

Macaulay Appointed Dean of Faculty

Our new Dean of Faculty replacing Patsy Sampson at the end of this semester will be Prof. Ron Macaulay. The new Dean will be formally introduced to the College in his new position at the Commencement ceremonies this spring. And when it rains it pours—Prof. Macaulay has also been selected as the In-House Speaker for this year's graduation.

Carter, Anderson rank most favorably

Students Respond to Campaign Poll

By Larry Diamond

Before the primaries got into high gear, **The Other Side** conducted a survey among the student body in an effort to find out how well students understood the presidential selection process, the issues, and which candidates rated most favorably. Hence, underlying the random survey of 130 students was an attempt to gain insight into the political perspectives of the student body.

The survey was conducted over a three day period during the third week of February. Among the students surveyed, approximately 60% were women and 40% were men, while insofar as classes were concerned, approximately 25% of those who

responded were freshmen, 30% were sophomores, 20% were juniors, and 20% were of senior standing.

I.

The first area to be considered is how well students understand the presidential selection process and what perceptions they have of the media. The questions and results of this inquiry are listed below:

1. Do you understand the presidential election process insofar as primaries, caucuses, conventions, and the electoral college are concerned?

Yes.....73%
No.....23%
Undecided.....4%

2. Does the media present the presidential campaign objectively?

Yes.....23%
No.....60%
Undecided.....16%

3. Do you watch presidential debates on television?

Yes.....45%
No.....55%

4. Do the debates help you decide who you want for President?

Yes.....18%
No.....72%
Undecided.....10%

Despite the fact that some political analysts call the election of a United States president the most complicated process in the world, almost 75% of the student body answered affirmatively insofar as understanding the presidential selection process.

As for the media, a vast majority of the students responded quite pessimistically as reflected by the fact that almost two out of every three students perceived the media as presenting the campaign unobjectively. Moreover, the majority of students don't watch televised debates, and of those few students who do, many of them remain unaffected by the debates when it comes time to vote.

II.

The second area in which students were surveyed concerned specific issues. The questions were all-encompassing and therefore one can draw only very general conclusions. The questions and results of this part of the survey are listed as follows:

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Business Careers Alumni Night Sparkles

By NANCY MOLIN

Last Thursday, March 27, the Pitzer College Alumni Association hosted the last of its series: Career Parties 1980, with an evening highlighting business careers available to graduates of Pitzer. There were about ten alums present at the gathering in the Grove House living room, and a multitude of students, who came to talk about life as it is for a Pitzie in the "real world." The alums, whose Pitzer degrees are in subjects ranging from Classics to Chemistry, have careers ranging from real estate to litigation consulting to owning a business. The group represented classes from 1968 to 1979, and included men and women from all over the L.A. area.

The event, scheduled for 7:30, started promptly at 8:00, with each person introducing themselves and telling about their work. Then the group broke up and students gathered around individual alums to discuss their own goals and needs. Students were therefore able to gain maximum interaction with people in areas of their own interest, and to discuss specific concerns with people who have fought the same battles that we, as students, will soon face.

For Kristin Olsen ('71), Pitzer's Director of Alumni and Communications, Thursday's Business Evening and the previous events highlighting medical educations and law careers, represent the realization of a long-held dream. To make use of "alum-power" to benefit current students in a useful, informative and fun way, and to increase alumni involvement at Pitzer have been two of her most important goals in her work at Pitzer. She's already planning next year's Career Parties and hopes to make them an annual event. Special, warm thanks from all of us who attended, enjoyed, and benefitted from Career Parties 1980 go to Jean Waldrom Trull ('70) and her dedicated committee who labored to make this event a rousing success.



Class of '23 Alumna speaks on business innovations.

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This year's May Graduation Speakers have been selected:

Hirsh Larkey, Grove House waiter and stand-up comedian, has been selected as the Senior Speaker. The Senior Class Gift will be presented by **Tom Lowery**. There will be three honored guests this year. Pitzer's ex-Professor and past Admissions Director **Bill Lowery** (Tom's brother), **Norvetta Williams**, and **Prof. Odette Meyers**, certainly deserve this recognition for their commitment to the College and to this year's graduating class.

The **Student Appointments Committee** has selected **Kristi Alexander** to fill the vacant position on the **Community Relations Committee** and the newly appointed **Student Activities Coordinator** for Cultural and Academic Events is **Donald Singleton**. The Committee reports that its decisions were extremely difficult because all candidates were highly qualified. All those who applied and were not selected, the **Student Appointments Committee** urges you to reapply next semester.

A representative from **The League of Women Voters** will be in **McConnell Center** on April 9 and 10 to register students. Those who want to cast their ballots on **Proposition 9 (Jarvis II)** and/or the **Presidential Primary** on June 3, are urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

The No-Talent Talent Night is coming.

Grove House Happy Hours

In an effort to aid penny-pinching students, the **Grove Coffee House** is offering special lower prices for **Brandied Cappuccino** during their **Friday Happy Hours**. Students who order this delightful beverage between the hours of 5 and 7, Friday afternoons will pay only 75¢. This is a 10¢ savings over the regular price. CHEERS!

Senior Film Buff, **Charlie Pickle** and **Happy Cancer** joined their talents last Friday night in **Avery Auditorium** to create a sensual experience long to be remembered by the many who were there. It was said by many of the older students and Professors, that the show was the best on-campus entertainment since the **Mystic Knights of the Oingo Boingo** performed at **Kohoutek** years ago.

The **External Studies Program** at **Goldsmith College** in London has been cancelled. This is due to the **British Government's** stop on foreign student subsidies, and the consequent closing of this nationally organized program. The **External Studies Committee** is presently reviewing other programs in London and hopes to organize a new program to begin at **Pitzer** in the Spring of '81.

Have you noticed that strange new sign "**Pitzer College Outings**"? Well, it's all about three camping trips sponsored by that new smash hit group **S.A.C.** There will be a **Desert trip** at **Joshua Tree** this weekend. Two weeks later (April 19th) there will be a **bike trip** to **Lytle Creek**. On April 25, the third outing will be a **beach excursion** to **San Clemente** (where Sun is the highlight, not Nixon). Each trip costs \$5.00. Walk...Jog...Run... to sign up now, the lists are filling fast.

Election Survey Cont'd.

5. Do you favor registration?

- Yes.....33%
- No.....63%
- Undecided.....4%

6. If there was registration should women have to register?

- Yes.....52%
- No.....44%
- Undecided.....4%

7. Do you favor the draft?

- Yes.....9%
- No.....86%
- Undecided.....5%

8. If there was a draft, should women be drafted?

- Yes.....32%
- No.....61%
- Undecided.....6%

9. Do you favor national health insurance?

- Yes.....59%
- No.....32%
- Undecided.....9%

10. Do you favor gas rationing?

- Yes.....57%
- No.....38%
- Undecided.....5%

11. Do you favor more welfare programs?

- Yes.....43%
- No.....51%
- Undecided.....6%

12. Do you favor the Equal Rights Amendment?

- Yes.....81%
- No.....15%
- Undecided.....4%

13. Do you favor lowering taxes?

- Yes.....51%
- No.....48%
- Undecided.....1%

These answers reflect a wide range of political perspectives. Generally speaking, however, the student body appears to be slightly more liberal than conservative as evidenced by the overwhelming support for the **Equal Rights Amendment** and the majority support for such programs as **national health insurance** and **gas rationing**.

Nonetheless, a more detailed examination is needed (perhaps in a future survey) since there are also some clear conservative wavelengths in the student body as indicated by the majority of students being in favor of **lower taxes** and **skeptical** about adding more welfare programs to the federal bureaucracy. Indeed, it would appear as if there are contradictory viewpoints here. For example, it is difficult to implement a **mult-billion dollar program** such as **national health insurance** without raising taxes. Thus, some confusions remain as a result of such inconsistencies.

There were no secrets as to how the student body felt about registration

and the draft, for a clear majority were against registration and close to 90% of the students were against the draft. Nonetheless, if registration were to take place, the majority of students felt that women should be compelled to register just as men. However, if a draft were to be instigated, students responded less consistently as evidenced by the fact that almost two out of every three students would be against conscription for women.

III.

The final area in which students were surveyed was within the realm of the current presidential campaign. Here, some interesting insights can be gathered by examining the student responses to these campaign oriented questions. It should be noted that although some of the candidates in our survey have already dropped out of the race, they remain listed in order to give the reader a better sense of where students stand on the political spectrum.

