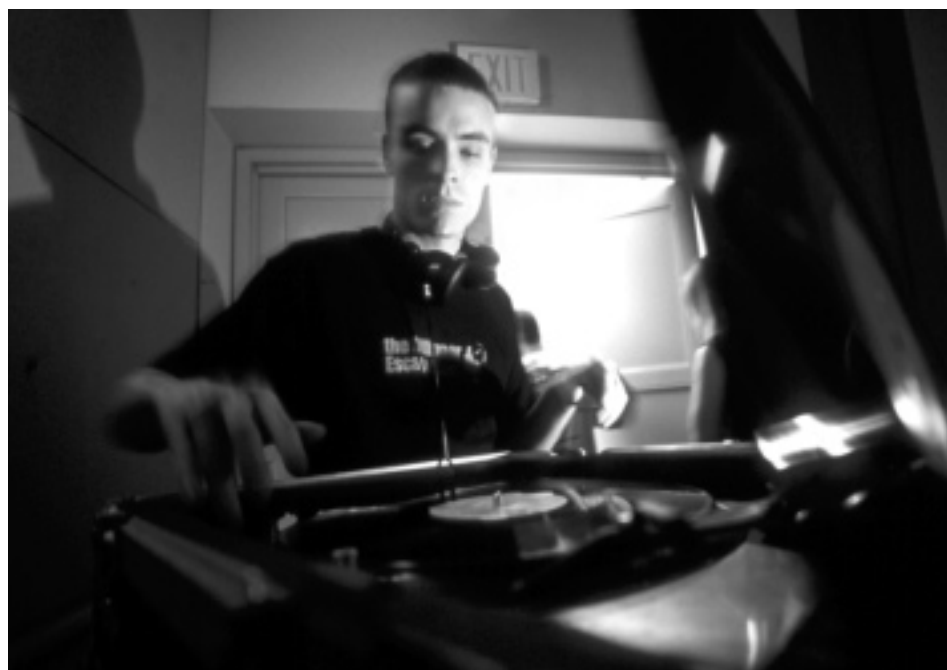
As assistant dean, Marchant directed the administrative operations of the Office of Student Affairs and counseled and advised students on personal and academic issues. He also conducted student judicial investigations and hearings, worked closely with residence life to resolve conflicts in student housing, planned and coordinated commencement activities, and initiated and oversaw co-curricular programming for adult students to ensure their full integration into campus life.

In 1999, Marchant moved to the Office of the President, first as a special assistant and more recently as executive assistant to the president. In this role, he provided strategic perspective to the president on issues and activities related to the management of the College and developed and coordinated communications with the college community, other Claremont colleges and external constituents. He also served as a liaison between the President's Office and trustees, faculty, students, staff and alumni.

"Jim Marchant is uniquely qualified to serve in this position because of his service in student affairs, his excellent leadership skills and his deep love of Pitzer students," Massey said. "Having worked closely with Jim the past three years, I am certain he will do an excellent job of managing and improving student life at Pitzer College."

Marchant holds a B.A. degree in history from the University of Redlands and an M.A. in education from Claremont Graduate University, where he is working toward his doctorate in higher education administration.

"I am very excited about the experience and vision these two appointments add to Pitzer's leadership," Massey said. "I look forward to working with both of them in their new roles at the College."



Pitzer student Dave "Archive" Zinser works the turntables for Abstract Rude during a performance. Photo by Marc Campos

Women's Center Tells 'Her Stories'

Hosting a panel discussion about mothers and their influence in our lives might seem a tame way to celebrate Women's History Month. When the Pitzer College Women's Center advertised their "Women's Her Story" event this spring, however, they were inviting their audience to reflect upon not only the intersections between our public and private lives but also upon the very notion of "history" itself.

"There's no 'White Man's History' month," noted Amanda Sher, a junior double majoring in gender and feminist studies and psychology who co-directs the Women's Center with junior Terra Slavin. "It's very telling of where we are as a society that we dedicate just one month to women."

"Although the etymology of 'history' in Latin isn't 'his story,'" Sher continued, "using the words 'her story' may get people to think more about it."

If women's voices have been muted in official versions of history, then mothers' experiences have been even further discounted. The feminist tenet that "the personal is political," publicized by Robin Morgan in a 1970 essay, enabled women to see the greater significance of their private struggles and triumphs.

In fact, the impetus for a public discussion about mothers came from a highly successful and powerful performance workshop the Women's Center presented in January about eating disorders and body image, another "private" issue that has become a cultural preoccupation over the last decade.

"The workshop was amazing," said Darcy Buerkle, visiting assistant professor of history and gender and feminist studies, as well as faculty adviser to the Women's Center. "It provided tremendous relief for young women who felt isolated and alone with traumatic issues. And the idea behind the panel really came out of whether or not they could tell their mothers what they were telling each other."

Sharing their stories before an audience of about 35, four speakers told of their role models, mentors, abusers, activists and survivors — all of whom went by the name "Mother."

