

Pitzer College

Office of Student Affairs



Fall 2007

Transforming a Campus...

Atherton Hall Opens Doors -

Two years after the groundbreaking ceremony for the new residence halls, Pitzer College opened Atherton Hall on August 30, 2007, just in time to welcome the Class of 2011!

Sanborn Hall north opened on September 5, Sanborn east opened September 17, and Pitzer Hall is scheduled to be completed by October. In the meantime, students temporarily moved into old Sanborn Hall and are moving in phases over to the new halls.

Those students living in the new residence halls may have noticed that the air-conditioning automatically shuts off if a window is left open. The cooling and heating system is equipped with sensors in each room for highly efficient operation and energy conservation. In fact, the new buildings will consume 30% less energy than the traditional buildings due to lighting, efficient chillers, boilers and pumps. Water conservation, local and recycled materials, and drought-tolerant landscaping are just some of the measures that will position Pitzer College toward becoming the first college in the nation to eventually have all Gold LEED certified residence halls.

We welcomed 243 first-year students, 11 Bridge students, 16 Transfers and 13 New Resource students this semester. In addition, 28 exchange students and 15 Waseda students were also admitted - a total of 326 new students on campus. Finally, we are pleased to be able to offer housing to transfer students this semester.



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Once complete, the new Sanborn Hall will accommodate 178 students, Pitzer Hall will house 78 students and Atherton Hall will house 62 students - a total of 318. Returning students and upperclassmen will continue to reside in Holden Hall and Mead Hall with capacity at 196 and 220 respectively. This provides accommodations for 734 students or 84% of those students eligible to live on campus. Upon completion of Phase II in a few years, which includes two more residence halls, we expect to be able to house 95% of the student body.

When Phase I is complete, students will be able to enjoy the new living and learning communities situated around the Gold Student Center. Interactions with faculty and staff living in residence will allow students to become involved in hall-related programming



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and activities designed to enhance the learning experience.

With much activity now focused on the east side of the campus, the Mailroom will relocate to the basement of Atherton Hall and the Admissions office will soon move into Pitzer Hall. Tressi Chun in the Housing Office has relocated to the Gold Student Center.

The addition of the new residence halls has brought about many exciting changes, including additions and changes to the Residential Life Staff (see Page 2).

A big *thank you* to all those who helped make Welcome Week a success, including Hall Directors, Resident Assistants, Welcome Week Assistants, Mentors, Faculty and Staff.

OSA looks forward to offering students many services, activities and opportunities towards another successful semester.

Spotlight On...Residential Life Staff

We are pleased to announce the promotion of **Chris Brunelle** to Director of Residence Life (formerly Mead Hall Director). In his new role, Chris will oversee all residential life staff, including the three new Hall Directors and 20 Resident Assistants. Chris had a busy summer preparing training schedules and manuals for the new Hall Directors and Resident Assistants, working with the Summer Conference staff, assisting in development of the Faculty-In-Residence program and many other projects. We'd like to congratulate Chris as he enters his fourth year at Pitzer. Look for Chris in his new office in the Gold Student Center, Room 222 (Ext. 72988).



One of the first things Chris and the Hall Directors did was develop a vision statement for Residence Life: *In addition to supporting Pitzer's Community values, Residence Life Staff wholeheartedly fosters the growth of a healthy and safe community through positive interactions; respectful exchange of ideas; celebrating diversity in all its forms; and empowering leadership and action.*

The entire Residential Life Staff is committed to the success of this vision and to fulfill this vision they will be focusing on being readily available and visible to the residents and by providing informative and engaging programs to the Pitzer Community.



Sheldon Coleman, Hall Director (Atherton, Sanborn and Pitzer Hall Complex)

Sheldon hails from New York where he received his undergraduate degree from SUNY Stony Brook, then went on to work at SUNY Cortland. More recently, he was the Resident Director at Cal State Los Angeles where he was responsible for 950 residents. In terms of what he hopes to accomplish as the new hall director for Phase I, Sheldon says, "I want to build a strong, close and lively community within the complex."

Drew Herbert, Holden Hall Director

Drew comes to us from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a minor in American Ethnic Studies. He has a strong background in social justice, specifically in dismantling racism, educating about white privilege and preventing male violence.

"This year I desire to infuse Pitzer's core values into Holden Hall with the goal of encouraging the holistic model of education through fostering a safe and respecting community that seeks to critically engage itself within a shared living environment. I believe tomorrow's leaders and revolutionaries need to value community in its broadest and most inclusive forms."



Monique Payton, Mead Hall Director

Monique is a Southern Californian who graduated from UCLA with a B.A. in Anthropology and Sociology. Upon graduation she began working at UCLA as Assistant Resident Director where she worked with transfer students, orientation and specialized in diversity programming. "I am excited to get involved in the Pitzer community through working with PACT and students within the residence halls."

Congratulations 2007 Resident Assistants!

