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The Sagehens battle CMS to a 67-62 victory.

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## Sagehens Dominate Stags

### Pitzer-Pomona Basketball Wins SCIAC Title

By Justin Kerr  
Staff Writer

Monday night, the eve of the worst day of the week, right? Well, not if you're a Pitzer basketball fan. Picture, if you will, a gymnasium packed with screaming students all of whom desperately needed to find a way to vent their sexual frustration from the previous weekend. Their prayers were answered, praise the Lord. At stake was a league championship for the Hens, and for the Stags a chance for renewed life in the S.C.I.A.C. rankings. Under these circumstances any ordinary hoops maniac would expect some outstanding ball. Right? Well not exactly.

The first half of the game was sluggish; players on both teams seemed extremely nervous, and were incapable of

producing many points. In fact, with seventeen minutes gone the combined point total was a mere 37 points. I had to keep reminding myself that this was not one of my brother's little-league games. Thank heaven for half time speeches, because when both teams emerged from the locker room they seemed inspired with a renewed sense of purpose. Rick Duque and Stag star Mike Dawe came out on fire, exchanging buckets for the first five minutes, much to the pleasure of the fans. They eventually slowed down, however, allowing their teammates to get in on the action. So back and forth they went trading J's, with neither team really able to establish a substantial lead.

The turning point in this game was when Stag freshman sensation Dominic Nappi

hit the pine with 11 minutes left, picking up his fourth foul. The Hens took advantage of his absence, taking the ball inside, where the quick-handed Nappi's presence was no longer felt. With two minutes left, the Hens took a five point lead on Guy Thompson's Chambersesque reverse layup, and that was all she wrote. P-P clung to their lead, only threatening to give it up once when Duque missed the front end of a one and one which could have iced the game. The Stags failure to capitalize on this crucial error, showing this writer that lady luck still loves us. When the final buzzer sounded there were no doubters left, the Hens were the best team in the league. As the crowd gathered round the basket for the traditional cutting down of the See BASKETBALL, page 6

## Town Meeting Discusses Alcohol Policy

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A Town Meeting was held on February 16 to discuss the new alcohol policy written by the Student College Council. The proposal was written after the Board of Trustees informed the Student College Council last semester that a stricter alcohol policy must be formulated either by the students or by the Board itself. The thrust of the current policy is an understanding within the community that the privilege of drinking will not be abused: "...the College relies on the community to exercise personal and group responsibility in regard to [state and federal] laws." For legal reasons, the Trustees would like

a more detailed policy that would reduce the College's liability; if the school provides specific guidelines, the legal responsibility becomes the students'.

In addition to addressing legalities, the proposed policy incorporates alcohol education. The proposed policy reads: "The most important aspect of this policy is that there must be an attempt by the entire school to socialize the community away from any necessity of having (sic) to drink at social events." Socialization would begin in the week of freshman orientation with mandatory seminars. Dean Ling would like the improvisation group Without a Box to perform skits involving freshman and alcohol.

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## Kohoutek Planning Commences

By Amie Greenberg  
Staff Writer

In 1963, the Czechoslovakian astronomer Lobous Kohoutek discovered a comet and predicted that it would be visible from earth on January 11 or 12, 1974. Pitzer's annual spring festival originated when students and faculty and townspeople gathered on Pitzer's campus on those

dates, and waited to sight the comet. Although the gathering was a success, the comet was never sighted, and the Kohoutek festival was born. Since, a weekend has been set aside for the festival for the memory of the comet. The 1989 event will celebrate its 15th year on April 21 from 3:00 to 7:00 and on April 22 from 2:00 to 7:00 on the Mounds.

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# Students, Alcohol, and the Pitzer Community

By Becky Wellman &  
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The recent uproar over the present proposed alcohol policy is indicative of the obsession with alcohol consumption at the College. The policy is much like a condom machine in a public restroom. Condom machines are not provided to prevent sex, but rather to make it safer. The same is true for the alcohol policy: it is not meant to prevent drinking, but to make it safer.

Students have expressed outrage that any guidelines, and God forbid restrictions, be put on their alcohol consumption. The policy, however, is aimed more at awareness than restriction, a fact that many have ignored.

Nowhere in the policy is the statement, "minors will not be allowed to consume

alcoholic beverages." It is important to remember that the policy makes a distinction between public and private drinking; minors are not restricted from consumption in private places, most notably their rooms. Nor does the policy state that students will be forbidden to get drunk if they so choose. There are no "unilateral mandates," which the students who wrote the policy clearly wanted to avoid.

Before the policy is renounced by students, it is important to examine the significance of alcohol use on the campus. Most parties are not attended if alcohol is not provided in abundance; drinking has become the main focus of a great many social events. A veritable mutiny occurs if the keg is not tapped properly or if the alcohol runs out. On top of this, the social pressures to drink are enormous: students

are cheered when they can down three beers in one giant gulp, admired when they are "wasted," and respected for their ability to make it to brunch the next morning and face cheese eggs with an incredible hangover.

Getting drunk is no longer restricted to Friday or Saturday nights, but is accepted, and even lauded, four or five nights a week. Students even arrange their class schedule so that they can stay out later during the weeknights: Friday morning classes have become anathema for these people.

The mention in the proposed policy of increasing non-alcoholic events is largely ignored. Instead of seeing the positive aspects of non-alcoholic events, students have chosen to bitch about their rights to drink. The availability of non-alcoholic events does

not detract from events where there is alcohol. Hopefully these non-alcoholic events will provide enrichment in different ways. Pitzer boasts about its diversity — if we are really so open to other opportunities, then we should not reject the increased social alternatives.

