Ideals of activism and diversity invoked as the Class of 1999 claims diplomas at Pitzer's 35th graduation ceremony.

The May 16 ceremony began with 195 Pitzer seniors, brightly attired in orange and white robes, marching to the familiar strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" while congratulatory relatives and friends gathered beneath a giant canopy on the Brant Tower lawn.

Political poet Martin Espada delivered a keynote address focusing on themes that echoed among all the speakers: activism, justice and diversity. "If you achieve justice, you have transformed life into poetry," said Espada, who flavored his comments with lines of his verse. He is the author of five books of poems, including "Imagine the Angels of Bread," winner of the American Book Award, and "Rebellion is the Circle of a Lover's Hands," winner of the Paterson Poetry Prize.

Espada added: "The greatest inheritance of tradition is the struggle for social change. Don't think all of the struggles have been won."

President Marilyn Chapin Massey praised the students for activism already undertaken: "You are agents of change in a changing world. You have not removed yourself from the world, but changed it. You have made our objective real: education for social responsibility."

This year's commencement ceremony also included special moments. Joel Getlin, a senior class speaker, read a fable he had written entitled "Boundless." "A look out at the world is also accompanied by a look inward," he noted. "Always venture into your interior space; you have an infinite frontier to explore."

Another senior class speaker, Griselda Suarez, discussed the need for diversity and greater respect for diversity: "Everyone needs to acknowledge and celebrate his or her differences."

Later, Terry F. Lenzner, newly appointed Pitzer trustee, climbed the podium to present a diploma to his son, William. And alumni association President Meg Perry '72 welcomed the new graduates into the family of Pitzer alumni.

"I'm overwhelmed by the feeling of four years having gone by in a snap," said graduate Eliot Baker after the ceremonies. Another graduate, Darlene Offman, added: "I enjoyed the process. It's been wonderful being here."
WASC: Pitzer Sets New Standard

Pitzer received a ringing endorsement this winter from its accrediting body, which also praised the College for setting a new standard for education.

In a memo to the Pitzer community in March, President Marilyn Chapin Massey said that the Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) officially accepted the report of the evaluation team that visited the College in December. "In addition to reaffirming our accreditation, WASC explicitly praised the College's integration of its educational objectives," she said.

The letter dated Feb. 25 from the Commission said: "The evaluation team found much to commend in its visit, particularly how Pitzer has developed its distinctive educational objectives so that they form a seamless whole. Interdisciplinary perspectives, social responsibility and intercultural understanding infuse the curriculum and programs of the College." WASC suggested that other colleges and universities would do well to emulate Pitzer's example, in effect saying that the College is setting a new standard for such education.

As a sign of its endorsement, the commission set the date of the College's next full evaluation at 10 years from the last one, in the fall of 2008.

Massey also told the community that the Tomis River Institute, currently housed at Scripps College, will be coming to Pitzer College in the fall when its current lease expires. "Having the institute on our campus will enhance the opportunities for our students to work on important social issues concerning the Hispanic community and to take part in groundbreaking research," Massey said. The institute is a natural fit for Pitzer, partly because its president is Harry Pachon, Pitzer's Kenan professor of political studies, and because its mission complements that of the new Center for California Cultural and Social Issues, as developed in the comprehensive planning process, she added. Established in 1985, the institute conducts and disseminates objective, policy-relevant research and its implications to decision-makers on key issues affecting Latino communities.

Massey also announced appointments to fill the Kenneth S. Pitzer and the Jean M. Pitzer professorships. Steve Naftilan becomes the Kenneth S. Pitzer Professor of Physics, and Susan Seymour becomes the Jean M. Pitzer Professor of Anthropology. These chairs were endowed under the generous terms of the will of Kenneth Pitzer, Massey said.

Film Benefit Raises Scholarship Funds

More than $90,000 in scholarships for Pitzer College were raised at the gala and world-premiere screening of Paramount Pictures' "The Out-Of-Towners" starring Steve Martin and Goldie Hawn.

Some 750 people attended the Hollywood premiere and post-screening party at Paramount Studios on March 29, which benefited both Pitzer and the California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA). Pitzer President Marilyn Chapin Massey expressed gratitude to the donors, noting that half of Pitzer students have some kind of scholarship support. "I thank you on behalf of all the students," she said. "You are all supporting wonderfully talented students."

Susan Dolgen, a Pitzer trustee and chairwoman of CSSSA's board of trustees, co-hosted the event with Martin, Hawn and Jonathan I. Dolgen, chairman of Viacom Entertainment Group. "It is important to raise money for educational institutions," Susan Dolgen said. "It is important for schools to get visibility. Pitzer has wonderful professors. They develop a social conscience in students and self-esteem. I am really proud of Pitzer."

The evening began with the arrival of the movie's stars. Hawn arrived with her longtime companion, actor Kurt Russell, and their two sons, Oliver Hudson and Wyatt Russell. Martin was accompanied by his good friend, actor Martin Short. Other attendees included Pitzer trustees, parents, alumni, students and staff members.

After the movie, the post-premiere party at a New York Central Park theme took place in a 5,000-square-foot white tent erected on the Paramount grounds. Waiters in black-tie delivered drinks, and multiple buffets offered guests finely-cured salmon with herb crème fraiche, grilled ahi tuna and New York steak sandwiches.

Both Martin and Hawn said they were glad they could help. "It's important to contribute to the arts in any way we can," Hawn said. "I'm very happy to be a part of it."

Added Martin, "I think any time we can help young people it's important. They are a big part of our society."

Pitzer Offers Virtual "Doorway to Asia"

Students on this side of the Pacific Ocean many of whom have never traveled beyond their hometowns now have a chance to interact with their counterparts in China over the spring under a unique program that uses technology to bridge cultures.

Hundreds of students from local elementary, middle and high schools have gathered in Pitzer's Broad Center Performance Space to "virtually" visit China and speak with students there through the use of video-conferencing technology. Pitzer in China students Greg Taylor and Ming Fei Gao helped interpret for students on both sides. Before the video conferences, Pitzer students and faculty helped Chinese and U.S. students exchange information. This program is unique in higher education, says Carol Brandt, vice president for international and special programs. "Other colleges use two-way video-conferencing for distance learning," she said. "But it's unusual to use it for intercultural exchange and to share that resource with the local community."