"I owe society a lot," began Deb Wood, dean of students at Scripps College and a single mother of three daughters. "I owe female college students a lot for where I am in life. I realize how important it is to tell my story. People assume I come from a privileged background. But my mother, who had a bipolar disorder, was a child abuser who beat all seven of her children, and I grew up in a series of receiving homes, group homes and foster homes."

Weaving Tales

A group of weavers from Guatemala visited Pitzer in the spring to demonstrate their art. Sheryl Miller, professor of anthropology, has brought the group to campus almost every year for the past two decades so that students from her classes on folk arts and Native American studies can observe the weaving process. The weavers, who give demonstrations around the world, hail from San Antonio Aguas Calientes, a village that is said to create the most complex of Guatemalan weaving styles. Photo by Gregg Segal



Erin Mindell, a first-year student at Pitzer, and Raza Ahmad, a first-year student at CMC, shared experiences grounded in their multicultural and international perspectives, respectively. Mindell's mother, who is "African American, Native American, Irish and a lot of other stuff," never identifies herself by race or color, and taught her daughter "that there is no need to label oneself."

Ahmad, the only male student in attendance, spoke about women's conditions in Pakistan, his home country, and told of his own mother's struggles to advance the rights of third-world women and children. "I see a part of myself," said Ahmad, "trying to accomplish the same goals as she."

In the range of their experiences and the specificity of their memories, the panelists attested to the need for further analysis of the maternal role in all of our lives. "A while ago, at a Women's Center meeting," recalled Hillary Jo Baker, a freshman media-studies major who attended the panel with her mother, Peggy Haigh, "we all went around and named a female role model. I would say that 60 percent of us named our mothers. This panel was a very good way for us to be mindful of the amazing women in our lives." — *Kristina Brooks*

New Trustees Named

The appointment of two alumni, Bill Sheinberg of Los Angeles and James E. Orlikoff of Chicago, to the Board of Trustees was announced recently by Chairperson Susan Pritzker.

Sheinberg, a 1983 graduate, is a partner in The Bubble Factory, a Beverly Hills-based entertainment company. Orlikoff, a 1976 graduate, is the president of Orlikoff & Associates, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in leadership issues for healthcare, college and university boards, association boards, financial institutions, symphony orchestras and others. Orlikoff has owned his own business for 13 years.

The appointments bring to 42 the total number of trustees on the Pitzer College board. Other prominent trustees include Lisa Specht of Los Angeles, a partner in the law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips; Congressman Xavier Becerra (D-California); Terry Lenzner of Washington, D.C., chairman of Investigative Group International; and Robin Kramer of Los Angeles, a senior fellow of the California Community Foundation.

Sheinberg previously held prominent positions at MTM, an independent television company that produced such programs as "Newhart" and "Evening Shade" during his tenure. He also served as senior vice president at Spelling Television, supervising the development of all series activity, including such shows as "Madman of the People" and "Savannah."

Sheinberg is an active member of the California Bar, American Bar Association, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Beverly Hills Bar Association, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and The Producers Guild of America.

Sheinberg holds a Juris Doctor from the USC Law Center. His undergraduate degree is in psychology and sociology.

Orlikoff has been involved in leadership and strategy issues for more than 20 years. He has written 14 books, including "Board Work: Governing Health

Care Organizations" and "The Board's Role in Quality Care: A Practical Guide for Hospital Trustees," along with numerous articles. He is the national adviser on governance and leadership to the American Hospital Association and Health Forum, and is the executive director for the American Governance and Leadership Group.

Orlikoff received his M.A. in social and organizational psychology from the University of Chicago. His B.A. degree is in psychology.

Pitzer Alumnus Made Dean at Pomona College

Gary Kates '74 just can't stay away from Claremont.

As a student at Pitzer, Kates studied European history with professors Werner Warmbrunn and Lucian Marquis. Then, after obtaining his Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago in 1978, he came back to Claremont to teach history at Pitzer for the 1978-79 academic year, replacing Warmbrunn while he was on sabbatical.

Now he's returning to Claremont — again — to serve as Pomona College's dean of the college and vice president of academic affairs.

"I am extremely proud that Pomona gave the nod for this important post to a Pitzer graduate," Kates says. "My pride in coming from Pitzer is no simple school spirit. Pitzer provided me with such wonderful mentors — specifically in Lucian Marquis and Werner Warmbrunn, but many others as well — that much of my momentum for becoming an academic administrator is drawn from the desire to nurture the teacher-scholar model that makes liberal arts colleges so distinctive."

Prior to the Pomona appointment, Kates served on the faculty at Trinity University in San Antonio, teaching courses in modern European history with an emphasis on the French Enlightenment and the French Revolution. He also served as chair of Trinity's history department.

Widely regarded as one of America's leading historians of the French Revolution and its era, Kates authored two books on 18th-century France and served as the editor for a third. He received the American Historical Association's Nancy Lyman Roelker Mentor Award in 1999, and his book, "Monsieur d'Eon is a Woman: A Tale of Political Intrigue and Sexual Masquerade," was named among the "Best Books of 1995" by Knight-Ridder Tribune News wire service.