14. What party do you consider yourself to be a part of?

- Democrat.....45%
- Independent.....27%
- Republican.....9%
- Other.....15%
- Undecided.....4%

15. Which candidate do you trust most?

- Carter.....22%
- Anderson.....21%
- Kennedy.....8%
- Bush.....8%
- Brown.....8%
- Baker.....3%
- Reagan.....3%
- Dole.....1%
- Crane.....1%
- Connally.....1%
- Undecided.....23%

16. Which candidate speaks best to the issues?

- Anderson.....22%
- Bush.....13%
- Carter.....11%
- Kennedy.....9%
- Brown.....5%
- Baker.....4%
- Reagan.....2%
- Connally.....2%
- Dole.....1%
- Crane.....0%
- Undecided.....31%

17. Which candidate is the most articulate?

- Kennedy.....13%
- Anderson.....9%
- Bush.....9%
- Reagan.....7%
- Carter.....5%
- Brown.....5%
- Baker.....3%
- Dole.....2%
- Connally.....2%
- Crane.....2%
- Undecided.....43%

G.S.U. Supports Prisoners

Members of The Claremont Colleges Gay Students Union pledged March 6th to work for human rights with the 6-campus' Amnesty International (AI) adoption group No. 14. Eileen McConnell, coordinator for the AI group, expressed optimism that the unique coalition will help to solve AIUSA 14's lagging membership problem, and saluted the GSU members' decision to work for broad human rights goals embracing all people. Larry Goldsmith, GSU President and Ms. McConnell's host at the Thursday night GSU meeting, announced the details of agreement.

The GSU will adopt two prisoners for whom to write letters—one gay and one non-gay. The non-gay prisoner will be one of AIUSA 14's two prisoners, and the gay prisoner will be chosen from among cases in the files of the newly-formed ACLU National Gay Rights Project Gay Prisoners Committee (chaired by **The Other Side's** opinion page editor and GSU member, Don Campbell). Members of the GSU will join AI, and each group's members will write letters for both groups' adopted prisoners. Each month following one of its regular Thursday night meetings, the GSU will join AIUSA 14 members at their monthly letter-writing night, as well as helping out during the AI flower sale held each year in May.

The coalition is particularly significant in light of the 6-year debate

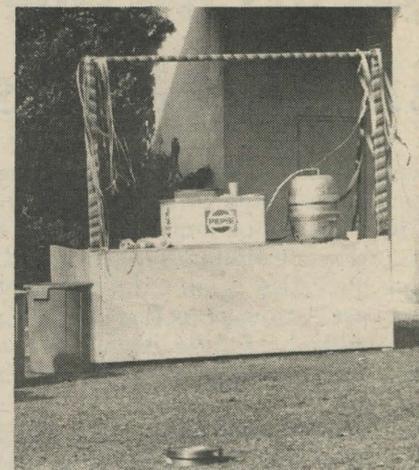
which still continues within AI over recognizing as Prisoners of Conscience persons imprisoned solely because of their sexual orientation. The most recent round of this debate took place last November at AI's 1979 International Council Meeting in Leuven, Belgium. After considerable debate, a resolution was passed declaring the individuals imprisoned for advocating gay rights could be recognized as Prisoners of Conscience, and calling on certain national sections of AI (AIUSA among them) to continue gathering information on the gay prisoners issue. This data will be gathered into a report which the study groups will present to the International Council Meeting in 1981 or 82.

This resolution was a disappointment to gay rights activists, and resulted in heated denunciations of AI by leaders of gay rights groups throughout the world. Many gay members of AI left the organization, sending angry letters of explanation to the London Secretariat. At the same time, those national sections who had most vigorously opposed the move to adopt gay prisoners, such as the British section, also saw the adoption of the resolution as something of a defeat.

The AIUSA 14/GSU coalition is therefore an interesting gesture of solidarity between members of potentially hostile groups.



Maestro Ellenhorn rehearses for performance.



Ghost of KOHOUTEK past or future?

A KOHOUTEK OF THE '80s—April 12th

April 12, 1980 will be a day to be remembered at the Claremont Colleges. Harvey Mudd is having their Alumni Day, the International Association is having their International Fair and Pitzer College (our one and only) is having their **7th Annual Kohoutek Festival**. This year's Festival is looking promising as last minute details are being finalized. Events include the well-publicized Chaotic Hell's Variety Talent show, Parcourse Races, a Dunking Booth, a Massage Parlor, and Edwin Hale's Touring Theatre Group.

Music for the Festival includes the long awaited Classical group with Bonnie Snortum, Lew Ellenhorn and Don Ambrosium, last year's Kohoutek favorite: Cindy Steele and the Steelers, and the Tyrone Anthony Group. At midnight at a bonfire in the fountain area (unless moved to Mead living room due to weather) a special guest Rumanian professor will be telling authentic Transylvania haunted tales in a true Harry Senn style. **The Other Side** hopes to publish the full schedule of events, in its next issue, for this year's cosmic event: KOHOUTEK VIII!!

Personality More Important than Issues?

Response to Presidential Survey Cont'd.

18. Which candidate are you least in favor of?

Reagan.....	42%
Kennedy.....	14%
Brown.....	9%
Connally.....	9%
Bush.....	8%
Carter.....	8%
Anderson.....	0%
Dole.....	0%
Crane.....	0%
Baker.....	0%
Undecided.....	10%

19. If Gerald Ford ran for president would you vote for him?

Yes.....	18%
No.....	71%
Undecided.....	10%

20. If you had to vote today for the President of the United States, who would you vote for?

Carter.....	24%
Anderson.....	20%
Kennedy.....	12%
Bush.....	7%
Baker.....	5%
Brown.....	5%
Reagan.....	5%
Crane.....	0%
Connally.....	0%
Cole.....	0%
Undecided.....	20%

Although the survey was taken before the New England primaries more than a month ago, it's interesting and perhaps impressive to note that the candidates which were preferred least by the student body are now, for

all practical purposes, out of the race. In other words, the candidates which are still in the race (with the exception of Reagan) were ranked more favorably than candidates such as Baker, Brown, Connally, Crane, and Dole; all of whose candidacies have come to a halt.

One of the most interesting indicators in the survey was the strong response in favor of Representative John Anderson. This was significant due to the fact that the survey was taken before Anderson emerged into the national limelight following his impressive performance in Vermont and Massachusetts.

Also interesting was the fact that, although Carter was ranked as the most popular candidate, he scored very low in categories such as speaking to the issues and articulating his platform. Nonetheless, Carter was the most trusted candidate, thus affirming the apparent nation-wide trend which often perceives personalities as more important than issues. In other words, in a political climate which hasn't forgotten Vietnam and Watergate, trust in leadership is often the most important asset a candidate can have.

Had Gerald Ford entered the campaign trail he would not have been received very well at Pitzer College. However, his solid support of 18% was impressive considering he was not formally in the race.

Insofar as seeing whether or not the

preferences for candidates were consistent with the student body's views of the issues, there were indeed some noteworthy inconsistencies. For example, although the student body was clearly against any kind of registration or military conscription, Carter, who favors registration, nonetheless remained the most desired candidate for president. Furthermore, despite the fact that the majority of students perceived National Health Insurance as a desirable program, Senator Kennedy, the most outspoken candidate in favor of such a plan, received very little support among the student body.

Hence, perhaps one could hypothesize that Pitzer students, unlike much of the country, are not as concerned with single issue politics. Thus, rather than voting for or against a candidate on the basis on one issue, Pitzer students seem more concerned with personal qualities such as trust and leadership.

Of course, one of the most significant observations that can be seen in this survey is the strong dislike for Ronald Reagan, presently the GOP frontrunner. Indeed, Reagan received dismal support from the student body in almost every category. This is consistent with the nation-wide trend among college students who are speaking out strongly in favor of John Anderson and against the conservative platform of Reagan.

It should be noted that 65% of the

students agreed that Reagan and Connally were the two most conservative candidates while 75% of the student body agreed that Kennedy and Brown were the two most liberal candidates running for president. (These figures are not listed in any of the preceding graphs.) Hence, since all four of these candidates were significantly disliked by the student body, one could further hypothesize that, besides weighing personality as an important prerequisite for a presidential candidate, Pitzer students are more moderate in their political ideologies than Reagan and Connally who are far to the right, and Kennedy and Brown, who lean far to the left. Thus, it's not surprising that the more moderate candidates such as Carter and Anderson emerged as the most popular contenders among Pitzer students.

Lastly, this survey would not be legitimate unless one conceded that the high number of "undecided" throughout the poll could significantly change the results of this survey at a later date when these "undecideds" choose among the narrowing field of candidates. Hence, what is needed is a more up-to-date survey to see whether or not there is still a high number of "undecided" students and, if not, where the support was channelled. Furthermore, it would be interesting to see who the supporters of Connally, Baker, Brown and Dole turn to since these candidates have presentedly terminated their bid for the presidency.