Pitzer established the "Doorways to Asia" program under a two-year, $160,000 grant from The Freeman Foundation. Among its goals are to increase teaching and learning about Asian countries, cultures and languages for students in public schools and at Pitzer.

The program has succeeded in building bridges. At one point, the local high-school students asked their Chinese counterparts how many siblings they each had. Because of the "one-child" policy of the Chinese government, however, the Chinese students there said they had none. The local students' reply? "We are now your brothers and sisters," Brandt said.

Foundation Gives Scholarship Funds

The Fletcher Jones Foundation last month granted Pitzer College $280,000 to augment The Fletcher Jones Foundation Endowed Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1983 with a gift of $100,000. The Fund now will support five student scholarships annually.

"This gift responds to Pitzer's greatest need," President Marilyn Chapin Massey said in accepting the grant. Scholarships enable Pitzer to continue attracting talented students, regardless of their personal financial circumstances, she added. "If we are to sustain our deep commitment to access into the future, we must increase our endowment for scholarships significantly."

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Three Pitzer graduates—a record-setting football player and All Americans in tennis and basketball—were inducted into the Pomona-Pitzer Athletic Hall of Fame at ceremonies held in April.

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Daley tied the mark set by Jerry Rice from Mississippi Valley State, who went on to set a National Football League record for receptions. Daley also holds school records for receptions held in a season, at 62, and for a career, at 227. In his senior year, he was named SCAC Player of the Year.

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SCAC Player of the Year in 1989 and earned three First-Team All-SCAC honors during his college career. Also in 1989, he was selected as Pomona-Pitzer’s Most Valuable Athlete in all sports.

Karen Nelson, a four-time All-American in tennis, qualified for the NCAA Tournament all four years at Pomona-Pitzer. She and Julie Lindberg ’88 won the NCAA Division III Doubles National Championship in 1988. As a senior, she advanced to the singles semifinals at the NCAA Championships all four years at Pomona-Pitzer. Nelson was a four-time All-American in tennis during his college career. Also in 1989, he was named Pomona-Pitzer’s Most Valuable Athlete in all sports. Also in 1989, Nelson was honored with the Pi Beta Phi Sportsmanship Award.

For Scholder, who now lives in Los Angeles and builds furniture, Pitzer’s influence has been the greatest of his life. “Pitzer truly afforded me a unique opportunity to explore myself,” he said. “It gave me a strong foundation to come home who I am now. It allowed me the space to become myself. That’s more important than any individual experience.”

At Alumni Weekend, he enjoyed renewing old friendships. “It’s really neat to see people you haven’t seen for a long time—to see who remembers you and who doesn’t, and it’s surprising who does and who doesn’t,” he said. Another part of the weekend he enjoyed was the faculty lectures. “The Alumni College is awesome,” he said. “We’re finally mature enough to understand the lectures.”

Carole Goldberg ‘79 said she came to get away from her 2-year-old twins. “We look for any excuse to get away,” she said with a laugh, adding, “It’s fun to see old friends.” For Goldberg, who works for a Bay Area software company, Pitzer is filled with memories. “Every corner has a memory,” she said. “You remember spots on campus where you had a certain conversation.”

For Jo Deane Zalay-Gerard ’69, Pitzer was a place where she gained self-confidence. She remembered taking a graduate-level course and being intimidated by the rhetoric of the graduate students. But her advisor, George Park, a professor of social anthropology, reassured her. “He told me that my writing was as good as, if not better than, theirs, and that I made strong arguments,” the San Luis Obispo, Calif., resident said. “He was the first one who really gave me confidence academically. That was a turning point for me.”

The alumni were also struck by changes both on and off campus. Goldberg was surprised at the Ontario airport—“it’s no longer a little landing strip.”

A week later, the center, takes the cake from Professor Barry Sanders’ Alumni College lecture, “How to Tell a Story in America: Make it All True, Damned Near.” Sanders was one of a dozen Pitzer profs who addressed the event’s theme, “Truth & Consequences.” Photo by Nancy Newman-Bauer
Alumni Becomes DNA Sleuth

Connie Guminger Milton ’92 is a detective, but you won’t find her flashing a badge or interrogating suspects. Rather, she finds her clues among winding strands of genetic material in her role as a forensic scientist for the San Diego County Medical Examiner’s Office. She analyzes DNA markers, looking for matches, trying to identify criminals.

The Helena, Mont., native returned to campus this year to talk about how DNA testing has become a potent weapon for criminal justice. Despite this, DNA testing is done and to offer advice to students considering similar careers.

Jo Deane Zalai-Gerard (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)
I am still the California Department of Corrections liaison between the Department of Corrections and the Department of Mental Health—especially at the California Men’s Colony and Atascadero State Hospital (where the most mentally ill are housed).

1970

REUNION: April 28-30, 2000
Class contact: Susan Price, phone (310) 828-1448, e-mail: pricewright@earthlink.net
Linnée (Sowers) Edwards (Porterville, Calif.)
Hello friends! It’s been a few years since I left Pitzer. Lots of warm memories. I just completed my reading specialist credential in January and have been teaching first-graders using Reading Recovery for the last five years. My two daughters are 12 and 21. I hope life is interesting for you all!

Molly (MacNulty) Krallgott (San Diego)
Kurt (CMC ’68) and I recently celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. We have two college-age children. Katie will graduate from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., in June ’99 and Stephen is a freshman at Tulane. E-mail: molly062@aol.com

1971

Emilie (Bassett) Mason (La Verne, Calif.)
After 18 years in Fresno, Calif., Jeff and I recently moved back to Southern California. Ironically, we landed in La Verne, next to Claremont, Calif. Jeff (CMC ’71) is the chief medical officer of a healthcare company in Pomona, and I am a math teacher. E-mail: ejmason@ix.netcom.com