Kates' wife, Lynne Diamond, also attended Pitzer.



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Alumni Notes

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Linda DeBaun (Yucaipa, Calif.)

In October 2000, Linda was one of three teachers to receive the San Bernardino County Teacher-of-the-Year Award. Linda has been teaching English at Yucaipa High School for 20 years. In addition, she was just nominated for the Disney American Teacher Award.

Betty Houbion-Greenwood

(Vernon Hills, Ill.)

Spent a month in Zimbabwe on an agri-volunteer assignment with USAID-funded Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs, teaching cooperative development and leadership skills to the leadership team of an agricultural cooperative manufacturing dried fruits and vegetables. Believe me – the Anytime Mango Time sun-dried mango slices sweeten the day. My daughter toured with me. She'll use the experience for her senior-year capstone project. June sends me to Canada, to present a U.S. resolution on genetic engineering at an international conference.

1970

Leslie Dashew (Scottsdale, Ariz.)

The high point for me of this year is moving into the home of my dreams in Scottsdale. I built an adobe pueblo and live in the desert. It's beautiful! I'm trying to focus my consulting here in Arizona so I can enjoy it. My daughter, Baleigh, chose the other coast and will start her junior year at Skidmore College. She has a double major in theatre and economics. My other "project" is serving as a trustee at Pitzer and I am really enjoying seeing our alma mater from the vantage point of 30 years later. It is a very exciting time of growth and transition at Pitzer. I'm enjoying renewing friendships with Pitzer folks at this juncture in life: an incredible source of fascinating, accomplished and generous people.

Jenifer Mackby (Thoiry, France)

I have been living in France for a number of years and working in Geneva for the Conference on Disarmament. This included the negotiations on the Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty. My eldest daughter just completed her first year at Harvard, my son is entering his last two years of high school and my youngest is 10. It passes too fast!

Susan C. Price (Santa Monica, Calif.)

Just a quick clarification regarding information noted in the last Participant about the tutorial program I help to run. A.) I work for the Century Housing Corporation (the Century Freeway Housing Program ended in 1995). B.) Our after-school tutoring program located in affordable housing serving low-income students is named Century/Learning Initiatives for Today = Century/LIFT.

Mea culpa! Our apologies, Susan, for the error. — Editor

1971

Paddy O'Brien (Salem, Ore.)

It was a great reunion weekend and I am sorry a lot of you couldn't make it. I brought Diana Lockhart (Malan) to Saturday dinner ... she is still the same: feisty and classy! President John Atherton was there and did he remember our class!



Alumni discuss the new campus master plan during Alumni Weekend.

Lucian Marquis is not feeling well but **Kristin Olsen** and I left a long phone message with his wife to let him know we were thinking of him. Lew Ellenhorn was teary with pride at all of us. And Werner Warmbrunn is ageless and told me getting married in "your 50s is the best ... only then do you know what you want!"

1972

Judith Selby (Forest Knolls, Calif.)

Judith will be leading a painting workshop in France this summer. For further information, please contact her at (415) 488-1818 or jselby@marin.cc.ca.us.



Harry Senn, professor of French, makes a point during his Alumni College class, "How We Belong to Our Communities." Other Alumni College courses, on the theme of Community, were taught by Carl Hertel, Barry Sanders and Sharon Snowiss, among others.



Members of the class of '71 enjoy viewing "look books" and yearbooks from their college years during Alumni Weekend.



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1973

Olivia Abraham (Philadelphia)

Olivia will be in a reading at Cyber Moon, sponsored by the International Women's Writing Guild. Please contact her by e-mail at: thevillage_jane@hotmail.com or voice mail: (212) 414-7632.

1975

Robin Groch (Danville, Calif.)

Well, I haven't written in years, but here goes. My husband and I will be celebrating our 26th anniversary next week, and two days later, our oldest daughter is getting married. My other two are still in college. I'm finishing my 11th year teaching high-school biology, including AP Biology, and I finally worked up the courage to begin a master's in science curriculum at CSU Hayward.

1976

Stacie Stutz Carroll (Los Angeles)

I have a new position with the Actors' Fund as the new Western Regional Career Counselor Coordinator.

Houston Putnam Lowry (Avon, Conn.)

I was recently appointed the liaison from the American Bar Association's Section of International Law and Practice to the American Law Institute (ALI). I have been a member of the ALI for more than 10 years.

Susan Feniger (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Susan and her business partner, Mary Sue Milliken, are bringing a new Border Grill restaurant to Pasadena. Slated to open on September 28, the upscale Mexican restaurant will be located in the new Paseo Colorado development across from the Civic auditorium in Pasadena. With Border Grill restaurants in Santa Monica and Las Vegas, Ciudad restaurant in downtown Los Angeles, "Too Hot Tamales" in reruns on the food network, writing cookbooks and acting as spokespeople for Whole Foods Markets in Southern California, life moves at a very hectic pace. But they welcome a chance to greet fellow Pitzies so come by and be sure to say hello.