The acceptance of these alternatives will be a slow one. People at Pitzer are unwilling to listen to each other and slow to accept new ideas. For example, the authors of the policy refused to have their names mentioned in any alcohol related articles in The Other Side for fear of possible

repercussions. Their names appear nowhere on the policy itself.

Even the Dean of Students expressed pessimism about the students' reaction to the policy; in the course of interviewing him for this article, it became clear that we were not encouraged to think about the policy nor trusted to talk about it. We were encouraged to write about it as long as we agreed with him; he said, "I hope that The Other Side will not incite riots with its opinions of the policy." We are not saying that alcohol use is not a problem, but we think that

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## Edelson Decision Questioned

By Chris Vierck  
Contributing Writer

Lately, there has been mass confusion on the Pitzer campus concerning the "release" of psychology Professor Stephen Edelson. There have been numerous rumors circulating among the students, including the idea that he was out and out fired to the idea that he simply quit. Somewhere along the Administration-student communication line, the wires have been tangled and neither side can understand the other's position. And in this case, the crossing of circuits has caused sparks to fly. Unfortunately, this situation is intricate as well as delicate and will take a little explaining.

Apparently, Professor Edelson was signed to a series of one year contracts with Pitzer, which means there were no option years or jobs stipulated in his contracts. Essentially, he served as a versatile filler for tenured professors who went on sabbatical. It just so happens that next year there will be no need of such a flexible (and exceptionally qualified) caulking. However, there will be a tenure track position opening up

with the departure of Lou Ellenhorn, also a psychology professor.

When a professor retires, or new money is donated to the school, a certain amount of cash opportunity is afforded to Pitzer. Often, this directly results in the hiring of a new professor—just as is happening now. When this occurs, the Academic Planning Committee (four faculty members and four students) meets and decides on the filed in which the new professor is to be hired. The committee also sets directives for what type of professor, meaning his/her area of expertise, is to be hired. In this case, the committee decided to hire a psychology professor with a specialty in neuropsychology and cognitive perception. This decision was given to the College Council (the faculty and 17 students) who voted to pass the recommendation.

Taking the specific orders into consideration, Pitzer embarked on a national search to find the best possible person to meet the professorship requirements. Applications from all of the graduate schools across the country were received, including that of Professor Edelson. Yet, only the

top five candidates for the position could be taken into final consideration for the job. It just so happens that Professor Edelson was not among these five finalists.

This is when the wires crossed and Pitzer blew. The administration let Edelson know he was not being considered for the new job. Upon hearing this piece of news, some of his highly motivated students, thinking he is too valuable a commodity to let go, activated. The students (including Aaron Caplan, Adam Dorsey, Susan Kelso, and Gretchen Sigler) started a petition against his "not being considered" which tallied over 160 signatures, wrote letters to the Faculty Executive Committee, and appeared before the FEC to represent the student voice.

Oddly enough, this is a conflict of mutual interest—the welfare of the students. On the one hand, the students want Edelson to remain at Pitzer and are willing to fight for that goal. On the other hand, the administration believes it is obligated to get the "best qualified person" to fill the psychology department's vacancy for these exact same students.

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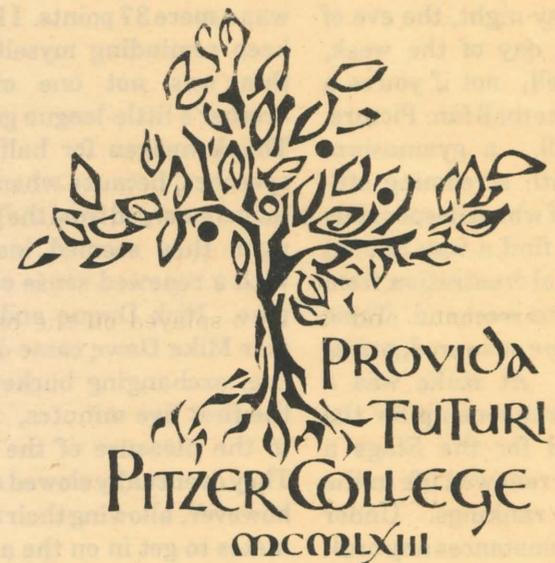
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# Security Issues Raised

By Amie Greenberg  
Staff Writer

A major dilemma now facing the Pitzer community is the issue of security. There have been an increasing number of violent acts reported in the area. John Teuber, the Crime Prevention Officer of Campus Security, believes that the statistical increase of reported crimes is largely due to the improved reporting by the Campus Security and by the students. He feels that the Campus Security Department has become much more effective due to the "instituting of training and procedures that have been bringing up the quality of the officers."

The Campus Security Department suspects that the increase in crime can be partially attributed to the gang activity which surrounds our community. Officer Teuber feels that "as the student population increases, so does the off-campus intrusion element."

Campus Security is asking for the help of students by increasing their awareness regarding suspicious activities. Director Lena Robinson believes that the should assess suspicious incidents,

since they reside in the community. "We [Campus Security] are concerned for the students' safety," and they are asking people to be cognizant of their surroundings.

On Monday January 23, a Security meeting was held in the Sanborn Hall. The officers stressed some helpful points that, if implemented, would ensure safer conditions in the dorms and in surrounding areas. These include the following:

- \* Lock the doors to the dorm rooms when leaving the area.

- \* Do not prop open any dorm doors that lead to the outside of the building.

- \* Report any suspicious activities or people to Campus Security.

- \* Use an escort service. Do not walk alone at night.