1974

Mlam (Kadin) Campbell (Manchester, R.I.)
After nearly 25 years of absence from Pitzer, I finally got connected. I’ve been living east of the Mississippi since 1976. In September 1981, I completed my Ph.D. in sociology from Brown University, specializing in medical demography. In 1983, I married Kenneth Campbell, Ph.D., a biological chemist and reproductive endocrinologist, whom I met while post-doc’ing at the University of Michigan. We have two children, Kenneth (now 10, a high school junior, national honor society member and middle-distance runner) and Charlotte Rebecca (10 years old, a spunky, bright fourth-grader and gymnast extra-ordinarie). In 1992, I completed the master’s in public health degree in epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. I have worked at the University of Massachusetts at Boston’s Center for Survey Research (senior research associate, 1985), the Rhode Island Department of Health (demographic and statistical consultant, 1986-90, and project director, 1991), National Cancer Institute (cancer prevention fellow, 1991-94), and the Boston Regional Office of the Health Care Financing Administration (epidemiologist, 1995-present), where I currently earn my living. Ken, the kids and I live in northern Rhode Island and commute daily to Boston. Sorry I wasn’t able to attend the reunion (Charlottes 10th birthday), but I was thinking of you! E-mail: MCamp73105@aol.com

1975

REUNION: April 28-30, 2000
Class contact: Dovy Rosenweig, phone (212) 744-6699, e-mail: dromosenweig@worldnet.att.net
Stacie (Stutz) Lowry (Avon, Conn.)
I am president and chief executive officer of Career Staffing Inc., headquartered in downtown Los Angeles. We recruit and place professionals and para-professionals in accounting-finance, information technology, human resources and administrative services. If you’re an alum or other member of the Pitzer community, I’d love to hear from you at (213) 488-2600 or via e-mail: stacieneill@earthlink.net.

Hutton Putnam Lowry (Avon, Conn.)
I was recently appointed to the Secretary of State’s Advisory Committee on Private International Law. E-mail: 71561.1601@compuserve.com

Lynn (Gallagher) Tanner (Ventura, Calif.)
I’m single again and recently returned from a three-week trip-of-a-lifetime to Africa. Just bought my first condo and am living happily in Ventura with my dog, Riley.
1977

Kevin Spicer (Santa Monica, Calif.)
Kevin was recently promoted to executive director of broadcast standards and practices at Fox Broadcasting Co. He will oversee all program standards and practices specific to Fox comedy development, in addition to reviewing and approving current and alternative comedy programming and variety specials in prime time and late night. Since joining the Fox broadcast standards and practices department in 1994, he has been responsible for such series as "Martin," "King of the Hill," "Mad TV," "The PJs" and "Futurama," as well as the Billboard music awards, the Emmy awards and the NAACP Image awards. A 20-year veteran in broadcast standards and practices, Kevin went to Fox from ABC television in 1992. While at ABC, his series assignments included "Who's the Boss?" "Full House," "That's Incredible," "America's Funniest Home Videos," "General Hospital" and the Academy Awards.

Steve Temkin (Highland Park, Ill.)
We (Steve and Laura Temkin '78) live outside of Chicago with our two boys, Max, 12, and Ross, 9. We miss our friends and fun from Pitzer, although our cousin now lives up to date. We'd love to hear from you. E-mail: steve@temkin.com

S. Travis Silcox (Highly Shirley Travis) (Sacramento, Calif.)
I'm teaching English classes and Italian cinema for the California community colleges in Florence, Italy. This spring, E-mail: travis.silcox@ucc.sanmateo.edu

1978

Lisa deFaria (Pacific Grove, Calif.)
Goodbye L.A., finally! Hello to the beautiful California central coast! The girls and I took the plunge and relocated to Pacific Grove, an idyllic beach-side community adjacent to Monterey. Small-town ambiance and fresh sea breezes are quite a change. Alexandra, 15, and Lauren, 11, are settling in great. I'm just grateful for a safe environment for teens. Love my work at family services — providing therapeutic services for those in need. Will be launching my own early childhood intervention program for preschoolers and preschoolers. Searching for grants is always a challenge. I'm ever grateful to the sociology program at Pitzer. Blessings to the late Inga Bell.

Christy Keeler (Los Angeles) I've lived in the LA area since I left Pitzer, not all of them ideal. My current incarnation as a writer/mom/wife is by far the most challenging and most satisfying. I'm especially proud of my four year old son, Jerrin Kuk and Lawson, who just turned 15 in January. Jessica is first-chair cello at her high school and plays second base on the softball team. She wants to join the Peace Corps and study to become a doctor. Lawson takes Japanese and hopes to live and work in Japan someday. He sings in the school choir, loves to sail and has a killer sense of humor.

I met my husband, Andrew Marlowe, in 1992 when we each won an Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Nicholl Fellowship for screenwriting. We've been wild about each other ever since and we got married in the fall of '97. Celebrating with us were Alissa (Okuneff) Roston and Lisa deFaria, both of whom I met at Pitzer. They are two of my most treasured friends.

Right now I'm creating a TV series and co-producing two of my own romantic comedies, "Truly" and "Bachelo Auction." What could be better than having a spouse you adore; terrific, healthy children; work you love; and great friends? Knowing long interactions, jags and grows tumors, I'm enjoying these moments of grace.

Special thanks to Ellen Ringler-Henderson (women's literature), Barry Sanders (magical realism) and Al Wachtel (film criticism...!!) for their guidance and support.

E-mail: tempsst@aol.com

1979

Michelle Hill Cohn (Livingston, N.J.)
I continue to live in and enjoy small-town New Jersey. Team teaching in a multiple disabilities classroom in my hometown of Morristown has continued to be my dream job. Life with my 3 1/2-year-old girl, Sydney, and husband, Dave, is great! E-mail: mcoonh@fsd12.nj.us

Lisa Hogan (Boulder, Colo.)
I'm a managing partner at Colorado's fifth-largest law firm. I'm still juggling all kinds of things and flying trapeze—proving that while you may have to grow older, you don't have to mature! E-mail: lhogan@BHSF.co

Gregg Howard (Tempe, Ariz.)
I am currently employed as catering director for Arizona State University and Sun Devil Stadium. My current passions are whitewater rafting and working on a book about travels in northern Mexico's desert back country. E-mail: greggh@extremezone.com

Susan (Elliot) Jard (Berkeley, Calif.)
After graduating from Pitzer in 1979, I spent five years in Italy working for the United Nations. Upon returning to the U.S., I began an apprenticeship with a San Francisco ceramist and spent the next few years producing European-style majolica pottery. My husband, Fred, and I moved to Berkeley in 1990, and have two wonderful children, Elliot, 8, and Kiana, 1. For the past six and a half years, I have been running my ownsf student-oriented Street Clayworks, and teaching ceramics to children. I was at the recent Pitzer Alumni Weekend with my family and would love to hear from other alumns! E-mail: clayworks2@aol.com

Laura Temkin (Highland Park, Ill.)
We (Laura and Steve Temkin '77) live outside of Chicago with our two boys, Max, 12, and Ross, 9. We miss our friends and fun from Pitzer, although our cousin now lives up to date. We'd love to hear from you. E-mail: lara@temkin.com

David Wells (Provence, R.L.)
David was recently awarded a Fulbright grant to teach photojournalism at the University of Mysore, India. E-mail: davidnann@juno.com

A Word From the Alumni Association President

Thanks to the volunteer alumni committee members, the Alumni Council and Pitzer's staff, your association will work its way to meet your two objectives: to improve relevancy in just a single year! Being an alum now has more relevancy to the faculty, staff, students and fellow alumni, as well planned.