1977

Jill Minderhout Baskin (Chicago)

There was a flurry of unofficial alumni get-togethers in Chicago this year as several alumni celebrated their children's Bar or Bat

Mitzvahs. Jake Baskin (son of **Jill Minderhout** and Scott Baskin), Ben Sholl (son of **Susan Nathan '76** and Steve Sholl, CMC '75) and Sara Shapiro (daughter of **Roberta Goldberg '76** and Mark Shapiro) all did a great job and made their parents proud. Jake Baskin specifically requested two Pitzer "aunts" attend his celebration: **Denise Seider '88** and **Maureen Lynch**. Other attendees who bored the kids silly with stories (cleaned-up versions) about their parents' college years were: **Sara Waldstein '76**, **Erika Lautman '76**, **Burt Isenstein**, Jeff Ross (CMC '75) and Barry Goldberg (CMC '74). At Ben Sholl's Bar Mitzvah, one kid was heard remarking "that Erica is pretty cool on the dance floor ... for an old person!"

Jacki Anker (Santa Barbara, Calif.)

Still practicing law here in Santa Barbara. What a great place to live and work. The beach at my back door and the mountains in the front! Was at Pitzer recently for the 2001 graduation. **Susan Brooks Warren '78** received her Ph.D. from CGU on May 12, while her son **Ruben Warren '01** received his bachelor's from Pitzer the next day. I was there as the "official family photographer and friend." Boy, has a lot changed at Pitzer! Not only that, I understand Pitzer will be going through a huge overhaul within the coming years. Goodbye to Sanborn, Holden and Mead.

Steve Temkin (Chicago)

Steve has taken an offer he couldn't refuse to join a client's Internet publishing and marketing business as VP/creative director. The advertising agency he has headed (Temkin & Temkin, Inc.), is now run by his capable partner and spouse, **Laura Weinstein Temkin '79**. Their two boys, Max, 14, and Ross, 11, are so much like their parents that they may actually qualify as the first successful results of a human cloning experiment.

1978

Anne Lessick-Xiao (Beloit, Wis.)

I am still teaching after all these years. Now it is Swahili and English-as-a-second-language at Beloit College, a place not unlike Pitzer in Claremont. My husband and I have bought an old (1870s) Victorian house here and are discovering treasures daily.

Bruce Tobias (Sedona, Ariz.)

Bruce Tobias of Century 21 Preferred Properties has received the No. 1 rank among top producers in the southwest region for the year 2000 from Century 21 Corp. Tobias earned his top ranking

out of more than 2,700 associates and more than 144 Century-21 offices in the multi-state region, including Arizona, New Mexico, southern Nevada and west Texas. He also has earned Century 21's highest national annual award, the Centurion Award, three times in the past four years and has been honored with the national Quality Service Award. Tobias began his real estate career with Century 21 Preferred Properties in 1993.

1979

Bruce Cowans (Glencoe, Ill.)

Bruce lives in Glencoe, a northern suburb of Chicago. He and his wife, Deborah, have three children (Deena, 12; Aaron, 10; and Naomi, 6). By day, Bruce is a management consultant with MAXIMUS, Inc., in charge of the firm's two Illinois offices. Spare-time pursuits include children's activities, tennis, running, the beach and the local Jewish community. E-mail to brucecowans@maximus.com.

Cathy Curtis (Claremont, Calif.)

My partner, Diana Miller, and I own and operate Bella Cosa – a specialty store in the Claremont Village. We carry casual women's clothing (including Flax!) and functional art, and are always interested in hooking up with like-minded artists and crafts people who might fit in our mix of gifts, home accessories and fun stuff. Right now we're especially interested in finding a local production potter to expand our tableware section and local furniture makers. Stop by or drop us an e-mail: www.bellacosa.com; cathy@bellacosa.com.

Johanna Siegmann (Los Angeles)

2001 is just flying by! Since I last wrote, my book is beginning to gain momentum. I've had several radio interviews, a few Internet interviews – which can be accessed worldwide! – and in a couple of weeks, I'll have my third television interview! Still struggling to get a newspaper or magazine review, so if any of you out there can be of any help In addition, I'm working toward producing a play I wrote. I'm having a staged reading on June 20, and hopefully will be in production by the fall. Please visit my web site (www.TaoOfTango.com), which provides all the links to listen to (or buy) "The Tao of Tango"!

Eric Naeseth (Annapolis, Md.)

Greetings! I am back on extended active duty in the Army as lieutenant colonel, assigned as a staff officer on the Army staff at the Pentagon. Many long hours, but very rewarding work, on behalf of America's Army.

1980

Jeannie Mintz (Burbank, Calif.)

I have worked at AIDS Project Los Angeles for six-and-a-half years and was recently promoted to human resources manager. I have a partner of 11 years named Kathy Kreyns and we have a 2 1/2-year-old daughter named Emily Jayne. Kathy is an operations manager with a technology center of the Forest Service.

