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PARENTS DAY, 1967 . . . A 'HAPPENING'



William Trombley, Times education writer, speaks to parents, students and guests March 11.

MARCH 11 EVENT SPARKED BY 'INVOLVEMENT'

Parents Day, 1967, was planned. Yet it "happened." A lecture, panel discussion, and "buzz sessions" were thoughtfully structured around the theme "Inside Higher Education," a theme relevant and in tune with the issues of today. Mr. William Trombley, education writer for the *Los Angeles Times*, had been invited to speak on "Major Issues in Higher Education."

The atmosphere in Sanborn Lounge, though quiet, was charged with feeling. Mr. Trombley, whose recent assignments have taken him to Berkeley for the Free Speech movement, educational reform, student strikes and more recently the tuition and budget controversy in California, expressed his personal views on the present and future of higher education in California.

Before the applause had died, raised hands of parents, students, trustees, and faculty demanded the floor. Many agreed with Mr. Trombley. Many disagreed. But few were disinterested. Something had "happened." Involvement "happened."

After a period of question-raising and statement-making, the community adjourned for a buffet luncheon at Collins

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With the Vote In— A Dean of Students

Following the recommendation made through a Pitzer Community poll, President John W. Atherton has announced the appointment of a dean of students, Mrs. Diana Lockard Malan, effective July 1, 1967.

Mrs. Malan, a Smith College graduate with a background of varied administrative experience, is already learning the intricacies of her future position in consultation with Dean Charlotte D. Elmott and

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By \$1,100

THE GRASS IS GREENER

Area benefits across the nation sponsored by the Pitzer College Parents Association gathered in "greenery" of \$1,100 as a gift toward landscaping the campus.

Mrs. Tully Warren of Pasadena, as PA president, presented the check on behalf of the Association to President John W. Atherton on March 9.

The benefits, which took many forms according to the wishes of areas, were held in mid-February.

The Wonderful World of Donorship



Odell S. McConnell

While everyone in the Pitzer Community shows daily interest in the progress of two new campus structures, two people in particular make closer inspection, for very special reasons. Their names will be on the buildings.

Mrs. Giles W. Mead of Beverly Hills, a Pitzer Trustee, made her gift to Dormitory #3. She stood thoughtfully before it on Parents Day visualizing its completion in September, 1967. Mead Hall will be home to 230 students.

Odell S. McConnell of Los Angeles, Chairman of Pitzer's Board of Trustees, likes to drive as often as he can along the south road to see progress on the Dining Center, scheduled for completion in February, 1968. Because of his generosity, his name will be in perpetuity on the structure.



Mrs. Giles W. Mead

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE . . .



Dean Charlotte D. Elmott

The Academy Plans

Toast to the Dean

Dr. Charlotte D. Elmott, Dean of the College, will be honored at the first annual Spring Banquet by The Academy of Pitzer College May 3 at the Faculty House.

Dean Elmott, who is returning to the Devereux Schools in Santa Barbara in June, will give the major address at the invitational event.

All Fellows, Members, and Junior Associates of Pitzer College's major support group are being invited by Mrs. Godwin J. Pelissero, Academy Chairman, to the dinner and evening program.

Dr. Elmott, who has been the Dean since Pitzer opened its doors in 1964, will summarize her experiences in helping to build a new college.

The Academy, inaugurated last November, has as its goal by the end of this June, 25 Fellows (who pledge \$1,000 a year) and 150 Members (who pledge \$100 a year). Its goal by 1972 is 100 Fellows and 1,000 Members.

Community Conference: For 'Balloon Bursting'

"Faculty, administration, trustees and students, regarding each other from a distance, create mistaken images, and the best way to burst these unrealistic balloons is to know each other as individuals," states President John W. Atherton.

In the interest of dispelling these mutual myths, the second annual Pitzer Community Conference will be held Thursday, May 18, under the guidance of Mrs. Andrew Morthland, trustee of the college.

President Atherton will open the Conference at 3 p.m. on campus with a talk on the "State of the College." Participants of the conference, numbering more than 100 members of the college community, will then form into seminar-size groups to discuss "Directions in Curriculum," "Admission and Financial Aid," "Community Government," and "Policies for Dormitories and Dining Center."

'The Sea of Faces' but Each a Person

In the first year of Pitzer College's own Admission Office, Director Sarah Needham has compiled some impressive statistics in the number of interviews she has completed nationally among prospective students.