Risks to Civil Liberties Contained in S 1722

Bill threatens Anti-Draft and Anti-Nuke Activists

Opposition to War, Registration, and the Draft

People considered to be "physically interfering" with recruitment or induction, or to be "inciting others" to evade military service, could be guilty of a crime. Picketing at an induction center or counseling conscientious objectors to not register for the draft could be held to be illegal (Sec. 1115). Sentences/Fines: up to 5 years - \$250,000. Expansion of Current Law.

Any civilian writing or speaking against a war, or conditions on a military installation, and whose actions are interpreted by military authorities as "inciting insubordination" can be threatened with severe sanctions (Sec. 1116). Sentences/Fines: up to 10 years - \$250,000 if committed during time of war (which is not defined in S 1722), otherwise up to 5 years - \$250,000.

Obstructing a Government Function by Physical Interference

Physical interference with any government function involving the "performance of an official duty" by most public officials, including law enforcement officers, is prohibited. A demonstration which blocks a post office or federal building, refusing to open a door to a marshal serving a subpoena, holding a rally in violation of a court order, could all become federal crimes (Sec. 1302). Sentences/Fines: 1 year - \$25,000. Expansion of Current Law.

Demonstrating to Influence a Judicial Proceeding

Picketing, parading, displaying a sign, or otherwise demonstrating within 100 feet of a federal courthouse while any judicial proceeding is in progress is prohibited. Demonstrations around political trials, controversial legal issues (e.g. reproductive rights or affirmative action), etc., can be cause for federal prosecution (Sec. 1328). Sentences/Fines: 6 months - \$25,000. Expansion of Current Law.

Obstructing a Proceeding by Disorderly Conduct

Impairment of any federal official proceeding by unreasonable noise, violent or tumultuous conduct, or "similar means" is made a federal crime. Political activity at any federal government function—court hearing, congressional activity, regulatory hearing, etc.—could be penalized (Sec. 1334). Sentences/Fines: 6 months - \$25,000. *New Law.*

Conspiracy and Attempt

The planning and discussion of certain activities become criminal through the Conspiracy and Attempt provisions. Such preliminary actions should not be penalized when they apply to the exercise of political rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. The conspiracy provision, especially, would make criminal the planning of a demonstration or rally that could become a disruption of a government function or proceeding, or could influence the judiciary, even if the demonstration or rally never occurs (Sec. 1001, 1002). Sentences/Fines: dependent upon the "crime" planned. Expansion of Current Law.

Anti-Nuclear Activities

S 1722 targets anti-nuclear activists and utilities reformers for special investigations and prosecution. Any property damage that takes place at a nuclear facility or any energy-production or distribution facility could become a federal crime. The Conspiracy, Attempt, and Solicitation ("persuading" another to commit a crime) provisions would also apply to this offense. This means that the planning or organizing of anti-nuclear demonstrations which result in any violence or property damage becomes a federal crime (Sec. 1702). Sentences/Fines: up to 5 years - \$250,000 for individuals, \$1,000,000 for organizations. Expansion of Current Law.

Obstructing a Government Function by Fraud

Engaging in "misrepresentation, chicanery, trickery, deceit, craft, overreaching, or other dishonest means" to obstruct any government function becomes a crime. Giving misleading information to a postman, using a trick to avoid surveillance by the FBI, making a misleading statement on a government questionnaire, etc.—all could raise the threat of federal prosecution (Sec. 1303). Sentences/Fines: 5 years - \$250,000. Expansion of Current Law.

Threats to Freedom of the Press

Protecting News Sources

Reporters could be accused of "Hindering Law Enforcement" if they refuse to identify news sources

THE OTHER SIDE TO CO-SPONSOR DEBATE

By Don Campbell

Two bills now before Congress—S 1722 and HR 6233, respectively the Senate and House versions of the Federal Criminal Code Reform Act of 1979—contain measures which could present serious threats to American citizens who oppose an undeclared war or who engage in organizing against the draft. The Act also poses threats to freedom of the press, as well as special provisions aimed at individuals planning, organizing, or participating in anti-nuclear demonstrations. Organized Labor also comes in for greater threat of prosecution, as do activists organizing demonstrations surrounding court trials.

Among past repressive measures which the Act would reactivate are the Nixon-Mundt Subversive Activities Control Act of 1959, which was used to prosecute Daniel Ellsberg for releasing the Pentagon Papers. It has also been interpreted by the Justice Department to include communication (e.g. through the press) of a broad range of information seen as related to national defense. Another repressive measure which would be revitalized by the Criminal Code Reform Act (Senate Bill 1722) is the infamous "Rap Brown Act" or 1968, which was sponsored by Senator Strom Thurmond, co-sponsor (with Senator Edward Kennedy) of S 1722. Although the version of the Rap Brown Act contained in S 1722 would increase the number of people constituting a "riot" from three to ten, it would leave still intact provisions used in the past to prosecute peace activists, Viet Nam veterans, Native Americans, and civil rights demonstrators. In addition, special provisions included in the 1968 version to prevent prosecutions in labor disputes have been deleted from the present version. S 1722 further expands the law to include people "engaging" in a "riot" even if they were not aware that the meeting, rally, or demonstration in which they were participating was considered a "riot" by law enforcement officers.

By the time this article is in print both S 1722 and its companion bill in the House, HR 6233, will probably have been reported out of committee and come to the floor for debate. Although the House bill contains fewer threats to civil liberties than the Senate version, it would be subjected to near-total compromise if both bills go to conference together.

Attempts to reform the Federal Criminal Code started almost 16 years ago under the Johnson Administration. There is little disagreement between liberal and conservative elements that such an attempt is badly needed. The major disagreement has been over whether to go about it in step-by-step fashion or through an omnibus bill approach, such as the present Act. Proponents of the omnibus bill approach argue that the step-by-step approach would result in never-ending wrangling, and might,

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defraud the government" if they disclose government information secretly leaked to them and if, in so doing, they had a purpose in addition to and other than informing the public, such as revealing government corruption or influencing government policies (Sec. 1301). Sentences/Fines: up to 5 years - \$250,000. Expansion of Current Law.

Information Concerning Government Wrong-Doing

Public servants who "blow-the-whistle" on official corruption or government wrong-doing, and investigative reporters who receive such information, could be charged with crimes (Sec. 1525). Sentences/Fines: up to 2 years - \$250,000. *New Law.*

National Defense or Classified Information

S 1722 leaves intact laws which were a product of the repressive McCarthy era. These laws, contained in the Nixon-Mundt Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950, along with the 1917 Espionage Act, have been used to suppress public discussion and dissent over foreign policy, and were used, specifically, to prosecute Daniel Ellsberg in the Pentagon Papers case. What is at issue is the public's right to information necessary to make informed decisions about supporting or opposing American foreign policy. Sentences/Fines: up to 10 years - \$10,000. Current Law.

Criminal Justice Procedures

Wiretapping

S 1722 reaffirms the 1968 law which permits wiretapping to investigate certain crimes. It requires telephone companies and landlords to cooperate "forthwith" and "unobtrusively" with government wiretappers and provides for compensation for such co-operation (Sec. 3101-3109). Sentences/Fines: ? Expansion of Current Law.

Immunity

S 1722 leaves intact current law which permits the government to imprison people who refuse to exchange their Fifth Amendment right to remain silent for partial immunity from prosecution (Sec. 3111-3115). Sentences/Fines: ? Current Law.

Illegal Evidence

S 1722 incorporates present laws designed to make "voluntary" confessions admissible even if obtained by secret police interrogation in the absence of counsel and warnings prescribed by the Miranda case (Sec. 3713-3714). Current Law.

Government Right to Appeal Sentences

S 1722 allows the government to appeal some sentences to a higher court. Defendants may abandon their right to appeal their convictions in the face of government threats of seeking a stiffer sentence. A similar provision in current law has been found unconstitutional by the U.S. Court of Appeals (Sec. 3725). *New Law.*

Making a False Statement

S 1722 makes it a crime to make a false oral statement to a law enforcement officer. Corroboration of the offense can come from another law enforcement officer. Criminalizing false oral statements in the absence of an oath and/or the presence of a lawyer invites abuse by government agents (Sec. 1343). Sentences/Fines: up to 2 years - \$250,000. Unclear legal origin.

Preventive Detention

S 1722 gives judges broad discretion to deny bail and to imprison persons accused of any crime before they have been tried. This undermines a fundamental principle of our system of justice, viz. that a person is innocent until proven guilty (Sec. 3502). *New Law.*

And there are other such examples...

Other Side Editorial

Pitzer's Great Irony

If one is to assume that learning is a primary function of college, then there are some unfortunate ironies within the confines of Pitzer College.

Indeed, very few people doubt the integrity and expertise of Pitzer's faculty, yet the learning that goes on in the classroom is obviously not the only place where one can develop and actualize his or her academic potential. Much of learning requires a patient and diligent effort out of class, hence studying usually takes up a significant portion of time.