Maurya Simon (Mt. Baldy, Calif.)

Maurya is a professor in creative writing at UC Riverside. Her fifth volume of



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poems, "Weavers," is forth-coming from Black Bard Press in 2002. She received an NEA Fellowship in Poetry in 1999-2000.

1981

Ruett Foster (Compton, Calif.)
I have recently taken over the directorship of the Drew Child Development Foster Family Agency in South Central Los Angeles. I have been working in the area of child welfare for the past several years. My wife, **Rhonda '82**, and I have suffered the tragic and senseless loss of our innocent 7-year-old, Evan, to gun violence. He was fatally wounded at a park we safely utilized for several years in December 1997. Since that time, we have been very proactive in dealing with this consuming problem of gun violence and societal decadence. We have committed ourselves to going in to the California Youth Authority prisons and actively working with those young men toward a true conversion of heart and mind, with the help of our Lord and God. We are in the process of establishing the Evan Leigh Foster Foundation, which will continue to address the plight of youth concerns. We thank you, Pitzer family, for your support and prayers during our difficult ordeal. We would be happy to communicate with you concerning the activity of our foundation, or simply just to share about the events of your lives since Pitzer. We hope to complete the 501C3 process within months. We can be reached at evanleigh@earthlink.net. We are well! Take care.

Julie Duffin Fountain (Youngsville, N.C.)
I am still in Pocomoke, N.C., watching the developers from New Jersey gobble up the surrounding landscape. I am very happy working as a teacher's assistant at my daughter's preschool. It's my back-door entrance to child psychology, my first interest that led me to Pitzer. Somehow, I got derailed into environmental studies! "Hello" to all my buddies.

Robert Koppelman (Hollywood, Fla.)
I am now a tenured assistant professor of English at Broward Community College in Ft. Lauderdale. Still pursuing research and a university-level teaching position. I also am active in the local music scene, performing on guitar and banjo.

Barbara Sagat (Omaha, Neb.)
I was elected to the position of senior pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, Neb., on June 2 and will begin work there this July. My spouse, Beverly, will be following as soon as she is able to obtain a job transfer from the post office where she has worked for the past 20 years. I also am the coordinator of our denomination's Junior Jubilee, an international gathering of children from primarily gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Christian families in Toronto, Canada, the first week of July. This is the third Children's Conference (they occur every two years) for which I have been responsible. The move to Omaha will be a major change, as I have lived in Southern California for the past 33 years, but it is an exciting and a wonderful opportunity. It was super to see everyone at the reunion. Best wishes to all.

1982

Ed Kania (Potomac, Md.)
Ed, wife Dawn, and children Brooke and Blair just returned to the U.S. after seven years in Singapore.

Brad Rothman (Philadelphia)
I am a registered sales associate for Deutsche Banc Alex Brown in Philadelphia, and have been know to visit the nightclub scene in New York. Hope all is well and I can be reached at brad.a.rothman@db.com.

1983

Jeanette Woo Chitjian (Altadena, Calif.)
We moved last year, still in Altadena and loving it. I'm working at Marlborough School in Hancock Park, now doing both admissions and a teeny bit of college counseling. Had lunch with **Debra Wong Yang '81** and **Andy Goodman '81** recently to share news and pictures of our kids.

1984

Katrelya Angus (Sierra Madre, Calif.)
I just want to share some very happy news with the Pitzer community. My sonnet, Holy Sonnet II, written in the style of John Donne, was published in Renaissance Magazine, a magazine aimed at medieval and renaissance scholars and historical re-enactors and sold at Renaissance fairs and on newsstands throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Rene Benitez (Philippines)
My wife, Bettina, just gave birth to a boy (our third child) on June 4, named Matias Ysidro Benitez.

Kathryn Mansfield Matera (Pepper Pike, Ohio)
Kathryn Mansfield Matera, assistant professor of chemistry at Baldwin-Wallace College, recently received the Strosacker Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award is presented to one professor annually who is nominated for outstanding and inspiring work in the classroom. The winner is selected by a committee of former winners from nominating letters sent by students, colleagues and alumni. Kathryn received her B.A. degree from Pitzer and a Ph.D. from UC Davis.

Heather Rockhill Nelson (West Chester, Pa.)
We're having a wonderful time in our



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Message from Alumni President

What a year! With summer upon us, it is a great pleasure to look back on another successful year of tremendous growth and activity. Since September, we have had more than 100 alumni activities in America and Europe, and in November, we will be having the first activity of our Pan-Asian Chapter (see advertisement, below). In addition to the many new and exciting programs on campus between students and alumni, our total number of regional chapters has grown to 12, with groups now in Portland, Seattle and the Inland Empire. Through the resources provided by the College and alumni volunteerism at great levels around the country, we are now enjoying great success.