Officer Teuber also suggested a dorm watch program that would be similar to the neighborhood watch programs found in many areas around the country. This program involves the commitment of a large portion of the student body who will report any suspicious activities they might encounter. Officer Teuber feels that this "heightened awareness and willingness to support each other" will help

keep this environment safer. Although this program has not been implemented, the Campus Security Department, including Officer Teuber and Director Robinson, are willing to "lend support to the program by providing training in recognition of what kinds of things need to come to [the attention of the department]," as well as presentations on crime prevention. The main intention of this program is to make people aware of the arising problems and to encourage people to take responsibility and report any strange occurrences or people that could cause a threat.

Robinson is excited about the idea of students joining together and executing programs that would be beneficial to the security of our community. "It is really exciting to be able to do something concrete and to see the changes being made."

Further information regarding crime prevention is available in the Campus Security office located at 1030 West Dartmouth, extensions 8170 or 2000.

If you are interested in participating in dorm watch, please contact Brian Sturdivant at extension 4189.

## KOHOUTEK

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The present committee organizing the festival set many goals that are intended to be a base for continuing the Kohoutek tradition.

In past years the festival was advertised in the Los Angeles area; however, this created a security problem in the college community. To increase security and safety measures, the committee is limiting advertising to the town of Claremont, and is also restricting the festival activities to daytime hours.

The Festival staff has

great hopes of making Kouhoutek 1989 a "five college cultural event," according to sophomore Scott Greer, a member of the committee. This includes having booths selling a variety of items ranging from unique foods to arts and crafts. In addition, anyone interested in displaying their art at the festival is welcome.

Funds to support the ongoing Kohoutek tradition will be raised in part by sponsorship from local businesses. Logos and sponsor names will be displayed on the back of Festival shirts. Revenues will also be raised through the participation of professional ven-

dors and sponsors, helping to provide for a funding base for future Kouhouteks.

1989 is Pitzer College's 25th year of existence. Faculty and alumni are being encouraged to join students in commemoration and celebration.

The bands scheduled to play present quite a variety of music including rock, reggae, folk and calypso. Greer feels that "there will be something for everybody. The bands' music won't be confined to one specific type..." In addition, there will be a five college barbeque and possibly a five college party on either the 21st or 22nd.

Students participating in the organization of the Festival include Greer, Mark Morrison, Ab Jackson, Lisa Hart, Mike Tomlinson, Heidi Neufelt and Robyne Ressler.

If there are questions or you are interested in helping to organize, contact Scott Greer at extension 3006, or 621-5632.

# APC Reviews Changes

By Maria Stalnaker  
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The Academic Planning Committee has been working since last fall to formulate a plan to ensure that students get a broad range of courses, without instituting requirements. At the College Council meeting on February 9, the APC presented its first proposal to implement Pitzer's educational objectives. Professor Sharon Snowiss presented the proposal, which entails tightening up the advising system at Pitzer.

According to this proposal, students would begin planning their curricular career at Pitzer in their freshman year. The contract would list courses inside and outside of the student's major that he or she would then be bound to take. The contract would then be reviewed at the end of the student's junior year. The student would be expected to abide by that contract, although the flexibility of the contract is in question.

Many people had questions about the proposal. Some professors were concerned that putting a contract between advisor and student would strain their relationship. In addition, the point was raised that Pitzer may not have a sufficient breadth of non-major type courses. The consensus of those attending was that the idea behind this plan is an acceptable middle ground between a defined list of courses required of all students and the complete freedom—aside from concentration requirements—that students have now.

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Thus, the conflict seems to be whose hand is "right." At this point, this battle seems over and the question moot because Edelson will not be returning. Pitzer is not considering him for the job and he has made other arrangements for the following years. Some people would like to see him, somehow, held over for one of the two possible opening positions in the psychology department in 1990 (Bob Albert and Ruth Monroe are retiring). But, this is not a viable solution as he would have not work until then—and might meet with not being a "finalist" again. If he wishes to apply for a position in the future he is more than welcome, but there are still no guarantees.

Yet the real question is not dead. A very important part of the current "Pitzer problem" is exactly what kind of voice the students wield in determining administrative decisions. On careful analysis it seems as though (in this case) the student voice was heard loud and clear as particularly students spoke at an FEC meeting. The FEC listened to the students—it just so happens that their prayers were not answered with a "yes, we will take Edelson in as a finalist." Instead, the answer remained a stiff no. Besides, a part of the voice that said "no" belongs to the student representatives on the FEC.

It is important to remember that the issue over Edelson is only an issue because he is such a dynamic professor. It is not debated by the faculty, the administration, or the students that Edelson is a terrific professor. Besides being very popular among students for his teaching inside and outside of the classroom, Edelson has brought many great things to the campus. Activities he has sponsored include four lectures by Dr. Bernard Rimald, the Hi-Hopes musical group (gifted mentally retarded adults), and a show of autistic and retarded person's artwork. Needless to say, Edelson is a great professor as well as a great person who would prove a valuable asset to Pitzer—if the conditions were right. And, apparently, the administration took this into account as the FEC held a "special review of Steve Edelson's work which under our regular procedure is not required."

Hence, it appears as though he students have a voice through their representatives and other legal, constructive means of stating an opinion. But, that this voice is only an opinion and a way to "check and balance" the administration's activities. Hopefully, the administration does act in the students' best interests; hopefully the students will continue to exercise their vocal chords to make sure that it does.