Our new objective is to collaborate more: to increase collaboration between alumni and the faculty, staff, and fellow alumni. The greater Pitzer community is more aware of alumni because our footprint has grown. Now we want to improve communication and increase the opportunities for alumni and the Pitzer community to work together.

At its May 8 meeting, the Alumni Council welcomed four new members and set goals for getting alumni more involved in the life of the College.

Hector Martinez '88 will chair the special events/Alumni Weekend committee. Martinez has helped the College in various positions, including the alumni fund committee. After graduation, he worked in the admission office before moving to a job at the Welsh School.

Michelle Jordan '94 was named chair of the Student Alumni Relations Committee, where she has served as a member for the past two years. Working in the Intercollegiate Department of Black Studies, Jordan has gained a lot of experience working with both students and faculty.

The new chair of the educational programs committee will be Eric Dinslow '85. He has already started several new programs to integrate alumni with the College, including distance education through the Internet.

New members Alphie Bato '90 and Ross Royal '88 have agreed to serve as co-chairs of the alumni admission committee. This is a new committee and was created because of alumni interest in the admission process. (See story in Campus News, page 3). Bato has helped with several events this year for prospective students. Royal has supported the College as a panelist for the sociology field group dinner.

I encourage you all to support our new members and stay involved! For more information, please e-mail alumni director Greg Saka, greg_saka@pitzer.edu, or call him at (909) 621-8130.

May Perry '72
President, Alumni Association

1980

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Class Contact: Stuart Smith, phone: (310) 830-2400, extension 240, e-mail: smith@lsacd.org
Steve Murano (Germany)
I'm still in Germany and will probably be here until at least 2001. I'm no longer in the army, but am still working for them. E-mail: muranes@cmynmail.com, 100as.army.mil

Sheryl (Cooperman) Stiel (Berkeley, Wash.)
It's been a whirlwind year for us. Our youngest daughter, Miriam, 8, climbed the REI Pinnacle (65 feet) without a helmet. Our oldest daughter, Elana, became a bat mitzvah in October, one week before a broken pipe flooded our basement, including our study. After 15 years, I left Seattle's Museum of History and Industry to direct the operations and grant-making activities of the foundation at Overlake Hospital Medical Center, located in Bellevue, Wash., just 10 miles east of downtown Seattle. Mark (CMI—Stanford '81) is now directing engineering services at PRIMEX Aerospace in Redmond, Wash. E-mail: mjssks@ aol.com

Class of 1979
Alumni in attendance included Michelle Marks ’78, Jennifer Finlay Marc Broidy ’95 and Harriett Crosby ’68. Washington San
Rachel Levin ’92, David Feldmann ’93, Michael Philips ’77, Josh Rosenthal ’83, ’80, Sarah the chapter. Several alumni attended a reception at the home of Ann Bilodeau ’69 in
Gayle Carlsmith ’68 and Rowan Solomon ’85 have agreed to serve as co-chairs of
The chapter held networking receptions in March and May. Kate David Glickman ’92, Alphie Batto ’94, Carlsmith and Abby Parsons ’71.

Chapter Updates
Bay Area
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North Los Angeles/Ventura
Chapter members held an alumni dinner with Professor Barry Sanders in May at

San Diego
The chapter named two inaugural chairs—Kim Markelenko ’88 and Monique

Washington
In February, the chapter held a wine-tasting reception at the home of James ’89 and

1981
Alex Barnes (Fountain Valley, Calif.) My wife, Randa, and kids, Tarek, 8, and

1982
Andy Golden (Los Angeles) Sharon and I are pleased to announce the
delivery of our daughter, Hana Rose, born March 4 and weighing in at 7 pounds,

1983
Adrian Arleo (Lolo, Mont.) In April, I had a solo exhibition of my sculpture at Trinity Gallery in Atlanta.

1984
Kindel (Miles) Castle (Costa Mesa, Calif.)

John McVay (Marina Del Rey, Calif.) I was promoted on March 1 to general manager of VeriTest, the most recent ac-
quisition of Lionbridge Technologies, a worldwide enterprise globalization ser-
cives company. VeriTest, the leader in real-world testing, provides logo testing
support for companies ranging from Microsoft to Peachtree, holding an ex-
clusive arrangement with many of today’s software and hardware leaders. My re-
 sponsibilities as general manager include expanding VeriTest hardware and soft-
ware testing capabilities into new operations in Europe and Asia. Previously,
I was general manager of the Japanese Group of Lionbridge in Cambridge, Mass., formerly Japanese Language Services.
For more information on Lionbridge Technologies, see www.
lionbridge.com. For more information on VeriTest, see www.veritest.com.
E-mail: jmcvay@netscape.com

Dennis Smith (Long Beach, Calif.) My wife, Leslie, and I are expecting our first child in mid-September. E-mail:
dbs@worldnet.att.net

1985
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Class of 1983
James Weiner (Santa Monica, Calif.) Lynn Boyden, Beatrice Rose (our daugh-
ter) and I are living large in Santa Monica. Lynn recently earned her MILLS at
UCLA, where she is now assistant to the chair and adjunct lecturer in the Depart-
ment of Information Studies. Beatrice Rose is very involved with language ac-
quisation and sphere dynamics. Ever

Karen Clark (Parks, Ariz.) I am still living in northern Arizona with husband
Stephen Posey, 6-year-old twins, Dynon and Ethan, and 1-year-old
daughter, Sadie. I’m still in private prac-
tice as a marriage and family therapist in
Flagstaff. E-mail: keren1219@aol.com

J. Scott Ladd (Winthrop, Maine) My daughter, Samantha Therese, was
born March 13, 1997. Life in the great white north is great!

