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## POMONA VALLEY TO HONOR R. K. PITZER



Two "Firsts" in the history of Pitzer College. Mr. Russell K. Pitzer, Founding father of the college, and Miss Jill Ford, class of '66, first alumna to be elected to the Board of Trustees.

### First Alumna

## 2 NEW TRUSTEES TAKE OFFICE IN '68

A graduate from the Class of '66 and a public relations executive have been named to the Pitzer College Board of Trustees with terms beginning this year.

Miss Jill Ford, one of 10 graduates in 1966, the College's second graduating class, is the first alumna trustee to be elected to the Board.

An active Pitzer citizen during her two years at the college, Miss Ford is one of six trainees at Mt. Sinai Child Study Center under a grant by the National Institute of Mental Health. She is a nursery school teacher there working with children, age 3 to 6.

Miss Ford, the daughter of Robert F. Ford, also a Pitzer Trustee, recently announced her engagement to William Harmon Jr., who is in his last year at UCLA Medical School. They plan to be married in San Francisco June 16 and then will live in the East where he will intern.

Howard D. Williams, founder and chairman of Erwin Wasey, Inc., Los Angeles, also has accepted his election to the Board. A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he is also director of Wilshire Terrace Corporation, Early California Foods Co., and the De-Mille Foundation.

Both new trustees will attend their first meeting February 6.

### 'Town and Gown'

## ACADEMY TO SPONSOR MARCH LECTURE SERIES

In keeping with its purpose of stimulating and encouraging academic excellence, The Academy of Pitzer College will sponsor its first public lecture series on five successive Wednesdays beginning March 6 on campus.

Five Pitzer faculty members, to be announced, will lecture in their fields at 10:30 a.m. followed by an open discussion. A planning committee from the Pomona Valley area has selected the

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### Spring Parents' Day

## MARCH 23 EVENT WILL SALUTE FATHERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

A twenty-one-gun salute to twenty-one Pitzer parents in institutions of higher learning will be heard across campus on Saturday, March 23. The theme of Parents' Day will be "A Salute to Pitzer Parents in Higher Education."

The salute will emanate from newly-constructed McConnell Center with 11 a.m. registration and remarks by President John W. Atherton.

The after-lunch session will feature talks by three fathers of Pitzer students involved in higher education. Dr. Robert

## JANUARY 31 DINNER WILL ALSO NOTE COLLEGE'S FOUNDING

Pomona Valley philanthropist Russell K. Pitzer, founder of the college that bears his name, will be honored at a \$100-a-plate dinner Wednesday, January 31, at the new McConnell Dining Center on campus.

The event will also note the fifth Founder's Day of Pitzer College.

A committee of 25 prominent men and women in Pomona Valley, headed by Raymond J. Arbuthnot and Harold B. Pomeroy, Pitzer trustees, are issuing invitations to more than 600 in this area. Many firms and individuals are sponsoring tables of 10.

Dr. Richard Armour, professor emeritus at Scripps College and noted poet and author, will be master of ceremonies. The 65-member Concert Choir of Claremont Men's College, Harvey Mudd College, Pitzer College and Scripps College, conducted by John M. Lilley, will also appear on the program.

Mr. Pitzer, 89, a resident in the Valley since 1893, has been instrumental in the founding and funding of many outstanding institutions, including, in addition to Pitzer College, the Pomona Valley Community Hospital, Pacific State Hospital, Claremont Men's College, and La Verne College.

H. Alway, father of Mary, class of '69, and Professor of Pediatrics at the Stanford School of Medicine, will speak on "A Pediatrician Looks at the Social and Behavioral Sciences"; Dr. Paul Hare, father of Sharon, class of '71, and Professor of Sociology at Haverford College, will speak on "A Sociologist Looks at Women's Education"; and Dr. LeRoy Eyring, father of Patricia, class of '71, and Chairman, Department of Chemistry, at Arizona State College, will speak on "A Chemist Looks at the Liberal Arts."

## Faculty Publishes

### THE PRINTED WORD

*The Dark Birds*, a second book of poems by Mr. Bert Meyers, Instructor of English, has been accepted for publication by Doubleday Publishing Co. His first book, *Early Rain*, was published in 1960.

*The British Image of India 1880-1960: A Study In The Literature of Imperialism*, by Dr. Allen J. Greenberger, Assistant Professor of History, will be published by Oxford University Press in the spring for distribution in the United States and Europe.

### ACADEMY SERIES . . .

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fields of archaeology, psychology, anthropology, modern literature and philosophy—religion to comprise this first series.

Invitations to attend the series will be issued in January to a wide selection of citizens who wish to further their intellectual boundaries in the social and behavioral sciences, Pitzer College's curricular emphasis.

The series is designed to share the talent of a quality faculty with the larger community and to establish an intellectual interchange between "Town" and "Gown."