However, just as attentiveness is a pre-requisite to classroom learning, a quiet and aesthetically pleasant environment is imperative for out-of-class studying. The irony at Pitzer is that there is an excellent classroom atmosphere, which is no doubt attributed to an impressive collection of faculty, but the environment outside of the classroom is often not conducive to studying, and therefore learning.

Obviously no one expects college dorms to be quiet, for loud music, late night partying, and water balloon fights are characteristic of any dormitory in the nation. Consequently, it's no surprise that all colleges in the country have nice libraries to study in—right? Unfortunately, Pitzer seems to be an exception to the rule, for Pitzer College simply does not have a facility which is consistently conducive to studying.

Grove House has proven to be an important asset to Pitzer's community, for it provides a place to congregate and relax or meet informally with professors. Nonetheless, the spirited conversations and rattle of dishes does not foster an environment where one can indulge in any hardcore studying.

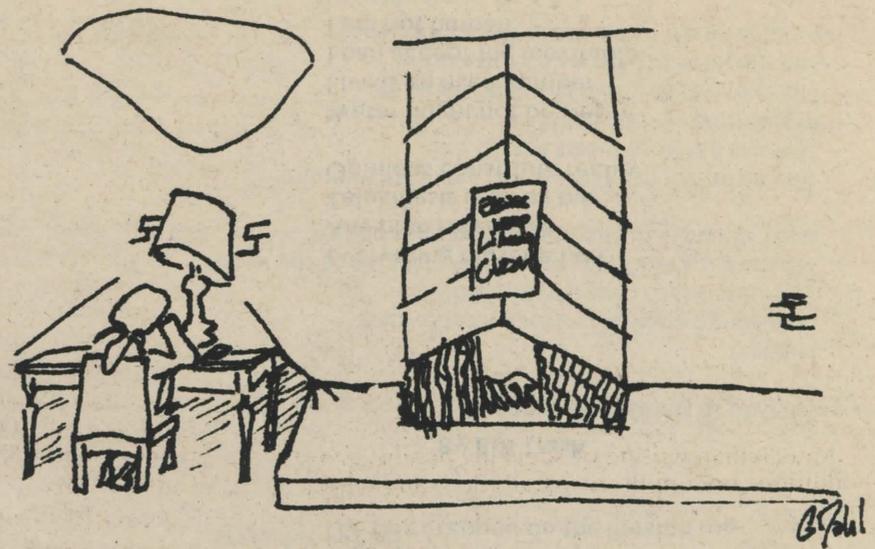
Of course Pitzer's administrators and trustees are a clever bunch. They take a large room, such as the one in Mead, throw in a few books and chairs along with some 25-watt light bulbs and before you know it, Pitzer proudly proclaims it has a library.

However, to refer to Mead as Pitzer's library, as other Claremont students refer to libraries such as Bauer, Sprague, or Denison, is equivalent to calling Pitzer's mounds a nine-hole golf course! The fact is that "Mead Library," like the bottom floor of McConnell, is a pit. There is simply not a sufficient number of comfortable chairs and desks nor is the fireplace utilized (which might be nice considering how cold it can sometimes get in there).

Furthermore, perhaps the most aggravating thing is the noisy library door. It's so loud you can hear it slam from the upper Mead floors. Moreover, the lighting is unquestionably atrocious. Indeed, it's a strange thing when Pitzer can find the money to build a lighted volleyball court when students trying to study in Mead can hardly see their own books!

Insofar as Honnold and Seeley Mudd Libraries are concerned, Honnold is a museum for squeaky chairs used in the 1940's and the more modern Seeley Mudd Library is pretty to look at from the outside, but on the inside one is shocked that such a nice modern building is void of carpeting or real walls and is basically a barren and ugly place to study in. Furthermore, the two five-college libraries often close too early and can be dangerous for women who want to walk there at night.

Indeed, it's no surprise that all the other Claremont Colleges have their own libraries or comfortable areas to study in, and until Pitzer can afford to construct similar facilities of its own, there's no reason why efforts and minimal funds



Seven Grand...And they call this a Library?!?!?!?

should not be channelled into improving at least what Pitzer has insofar as Mead Library is concerned.

The Other Side encourages the Pitzer community to take steps to alleviate this problem. Indeed, for a school that costs \$7000 a year, one would think that there would be enough money to buy a few bright light bulbs, some comfortable chairs and desks, and perhaps splurge in order to construct a quieter door. Otherwise, a great irony will continue to pervade the Pitzer community as students leave their stimulating classroom environments and search each day for a quiet and comfortable place which is conducive to studying.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter concerns **The Other Side** editorial entitled "God Loves a Prig" (March 10th issue).

With the exception of the last statement in your article I am in agreement with the main ideas and I respect your analysis of a powerful trend in today's society. However, by stating that minorities have been inferiorized, you are saying that, because minorities have not equally received the benefits of society, that they are, in fact, inferior. This is a misunderstanding on your part and

perpetuates racist ideas.

As a Chicana I am aware of my lack of certain skills which are a result of being of low income and a product of public schools. But, I am also aware of the benefits I have received from my culture and in no way do I consider myself inferior.

Your error seems to be a syntactical mistake and I only want to make you aware of this so that you don't mistakenly repeat it in the future.

Thank You,
Pam Lopez

continued from page four **Criminal Code Reform Debate—**

in fact, effectively kill all reform efforts. Advocates of the step-by-step approach assert that the omnibus bill method results in the inclusion of repressive measures that pose unacceptable threats to civil liberties, and that the process of legislative compromise necessary to get such massive bills through Congress makes this possible. They argue that members of Congress who might vigorously oppose an oppressive measure if it was proposed alone are persuaded to accept its inclusion in an omnibus bill in order to see adopted much-needed measures they support.

Senator Edward Kennedy, who has vigorously supported federal criminal code reform for years, insists that the current form of the Reform Act contains sufficient guarantees against the abuse of civil liberties, and that the benefits it would bring far outweigh any minor risks—which he says are at best speculative—it might still contain. He has authored numerous articles in legal journals defending the various forms the Reform Act has taken. Of the most recent effort he said, "...the passions of the past debate must not hinder the constructive steps that must now be taken." And, in a subtle swipe at past critics of the Reform Act, he remarked, "Most (commentators) also understand the political

realities attending the drafting of a new federal code." (Emphasis mine.)

There are other political realities which must be considered in evaluating S 1722 besides the horse-trading that goes on in Congress. As Professor John Quigley, who received his A.B., M.A., and L.L.B. from Harvard University, and who now teaches law at Ohio State University, observes, "In the early 1970's, the Department of Justice assumed a prominent role in the drafting (of the Criminal Code Reform Act), incorporating numerous repressive provisions and further expanding federal authority. During this same period the Department was also pursuing blatantly repressive political prosecutions. The Spock trial, the Chicago Seven trial, the Harrisburg Eight trial, and the Wounded Knee trials were all based on weak or falsified evidence. They were all aimed at curbing social forces unleashed by the Vietnam War, and gave no consideration to fairness. The attitude that shaped these travesties of justice also prompted the drafting of the proposed penal code in accord with the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration's admonition that strict laws were necessary to suppress unrest."

I sincerely hope that all Pitzer students, faculty, and administrative personnel will become in-

terested and involved in this issue. Regardless of one's political philosophy, this Act is not something one can ignore. It raises very serious questions concerning not only the balance between state and federal authority, but also deeper issues involving the codification of theories of social organization and control. These are issues that ought to be the subject of debate in classrooms right here on this campus, in addition to other meetings and debates such as the one being co-sponsored by **The Other Side**, CMC's *James Madison Society*, *Students for Kennedy*, and the *Pomona Valley ACLU affiliate*.

Get involved! Bring up this subject in appropriate classes and attend the debate mentioned above. The date and location will be announced once the participants have been set. Senator Kennedy has been invited to participate, but, considering the dubious benefits such a debate offers to his campaign efforts, it is very unlikely he will accept. Senator Alan Cranston was invited, but his campaign schedule also prohibits his participation.

Whoever eventually takes up the challenge of attacking and defending this legislation, the debate will be one which everyone will find stimulating, and which everyone ought to consider worth attending. Watch for posters announcing the date and time.