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# THE OTHER SIDE STAFF AT THE MOVIES: TRUE BELIEVER

## James Woods Exemplifies Acting At Its Best

BY J. PATRICK HENRY

When I saw the previews for this film, I thought to myself, "I bet they couldn't have made a more boring-looking movie if they'd tried." Well, I've been wrong before. And this is one of those times.

True Believer is a very good film. James Woods (Salvador, Videodrome) gives yet another outstanding performance, and director Joseph Ruben handles each scene with a power that demands the audience's attention. There is honest emotion here that catches you by surprise, leaving you taken aback and unsure how to feel.

Woods stars as Eddie Dodd, a leftover 60's radical, a lawyer who at one time had integrity but now has resorted to defending the scummiest drug dealers in New York City. Robert Downey, Jr. (Less Than Zero, Weird Science) plays Dodd's young legal apprentice, Roger Baron.

After seeing the depths to which Dodd has sunk, Baron urges him to take on a murder case even though there is little chance of winning. After a couple of long speeches, Dodd agrees.

Now, this is where things get a little confusing. The case Dodd agrees to take involves a

young Korean prisoner, Shu Kai Kim, who kills this crazy Nazi who attacks him during a prison church service. Now, the reason Kim was imprisoned in the first place was because of the now-liched "murder he didn't commit."

Dodd decides the easiest tack is to reopen the murder case of which Kim was originally convicted. When the district attorney hears of this, he tries to buy Dodd off, but this only makes Dodd more determined to beat the odds. Sometimes the plot gets kind of confusing. There's some stuff in the beginning with white supremacists that seems to have no real relevancy. And near the end I was still a little unclear as to who was behind the whole thing.

True Believer is also slowed at times by a left-wing preachiness which may be necessary to Woods' character but which becomes quite tedious. Overall, Wood's portrayal of Eddie Dodd is a masterful one. The audience immediately warms up to Dodd even though he defends only the guilty, lives his life in kind of a dark pessimism, and smokes pot at the drop of a hat (but then again, maybe that's why we think he's alright). Dodd is quite blatantly mainstream, and in the society of True Believer, that is a good thing.

As I'm sure many of you have seen in the previews, Woods sports an annoying little ponytail throughout the entire film. Even if he had been some ordinary Joe, I would've still found him stupid looking. But the fact that Woods is playing a lawyer makes it all the more out of place. While I'm sure not every attorney looks like those on L.A. Law, I would think that someone would have protested a lawyer having a ponytail.

At first, I had a little trouble sympathizing with the Korean character. He looked really

thuggy and he was in prison and everything. But that's part of the film's lure. It forces us to take a long look at the superficial prejudices which we all carry.

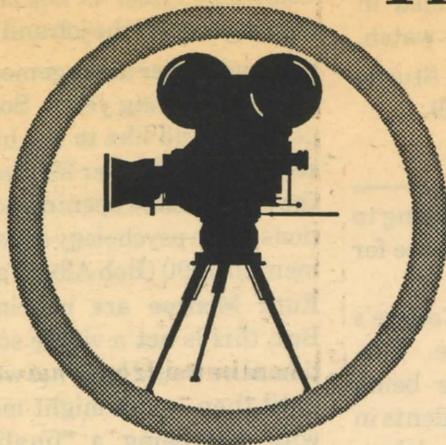
I should prepare you for one thing, however. It looks like Robert Downey, Jr. is wearing lipstick in many of his scenes. Now, I can understand the use of make-up on actors, but on Downey it looks downright bizarre.

When you step back from the movie, Downey's character isn't really that important, after all. Woods' character could have easily accomplished everything in this film without Roger Baron. Maybe Columbia Pictures thought the movie needed another star since Woods is the only other well known person in the film.

Ruben's fine camera work pulls us into the True Believer world. From the interspersed black and white footage to the hand-held look of many of the scenes, this film puts the viewer right there, up close for every move in this story.

I recommend this film not only for its surface merits of performance and cinematic style but for the questions it is not afraid to ask. True Believer makes you think about yourself, and for a movie these days, that's saying a lot.

### A Split Decision at the Theater



## True Believer: New Movie, Old Story

BY MIKE LUCIANI

True Believer is a replication of Perry Mason courtroom antics. Edward Dodd, played by James Wood, is a radical from the sixties who became a badass public defendant. During the sixties, Dodd was a renowned attorney claiming, "I'm willing to defend the guy other lawyers won't." Unfortunately time has led Dodd away from defending the Fourth Amendment to merely defending drug pushers and dealers while partaking in the

illicit activities of drug use himself.

The hero's apathetic attitude mystically changes when he meets his new assistant, Roger Baron. Directly out of law school, Roger is a green, self-righteous novice who is loyal to Dodd out of respect for his previous activities but is disgusted with what his hero has become. Within fifteen minutes of the movie, Roger influences Dodd into pursuing more reputable endeavors

and Dodd is a new man.

The pattern of courtroom antics in True Believer were annoyingly predictable. Dodd comes on strong, takes two steps backward and one forward, and then just as our hero is about to lose his case he pulls through in the clutch. Our hero saves his man, as we all know he will from the onset of the film. The plot is simply that the butler did it, and theme is that there is evil at the root of our system of

justice; gee, I wonder if I can count the replications of this plot on both my hands and feet .... I doubt it!

