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Re: The Orientation Committee's finding that a majority of students polled favor freshman hazing.

In coming to Pitzer College I chose to escape the inanities of traditional freshman hazing, not because of the degree of inconvenience but because of the purposeless indignity. To say that freshman "need to be humbled" is a denial of personal dignity; in effect, it is to negate and undermine the value of whatever standards motivated a student to select a Pitzer education.

In a social science-liberal arts atmosphere hazing is more than a gimmick to consolidate a class, class unity itself being constitutionally unnecessary. It is an indictment of hypocrisy and confusion of purpose: either Pitzer is a resident college, believing in the integrity of its members and respecting their need and right to private lives, or it is a glorified, grotesque club, induction into which is characterized by submitting one's self to the whims of the initiated.

It is to be assumed we are a primarily academic body with certain community standards of mutual respect. If so, hazing should be re-considered and rejected.

Ruth Dudleston
ACADEMIC EVENTS: DRAMATIC PRODUCTION PLANNED

Mr. Duvall, Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Levy with some students plan to produce T.S. Elliot's Cocktail Party in Bernard Hall sometime in late April. Contact them if interested in participating.

A "Day at Pitzer for parents" has been proposed for March 26. The committee is also discussing the planning of events for 1966-1967. Those interested in being on the committee next year, or having suggestions are welcome (and wanted) at the next meeting, 4:00, Tuesday, March 15, in the Observation Room, Scott.

FACULTY ADVISING PROCEDURES TO BE DISCUSSED

There have been complaints that the advising was insufficient and the advisors poorly informed, and assertions that the advising was completely sufficient and very helpful. On Monday the 21st of March the EDUCATIONAL INQUIRY COMMITTEE will hold an "open" meeting to discuss advising procedures. All interested are invited to attend.

CULTURE!!! BUS TRANSPORT TO LOS ANGELES?

Based on an EDUCATIONAL INQUIRY COMMITTEE study, there are now to be funds set aside to support student participation in drama, choral activities and dance with the other colleges.

THE EDUCATIONAL INQUIRY COMMITTEE has been discussing the possibilities for connecting Pitzer with the cultural life of Los Angeles. One proposal is that bus transportation be arranged for one event a week, the event to be determined by a student committee. The question is, where will the money come from? Student fees have been suggested as a possible source. If you support this plan, let Mr. Schwartz or a member of the committee know your feelings.

LET'S KEEP BERNARD OPEN FOR STUDY

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Chairman, Werner Warmbrun) is considering the possibility of keeping Bernard Hall open for study (study, not social life) on weekends. Some of us have also wondered whether the Hall could not be open later on week-nights. One suggestion was that students arrange a monitor system, of students who will agree to study there on a certain night of the week, to be responsible and see that the lights are turned out etc., as the janitor leaves at 11:00. I think such a system would have to be formed on student initiative, so if it intrigues you, take action!

FINANCIAL AID: STRUGGLING STUDENTS TAKE HEED!

Pitzer College has applied for $40,000 for 1966-67 under the Federal Work Study Program. The funds will be used to pay research and laboratory assistants... anyone interested in such positions should see Mr. Albert.
The ADOSSISSIONS COMMITTEE is considering policy regarding scholarships... current proposals include recommendations that budget planning include as a primary concern the allocation of scholarship funds, and that Pitzer should seek unrestricted funds to be then used for scholarships. (Unrestricted funds would mean that Pitzer alone would determine what qualifications a student should have to be eligible for scholarship aid. No external strings attached such as "this money must only go to the daughters of retired dentists"...)

PITZER NOW HAS AN ART DEPARTMENT!

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE recently approved two new art courses offered by Mr. Hertel for the Spring Semester. Hooray!

A PITZER FILM: WHAT IS OUR IMAGE?

The ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE is considering having a film of Pitzer, made to be used in recruiting new students and also as an aid in Orientation, in the near future. They are also thinking about a tape recording of faculty and students' interviews, class discussions, and school functions. If we are to do this, we must first consider what our image is. What image do we want to present to others?

SHOULD ORIENTATION WEEK BE VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED?

At the recent COMMUNITY COUNCIL meeting "Mr. Duval1 moved that Community Council recommend to ORIENTATION COMMITTEE that Freshmen be introduced to the campus no more than a day and a half before the regular resumption of classes. Orientation as such in terms of parties, discussions, and town meetings would be concurrent with the first week of classes. At the end of a week a conference might be held for group discussion of community government and life at Pitzer. The idea of "orientation", therefore, would be to emphasize the unity of college life--social and intellectual."

This proposal passed Community Council by a 5-4 vote and has been sent to ORIENTATION COMMITTEE as a recommendation. Many people did feel that orientation was too long. On the other hand, imagine moving into your room and getting emotionally ready for classes in a day and a half! All students who have opinions about this proposal are invited to attend the next ORIENTATION COMMITTEE meeting, 4:30 Tuesday, March 15, in K-1 recreation room. See you there.

THE PITZER CONFERENCE

Thursday, March 10, at 7:30 in the Boardroom, COLLEGE COUNCIL will discuss the implications of last weekend's conference on Pitzer for College Council and its committees.

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