Atherton Hall

Fernando Calderon Jr.
Latrice Jones

E. Sanborn Hall

Charles Butler
Jackie Martinez
Geraldine O'Sullivan

Holden Hall

Nancy Campos
Emily Gallichotte
Benjamin Hall
Wendnisha Williams

Mead Hall

Jess Gambrell
Kali Hobson
Melissa Macias
Francine Mireles (Fall)
Samantha Morales (Spring)
Kate Porter
Brandon Smith

Pitzer Hall

Whitney Harper
Laura Tilem

N. Sanborn Hall

Kelsey Herrmann
Justin Woods
Aimee Zisner



Moya Carter Associate Dean of Students Director of Campus Life

We would be remiss if we did not give a "shout out" to Dean Moya Carter who tirelessly oversees all aspects of Campus Life. Moya was extremely busy this summer recruiting and hiring the above professionals, working with Tressi Chun in Housing to assign temporary rooms to students prior to Phase I completion, training the mentors, preparing for Welcome Week activities and numerous other projects. Moya's office has moved from the Gold Student Center to the Office of Student Affairs in Scott Hall 130.



2007 Orientation Adventure



After graduation, '07 Student Senate President Matt Berry spent his summer working on Orientation Adventure, adding three more pre-orientation trips to the popular hike and surf trips. More than 100 first-year students representing 40% of the incoming class signed up for the five trips offered. This was a wonderful way to allow new students to meet each other and form friendships before the start of the semester. They had the opportunity to participate in themed trips of their choice designed to appeal to a variety of interests. The five trips were led by 30+ returning Pitzer students with previous experience in the field, chosen for their maturity, attention to safety, and plenty of enthusiasm! The trips included:

Sustainability in Action

This exciting trip was designed for students interested in exploring local attempts at sustainability both on campus and in the surrounding region. The focus of the trip was on organic farms and community gardens that are exemplary models of local food production and community building. Students visited the Pomona Organic Farm and Earth Dome, The Pitzer Student Garden, Claremont Farmers Market, La Madera Community Garden, Solano Canyon Farm and Garden, Morningstar Ranch, and Laganza Farm with overnight stays at the Clear Mountain Cooperative, Newport Dunes Campsite and the Morningstar Ranch. The trip was a mix of work and play as students helped plant fall crops at numerous sites, got lessons in cheese and sauerkraut making, went on a night hike, camped on the beach, cooked delicious organic meals together, and much more. Said trip leader Adam Forbes, "In the end, students and leaders came away with a greater appreciation for what sustainability actually means, what people are doing in this region to have a smaller ecological footprint, and how important our decisions of what we eat are."

LA Music, Museums and More

For those who wanted to learn about arts and culture in Los Angeles, this trip was jam-packed with exciting activities. Students were introduced to the creative centers of LA through tours of the Getty Center, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Petersen's Automotive Museum, and the Lady of the Angels Cathedral as well as a concert at the Hollywood Bowl, a visit to

Amoeba Music Hollywood and a taping of the *Jimmy Kimmel Live* show. They also got to experience Southern California flavor by watching a Dodger game at the stadium, exploring neighborhoods such as Venice Beach, Hollywood and Old Town Pasadena, and overlooking the city from Griffith Park Observatory. "The LA Trip really gave incoming students a well-rounded introduction to their new surroundings and the activities were fun and interesting. We had an awesome time," said trip leader Fred Beebe.

Coastal Cruising/Biking

A rigorous ride for bicycle enthusiasts, this trip began in Azusa at the San Gabriel River Trail and ended in Newport Beach for an overnight stay at the Newport Dunes Campsite. The following day the group biked down to Crystal Cove State Park between Corona del Mar and Laguna Beach. Then it was on to San Onofre in San Clemente for the third night's stay and a rendezvous with the folks on the Surfing Trip. Says first-year student Jyoti Gautam, "We spent three days biking 86 miles and hiking seven miles, sleeping under the stars, watching the lunar eclipse on a mountain in the middle of nowhere, cooking stew with plastic utensils, encountering strangers in the wild, meeting Portuguese speaking pizza makers, jammin' on the beaches....all of which I experienced with my classmates and our wonderful leaders made this a trip I will never forget!"

Southern California Surf

A popular trip for mostly inexperienced surfers from out of state, this trip provides instruction by professional surfer and twelve time women's U.S. surfing champion Kim Hamrock, otherwise known as *Danger Woman*. After the three hour surf lesson on glorious Newport Beach, everyone was able to stand on a wave. Later in the day the group moved on to San Onofre State Park where the waves were plentiful. As an added bonus that evening, some people were lucky enough to catch the full lunar eclipse while camping on the beach. First year student Nick Tagliarino said, "The surf trip was an unforgettable experience that allowed me to make friends even before school started. The trip leaders were all really cool and made sure that everyone felt comfortable in their new surroundings. I also learned to surf which is always a plus."