Nancy Molin (Tokyo-Ken, Japan) I joined the Asian Rural Institute in De-
cember 1998, and felt at home right away. AIR I teaches life in community, re-
spect for the Earth, food production and leadership—in a lot of ways very similar
to Pitzer. Participants in our program come from all over the world, mainly from southern and Southeast Asia. Con-
tact me about possibilities for volunteer-
ing! We need community-oriented farm, kitchen and office workers. Drop me a line! E-mail: mmolin@naau-nct.or.jp

Barbara Sagat (La Crescenta, Calif.) I am currently serving as the pastor of
children’s programming and healing minis-
tries at the Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles. I am also direc-
tor of the World Junior Jubilee—a first-
its-kind conference for children of gay
and lesbian Christian parents—to be held in July in Los Angeles. It is an exciting and
rewarding time! E-mail: bsagat@elifoundation.org

Mary Ann Voveris (Tochigi-Ken, Japan) Our youngest, Mari, was born
March 13, 1997. Life in the great white north is great! Celia, 8, and Ellie, 6, plus two dogs, two
guinea pigs, seven chickens and a horse.

Link Nicoll (Washington) I have been working as a photographer for Microsoft’s Washington.Sidewalk.

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John McVay (Marina Del Rey, Calif.) I was promoted on March 1 to general manager of VeriTest, the most recent ac-
quisition of Lionbridge Technologies, a worldwide enterprise globalization ser-
cives company. VeriTest, the leader in real-world testing, provides logo testing
support for companies ranging from Microsoft to Peachtree, holding an ex-
clusive arrangement with many of today’s software and hardware leaders. My re-
 sponsibilities as general manager include expanding VeriTest hardware and soft-
ware testing capabilities into new opera-
tions in Europe and Asia. Previously,
I was general manager of the Japanese Group of Lionbridge in Cambridge, Mass., formerly Japanese Language Services.
For more information on Lionbridge Technologies, see www.
lionbridge.com. For more information on VeriTest, see www.veritest.com.
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Dennis Smith (Long Beach, Calif.) My wife, Leslie, and I are expecting our first child in mid-September. E-mail:
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1985
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Karen Butwinick (Albany, Calif.) Karen and David Greensfelder ’87 are the proud parents of a baby girl, Julia, born in February. E-mail: dkgreens@ worldnet.att.net
Tetsuya Kasahara (Shizuoka, Japan)
I am the owner and executive manager of Kasahara Developing Corp., and we own four pachinko parlors. Pachinko is a very popular Japanese game of chance.

It's not like Las Vegas, and there are about 350 pachinko machines, including slots and pinball. About two years ago I wrote a book that includes short essays and my own predictions before and after the year 2000. E-mail: kasahara@orange.ne.jp

1986
Mark Massongill (Palm Desert, Calif.);
Still racing.

Yoon Jung Park (Johannesburg, South Africa)
Yoon Park is still living in Johannesburg, South Africa, witnessing a most fascinating transition period in this country's history. She has given up her free-lance consulting work for the time being to take on two projects: 1) A Ph.D. with the sociology department of the University of the Witwatersrand, focusing on the tensions and interplay between national and ethnic identity of South-African born Chinese; and 2) Co-editing a book on violence against women and their shelters in South Africa. Yoon hopes to be back in the U.S. sometime in 2001. Long lost Pitzer friends can contact her via e-mail: yoon@nissa.org.za.

Susan Pratt (Santa Fe, N.M.)
I had a lot of fun being in two movies this year: "Hi Lo Country" (opened December '98) and "Wild Wild West" (opened July 4). I also hosted a group of Pitzer students as they traveled through Santa Fe on their Route 66 trip. E-mail: souxharlin@aol.com

Amy-Lu Srednicki (Woodacre, Calif.)
Hello to Mark Lopez, Nancy Whalen, and Tammy and Jerry Allen!

Jason and Beth (Baker) Steinberg (Woodsy Creek, Colo.)
We are expecting our second child in April. Our first, Jack, is 19-months-old and may start skiing this year! If any Pitzer folks are in Aspen, be sure to look us up. Still in touch with Dennis Casey, Susan Pratt and Alexandra Davis.

Deborah Sutchliffe (Red Bluff, Calif.)
I am self-employed as a family physician. Eric and I have a beautiful daughter, Melinda.

1987
Elaine (Evans) and S. Chase Davenport (Berkeley, Calif.)
We were married in 1993 and now have a 3-year-old son named Ellis. Chase is getting a master's degree at Stanford this year in curriculum development and teacher education. Elaine is a pediatrician in a group practice in Berkeley. Elaine participated in the California AIDS Ride in June—bicycling from San Francisco to Los Angeles!

David Greensfelder (Albany, Calif.)
David and Karen Buttwinick '85 are the proud parents of a baby girl, Julia, born in February. E-mail: dkgreens@worldnet.att.net

Attention Alumni Artists!

If you're an alumni artist/illustrator whose work might be suitable for Participant covers, we'd love to see some samples from your portfolio! For more information, please contact Nina Ellerman Mason, managing editor, at (909) 621-8219 or via e-mail at Nina_Ellerman@pitzer.edu. Samples also may be sent directly to: Nina Ellerman Mason, Public Information Office, Pitzer College, 1900 N. Mills Ave., Claremont, Calif., 91711.
Alumnae Poets Honored by NEA

I don’t know how to get out of this beauty.

― "Door" by Dana Levin

Dana Levin ’87 and Maurya Simon ’80 were two of 40 writers who won coveted 1999 Creative Writing Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts in December, chosen from a field of nearly 1,000 applicants nationwide. Each received $20,000.

Poetry found Dana Levin in the second grade. Every Thursday, she and the other children would watch a film in the cafeteria and then would return to the classroom to write about it. One Thursday, they saw a film about an astronaut being chased by a space monster. Levin said. As she began to write about the film, Levin tossed the words about in her mind—space and chase—and began to realize in play the words the power of language.

“I thought ‘I can make a poem out of this,’” she said.

On that Thursday began a lifelong passion that has culminated in the publication of her first book of poetry, “In the Surgical Theatre,” and winning the NEA grant.