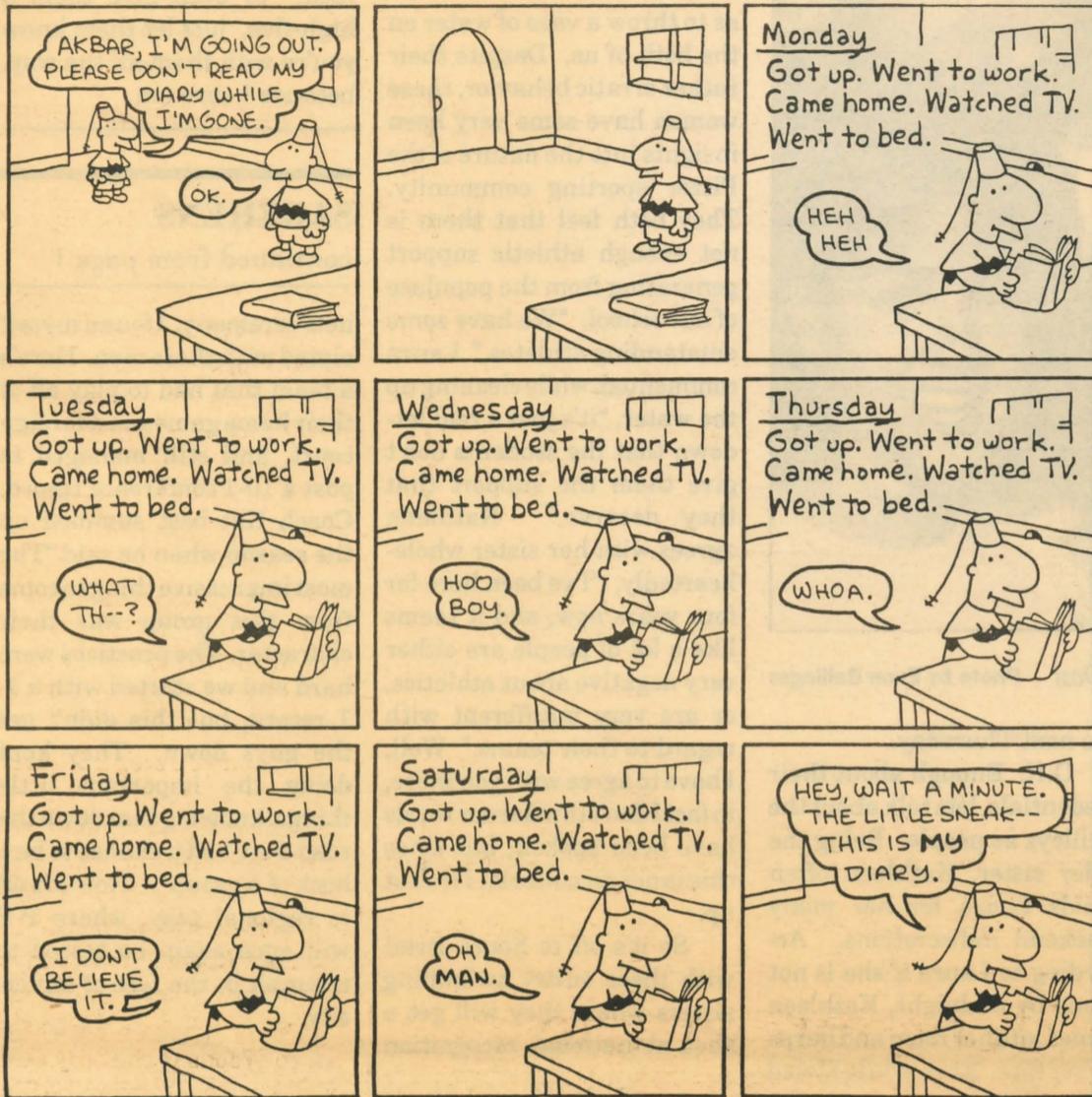
The movie had the potential to portray an important message but fails to tell the viewer anything. Instead we have a conglomeration of Perry Mason, Clint Eastwood, and a Rockford all wrapped up in one Edward Dodd. That's right folks, another tough guy movie except in the courtroom rather than the streets or jungle, or

are those two words synonymous in the movies of the eighties?

In short, the movie is reasonably predictable and lacking in creativity. Dodd is too easily influenced by the young aspiring attorney. As far as I'm concerned, keep the hardball actors such as the sterling Sty Stallone and Schwarzeneggers in the jungle; Hollywood already has its fill of tough guys and James Wood simply can't fit in their shoes.

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# Governance Gets Second Try

By Winston Inoway  
Staff Writer

The Community Relations Committee is currently discussing the possibility of restructuring the present governance system. President Ellsworth has charged CRC with the task of recommending a governance proposal to College Council before the end of the year. Poor student turnout resulted in no action on any of the proposals presented last semester. CRC is reviewing all of the proposals presented last semester and is also considering the possibility of a new plan that incorporates aspects of all of the previous proposals.