Now that the organization is in place, I am asking all alumni to join us in this renaissance. For continued growth and resources to be devoted to alumni programming, we need our graduates to answer the call through their giving. The College is now devoting unprecedented resources to our activities and programs, and we have enjoyed the results of those resources, but it can only continue through your generous support. There is tremendous value in a gift, no matter how small. It simply shows that you value the education you received and you want future generations to enjoy the same experience. It also shows that you appreciate the activities that the College is sponsoring in your communities and that you want it to continue.

We are enjoying a strong upswing in activity and volunteerism. As a result, we have seen great strides in the alumni-giving percentage, total amount of dollars raised, and alumni presence with on-campus committees and the Board of Trustees. We thank you very much for your past support, and I encourage your even greater participation as we move into the spring. Pitzer only will be as great as the alumni presence. I ask you for your continued support. Thank you.

—*Andy Goodman '81*
President, Alumni Association

new home in West Chester. Our children are growing up before our eyes! Jennifer is 11 years old, and Andrew is nearly 9 years old. After years of technical writing and help development, I'm considering a career change to software design. We would love to hear from our Pitzer friends. E-mail us at h.nelson3@verizon.net.

1985

Drew Kronick (Maplewood, N.J.)
I recently sold my new Internet company, deliverEnow, to a Canadian venture-backed logistic company called Veredex Logistics. As a result of the sale, I am now CEO and president of Veredex Logistics based in Toronto, Canada. With that said, I still live in New Jersey and commute a few days a week. On a family note, my newest child, Tate, will be turning 1 in July. My other three: Austin, 4, Shane, 6, and Hannah, 8. Anybody in the New York area please give me a "ring" at dkronick@veredex.com.

1987

Connie Kesser Tierney (Woodstock, Ga.)

Inaugural Event

Join alumni, parents and friends for the inaugural event of the **Pitzer College Pan-Asian Chapter** on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001 at Yum-Yum Restaurant Roppongi, Tokyo, Japan (hosted by Masa Igarashi '96)

For more information, contact Greg Saks at Greg_Saks@pitzer.edu or Rene Benitez '84, chair of the Pan-Asian Chapter, at Benitez@aib.com.ph



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Still at home, enjoying being an "at home mom". My marriage to Patrick in 1987, and two kids have been such a blessing in my life. I'd love to hear from old friends. E-mail me at ctierney@mindspring.com. It is a fun way to keep in touch.

1988

Doug Calvert (Del Mar, Calif.)
I was accepted to medical school! I'll be attending the Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine (TUCOM) in Vallejo, Calif., beginning this August. (Vallejo is north of San Francisco). My wife, Rachel, started a high-tech consulting company named MainNerve recently as well. My personal e-mail address will remain the same. You see, tell those young tykes just coming out of college that they don't have to have their whole lives figured out right then ...

Anne (Davidson) Babineau (Saunderstown, R.I.)
Anne says hello to her friends and former Pomona-Pitzer volleyball players. She and husband John are the proud parents of a daughter, Allie, born in 1999, and call southern Rhode Island home. They would love to hear from Pomona-Pitzer friends at babineaujaa@msn.com.

1990

Adam Gould (Houston)
I have struck out on my own here in Houston and am loving it. I am still undergoing intensive paternal training under the wing of my incredible son, Sammie, who will celebrate a big 3 years in May. I am currently acting as design/art direction/web development/corporate identity consultant/artist. I am hungry for business ... any ideas? Best regards to all of you!

1991

James Foley (Phoenix)
James Foley is applying for high-school teaching jobs in Phoenix and enjoying Mexico City in the summers. Hugs to Huong, Victor, Caroline, Larry, Kim, Perla B and others. *Saben quienes son*. My e-mail: liteface@netzero.net.

Seth Leibsohn (Washington)
Seth has become the director of policy at Empower America, the D.C.-based think tank founded and run by Bill Bennett and Jack Kemp. He is honored by his new position and asks any old pals from Pitzer days to drop a line next time they are in D.C. He can be reached via e-mail at sleibsohn@aol.com.

1992

Michele Botwin (Los Angeles)
I am still working at latimes.com as travel editor. Would love to hear from Pitzies. Contact me at mbotwin@aol.com.

Elizabeth Castro-Robbins (Norwalk, Calif.)
Elizabeth graduated on June 3 with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology.

Taylor Gilbert (Ventura, Calif.)
Tag is @ www.tayloragilbert.com, www.hs-mc.org, www.pfmentum.com, www.padmashedrupling.org, or www.nicholbys.net. Visitors welcome to join me on the beach in Ventura.

Karla Held (Houston)
In late August, I'll be taking an extended trip to Mexico and the Caribbean until the money runs out, and/or I find work there. Anyone is free to e-mail me advice and visit along the way. I can be reached at karlaheld@hotmail.com.

Jennifer Whorton Mann (Pomona, Calif.)
My husband, Derek, and I are expecting our second child in April. Our daughter, Cara, is now 2 years old. I am teaching fifth grade in Baldwin Park.