Levin, 33, won for “In the Surgical Theatre,” which has also won the American Poetry Review/Honickman First Book Prize. The book will be published by Copper Canyon Press in fall 1999. She has also won a 1998 Pushcart Prize, honoring the best writing among the small presses, for her poem “Punctuation,” in the anthology “Door.”

After Levin wrote for the New York University, she was then taught at Burlington College in Burlington, Vt., for several years. In 1998, she returned to Pitzer as a visiting professor. She is now a visiting professor at the College of Santa Fe in New Mexico.

Levin said her poetry depicts “the nature of suffering, whether it be political, personal or physical,” and how suffering can be “transformed into enlightenment,” and even joy. What she looks for from poetry, she said, is “a transformation of consciousness—political, spiritual—some kind of waking up.”

The settings for her poems range from places where suffering is part of the ordinary, from hospitals and operating rooms to New York City, northern Wyoming and Bosnia.

Simon won for her work, “A Brief History of Punctuation,” an inquiry into the philosophy of language and being. It is her fourth volume of poetry. For Simon, poetry is a way of making sense of the world through language. Simon, 48, has been at the University of California, Riverside, for the past 15 years and was recently made full professor of creative writing.

Both poets said their Pitzer experience was a big influence. Levin called her time at Pitzer “totally essential” to her development as a poet, while Simon said it was formative.

And both had special praise for Barry Sanders, leading his openness and breadth of knowledge.

“He encouraged me to live inside my creativity,” Levin said.

Simon credited Sanders as well as Agnes Jackson and Ellin Ringler-Henderson. “I don’t think I would be where I am today without them,” she said.

The atmosphere in general fostered experiment, activity and independence outside of the classroom,” Levin said.

Poets, Levin said, provide a shadow history. “Things not given validity in history texts come out in poetry,” she said. And she is not particularly disappointed that poets are not in the spotlight. “In a bizarre way, it’s a blessing that poetry is not a lucrative art form because it’s not as prey to the desires of the market,” she said. “You can still take risks because there is nothing to lose, talk about things like God and the spiritual life and emotional difficulties. It’s an incredible medium for speaking about truth.”

Robert Briones (Alhambra, Calif.)

I’m still working as a psychologist at USC and doing some private-practice work as well. I married Cristina Tryzda, a Peppering grad, at the end of March.

Juanita Gonzalez (Arcadia, Calif.)

We are back in California after six years of living in New York and Michigan. I’m ready to go back to the Midwest.

Michael Gosselin (Monzovia, Calif.)

My wife, Julia, and I have a beautiful daughter, Kayla Janice, born July 14, 1998. I’m keeping busy with family, bridge and the outdoors. I’m currently working on the 275 peaks over 5,000 feet in Southern California (just went over 100). E-mail: jkhillin@ix.netcom.com

David Kados (Marion, Arizona)

Currently, I’m very busy as a third-year student at the Flinders University School of Medicine. On vacations I try to see as much of Australia as possible. E-mail: davidk@clove.net.au

Laura Scharfenberg (Lincoln, Va.)

My husband, John, and I live in Lincoln, Va., about 50 miles west of Washington. I have “retired” from Capitol Hill to raise our daughter, Charlotte, who was born on Oct. 26, 1997. I am loving life and had a wonderful time at my 10-year reunion. I hope to see more classmates at the next one! E-mail: jnscharf@alum.com

Ellen (Gilkborg) Shea (San Mateo, Calif.)

Ellen and her husband, Tom, are living in San Mateo, Calif., with their new baby, Patrick John. Ellen will be going back to teaching music and singing part time.

1989

Jill (Welsner) Farbark (Seattle)

Jill married Ray Farbark on July 19, 1998. In attendance were Kendall Jones, Erica Levin, Michelle Kipper ’90, Dana Schlissel ’91, Julie Jacobs ’90, Megan Conboy ’97, Leslie Anderson ’87, Chela Richheimer ’90, John Carey (CMMC ’89) and D’Arcy McGrath.

Michael Goldberg (Marina Del Rey, Calif.)

I currently reside in Marina Del Rey and work at a law firm in Century City, specializing in securities fraud, consumer fraud and antitrust law. E-mail: MGOLD427@aol.com

George Illes (Costa Mesa, Calif.)

I live in Costa Mesa with my wife, Gina, and 15-month-old daughter, Inessa. Life is good to us. I enjoy working as an environmental engineering consultant, although my passion is writing, and I hope one day to be a prolific writer! Hey, you gotta keep dreaming! E-mail: laugh@whom.net

William Polose (Manchester by the Sea, Mass.)

William and Beth Gura Polose ’90 celebrated the birth of their first child, daughter Samantha Jane, on Nov. 19, 1998. Samantha weighed in at 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 22 inches long. Beth and William live in Manchester by the Sea. Beth works for IBM, and William works at Forester Research in Cambridge, Mass. E-mail: wpolose@forester.com

1990

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Catherine Francine Caporale (Claremont, Calif.)

Francine recently announced her engagement to Jay Cordes, and they are planning a spring wedding in the Caribbean. Francine is a licensed marriage and family therapist at Creative Counseling Center in Claremont and with the Claremont Unified School District. Her future husband is a computer programmer at Prestige Software in Anaheim Hills. E-mail: Francap708@aol.com

Julie Flapan (Los Angeles)

Just moved back to L.A. after four years in Chicago, where I met my partner, Andy Feig. We were married Jan ’98 in Iowa. I am currently pursuing a doctorate in education at UCLA and working as a diversity trainer with the A World of Difference Institute. Loving life! E-mail: flapfeig@ucla.edu

Gale Mead (San Diego)

I’m working for National Geographic as a writer and editor. I recently moved to San Diego. Life is good! E-mail: gale@eskimo.com

Beth Gura Polose (Manchester by the Sea, Mass.)

Beth and William Polose ’90 celebrated the birth of their first child, daughter Samantha Jane, on Nov. 19, 1998.
Samantha weighed in at 7 pounds 11 ounces and was born on Jan. 16.

Sarah (Gedney) Shaffter (Wellesley, Mass.) and her husband, the Shaffter family on the birth of their son, Mason, born on Jan. 16.

1991

Ari Bass (Culver City, Calif.) and his wife raise and train, three dogs, a cat, a 21-year-old parrot and numerous chickens.

Matthew Davis (Oak Park, Ill.) and his wife raise and train, three dogs, a cat, a 21-year-old parrot and numerous chickens.