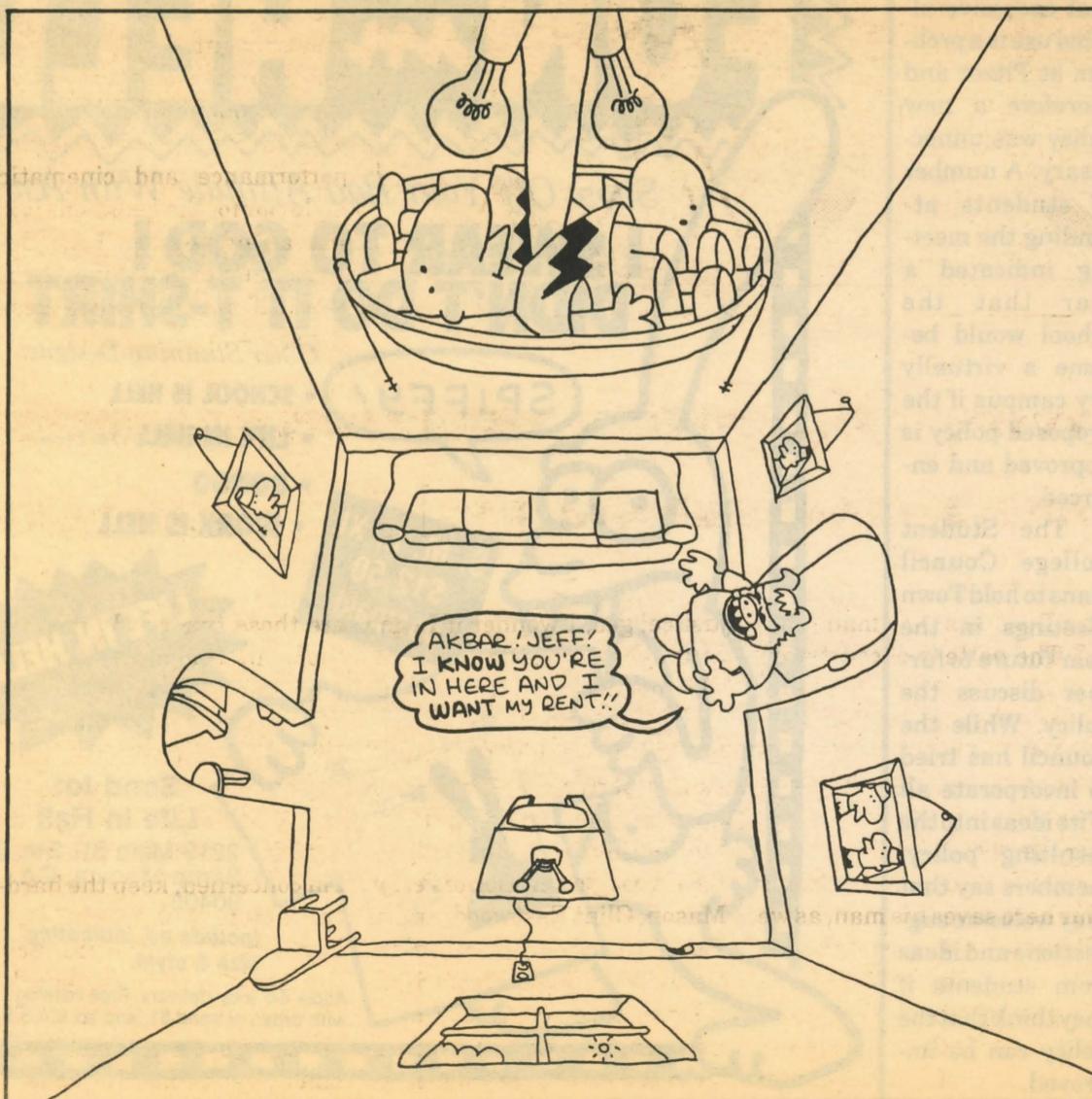
Brian Sturdivant, the Chairman of CRC, says that developing a recommendation for College Council will begin with a proposal from CRC which will be taken before the community at a Town Meeting. The community will be able to discuss any of the proposals and comment on any recommendations. Following the Town Meeting, a recommendation will be sent from CRC to College Council which will then make a decision, and a final recommendation to the President.

Sturdivant says that three options are being discussed at this time. One option is to recommend that the current governance system be continued with perhaps minor revisions. A second option is for CRC to recommend one of the proposals that was presented last semester. A third option is the possibility of a proposal that would encapsulate elements of all of the proposals.

"CRC saw that the problem in most of the proposals includes addressing students' needs for a quicker avenue for direct student input," says Sturdivant. One solution being discussed by CRC would allow some sort of petition signed by students to be discussed in a structured community meeting and ultimately result in a recommendation being passed directly to the President. "It would allow students to make a direct recommendation to the President," adds David Glickman, "without going through the slow committee process." CRC hopes to present a proposal to the community by late March or early April.

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this attitude divulges a lack of trust in us and our ability to make a decision on our own. We resent that.

Contrast the manner in which the governance proposals were submitted and received last semester. Even

On the other hand, no one wants to take credit for the alcohol policy, and the students are up in arms, which is most ironic, considering the timidity of the proposal. The potential of damage to students' rights in the governance proposals was enormous. Students' rights in this case are not at issue; to say that under age students have the

### ...students are cheered when they can down three beers in one giant gulp...

though many policies were submitted, and a lot of people wanted to take credit for them, the student population regarded them with a cold eye. The Dean of Students gave full support to all discussion of governance policies and encouraged The Other Side to promote an all-College forum.

right to drink in public places is untrue. This does not mean that the proposed alcohol policy will limit the experimentation with alcohol that will, and should, occur in college. Experimentation is not at issue, education is. Is it so wrong to ask students coming to Pitzer to become educated?

## Pitzer Swimmers Head to Nationals

By Justin Kerr  
Staff Writer

Laura and Kathleen Reilley are sisters with a purpose. Both are members of the P-P aquatics team, and both have been invited to national competition in South Bend, Indiana. The Reilleys are representative of a new wave of Pitzer students who have decided to apply themselves to water sports, the result of which is a new-found success.

Kathleen, a senior, qualified for the competition in the mile at the beginning of February, and has been laboring every day to reduce her current time. Laura, a junior, has only been diving for five years, and still managed to cruise into nationals in late January, when she received a combined point total of 408 points; at that time the cutoff margin was 400. The interesting thing about these watery siblings is that they are the first pair of sisters that have ever gone to nationals in P-P history. Another Pitzer



Kathleen Reilley and Christie Doss Photo by Evan Ballinger

student, Christy Doss, has also qualified. So when you consider that the team as a whole is sending 8 people to nationals, and three are Pitzerians, you gotta think to yourself, "hey, this is something to check out". Well unless your parents work for TWA and you can fly anywhere free, you'll have to wait until next year, because nationals

are next Thursday.