1993

Amanda Harris (Fountain Valley, Calif.)
I am currently enrolled in a M.A. psychology program at Pepperdine, and will complete my degree in June 2002. I plan to continue in a psych degree program. In the summer, I lifeguard on the beach for the L.A. County Fire Department, and in the fall and winter, I am a substitute teacher in the Santa Ana School District.

Germaine Jackson (Valley Village, Calif.)
I received my master's degree in kinesiology in 1996 from Indiana University. I am currently a teacher in North Hollywood, at the Campbell Hall School. I teach biology and ecology at the high-school level. My wonderful experience at Pitzer encouraged me to become a teacher. I especially loved Dr. Sadava and his witty sense of humor. In my free time, I work as an athletic trainer for the teams on campus, coach track and write poetry. I would love to hear from old friends in my class. My e-mail address is jacksog@campbellhall.org.

Angela Ragusa Stengler (Oceanside, Calif.)
Our daughter, Hope Renee, was born January 18. Mark Jr. loves being the big brother! Our next book, "Your Vital Child" (natural medicine and children's health), is due out in late November through Rodale press.

1994

Amy Champ Spinetta (Sacramento, Calif.)
I got married. My new name is Amy Spinetta, but my e-mail remains the same as it ever was: amychamp@yahoo.com.

1995

Brendan McDermott (Los Angeles)
I recently became engaged to Cristina Culino.

Kate Post (Los Angeles)
I just moved back to Los Angeles after spending the last five years in New York City working as a talent executive. I'm taking a much-needed break between television projects, enjoying putting around in my garden, and looking forward to scaling a few Mayan ruins on an upcoming visit to Tulum, Mexico.

Jennet Patrick Zelinsky (Brentwood, Calif.)
I got married in August 2000 to a wonderful man. We currently live in Brentwood.

1996

Paul Frankel (Redwood Valley, Calif.)
My son, Paul Frankel III, was born March 18 in Ukiah, Calif. The time was 12:44 a.m. and he weighed in at 8 pounds, 4.5 ounces, and was 22 inches long. He just had his two-month checkup and weighed in at 13 pounds, 6 ounces, and is 24 inches. Doctor says he is doing extremely well and is perfectly healthy.

Nicole Hohmann (Evanston, Ill.)
This year, I finished my master's in oriental medicine, got my acupuncture license and am building my practice now in Glenview and Chicago. I'd love to hear from old friends (who knew me as Lamphere): nicolehohmann@acupuncture.com.

1997

Dionne Barnes-Proby (Fontana, Calif.)
In June 2000, I received a master's of social work (MSW) degree. God blessed me with a wonderful job at the RAND Corp. in Santa Monica, where I have been working for almost a year and it has been fabulous. I work as a research analyst doing in-depth fieldwork on welfare-reform, education, child-policy and criminal-justice projects. My duties at RAND include writing protocols for interviews, conducting in-depth interviews, synthesizing data and data analysis. I have learned a great deal from this job. Probably the most important thing that I have learned is that I need more education if I want to be a researcher. I plan to attend UCLA in fall 2002 to acquire a Ph.D. in sociology.



From left, Mike Maltz '00, Greg Garber '92, Rachel Maltz '96 and Eowyn Greeno '95 joined more than 30 alumni and parents gathered at Bistro Zinc in Chicago for a discussion with professor Betty Farrell.

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ning and development stages of establishing a "one-stop shop" transitional housing facility for the homeless.

Hayden Hamilton (Oxford, England)

I started an MBA at Oxford in October as a Rotary Scholar after finishing my Freeman project last July on ecotourism in the mountains of Asia. This summer, I am working with a Ukrainian venture-capital firm exploring expansion into Georgia and other former Soviet states. After graduation in the fall, I'll be working in London doing business development. Thanks to all the Pitzer faculty and staff who helped make all these opportunities possible.

Linda Lewis (Long Beach, Calif.)

For the last year and a half, my partner and I have lived on a 30-foot boat in the Alimitos Bay. We're getting cramped though, and ready to venture onto land again for a garden, kitchen, bathtub, closet, room to dance and offices to work in. I'm just finishing my first year of teaching, and so far, I'm still alive. Teaching the "at risk" population at a charter high school in Long Beach has been challenging and rewarding ... "My bad ... you know what I'm saying, cuuz?" While going for my teaching credential at Cal State Dominguez Hills, I'm applying for contracts with the "normal" school districts. I hope to land a position by fall. My writing has taken a back seat, but it's growling, scratching, complaining, crawling to the front seat, gripping the wheel, white knuckles, bad breath and pissed off. I'm still just a little passionate about writing.

Chandra M. Locke (Wilmington, Calif.)

Spent the past two-and-a-half years working for a management-consulting firm in downtown L.A., but most of my time is spent traveling to client sites throughout the United States. When I'm not working, you can catch me in Oakland with my boyfriend, **Derek Bradley '98**.