The Coastal Cruising bicyclist group surprised them by joining in the second night,

adding a whole new element to the experience. Trip leader Scott McDermott says, "Orientation trips can have a lasting impact on an incoming student, making the transition into college much smoother, and immediately bringing them into the Pitzer Community. Our job as orientation leaders is to allow the incoming students to feel some of this comfort as they make a difficult rite of passage."

Backpacking Trip

Our longest running program, this five-day hike explored the Jennie Lakes Wilderness Area of Kings Canyon in the Sequoia National Forest. The scenery is spectacular with pristine lakes, meadows, forest and streams. With 25 participants and 10 trip leaders, the group split into two groups to comply with park hiking and camping regulations. The trek was over 9,000 feet in elevation and offered majestic views of the Sierra Mountains and a great taste of the backcountry. Now a Pitzer tradition, the experience gives incoming students an amazing opportunity to meet and bond, forming relationships that last long past graduation. "It is truly an unforgettable adventure," said trip leader Mia Henry.

We want to acknowledge Matt Berry for his vision, dedication and commitment to the 2007 Orientation Program. Matt described the program as follows:

"Nearly half of the Class of 2011 and a good number of transfer students elected to participate in one of our optional Orientation Adventure offerings during fall 2007. The vision for the program will be in constant evolution as returning students propose various themed trips in the future, but the principle purpose is to jumpstart the friendship process in an intimate environment by offering varied experiences throughout California. The hope is that each participant returns to campus with more confidence, having formed connections with classmates that will last throughout their time at Pitzer and beyond. It is my hope that the Orientation Adventure Program creates great first memories and experiences for our newest members of the Pitzer Community."



DEAN'S CORNER

Dear Students,

I'm excited to start the year off with so many positive changes on campus...some of them still underway. I am particularly enthused by the connection (physical and otherwise) that will be developed between the new residence halls and the Gold Student Center.

My colleagues and I in Student Affairs are here to support you in your educational experience at Pitzer. We are happy to meet with you to talk about anything you wish.

My regular office hours this semester are Fridays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in Scott Hall 130, or you may make an appointment by calling 607-2821 or emailing micky_lee@pitzer.edu. I am also available most Wednesdays from noon to 1:30pm in McConnell Dining Hall and at other times. Feel free to approach me to talk.

Sincerely,

Jim Marchant
Dean of Students

CAPAS held its annual Open House and the first Student of Color reception in Mead Courtyard on September 11. The festivities were well received by approximately 90 guests with entertainment by the 5C Taiko Group and the spoken word by Betty Avila and Timothy Campos. You can find information about CAPAS and view the Open House slide show on their website at www.pitzer.edu/capas.

CAREER SERVICES is now on Sakai. Scroll down "joinable sites" to PZ Career Services where you can view the calendar, sign up for events and programs and find other pertinent information. Career Services hopes to utilize the discussion board feature in the future by posting topics and questions about your job search, resume, internships and more. To further enhance communication and embrace new technology, Career Services also has a presence on Facebook.

JUMPSTART is hiring! Make a difference in the life of a child by mentoring preschool children and preparing them for elementary school. Earn work study wages and an AmeriCorps education award of \$1000. You will be paired one-to-one with a partner child at a local early childhood center. Contact Karen_Magoon@pitzer.edu or visit <http://www.jstart.org/collegestudents>.

Come on out and support the Sagehens!

October's Home Lineup:



- October 2:**
7:30pm **Volleyball** (Redlands)
- October 3:**
4:00pm **Women's Soccer** (Redlands)
- October 6:**
11:00am **Women's Soccer** (Cal Lutheran)
6:00pm **Volleyball** (La Verne)
7:00pm **Football** (La Verne)
- October 9:**
7:30pm **Volleyball** (Chapman)
- October 10:**
4:00pm **Men's Water Polo** (La Verne)
4:00pm **Men's Soccer** (CMS)
7:00pm **Men's Water Polo** (Cal Baptist)
- October 13:**
10:00am **Volleyball** (Muhlenberg)
11:00am **Men's Soccer** (Occidental)
- October 17:**
4:00pm **Men's Soccer** (Whittier)
4:00pm **Men's Water Polo** (Whittier)
7:00pm **Men's Water Polo** (Chapman)
- October 19:**
4:00pm **Women's Soccer** (La Verne)
- October 20:**
11:00am **Men's Water Polo** (Redlands)
1:00pm **Men's Water Polo** (Mercyhurst)
1:00pm **Football** (Occidental)
5:00pm **Men's Water Polo** (Fresno Pacific)
- October 26:**
7:30pm **Volleyball** (Caltech)
- October 27:**
11:00am **Men's Soccer** (Redlands)
1:00pm **Football** (Chapman)
7:00pm **Men's Water Polo** (Cal Lutheran)



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Chillin' by the GSC pool

Welcome Week Snaps

FUN AT THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE



MOVE-IN DAY

