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**“Fund Honors Pitzer College President”**

*The Los Angeles Times*
Feb. 15, 2003

On the eve of her formal inauguration, Pitzer College President Laura Sandaker Trombley had her name inscribed on a $330,000 scholarship fund raised by the College Board of Trustees. Sandaker Trombley became the College’s fifth president 7 years ago when she succeeded Marilyn Chapman Cribb. The College held an installation ceremony on Feb. 15. The ceremony was the centerpiece of a weeklong celebration of the college and its new president. At Thursday’s dinner for college trustees, the board announced that members had created the Sandaker Trombley fund out of their own pockets. The fund will support scholarships for incoming students who are the first in their family to attend college, it will also help support academic programs.

**“Student Trades Places with President”**

*Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*
Feb. 13, 2003

Pitzer College student Sterling Struckmeyer woke up Wednesday morning to start his new day as the college’s president. Even if it was just for a day. The 22-year-old senior tucked a jam-packed schedule, which included meetings with campus officials and the mayor of Claremont, lunch with members of the student senate and a phone call with a Pitzer alum

**“College to Test SAT-Optional Policy”**

*The Los Angeles Times*
Feb. 8, 2003

Pitzer College announced Feb. 7 that it will launch a three-year trial, lifting the requirement for applicants who submit SAT scores for admissions decisions. The action makes the Claremont school the first selective liberal arts college in California, and apparently on the West Coast, to make college entrance exams optional.

**“Grant Funds Program for Troubled Teens”**

*The Los Angeles Times*
Dec. 21, 2002

A grant of nearly $25,000 from the federal Department of Education will allow a program at Pitzer College to provide improved literacy and library services to about 200 students at a local high school run by the Los Angeles County Probation Department. Pitzer’s Center for California Cultural and Social Issues (CCCSI) was one of 94 agencies nationwide to receive a $1,752,000 grant for Improving Literacy Through School Libraries. The grant will be used to fund a new initiative at districts where 25% of students are from families with incomes below the poverty line, aims to improve students’ literacy and academic achievement.

**“Dancing on Common Ground”**

Dancer Bill T. Jones, recipient of a MacArthur Foundation “genius” fellowship, as well as fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, offered a free lecture and demonstration at Pitzer College in February. While on campus, Jones also conducted a series of private workshops for Pitzer students. “Pitzer asks its students to dare,” said David Furman, professor of art at Pitzer and event coordinator. “So does Bill. Understanding who he is and what the visions and goals are of Pitzer, it’s a fit... There’s common ground here.” Jones has choreographed for top ballet and modern dance companies throughout the world, including the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and the Berlin Opera Ballet.

**“Students Challenged to Become Advocates for Peace”**

*Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*
Dec. 12, 2002

Lilic Zayats was standing on her front porch when some kids passing by started to call her names. “They were being mean and stuck out their tongues,” said the Upland Elementary School fourth-grader. “I wanted to say something back, but I didn’t. I just went inside my house.” Lilic’s classmate Tommy Helmaz experienced something similar: “I was playing baseball with my friends and I missed the ball and they started laughing at me.” Tommy said. “I told them if you guys are going to be like that, I’m leaving, and I left.” Her teacher Melissa Lalone, who graduated from Pitzer College in 1997, was proud to hear of her students’ commitment to peace. On the school’s fourth annual Peace Day, Lalone, one of the day’s founders, sat quietly in a chair at the head of her class and listened to one example after another of how the students were trying to be peaceful and positive role models for others. “Peace is not always easy,” Lalone told them. “Sometimes it seems easier to push and shove. Sometimes it takes more courage to walk away; to become a peaceful person who says I don’t believe in violence and walk away.”

**“College Students Tutor Preschoolers”**

*The Los Angeles Times*
Dec. 3, 2002

Student Alma Linda Chapa thought she would have to spend the summer working behind the counter of a mini-mart near her Long Beach home, as she had the year before. Instead, Chapa found a job doing what she loves and hopes to do for a long time: teaching. A sophomore at Pitzer College, Chapa was part of a summer tutoring program at an Ontario preschool that was made possible by a $15,000 grant from the Times Holiday Campaign. The tutoring program, sponsored by a national group called Jumpstart, sends college students to preschools year-round so they can help disadvantaged children improve their social and literacy skills to prepare them for grade school and beyond. Allison Couch, the program coordinator, said the summer session allowed more college students to try their hand at tutoring.