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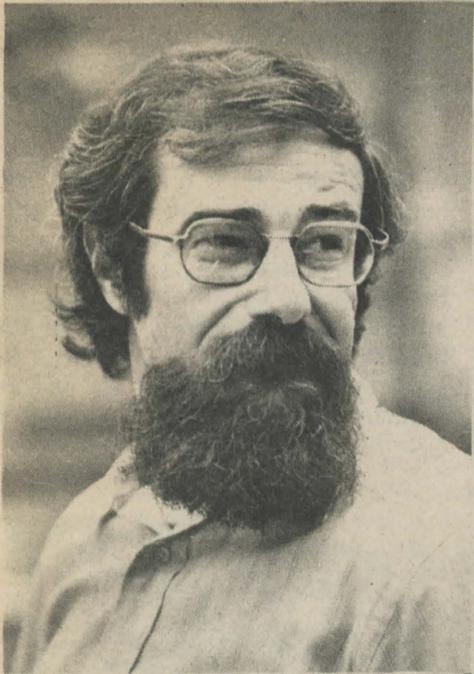
Trustees react to embarrassing clocktower incident

Grove House to be Demolished

By Andy Kohlenberg

The Pitzer College Board of Trustees has decided to apply for a demolition permit for the Grove House in order to make room for the Brant Clocktower to be moved 50 feet east of its current location. According to the trustee spokesman who announced the decision last Thursday (just in time for **The Other Side** copy deadline) the clocktower must be moved because it blocks the view from the Founder's Room of the trustees' favorite San Bernardino mountain peak.

It is ironic that the trustees would make such an objection now, after all the money spent on moving the Grove House and restoring it to its present museum-like condition. "We can understand the confusion students and faculty at the college must be experiencing now," said the spokesman. "Also," he continued, "we realize the emotional potency of this issue. But there is no doubt that everyone will



Professor Barry Sanders—the Board of Trustees ignored his tears...

feel comfortable with the decision when they understand the valid reasons behind it."

The clocktower, donated to Pitzer by Jane and Will Ward, has never posed a problem in the past, even though it has been firmly bolted down in its current location ever since 1970. The trustee spokesman explained that "recent events have changed the situation considerably. The clocktower has got to be moved to a suitable location out of view of the Founder's Room and the Grove House gets in the way. That's all there is to it."

It seems that last November, one of the trustees gazed across campus from his banquet seat in the Founder's Room only to view the red-haired clocktower-climbing ace (Disco) David Goodey standing proudly above the face of the oversized timepiece.

The trustee, already in a bad mood on account of his painful hemorrhoids, gasped loudly in disgust and exclaimed, "Who in the hell does that idiotic jackass think he is...spoiling the view like that?! What an eyesore!"

The suggestion was immediately made to "teach those students a lesson" by having the clocktower moved to where the popular Grove House now rests and making room for it by demolishing Pitzer's only link to the past. Each of the spiteful trustees present got behind the proposal.

Since the incident Pitzer Dean of Students Joe Mark severely reprimanded Goodey (a Pitzer junior) with a nasty letter in an effort to appease the trustees.

Out of desperation many alarmed faculty members have made personal appeals to the trustees trying to convince them to reconsider their unpopular decision concerning the Grove House.

Economics Professor Harvey Botwin tried the wining and dining approach. By offering to treat the entire board to a meal at Claremont's most exquisite foreign restaurant—Yianni's—Professor Botwin was very successful in getting on the good side of the trustees. After the tenth bottle of house wine was served, a few of the trustees seemed ready to give in. One trustee, laughing himself off his chair cried, "Why not leave the Grove House where it is and have the clocktower moved to the middle of the Mead quad instead!?"

Recalling the moment Botwin said, "I was so close at that point...there was a glimmer of hope for the ill-fated Grove House. My heart was pounding...I really felt as though I was on the verge of making a lasting contribution to the Pitzer community..." But an untimely cheese flambe accident, singeing the eyebrows of three drunken trustees, altered the mood of the occasion. According to Prof. Botwin, "All they talked about for the rest of the evening was how they were going to make a killing at the next Rose Bowl Swap Meet selling "Grove House firewood"."

English Professor Barry Sanders, who has been intimately involved with the Grove House since 1972 when it was still referred to as the Zetterberg Project, broke into tears when he came before the Board to argue for the



Members of the Pitzer College Board of Trustees scrutinize the view from the Founder's Room. They were displeased with what they saw...

preservation of what he considers, "The most cherished piece of property the college has ever owned." Professor Sanders' sobbing had absolutely no effect on the trustees.

In a last ditch effort to show how much the community cares about the Grove House and how little it cares about David Goodey, **The Other Side** offered to permanently blacklist David Goodey from ever publishing any articles or photos in the campus publication. **The Other Side** also agreed to write an editorial calling for the automatic expulsion of Goodey, and any other despicable student with enough gall to attempt a future clocktower climb.

So far, all appeals to the trustees by students and faculty members have been unproductive. As of press time, the trustees were holding firm to their intention to apply for a demolition permit as soon as the necessary environmental impact statement is approved by the County.

One final comment was offered by the trustees concerning the future of the Grove House and the clocktower. The spokesman said, "We (the trustees) are prepared to move very quickly on this. There is nothing that the students or faculty at the college can do to stop us from doing what we feel must be done to beautify the campus."

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Presidential Poll (backside front page): Other Side pollster Larry Diamond sampled the student body and found out who would be the next U.S. President if it were up to Pitzer.

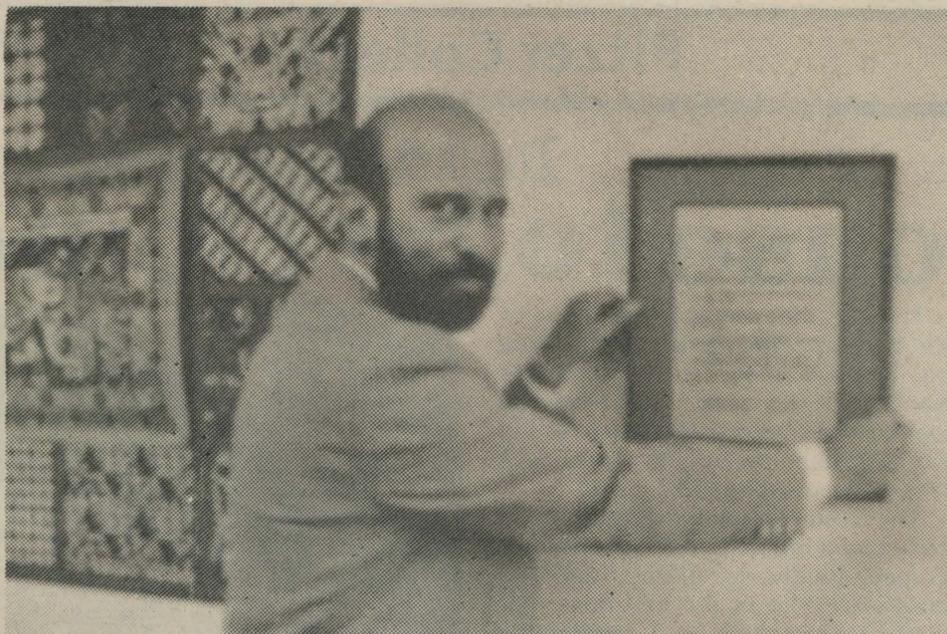
Feature Editorial (backside page four): The Federal Criminal Reform Act of 1979, now a congressional bill supported by Senator Edward Kennedy, may be a threat to civil liberties if it becomes law. Opinions Editor Don Campbell explores the issues concerning this controversial bill and urges those who are interested to attend the upcoming debate co-sponsored by **The Other Side**.

Greenberger Leaks Secret Plans For Pitzer's All New Hist. Dept.

By Andy Kohlenberg

Pitzer's most outspoken faculty member, Allen Greenberger, has revealed, to the dismay of his colleagues (it was supposed to be a surprise), the tentative plans for next year's all new History program. Prospective History concentrators who intend to declare their field of concentration next year should be aware of these changes.

Requirements for the newly conceived concentration of "Applied Historical Knowledge" include the same course requirements as the current History concentration with the addition of a team taught senior seminar entitled, "History and You". Also, a comprehensive exam covering the entire history of the world since the third millennium B.C. will be added to the program, as a barrier to graduation.



Professor Allen Greenberger had to pass a comprehensive exam before he got his degree. From now on, History majors at Pitzer must also face the comps.

Applying history

to the real world should make the field more attractive.

"This new class we're offering is going to be a lot of fun," Greenberger related excitedly. "It's going to give us a chance to suggest to the students exactly how one can apply a historical perspective to any and all aspects of life...one's first job, marriage, or even how to react to a possible military draft."

According to Greenberger, this new emphasis on applying History to the real world should make the field more attractive to the "new breed" of student that Pitzer is now attracting.

"Kids today just don't seem to be interested in pure theory anymore," he explained. "Instead of having them write essays on the intellectual impact of the French Revolution, for example, our new goal will be to explain who survived the guillotine and why. This way, the student will know how to save his own neck when the same type of thing happens in this country..."