Claudette Hatcher (Bellevue, Wash.) and his wife raise and train, three dogs, a cat, a 21-year-old parrot and numerous chickens.

Joshua Ross Herman (San Diego) and his wife raise and train, three dogs, a cat, a 21-year-old parrot and numerous chickens.

I am teaching sixth grade. E-mail: monica.chung@asu.edu

Michael Corbin (Mission, Kan.) and his wife raise and train, three dogs, a cat, a 21-year-old parrot and numerous chickens.

Anthony Faber (Chicago) and his wife raise and train, three dogs, a cat, a 21-year-old parrot and numerous chickens.

I have recently transferred out of the anesthesia fellowship program at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. I have recently transferred out of the anesthesia fellowship program at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.
Alumni can access Jobtrak at the Jobtrak Web site, http://www.jobtrak.com/. Such now available to students and alumni. Alumni may also post their resumes online. Suarez continues to develop their skills, even after college. The average professional will go to college to know what is going to work for them, she said.

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Jacquelyn Kaster (Newport Beach, Calif.) I have been promoted to director of business development and planning at St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton, Calif., and recently moved to Newport Beach. E-mail: jkaster@stjude.org

Jennifer (Whorton) Mann (Pomona, Calif.) My husband, Derek, and I just had our first baby daughter, Cara Heather, in September 1998. I want to wish congratulations to John Seabaugh and Sharan, and Mychal Rosenbaum and Kirstie on their upcoming weddings. A big hello to Michelle Sarkisian-Hickey and new baby, Sydney. E-mail: haggismann@aol.com

Matt Martin (Portland, Ore.) Still in Portland working for Adidas International in footwear development. Recently got engaged to a wonderful woman (no date yet). Hope everyone is well. E-mail: matt.martin@adidasusa.com

Thomas Mills (San Francisco) I received my master of urban planning degree from San Jose State University this May. I hope to specialize in neighborhood revitalization and economic development in my career as a planner. Last October, I married Lisa Brown in San Francisco. Pitzer alumni attendees included Sarah Compton, Max Langert, Deryck O’Brien ‘93 and Freya Powe ‘94. Lisa and I are living in San Francisco, but will be moving to Portland, Ore., in September. In the meantime, I will continue working as a transportation planner for the Presidio Trust at the Presidio of San Francisco. I would love to hear from lost friends, especially you Portland contacts. Please e-mail me: liatom@siuxco.org.

Kenny Tso Jr. (Sacramento, Calif.) Graduated from University of Pacific Dental School in 1998.

1993

Lucrinda Choto (Vancouver, Wash.) I got married July 4, 1998, to Kurt Mueller, Vassar ’93. We met while studying abroad through Scripps in Quito, Ecuador, in 1992. We honeymooned in Thailand. I was recently hired by Lewis & Clark College as the assistant director of overseas and off-campus programs. I continue to do community activist work and have been instrumental in organizing a non-profit Latino advocacy organization called Latinos Labrando Caminos (Latinos Opening Pathways) in Vancouver, Wash. E-mail: choto@lc.edu

Quincy Horan (Kent, Conn.) I’m still enjoying life as a would-be farmer here in Connecticut, growing and selling my vegetables to local restaurants and others. I’m also happy to report that fellow alumni, Matthew (Matty) Edwards ’92 and Sofia Malik have recently been engaged. “Hi!” to all Pitzeroids E-mail: horan@p&o.com

Adrienne Houser Kuhn (Portland, Ore.) I am in my third year of teaching middle school in the district I grew up in. I am expecting a baby May 22, 1999! I would love to hear from Pitzer folks. E-mail: david_kuhn@aspnic.com

Kevin Murphy (Goleta, Calif.) I received my M.A. in art history from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in May ‘98. Currently, I am working toward a Ph.D. in art history at the University of California, Santa Barbara with an emphasis in American painting. E-mail: kmpmurphy@paul.com

Nina Schnall (Pacolet, Haiti) I am conducting research for a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology at UCSC. Last year I received a Fulbright Fellowship to do fieldwork in Haiti, where I now live. E-mail: ninacarlara@usal.com

Angela (Ragus) Stengler (Oceanisde, Calif.) I moved back to California from Portland, Ore., and opened a natural family health clinic with my husband. But my main job is being a mom of our son, Mark Jr., born Nov. 29, 1997.

Matthew Stratton (Madison, Wis.) I am about halfway toward my Ph.D. in English literature at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Will start my dissertation (romy, ethics and satirical violence) next fall.

Marian Gates Wheeler (Edwards ‘92, Mass.) Marian received her MED from Harvard in ’97 and is currently teaching in the Boston public schools. She was married in May ‘98 and is living in Cambridge. She would love to hear from Pitzer folks. Call (617) 441-8736.

1994

Elba Alonso (San Gabriel, Calif.) I got engaged to Pablo Ortega on Christmas Eve. Alicia Lopez will be my maid of honor. The wedding is planned for next spring. E-mail: elbalonso@jonesday.com

Amy Champ (Brooklyn, N.Y.) Amy had her big-screen debut as an actress and producer in “Clouds,” which premiered in May. The feature film was shot in Santa Cruz and screened at the New York Indie Film Fest. E-mail: amychamp@yahoo.com

Chris Gamel (Galveston, Texas) Chris finished his master’s in business from the University of Texas-Pan American, where he met Noemi Adame. They were married on May 24, 1998, and honeymooned in Fiji and Australia. Chris is currently working on his Ph.D. in marine biology at Texas A&M in Galveston, while his wife is a medical student at the University of Texas-Medical Branch. His fieldwork involves studying cove fur seals in South Africa for two months out of the year. E-mail: cramgel1@aol.com

Michelle Excell Jordan (Los Angeles) Michelle and husband, Edward, are thrilled to announce the arrival of their daughter, Kamaria Gye Nyame, on March 29. Kamaria weighed in at 6 pounds 13 ounces and 19 1/2 inches. Kamaria means “like the moon,” and Gye Nyame means “I fear no man.” E-mail: jess3210@webtv.net

Erika Mariscal (Upland, Calif.) Since graduating, I received a teaching credential from the University of Redlands. I’ve been teaching in the Fontana Unified School District since 1995. I will complete my M.A. next spring and begin a counseling position during the following school year. In December I will marry Miguel Agosto, whom I met while studying abroad from Spain during my junior year at Pitzer. E-mail: erimar1@aol.com