The enrollment fee for the series of five lectures will be \$30 for an Academy member and \$40 for a non-member. Individual lecture tickets may be obtained for \$10.

Serving on the Lecture Series planning committee are Mmes. Greyson Lee Bryan, Covina; William Graeber, Pomona; James E. Monson, Claremont; Richard K. Todd, Pomona; Thomas W. Sawyers, Claremont; and Gil M. Wayne, Claremont.

## Alumnae: From India to Berkeley

News from alumnae, their friends and parents indicates that Pitzer alumnae have "commenced" in many directions — with scarcely a pause.

Kassand Stephani Dills, class of '66, and her husband Robert, are in Southeast Asia with the American Red Cross, 7th Field Hospital.

Marlene Bates, class of '65, is expecting her second child.

Susan Stein, class of '67, and now Mrs. Walter A. Burkhard, is working toward a teaching credential at the University of California at Berkeley.

Shan DuBoisson, class of '67, in England, writes that she will begin study in September for a Diploma in Education. "Everything requires more study and post-graduate work."

Sara Smith, class of '66, is working in a home for destitute leprosy patients outside Vellore, India. "News of riots and freak-outs makes me wonder if it wouldn't be more valuable to be working toward understanding at home. I have been wondering a lot here."

Fran Sibal Short, class of '66, lives in Flagstaff, Arizona with her husband Bryan and baby son. Her husband is on the teaching staff of Arizona State College, and Fran is enrolled in graduate studies.

## PITZER TEAMS LAUNCH CONCENTRATED DRIVE IN AREAS

After months of community-wide discussion and planning, teams of faculty, students and administrators spent "Pitzer Days" in Santa Barbara and San Francisco in December to tell the College's story to a wider audience.

On December 4, a team consisting of

### MORE ON AREA ACTIVITIES

Mrs. John B. Reid and Mrs. C. Duane Ericson, both of Hillsborough, represented Pitzer College at a San Francisco area party November 3, 1967, which was held to announce the Claremont Colleges Concert Choir tour in the Bay area in April, 1968. Mr. John M. Lilley, Conductor of the Choir, talked with more than 20 parents, alumni and friends of Pitzer, Harvey Mudd, Claremont Men's and Scripps Colleges (the four colleges whose students participate in the Choir).

### Fathers Come, Too

### PARENTS PLAN DINNER MARCH 6

The annual Parents Association Dinner will be given Wednesday, March 6, in the Wilshire Country Club, Los Angeles, according to Mrs. Draper W. Phillips of Sierra Madre, dinner chairman.

Customarily this is the one evening event that draws fathers as well as mothers from the Greater Los Angeles area.

Two faculty members, to be announced, are scheduled to speak. Mrs. Tully E. Warren of San Marino, president of the Association, will preside, with remarks by President John W. Atherton.

Faculty members Miles C. Everett, Albert Schwartz and Stephen Glass joined Admissions Director Sarah Needham, Assistant Admissions Director Mary Ellen Town, and Louise Beaudette, Class of '68, in visiting schools from Ventura to Santa Maria talking to prospective students. Through this team approach, 18 schools were covered between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The Pitzer Day in Santa Barbara also included a student reception at Hotel Biltmore, an Academy Tea in the home of Mrs. Godwin J. Pelissero at Hope Ranch, and a Parents' Dinner at the home of Mrs. Henry J. Hartley in Montecito. President and Mrs. John W. Atherton and Mary Ann Callan, Assistant to the President, joined the team for afternoon and evening activities.

On December 10 and 11, another team effort was made in the San Francisco Bay Area with the same approach as the pilot project in Santa Barbara. High School visits were made by Faculty members Ellen Ringler, Barbara Shapiro and Constance Kovar plus Mr. Everett, Miss Needham and Miss Town.

In Berkeley, a student reception and parents' dessert were given on December 10. Also, on the same day, a student reception was given in Ross (Marin County) and a parents' dinner in San Francisco.

On December 11, a student reception was held at the home of Mrs. Sophie Thompson in Atherton and another parents' dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barry in Woodside. Faculty member Allen Greenberger and President and Mrs. Atherton joined in many of the activities.

Other areas being considered for a team visit are Phoenix and San Diego.

### 'Self-Help'

### FUND BEGUN

College Council has established a Student Emergency Loan Fund (SELF) with a minimum loan of \$300 for the purpose of enabling students to continue their education at Pitzer College.

The no-interest loans will be repaid on terms which place no undue hardship on the recipient.

A sum of \$1,500 has been allocated this year for this purpose. The Council expressed the hope that donors interested in this kind of "SELF-help" would designate gifts for the fund.

Mr. William E. Frenaye, director of financial aid, is administrator of the fund.



*How important is higher education to the woman who does not seek a career outside the home?*



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## Fall Parents' Day: A Focus on the Future

The Pitzer Community, with clear eye and steady hand, focused on the future of higher education at the Fall Parents' Day November 4. The theme of the event was "Focus on the Future."