As of March 1, 1967, she has:

Interviewed 380 individual students on the Pitzer Campus and in her travels;

Visited 109 individual high schools by special appointment;

Contacted 105 other high schools in work sessions on and off campus.

Act of Faith

Students Help Each Other

Pitzer College's Community Council voted unanimously last month to allocate \$1,800 from its own treasury for scholarship purposes, Chairman Iris Levine announced.

The monies are for unrestricted student aid purposes and are in no way connected with the general operating budget of the College.

Commencement-- with a Flair

"Dear Aunt Annie, don't send gifts, send money." While the request will no doubt be more tastefully phrased, the 20 seniors of 1967 will unanimously ask that families and friends wishing to give personal gifts for Commencement make a contribution instead to their newly established fund, *Primus Inter Pares*.

Meaning "First Among Equals," the fund is the senior class gift to Pitzer College and has been formed with 100% participation to perpetuate and strengthen Pitzer's commitment to "social, ideological, racial, economic, national, and religious diversity in its student body."

By three-year-old tradition, each graduating class takes an active role in planning its own commencement. One of the first decisions which this year's class made was that Mr. W. R. Rodgers, Pitzer's poet-in-residence and author of "Europa and the Bull," be invited as speaker.

At Pitzer's third commencement, seniors will "commence" from the Scott Courtyard at 4 p.m., Sunday, June 11. A reception in Sanborn Lounge will follow.

A MATTER OF RELEVANCE: OUR ALUMNAE

(Editor's Note: *Pitzer's curricular emphasis on the Social and Behavioral Sciences "takes" in many ways. Witness our alumnae.*)

Christine Campbell, class of '66, is at Qui Nhon military base in Viet Nam, at which 20,000 servicemen are stationed. As one of seven Red Cross recreation workers, one of her duties is to find volunteer jobs for servicemen who want to help in the community when they have time.

Deborah Pierce, class of '66, is a research assistant for *Time* magazine in New York.

Katherine Gibbs Gengoux, class of '65, is planning to leave for France this summer with her husband, Claude. She has been helpful in counseling students informally on study abroad.

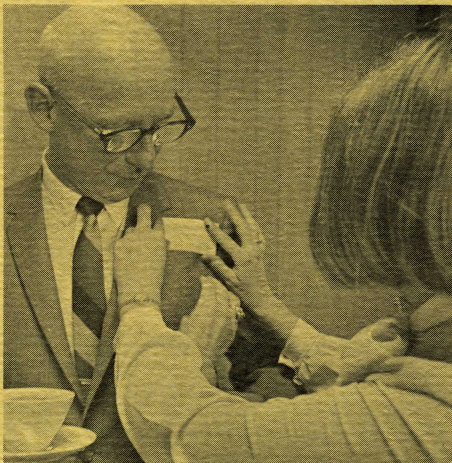
Heidi Hawkins Smith, class of '66, married Stephen Smith last June 11. She has begun work toward her elementary teaching credential at Cal State.

Patricia Silver, class of '66, is a research assistant in the Social Relations Department at Harvard University. She is working on a gerontological study for the National Mental Health Association, and is also doing editorial work on a follow-up study for the Upward Bound Program.

Fusako Takemasa, class of '66, is at Harvard University working in the Yen-Ching Library — an interim position before enrolling in graduate studies in psychology.