O.K. Enough about their credentials, lets talk about the Reilleys as people. Being the older sister, Kathleen often scolds Laura for her many weekend indiscretions. According to Laura if she is not home by midnight, Kathleen comes into her room and burps in her face. Even while I tried

to calmly conduct our interview they were continually throwing food at each other, and Kathleen even went so far as to throw a vase of water on the both of us. Despite their rather erratic behavior, these women have some very keen insights into the nature of the Pitzer sporting community. They both feel that there is not enough athletic support generating from the populace of our school. "We have some outstanding athletes," Laura commented, while cleaning up the water, "it's just a real let-down that the students don't give them the support that they deserve." Kathleen agrees with her sister wholeheartedly, "I've been here for four years now, and it seems like a lot of people are either very negative about athletics, or are very indifferent with regard to their teams." Well, I have to agree with you there, in fact I don't think truer words have been spoken, but since this is not an editorial I'll shut up.

So it's off to South Bend with these sultry swimming sisters where they will get a shot at national recognition

for themselves and their school. If you see these ladies before they go, tell them good luck, or even give them a high-five, just let them know you're with them all the way, because I sure am.

### SAGEHENS

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nets ceremony, I found myself elated with these men. Here's a team that had to play all of their home games on a foreign court, and still managed to post a 10-1 conference record. Coach Kat best summed up the season when he said "The most impressive thing to come from this group was their character. The practices were hard and we started with a 1-7 record, but this didn't get the guys down. They kept doing the important little things, knowing that down the road they had a chance to be a heck of a group". Now it's off to regional play, where P-P will once again be tested to triumph in the face of adversity.

### POLICY

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Though Dean Ling will oversee the policy if it is implemented, the Student College Council formulated it without the help or input of administrators or faculty. The policy is a combination of all or most of the ideas brought up in discussion at the Student Council meetings. Members of the Council stress that the policy is not meant to eliminate drinking on campus, but rather to educate students and to make them more aware of their drinking habits.

Dean Ling supports the essence of the policy. He believes that the policy, if adopted, will assist in the social and psychological development of students by putting the emphasis on education rather than restriction.

The policy does not detail actual implementation of the guidelines listed. One member of the Council believes that the policy is a "stepping-stone of sorts." He believes that further clarification will be necessary in the future if the policy, which would be subject to review after a semester,

proves effective in changing students' drinking habits.

While there are not specific directions as to how different parts of the policy will be executed, the Council has ideas that are not listed in the policy. For example, the "servers" mentioned in the proposal could be trained by beer companies, which would also pay them hourly wages to serve at parties.

At least one member of the Council believes that the policy is ridiculous and will be difficult to enforce. The member stated in an interview that, "no networks are being established to enforce the policy. No mechanisms whatsoever...the policy is failed because some members of the Student College Council, as they discuss it with other students, say the policy is not going to be strictly enforced." He fears that the administration and the Board of Trustees, if they see that students do not heed the guidelines of the policy, will dictate their own policy that will become non-negotiable and strictly enforced.

Many students handful who attended the Town Meeting also voiced opposition to

the policy, though for different reasons. A few expressed disbelief that excessive alcohol use is a problem at Pitzer and therefore a new policy was unnecessary. A number of students attending the meeting indicated a fear that the school would become a virtually dry campus if the proposed policy is approved and enforced.

The Student College Council plans to hold Town Meetings in the near future to further discuss the policy. While the Council has tried to incorporate all of its ideas into the resulting policy, members say that they welcome suggestions and ideas from students if they think that the policy can be improved.

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# Proposed Alcohol Policy Submitted by Student Voting Members of College Council

As an academic institution concerned with the intellectual and social development of its students, Pitzer College must allow its students to be socially responsible without unilateral mandates. In an effort to promote such an environment, the student members of College Council would like to propose the following rules concerning alcoholic consumption on campus. This policy must not only include the rules about drinking and serving alcohol, but it must address the more important aspect of alcohol awareness and education about drinking.

People who come to college at age eighteen tend to know very little about alcohol, its uses, and abuses. We feel that an effort must be made by the College to educate incoming students about the hazards and risks of drinking. Every freshman class should have a mandatory seminar about drinking during orientation and there should be a mandatory follow-up sometime in the middle of the first semester. There must be open access to information with regard to Alcoholics Anonymous and their meetings. The most important aspect of this policy is that there must be an attempt by the entire school to socialize the community away from any necessity of having to drink at social events. There must be an attempt to have alternative activities which do not include alcohol. There have been suggestions to keep the library and reading room open later on weekends, continue activities such as those sponsored by PAct, and starting a new committee with enough resources at their disposal to plan large, popular events which do not depend on alcohol.

As for alcohol at parties, the students must recognize the law and the necessity of not drinking to excess. We propose the following as guidelines:

1. Anyone who registers a party may not serve anyone who cannot prove that they are at least twenty-one years of age.
2. Hard alcohol is discouraged at any party and if there is hard alcohol, the recipes for the drinks must be posted.
3. There should be no shots of hard alcohol served at any party.
4. Every party must have alternative non-alcoholic beverages. Any school funded party must have a fifty-fifty distribution between alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. We also strongly encourage a fifty-fifty distribution at all other parties.
5. All public parties must use "servers" who will be trained and specified by Claremont Security. The "servers" will be twenty-one years of age or older and will have taken a course to learn how to properly distribute beverages at parties.
6. All parties are encouraged to have an alternative price for those people who are not of age to drink or for those who choose not to drink. While there may be a necessity to charge for alternative beverages and/or entertainment, there should be a lower price for those people who are not drinking the alcoholic beverages at the event.