The day began with an energizing coffee period, followed by the keynote address in Garrison Theater. The speaker was Mr. William E. Roberts, president of Ampex Corporation and the father of Mary Jane Roberts, class of 1970.

In his address on "Technology's Challenge to Education," Mr. Roberts said, "I fear that with our refined tools of communication and education, we are communicating less and less.

"I don't have a pat answer on how we can grab the brass ring and begin to understand more of the 'Black Magic'

being performed in so many fields by our brilliant scientists," he continued. "I would only suggest that it is essential that we do so. Leaders in government, education and industry of tomorrow most certainly will."

An audience question-and-answer period following the talk indicated general concern regarding the wise use of technological tools and knowledge.

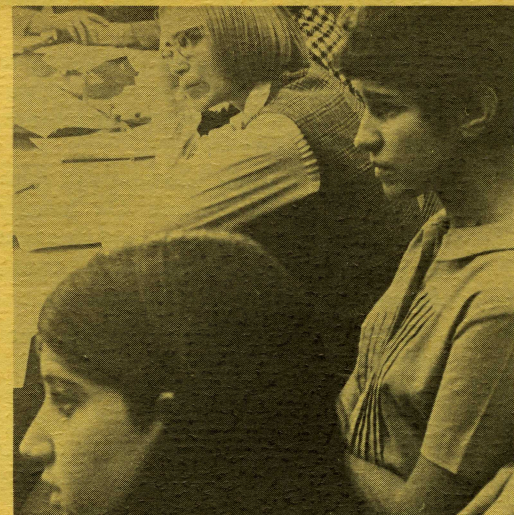
Following luncheon in Holden and Sanborn courts, small group discussions were held. Using an old and tested method of communicating, parents, students and faculty sat down, squared off, and expressed opinions on such subjects as "Admissions," "Academic Standards," "Curriculum Directions," and "Beyond Pitzer — What Opportunities For Our Graduates?"



*A warming and fortifying first step toward looking into the future.*



*"The important thing here is . . . that Pitzer will, I am convinced, remain flexible and open to change, and to the needs of its various constituencies." Mrs. Diana Malan, Dean of Students.*



*What is the millennium for Pitzer? Will we recognize it when we see it?*



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## FROM JANUARY TO JUNE

- Wednesday, January 24 Academy Tea at the Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena. Hostessed by Mrs. Patrick James Kirby, 3-5 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 31 Fifth Founder's Day of Pitzer College, McConnell Center, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 6 Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 6 Parents Association Annual Dinner, Wilshire Country Club, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 2 Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m.
- Saturday, April 6 to Monday, April 15 Spring Recess.
- Friday, May 10 Parents Association Annual meeting on campus, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, June 4 Board of Trustees meeting, 10 a.m.
- Sunday, June 9 Commencement.

## INSIDE McCONNELL CENTER

One of the most spectacular structures in the Claremont Colleges' complex, McConnell Dining Center, will officially open to the entire Pitzer community at the beginning of the Spring Semester, February 12.

The Center is designed to live up to its name, for it will be the center of student activity, student-faculty interchange, social events, meetings, etc.

Its inaugural event, however, will come before its official opening. On January 31, a \$100-a-plate dinner will be held in the Center to honor the College's founder, R. K. Pitzer (see page 1).

The main dining area will accommodate 630, and a snack bar on the floor below will also be available. Policy on meal exchange with the other Claremont Colleges is being discussed by a special committee. Undoubtedly, some system of exchange privileges will be initiated.

The uncompleted third floor, housing the President and Development Offices

and the Founder's Room, will not be ready for use until late March.

The Center is named in honor of Odell S. McConnell of Los Angeles, chairman of the Pitzer College Board of Trustees.

## Honors for Donors

### NEW PLAQUE WILL RECOGNIZE MAJOR GIVERS

The major benefactors to Pitzer College's Educational Advancement Fund in its founding years will be listed on a permanent plaque soon to be installed in Scott Hall lobby.

Any individual who has given \$5,000 or more to current operations in any year since 1963 will be eligible for the honor.

The 1967-68 goal for the Educational Advancement Fund, established to ensure quality in scholarship and teaching, is \$200,000.

## QUOTES FROM OUR COMMUNITY

"I rate Pitzer as one of the finest, most forward-looking of women's colleges, and only wish I were able in person to be more a part of it."

Mrs. Roberta W. Sheridan  
Claremont

"A Pitzer education doesn't end with our graduation. It is a continuation throughout our lives."

Harriet Crosby  
Class of '68

"It has been a founding principle of this college that education to be truly liberal demands active participation . . . that the acceptance of responsibility for one's actions and choices is filled with risk, tension and uncertainty. Any human achievement worth the name must emerge from these tensions and dangers."

John W. Atherton  
President