Baby Bates meets the President



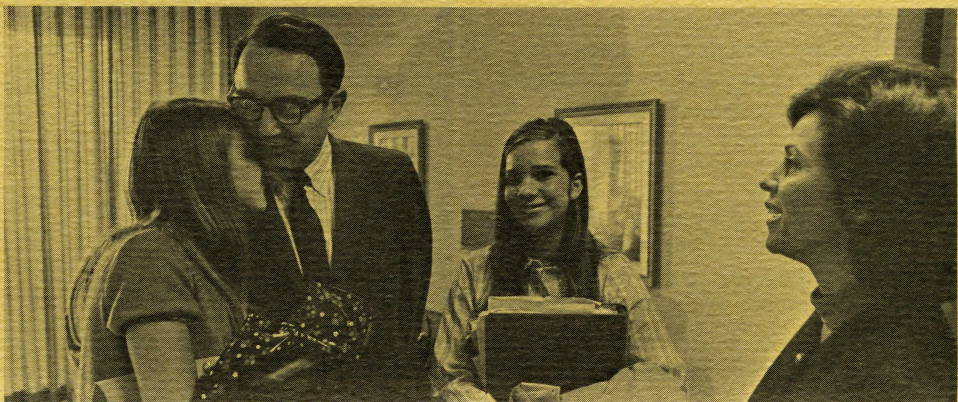
A father gets tagged



With serious conversation — some laughs



Lynn Thompson, next year's Community Council Chairman at Pitzer



A happy family reunion



For a rigorous day, sustenance midway

Parents Day — With Warmth

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Hall. But the spirit of participation which had pervaded the morning program continued into and beyond the panel discussion on "Major Issues in Student Life." The panel consisted of several students as well as the Pitzer College counseling staff. Again, in a dialogue with the panelists and each other, parents said, in effect, "We have ideas about higher education." The discussion was summarized by Dean Charlotte Elmott.

The day concluded with several "buzz sessions," each of which was led by a Pitzer College faculty member. These sessions invited discussion, ventilation, criticism and praise of all aspects of higher education.

Parents Day, 1967, could have been serene, non-controversial — innocuous. Instead, it was a day of dialogue, of personal exchange — a day in which something "happened."



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QUOTES FROM OUR COMMUNITY

"This, above all, is what I would like to see our young women assimilate. If they can only convince themselves that volunteer work has a major place in our world today; that their abilities are possibly just as great as those of the girl with the \$650 pay-check. There is a vital place for them all. Those of us who have lived through the growing pains are convinced. The younger generation still has to learn for itself about this relatively new but serious source of woman-power."

Mrs. Godwin J. Pelissero, Trustee
in response to her receiving
the Woman of the Year Award
in Santa Barbara, January, 1967.

"Pitzer — a College of unusual warmth, imagination, quality and a truly fine educational spirit."

Alexander Hehmeyer, Parent
in a letter to the President
December 26, 1966

FROM APRIL THROUGH JUNE

- April 20 "Vinoba Bhavé: Holy Man, New Style," lecture by Dr. Virginia Corwin, Visiting Professor of Religion — Holden Living Room.
- April 24 Play reading, "The Bald Soprano," Theater of the Absurd seminar — Sanborn Living Room.
- April 25 Convocation, "New Approaches in Meeting the Challenge of Crime and Delinquency in the United States," Mr. Walter Dunbar, Director, California Department of Corrections — Common Room.
- April 26 President's Council, inaugural meeting at home of Mrs. Will Ward, Chairman, 71 Fremont Place, Los Angeles.
- May 1 Faculty - student play reading — Holden Living Room.
- May 1 - 7 Pitzer Student Art Show — Bernard Library.
- May 3 Academy Spring Banquet — Faculty House.
- May 4 "Man Thinking — Why Thoreau Went To Walden" — Lecture, Mr. Lawrence Willson, Professor of English, UCSB, Holden Living Room.
- May 5 Pitzer Parents Association, annual meeting — Sanborn Lounge.
- May 18 Pitzer Community Conference — Common Room et al.
- May 28 Concert, Mrs. Monique Charland, pianist — Garrison Theater.
- June 11 Commencement, Scott Courtyard, with reception following in Sanborn Lounge.

Canfield Gives \$20,000 — Again!

The Canfield Foundation, which gives scholarship grants to colleges for the benefit of deserving young women in Los Angeles County, has again given Pitzer College \$20,000 for 1967-68.

This is the same amount given in 1966-67 to Pitzer by the Foundation, which has as its president Mrs. Godwin J. Pelissero, also a Pitzer Trustee.

A Dean of Students . . .

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the counseling staff—Mrs. Susan Schwartz, Chairman; Mrs. Julie Albert and Miss Nancy Mattice.

The poll that ended debate on dorm management personnel and a dean of students vs. a decentralized counseling office brought both vague and clear-cut conclusions from the Pitzer Community.

Clear-cut were the sentiments toward a Dean of Students who would have jurisdiction over the present office of counselors.

Voting results were:

- 66.0% for a Dean of Students
- 26.5% for a decentralized Counseling Office in lieu of a Dean
- 7.5% no preference
- 100.0%

Vague were voting results on a "mature" staff for dorm management vs. graduate students, young married faculty, etc.

These results were:

- 50.6% Mature personnel
- 45.0% Graduate etc. personnel
- 4.4% No preference
- 100.0%

A profile on Mrs. Malan and on new faculty will be featured in *The Participant's* July issue.