Lower division courses with the same emphasis will also be added. New course titles to be included in next year's catalogue are:

Infanticide and You: This course will examine the socio-economic and psychological effects of abandoning, beating, or otherwise limiting the chances of survival of one's own offspring. Readings will include first hand accounts as well as analytic

commentary on the practice of infanticide among the common people of 6th Century China as well as a few modern accounts of hard times in the United States during the depression years of the 1930's.

The aim of this course is to "arm" the student with historical knowledge about infanticide and other grueling practices which he or she might find helpful in the bleak world of tomorrow.

The Mistakes of Louis XVI and Richard Nixon: This course will be especially helpful to those students who look forward to a career in corporate or bureaucratic despotism. The aim of weekly discussion sessions will be to shed some light on the questions: who should be trusted, and for how long; when is a good time to flee the country and when is it too late. Readings will include selected memoirs from the famous French King Louis XVI and those from a more contemporary figure, former U.S. President Richard M. Nixon.

Hero Wakes Up

By Tony Powell

It is the beginning of the famous dramatic movie. Dark. The famous actor, marble-cut detective face halfway sunken in the pillow. Eye open. Blinks. He leaps out of bed, the title screams "The Terror Of The Butterflies!" for this is the beginning of the dramatic movie.

There is the flashback of which we are all familiar. We don't know what it's a flashback of yet. At first we are not even sure that it is a flashback. The hero is unconscious. He awakes in a large rusted metal room. His head hurts but his shirt is clean and he gets up. He is lost. There is one cold iron passageway after another. Until he opens the door. The sun streams in. He is where there's only water as he surveys the ocean alone, the only person on a big ship.

But we go to the museum. The butterfly expert is there. He is wearing a brooch. It's a tiny glass case with a little butterfly inside.

"Where can I buy one of those?" the hero asks.

"Any butterfly store," the butterfly expert says more calmly than calm.

"Can I get a butterfly just like that one?"

"NO!!! This butterfly is special."

"Oh, I see, well I'll just buy myself an ordinary typical slovenly butterfly," says the hero. But the secret has been given away.

The newspapers try to calm down the mindless public. "There is no butterfly to fear but butterfly itself" says one headline. "Don't Worry About Butterflies!" says another.

The hero is working. Working... working...thinking...working...high up in the Empire State Building. He pours over a copy of "Pat The Bunny". His shirtsleeves are rolled up and suddenly he throws on his coat and hat/next he walks into the butterfly expert's office at the museum with dozens of police. They grab the butterfly expert who has stayed working late into the night. The hero tears off the brooch and opens it up "AH HA!" he screams, calmly adding, "It's just an ordinary dead butterfly." And that is how the famous dramatic movie ends.

Big Briefs

Dorm Problems:

When we came back from spring break, my room-mate found we had ants in our dorm room. He told me not to eat anything off the floor because he had put down ant poison to fight back. I was disappointed because I had planned to have four on the floor for dinner that night and a transmission for desert.

Recent Research has revealed these facts:

A person falling off the third floor of Mead, and hitting the ground in one piece is a Mead-e-or-ite.

College students live in Sanborn, not Porturicans. All the rest are just Holden out on us.

A folklore tip from the Easter Bunny:

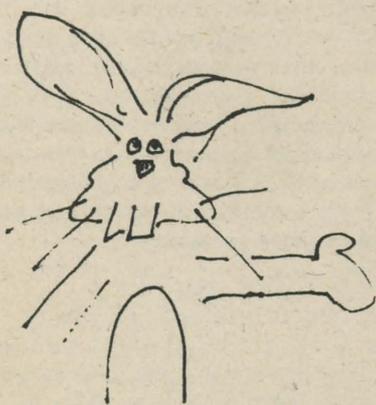
Lobsters don't go to crab Christmas parties on the beach, because they don't believe in sandy claws.

Dean of students, Joe Mark, did his taxes last week. How does **The Other Side** know this?—Joe has been wearing his neck brace! Says the Dean, "Taxes can be a real pain in the neck!"; all students take Joe's warning while preparing those infamous forms. REMINDER: Deadline for Tax Forms is April 15, 1980.



Who Says it Ain't So

Pitzies to Bed, Scrippsies to Wed



From orientation on, every student is subjected to scandalous stereotypes regarding each school of the Claremont cluster. **The Other Side**, a strong believer in individuality, conducted an interview in an attempt to negate the "tunnel vision" that permeates Claremont. A spokesperson from each school was chosen to best illustrate the divergent attitudes among students of the colleges.

First we spoke with Jim Nasium from Claremont Men's College; a junior majoring in Economics and Physical Education.

Other Side: Jim, how do you feel concerning the stereotype of a CMC'er as a "dumb jock"?

Jim: Well, uh, hmm. That's a hard question. It seems to me that, ah, just because we got big muscles doesn't

mean we don't got brains. It's easy to score good on the Comps, but it takes a real man to score on the field.

Other Side: Is there any truth to the rumor that there is a small group of punk rockers residing in one of the towers?

Jim: I couldn't really say, but I wouldn't be surprised if there were. Coach says we gotta sack out by 11 o'clock and people don't get rowdy 'til latah. I'm not really into punk, y'know.

Other Side: What about the women at CMC?

Jim: Yeah, I know one of them. Listen, I gotta go. ROTC training.

Next **The Other Side** ventured to Pomona College and spoke with Farrah L. Sweater and Rich P. Arents.

Other Side: Do you believe that prepie, bookish, and wealthy are the main characteristics of a Pomona student?

Farrah: First it is mandatory that one define one's terms. For example, by "preppie" do you mean my LaCoste or my preparations for the future? One must refrain from using such lax colloquialisms. Another commonly misused term is "bookish" a very ambiguous term to say the least, Samuelson or L.L. Bean?

Rich: As for being wealthy, not all Pomona students have a summer house on the Cape. I know one person who doesn't even have a summer house! It's nothing personal, but it's all in the family name.

At Scripps we spoke with Mary Mee,

a senior dance student who has no substantial plans for the future.

Other Side: Are you attending Scripps in hopes of obtaining your MRS degree?

Mary: Well, that's a tricky question. Yes and no. No, because nowadays a humanity degree won't get you anywhere. Security doesn't come easy these days, it takes a lot of drive, ambition, and a husband to succeed in suburban America, so yes.

Other Side: What are your plans for the future?

Mary: Well, it all depends on my husband's job. But I foresee hostessing many business parties, and attending Little League games and Brownie Troop meetings.

Other Side: Your seem relatively confident that you'll find yourself a partner?

Mary: If not Daddy can always support me.

Matt E. Matics from Harvey Mudd college answered some questions for **The Other Side**.

Other Side: Harvey Mudd students have a reputation of being extremely calculating. Is this a valid statement?

Matt: Relatively speaking, not everyone at Mudd is going to be an engineer. It takes more than a TI-30 to make the grade. Furthermore, any person of limited intelligence can program a computer but it takes the IQ of a genius to synthesize L.S.D.

Other Side: How's the social life at HMC?

Matt: Well, presently the only social life is between Atoms and Eves (heh, Heh) but we are designing a Computer Dating System which will enable brains to propagate.

Other Side: That sounds a bit impersonal.

Matt: What would you do after spending four years with the same calculator?

Representing Pitzer College Was Hal Lou Cinations majoring in Basic Writing, Library Research and Abnormal Psychology.

Other Side: Is it really possible to obtain any drug at Pitzer College?

Hal (with frisbee in hand): Yeah, what are you interest in? Uh, you're not writing this down are you?

"Hey, we're easy... you know, Peace, Love, Crunchy Granola..."

Other Side: No, forget it. Is it true that the Gay Student Union is the largest and most active organization on campus?

Hal: Hey, we're easy. People can do what they want. You know, Peace, Love, and Crunchy Granola. After all, we're all brothers and sisters of sorts, not to sound cosmic, esoteric or anything.

Other Side: Why do you think Pitzer is so segregated from the other Colleges?

Hal: Wow, I don't know. Never thought about it. Yeah, I guess you could say we're, um...mm, could you repeat the question, ahh my short term memory isn't working so well these days. You understand.

Other Side: That's okay Hal. Don't worry about it. You answered the question in a way. Thanks a lot.

Hal: Oh, great. Well, take it sleazy. Gotta jam. Time for some Ultimate...Later, much.

After this enlightening interview we would like to hear your thoughts and feelings. Write to us care of **The Other Side**.

Yours truly,
Goobers and Ralph

Pitzer: Held Hostage

By Cammarie Johnson

There exist a multitude of rumors pertaining to the absurdity of Pitzer's Avery Gates. From the very beginning we were suspicious, but pseudo-rationality set in. We have all, I'm sure, been convinced that it was the result of a somewhat neurotic demand of the donor that the gates remain closed. And we have all foolishly believed this feeble deception. First it was the tooth fairy, the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus; and now it is the Avery Gates.