As a clarification, any parties which take place within a student's room or suite are considered private parties and all parties which take place in a public area (i.e. a dorm rec room, McConnell Center, or a dorm quad) or private parties which spill over into a hall or any other public area will be considered public parties. This policy will be implemented during the fall semester of the 1989-1990 academic year and will be reviewed by a CRC ad hoc committee during the beginning of the second semester of the 1989-1990 academic year. The CRC committee will judge the effectiveness of the policy and will suggest any changes which might be necessary to ease the implementation of the policy.

To remind everyone at the school, we should have parties to be social and have a good time. One does not have to drink to have a good time and this must be acceptable to all. Parties should be directed as social gatherings rather than drinking only events.

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**Drinking Policy:** The proposed drinking policy was formally accepted by the members present with one alteration. It will be proposed that those choosing not to drink and those under twenty-one should be allowed into parties at a reduced price. It was viewed as being unfair for non-drinkers to be penalized for simply being non-drinkers. The reduced price should cover entertainment and non-alcoholic beverages and will serve to attract those choosing not to drink alcoholic beverages to campus parties. A town meeting is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 25, at 4:00 P.M. in the Pit.

**Academic planning:** A town meeting is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 16 at 4:00 P.M. in the Pit to discuss the proposed changes in requirements. A notice was put out last week around campus in order to attract students to the College Council meeting in an attempt to keep students informed about what is going on.

The Governance Office is open: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 1-5 P.M. Appropriate advertising will be distributed.

# THE OTHER SIDE POLL: Student Reaction to Alcohol Policy

“What do you think about the proposed alcohol policy? Is there a drinking problem on campus?”



**Linda Taft, Senior :**

I don't think there is a drinking problem here more than at any other school. Students will drink whether or not there is an alcohol policy.



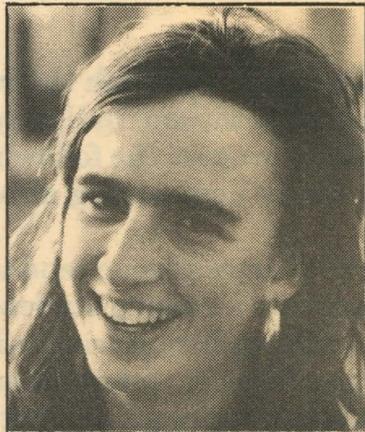
**Dave Pinkus, Sophomore:**

If they were to impose this policy on at all 5 colleges, there won't be any more parties. [Its success] depends on how they enforce it.



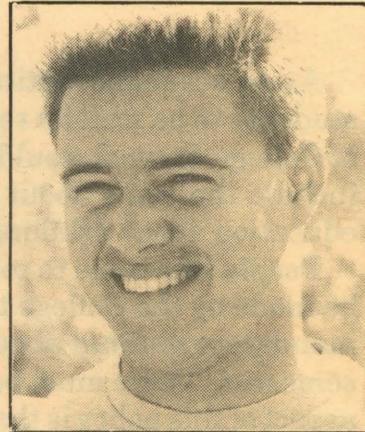
**Jenna Wharton, Freshman:**

People are going to drink, regardless if it's at public parties or not...drinking is not a problem at Pitzer.



**Julia White, Senior:**

Yes, there is a drinking problem, but I don't think that this policy is going to do anything about it. I'd rather have people drinking on campus than driving off campus to drink.



**John Peterson, Junior:**

I agree that non alcoholic beverages should be served at parties, but I don't think hard alcohol should be banned. Who's to say one type of alcohol is better than another?



**Andrew Hauser, Senior:**

It's a good policy, but it has a lot of problems...they need to clarify the proof of age clause. The big question is how are they going to effectively enforce this policy.



**Meredith Miller, Freshman:**

What's the point of servers? I think that [the policy] is going to force kids to other drugs or have people drinking alone in their rooms.



**Byron Smith and Pete Darrah, Sophomores:**

[The policy] is taking away our responsibility, which is what Pitzer is all about. There's a problem [with drinking], but its not so out of control as it is at a state school. The new policy is going to send people off campus.



**Vivian Hutchinson, Sophomore:**

It's good that [the policy] is coming from the students...but the more regulated [drinking] becomes, the more people will go off campus.



**Will Polese, Senior:**

The intentions are good, but I'm worried about the implementation. A lot of freshmen who come to this college are some of the heaviest drinkers. Changing rules will not change attitudes.



**Peter McDaniels, Senior:**

If I weren't 22 and graduating, I'd be upset because it's going to ruin the happy atmosphere. I don't think the policy is going to [affect people's attitudes], because people will find ways to drink if they want .



**Ben Flora, Senior:**

[Drinking] should be up to the individual...[The policy] is not going to help solve a drinking problem. I don't drink, so I don't really care...just ban alcohol from the campus.



**Bob Semon, Senior:**

I'm 21, so I'll drink as much as I want to. Even if I was an underclassman, I'd drink anyway. An alcohol policy isn't going to help hard core drinkers.



**Ellen Schnier, Senior:**

People will go off campus to drink...It will separate the activities of those 21 and over and those under 21. I'm glad this is my last year here.