2000

Nicholas Dusic (Washington)

I interned last fall with Northwest Ecosystem Alliance in Bellingham, Wash. I worked on issues related to trade in forest products. I am now in D.C. working with the Bank Information Center, monitoring multilateral development bank projects. I would be happy to talk about forest/environmental activism opportunities in the Northwest or possible work with development NGO's in D.C. with anyone interested in those issues at Pitzer. I will be attending University College London next fall, studying geography and environmental change. I would also be happy to talk to anyone interested in the field of geography. E-mail me at ndusic@hotmail.com.

Matty Morin (Seattle)

I graduated last year and have been living in Seattle. I worked at a Natural Food Grocery Cooperative and as a *barista* at a neighborhood cafe. But just yesterday, I accepted a position working for Cornish College of the Arts in their admissions office. Anyone interested in contacting me should send e-mail to: matty_nw@hotmail.com.

Hannah Pass (San Francisco)

I am up here in San Francisco planning big parties for the San Francisco Ballet. I

have been here at the Association for almost a year. This summer, I will be camping up the coast and going back East for vacation. Future plans? Well, I love San Francisco, but I think that it is time to go back to grad school, so I am in the process of applying to a bunch of Ph.D. programs for fall 2002. To give you an update on my pals that came up here with me last year after graduation ... **Russ Chaplan '01** (and his dog, Arjuna) is living and working in the East Bay and having a fabulous time. **Tara Bailey** left the city just recently and moved to Park City, Utah, where she is working. **Jocelyn Chiappetta** just left for a year in Chile with **Brian Stevens '01** and **Tyler Anyon '01**, they are headed down there to teach English, hopefully, and, of course, travel! So that is the scoop from my end!

Gladys Valdez (Austin, Texas)

Hello everyone! Since graduation I've been working for Pitzer as an admission counselor and while it's been fun, it's time to leave the nest. I am very excited to be starting a doctoral program in clinical psychology at the University of Texas at Austin this upcoming fall. Wish me luck! Take care and if any of you recent alums are ever in Austin, drop me a line. I can be reached at happybuttvaldez@hotmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Jeffrey Wilde '73 (Chevy Chase, Md.)
Passed away on Nov. 7, 2000.

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"What's up" to my boys **D. Bradley '98, D. Bonds '96, D. Newson, J. Swanson '96, C. Griffin, D. Johnson '96, R. Llorens, M. Parker**, and my girls **LaTonya, Leah, Elise, Natasha, Trista** and **the Queen**. I love you and miss you all. Get at me electronically at jdlowery@hiu.edu.

Aryn May (Claremont, Calif.)

I recently became engaged and bought a house in Claremont last year. I work for Claremont Financial Group, an investment and financial planning firm. I am portfolio analyst and operations director. In my free time, I work on my house and play with my golden retriever.

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Christina Frausto (Claremont, Calif.)

I graduated from Pitzer in 1998, and Claremont Graduate University just this spring. I run a non-profit organization, Cultural Resource Management. We do grant writing for cities and offer historic

preservation, design, appraisals, inventories and archival work.

Bryn Kanter (Phoenix)

I just finished my first year of law school at Arizona State University. I will be spending my summer working on death-row cases at the office of the Federal Public Defender - The Capital Habeas Unit for the District of Arizona. Would love to hear from any alumni! I can be reached at BKA6221206@aol.com.

Alisa Ruby (Malibu, Calif.)

I am living on the beach in Malibu and focusing on my acting career and helping to launch a non-profit organization that teaches disturbed children organic farming.

Aleza Posner Weber (Reisterstown, Md.)

I recently married my Pitzer o-chemistry lab partner, **Eric Weber**.

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Katharine Albert (Alta Loma, Calif.)

Since graduating, I went straight into grad school full time. I commenced on June 10 with my master's degree in social work from Loma Linda University. I have accepted a clinical therapist position with San Bernardino County Dept. of Behavioral Health. In addition, my husband, Michael, and I began revitalizing homes in urban areas. We are in the plan-

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Pitzer Makes Mother Jones' List of Top 10 Activist Campuses

Pitzer College has secured a high place this year on the list of Top 10 activist campuses compiled annually by Mother Jones magazine. Pitzer's campus activists secured the No. 2 position in the magazine's third-annual ranking of activist colleges for protests last March over plans to build a seventh college on the Bernard Biological Field Station. Several students chained themselves to concrete-filled trash cans and barricaded entrances to the main business building of Claremont University Center for 28 hours until local authorities were called. Ten students were arrested; three of them were from Pitzer. The students were charged with misdemeanor trespassing and released. To compile the rankings, Mother Jones asks for nominations from national groups like Amnesty International, Habitat for Humanity and Act Up. This year's No. 1 slot went to Yale University for releasing a patent on an AIDS drug, thereby allowing its export to Africa. The list will be published in Mother Jones' September/October issue, which hits newsstands in early September. Mother Jones also is available on the web at www.motherjones.com.

In light of this honor, we'd like to pose a question to our readers: What do you think of student activism today versus when you were in college? Please respond via e-mail to Letters@Pitzer.edu. Answers received will be published in our fall edition. The first 25 respondents who provide a name and address will receive a free coffee mug for The Campaign for Pitzer College!