Now, it is true that Pitzer has received gifts on stranger demands, however this one must be a farce (even a dorm decorated in orange and green seems appropriate in comparison). Gates are meant for a purpose. Their purpose usually consists of permitting or restricting entrance. Pomona's gates, farcical in that the ivy giving them validity is imported from the east, nevertheless, serve their purpose. They decide who may enter: "Let only the eager, thoughtful and reverent enter..." Therefore, one must question the ultimate purpose of the Avery Gates. They do not discriminate between who may and who may not enter; moreover, they allow no exit—huis clos.

Have you even wondered why you are at Pitzer College? Why it is that

when it starts to get chilly and the by-now-dusty sweaters are pulled off the top shelf of your closet that you leave to spend a month at someplace where air is air (breathable) and gates are gates (openable)? Classically conditioned, you may start to walk 180 degrees around your house to enter through the back entrance, instead of merely opening the gates and walking straight to the front door. And then, just when you start to get used to a logical world where everything serves its intended purpose, you find yourself on a plane, train, bus or car heading back to Pitzer. It seems as though we are all merely iron scraps under the inconspicuous title of "students" and that majestic "gate" is really a magnet. This little yo-yo game is played for an average of four years, unnoticed and unquestioned.

Meanwhile, oblivious to the situation, we think we have the easy life...not yet candidates for the 9 to 5 routine. Just try leaving and you will no longer be able to entertain yourself watching "Twilight Zone". Yes, those gates do serve a purpose; they are not merely a neurotic concoction by a seemingly typical Pitzer donor. Those gates are our keeper: Pitzer is being held hostage.



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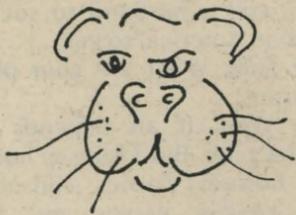
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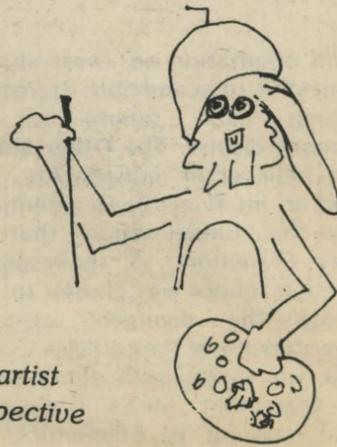


The home stretch

Roar!
(I need a man,
no lion.)



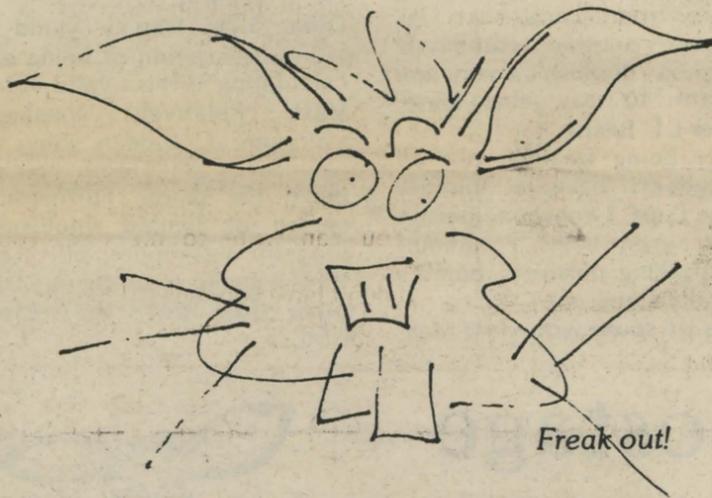
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The artist
in perspective



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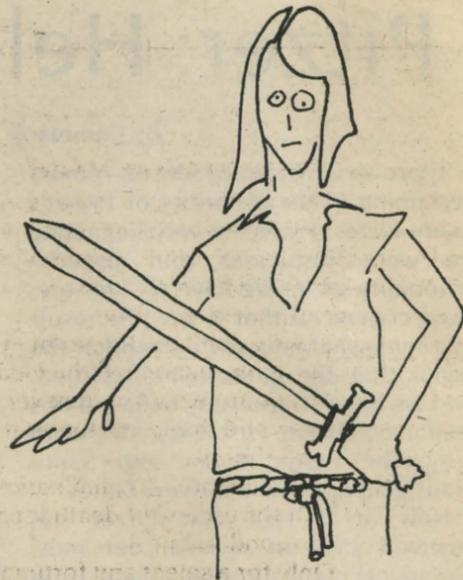


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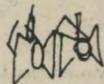


Tennis

This is the way I feel when I play Tennis.

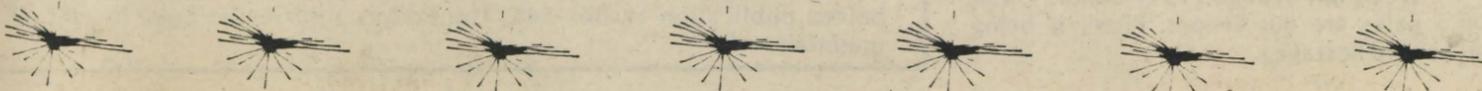


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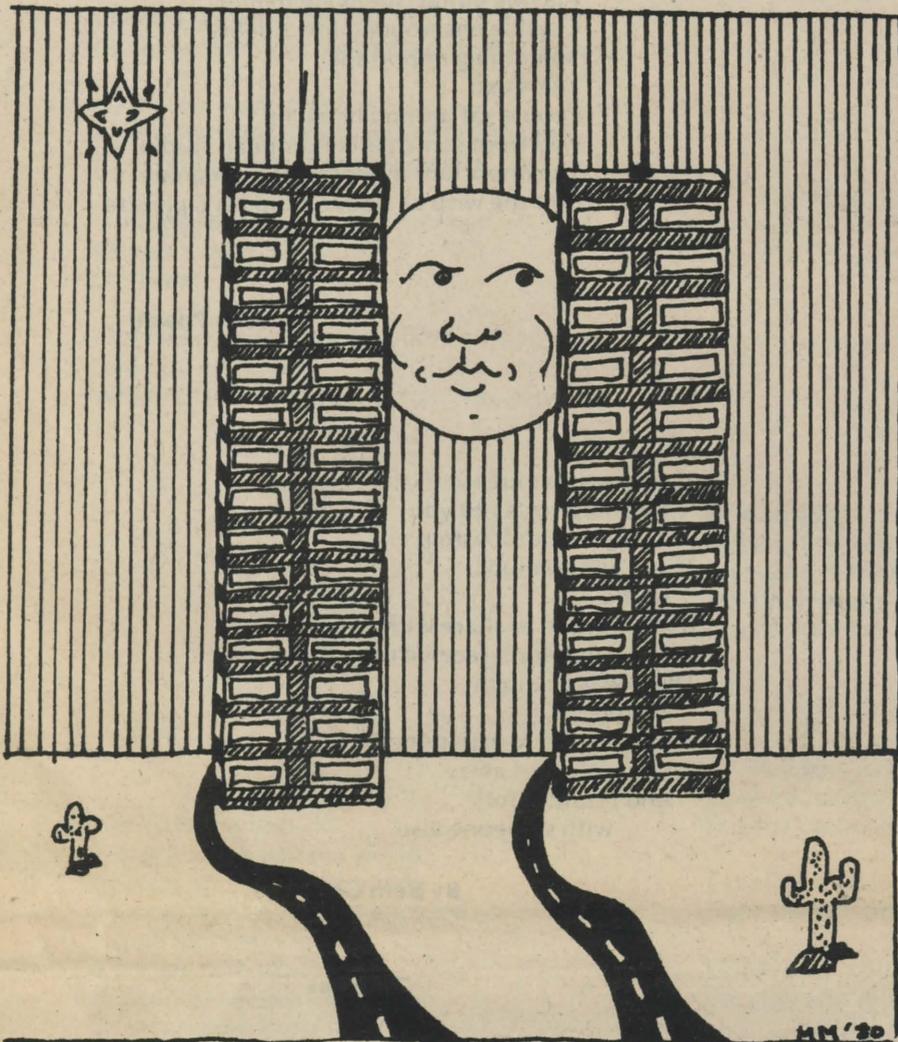
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A Piece of Fiction



The affair was slowly ending. Realizing it wasn't too soon to say goodbye, he got up from the table and walked over to where the bride and groom were standing, talking to a few people.

He stood to the bride's side, waiting. But the wait was short. She saw him, hands folded in front, looking pleasantly at her. She turned away from everyone to face him. Her husband quietly walked away as she took him aside. She blossomed into a smile, "You want a last hug?"

"Yes!" he gasped, whispering, surprised at his own feelings. Surely it was over now?