Kathy (Finn) Sensamen (Phoenix) Kathy married Paul Sensamen on Nov. 14, 1998, in Phoenix. Paul is press secretary for Arizona’s speaker of the house. E-mail: kathy.finn@wgcas.com

Dorlan Stone (Santa Barbara, Calif.) After working for League Benefits Trust in Pomona, I served in the Republic of Panama as a small business development volunteer for the Peace Corps. My service terminated last year, and since then I have worked as the program director of the newly formed business program. I am currently an arrest warrant business school in the fall. I will most likely attend Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania. E-mail: dor_stone@hotmail.com

Marcella Zita (Claremont, Calif.) I’m now near the end of my fourth year of teaching English and art at Hillside High School, the district’s continuation school, in Upland, Calif. I find it rewarding to teach students who dislike high school, as I did when I was their age.

New Director Helps Alumni Network for Careers

Karen Suarez, newly appointed director of career services, says that alumni should be proud of their Pitzer liberal arts education. Because of the rapid changes in the job market, a liberal arts education has actually become more sought after, she said. Such training develops the skills that students can bring to a variety of jobs—leadership, communication, writing, computer and problem-solving skills.

And Suarez, who took on her new job this spring, says Pitzer’s career services center offers a wide variety of resources for alumni to draw from when looking for a job. In addition to publications, the career center has its own Web page to help direct alumni and students. The Internet is a resource for job hunters that they should not overlook, she said. Suarez also can connect alumni with others in different fields who can talk about their own work experiences.

Greg Sak, alumni director, said his office tracks the names of alumni that might be a resource. Alumni can help by relating their challenges and experiences to one another, he said. (See a new feature, “Alumni Carriers,” for profiles of Pitzer alumni in specific fields, on page 9.)

Counseling students and alumni has become more challenging because more are interested now in one-on-one coaching rather than group workshops. “They want to know what is going to work for them,” Suarez said.

In a market where new jobs come and go with the speed of e-mail, Suarez urges alumni to “follow their hearts” when deciding on a career—and be to prepared to continually develop their skills, even after college. The average professional will go through five career changes in his or her working life.

A former associate director of career services at Pomona and Occidental colleges, Suarez said she likes working with Pitzer students and alumni. “I am really enjoying my time here,” she said.

(Jobtrak, an online database of full-time, part-time and temporary job listings, is now available to students and alumni. Alumni may also post their resumes online. Alumni can access Jobtrak at the Jobtrak Web site, http://www.jobtrak.com/. Alumni can also connect to other online job search Web pages through Pitzer’s Web site, http://www.pitzer.edu/department/career_services/jobsearch.html. For more information, e-mail Suarez at Karen_Suarez@pitzer.edu, or write the career services office at 1050 N. Mills Ave., Claremont, Calif. 91711.)
Alumni Fund Grows

As of mid-June, the number of alumni who have contributed to Pitzer is topping where we were at this time last year, said Suzanne Faulstich ’81, director of the annual fund. “We have already exceeded our goal of 1,350 donors, and we still have two weeks before the fiscal year ends.” The 1998–99 alumni fund goal is a challenging $300,000, almost 9 percent higher than last year’s total of $276,000.

“For Pitzer to stay unique in student diversity, it is critical for as much financial support as possible to go to students,” says Richard Chute ’84, co-chair with Ella Pennington ’81 of the College’s alumni fund. This explains why all undesignated alumni gifts to Pitzer are going to student scholarships this year. In addition to ensuring a richly diverse learning community, alumni giving expresses commitment and affection for Pitzer, Faulstich says.

Last year, 29 percent of alumni gave to Pitzer. Chute noted that for a college of Pitzer’s reputation, that number is comparatively low. “It can’t be explained away with the fact that Pitzer is younger,” Chute says. “We must get the message across about how important giving is.”

With increased alumni association activity, alumni are feeling a more personal connection to the College, which in turn will lead to more support, Chute says.

Pitzer is working to increase alumni giving by 5 percent each of the next five years.

1995

1997

Leah Smith (San Jose, Calif.) After graduating from Pitzer with honors in environmental studies, Leah became involved in helping educate the Nepali in proper use of chemicals in farming and in preserving the environment. While in Nepal, Leah was active in the “Gift of Sight” program, which screened 1,200 patients and gave sight to 322 eyes. She was also witness to 200 cases of intracocular lens implants. She was active in organizing a library, and helping in the fencing of a reforestation project.

Dana Sperling (Alameda, Calif.) I have recently begun working towards my Psy.D. at California School of Professional Psychology in Alameda, Calif. E-mail: DM5888@juno.com

1998

Gail Cugno (Ontario, Calif.) Through Pitzer’s program (New Resources) support, I was able to attend and receive a double bachelor’s degree. It is in turn to show support for Pitzer and others who will benefit from the scholarships and programs that helped me. I love Pitzer! (Oh, and faculty and staff, thanks!)

Douglas Forcheskie (Upland, Calif.) Doug recently opened an Edward Jones Investments office located on Foothill and Claremont boulevards, in Claremont, Calif. The firm has been serving individual investors through stocks, bonds, mutual funds and annuities since 1971. He would love to serve the investment needs of the Pitzer community.

Matthew Loggins (Upland, Calif.) My son, Cal Clark, was born Sept. 14, 1995.

Marissa Neshit (La Place, La.) I joined Teach for America after graduation and am teaching a special education class for children with autism in Reserve, La. I just experienced my first Mardi Gras—what craziness! I miss California tons! E-mail: marissan@bellsouth.net

Alisa Ruby (San Luis Obispo, Calif.) I worked in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on the big island until April, when I returned to San Luis Obispo. I have been singing, going to massage school and trying to find a music-therapy graduate program to enroll in. I hope everyone is happy, healthy and living life to the fullest. Love and light to all! E-mail: redruby-13@hotmail.com

Erin Skitt (Los Gatos, Calif.) I have accepted a position at a digital video company as a non-linear editing engineer and as a result have relocated to the Santa Cruz mountains. Furthering my education, creating a post-production studio, joining the association of certified editors and completing exploits with genasis at Pitzer are my plans for the next few years. E-mail: Erin_Skitt@Truevision.com

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