They held one another, as they had that first time. Her fingers glided down his back, sending warmth all through him.

Facing each other now, still holding both hands, she looked up at him, "Thanks for coming. I know you answered the invitation saying you would try to make it."

He said something appropriate.

A hesitation. Then, for once, he found words. Smiling at her, "I'm happy now."

She ran her fingers over his, smiling at him, "It would be so good to talk to You." Her voice was soft, but clear. Now she spoke a little faster.

"You can write to me first, you know."

"I don't have your new address."

"You don't?" genuinely surprised.

She began, "...

"Don't tell me," he flinched on the word "don't," but kept his smile.

"I'll write to you. We'll keep in touch." She was racing.

"Okay."

"I'll call you. We'll talk all about what you're doing," almost pleading now.

"Okay."

"We'll get together, we'll have you for dinner soon."

"Okay," he sighed, but still smiled at her.

There was a break. For the only time today, he assumed his old posture, looking down. Then, slowly shaking his head, trying to look up, "You saw my worst side."

"I saw Paul's worst side, and I married him," she sang out, innocently, looking past him.

He couldn't help himself now. He looked up and smiled at her.

Another silence. Now she looked upon him, squeezing his palms and smiling fully. She lowered her eyebrows and bowed her head slightly as she spoke in a voice deeper and slower than before, "Thanks again for making the special effort to come."

Smiling, almost chuckling, "It's not what you think." Though, of course, she was right.

With no words left, they smiled, released each other, and parted.

By Rob Koppelman

Ah— Sweet Misery of Life?

It doesn't seem to matter how hard I try
—how much I suffer—

It just doesn't matter.

I can't win for losing

I really don't see the point in trying.

I've long abandoned the idea of the happy facade.

Misery so sweet could never be masked, for the world that perpetuates it—has but to share in its sanctity.

The thought of its elimination seems so unreal that the escape of death seems somehow—too good for me—

Only for a select and fortunate few.

To be amongst them would be a dream to disturb the perfection of a cruel reality.

You see, not everyone can escape the pain inflicted by their worst enemy—
themselves.

By KROCK

The Dream Where Everything Was Two

I had the dream

Where everything was two

Two of me, two of you.

Oh, how I tried to kill my other half

I made myself so ill

Trying to kill my other half,

I ran up the steps

Jumped off a wall

Trying to make my other half fall,

We had a car that came in two parts

Engine in one, upholstery in the other

To get anywhere we had to be together

We called it the "Six of Clubs Zephyr".

You spoke to me, asked me

But I was a velvet-shrouded comet

Crashing across Victorian houses

As busy as asphalt and shingles

Tearing apart.

By Tony Powell

The Teddy Roosevelt Poem

One day Teddy Roosevelt is put on a vast oak table with everything he owns and is covered with oatmeal (cooked). Teddy does not enjoy this.

After a few years Teddy dies and the oatmeal turns purple.

Although Teddy died several years ago they still move him around like he's still alive and he's struggling with the oatmeal.

By Tony Powell

Lynn

Daddy drinks like a fish

Mommy hates anyone not perfect

Johnny just hates, period.

You find beauty anywhere

You enjoy anything anyone says

You are satisfied with less than nothing

And best of all,

You remain.

By Bill Trash

Poetry

The Sack

I have seen empires crumble
 Nations brought to their knees
 And humans too
 The most powerful among them
 Powerless against an institution
 That wrenches them arbitrarily
 And leaves them frustrated and confined
 Crumbling
 No longer caring to struggle against the weight
 Passive and furious
 And the bitterness seeps out like steaming black acid into
 the gap between justice and reality

By M.J.M.

Its just got to be Pure

The finest of nutrients;
 ripe pears
 pineapple squares
 Live in our minds
 Love lives there too
 They urge us
 to pursue a daily respite,
 to relax.....

To actually feed;

diet Cola
 stale bread.

By Airak

dream-echo

M.F. and D.G.
 thank-you for Phoenix

For three nights now
 he has walked in my dreams,
 through a sleeping fog which mutes
 all sounds, and distorts
 all other visions.
 Some ghost of deja-vu
 must have guided him here—
 a dream-echo
 of a former time.

After months of silence,
 i still am captured
 and freed by a smile.

By Eve Schwartz

An Ode to the Dinner Party

Dinner!
 Steaming bowls of German knockwurst
 The sauerkraut runs o'er the sides...
 Mustard is delicately draped on the side of the wurst
 and cold beer bottle cools my steaming lips.

She grabs for my crotch and I scream in anger:
 "Let me eat your wurst first!!!!!"
 And suddenly...SILENCE
 The rain oozes down the window pane
 and mustard off the side of the table.
 A cat is heard to bark and the TV blows up.

By Pig Out

Old Record

Who is he? Who is he
 Playing guitar, speaking to me?
 Crackle enshrouded low fidelity,
 Something important.
 Years ago
 People sat around listening
 And from some dank European studio
 The important modern notes emanate
 Like the wisp of smoke from his cigarette

By Tony Powell

There was so much
 I wanted to say to you
 but you wouldn't listen
 There was so much
 of me
 that I wanted to share with you
 but you wouldn't receive me
 There was so much
 of you
 that I wanted to experience
 But you slipped away
 and found safety
 with someone else

By Beth Goldman

To Airak

to see
 to think
 and to feel
 are gifts in creation;

And, in your "awareness"
 are you aware?

The One who died
 and now lives,
 Is essential for all.

...but I guess you can't
 grasp it:
 you are hopelessly stagnant
 in the zoom
 zoom
 zoom
 of your empty
 motion.

By Suska

Darkness
 my only friend
 covers me when I cry
 The walls
 join forces to conceal me
 and the soft sobs
 that come from deep inside me
 Exhaustion
 comforts me
 and I fall deeply asleep
 The next morning
 I laugh

By Beth Goldman

Poetry

9 Mar. 80 - 10 Mar. 80
The Last Time

It was the grass field
I knew I was here before
Because I saw you for the last time

As the sun went down
I knew we were together for the last time
Even though you had already left

A young man was there a year ago
Or was it two years?
Or three?

I had seen you for the last time
And I do not know
Where that last sparkle of light has gone

By Tony Powell

10 Mar. 80
You look stupid at times,
Deceptive.
You don't dress perfect.
You're selfish sometimes.
You're tolerable.
You are even likeable.

Attractive? Sure.
Fulfilling? ok.
Just right? Maybe.

Go away, stupid.
I'm deceiving you!
I wear jeans always.
I only look out for me— see?
I'm not easy to please.
But I'm trapped, mercifully.

By Bill Trash

10 Mar. 80
Talking, Smiling, Being
Saying no more than needs to be said
Not finding why I lose my head
You mystify me. Unceasingly.

By Tony Powell

The Poem 10 Mar. 80
It was a rose upon the world
At least that's what I hoped
An envelope with scent encased
A question that eloped
A feeling on a window sill
In darkness where I wanted
Or was she on the telephone?
How I wish she'd come home
I miss you

By Tony Powell

10 Mar. 80
I need a haircut
But the barber had a stroke

Eat chili, all day long
Fight the cat, pretend you're strong

I can't even comb it anymore
I'm glad you're all right, real short this time

Watch Gomer, all day long
Siphon the pool, pool man's gone.

By Bill Trash

10 Mar., 80
I think it was a davenport
Or some great book of
Great import.
I think it was a finer wine
Walnut table
An evergreen or chestnut dome
A farther park
Awaited me
But oh the clouds and grass for miles

By Tony Powell

10 Mar. 80
Will you stop smoking and watching tv?
Are you really in my arms
I love you dearly
And deeply and more than I can explain

By Tony Powell

27 Feb. 80 - 3 Mar. 80

I want to show you the night
I will rush about in my car
I will try to show you where the night is
But the hills are too far away.
We could both wear velvet gloves
Run our fingers through each other's hair
So far away!
More distant than sunset
More happy than the cooling air
Is there a place?
Moonlit blue, me and you?
We could go to The House
Park our old car in the shade of a tree
But I thought of The House
Haven't gone in
And I know before my eyes
The white organdy curtains
Gently blowing filled with sun
Will yellow and rip, disintegrate,
The floor will warp, furniture break
And me and you furniture break
Please let's be married
Or I shall watch the things change
All by myself.

By Tony Powell

10 Mar. 80
Trying is the best way to fail;
Searching will only make it disappear
Math is a dead science.
The job market's dead too.
It's nice not to have anything to worry about.

The jacuzzi leaks;
The dog crapped on the Persian rug

By Bill Trash

Everything must be fact
Any plan is feasible
Telekinesis is ok by me
Opinions constitute reality

Water might not be wet
Five is an even number
I can accept the inevitable
I am not human.

By Bill Trash