**“Think Tank Awarded $350,000 Grant”**

*Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*
Dec. 1, 2002

A grass-roots community/university partnership created to educate and empower residents in need has received a $350,000 boost from the federal government. Claremont Graduate University and Pitzer College received the grant to support their Institute for Community-University Partnership, a think tank made up of 26 community-based organizations, businesses, schools, city agencies, churches and residents. The partnership unites the various entities to determine the community’s greatest needs, while helping local universities enhance their community-based research, said Marie Sandy, director of Pitzer in Ontario program who initiated the partnership. The grant, provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), allows colleges to assist community groups to addresses residents’ needs in housing, healthcare and education through both research and outreach, Sandy said.

**“Students Score Win for Trees”**

*Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*
Nov. 15, 2002

Members of the Claremont Colleges Ecology Club scored a victory this week when the Staples office supply chain agreed to increase its use of recycled paper. Jason Venetsoulis, a visiting professor of environmental studies at Pitzer College, said Staples’ concession was a “step in the right direction. Staples could have gone further than 30 percent recycled. But it is another compromise on the way to more responsible alternatives for consumers.”

**“Latino Leaders Discuss Empowerment”**

*Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*
Oct. 22, 2002

About 100 Latino leaders gathered at Pitzer College in Claremont last week for the Organizing for Political Empowerment Conference. Keynote speaker Julie Charlebois, Secretary of the late farm-labor leader Cesar Chavez, joined other speakers and guests to address educators, community activists, local artists, union heads and local politicians. “This is a chance for the Latino education community to get together with the labor community and the community to organize,” said event organizer Jose Colon, a professor of sociology and Chicano studies at Pitzer.

**From the Pitzer College Admission Office**

February 2003

Since 1997 the applicant pool has grown by 46% and that is remarkable. I hope it adds to their sense of pride in their alma mater. The total number of applications for Fall 2003 is 2,412. This is an increase of nearly 4%.

This year Pitzer received 1,076 online applications, which accounts for 45% of our total applications. Last year we only received 28% of our applications online. Since 1997 the student applicant pool at Pitzer has grown by a remarkable 46%.
Supporting a Once ‘Minority’ Community

In 1969, four departments specific to Asian populations were formed in Claremont: the Intercollegiate Department of Black Studies (IBBS), the Office of Black Student Affairs (OBSA), the Chicano Studies Department (CSD) and the Chicano-Latino Student Association (CLSA).

Asian-American students at the colleges would have to wait until 1990 for acceptance into the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) at Pomona College. One year later, with a grant from The Ford Foundation, Asian-American Studies courses were established at Pomona. It wasn’t until 1999—29 years after the founding of the other minority studies departments—that the Intercollegiate Department of Asian American Studies (IDASA) was formed.

Asian-American students now have a source right here at Pomona. Founded by students in 2001, the Center for Asian Pacific American Students (CAPAS) provides support to students to enrich and develop their social, intellectual and personal growth. According to CAPAS Coordinator Stephanie Velasco, the delay in establishing an Asian-American studies department stemmed from a “model minority” image attributed to the Asian community. In 1969, Asian-Americans were assumed to be well incorporated into a new college society, and were viewed as stereotypically good students with no need for help or representation.

Velasco, one of the few Filipino-American staff members at The Claremont Colleges, says she sees working at the center as “a fulfillment of a vision to serve the community.” Velasco earned two B.A. degrees—Asian-American studies and social science—at U.C. Irvine. She went on to earn her M.A. in higher education administration at Harvard Graduate School of Education, where she also served as Vice President of Diversity. Despite her Ivy-League education, Velasco states that she “didn’t want to develop an elitist mentality.”

“It is truly an honor to be a part of the many years of struggle to obtain a sense of community and to share the victory in CAPAS with others,” she says. “My hope is to provide leadership that will establish CAPAS as a ‘home away from home’ for all students.”

In addition to her academic pursuits, Velasco has been involved in spoken-word poetry, cultural and hip-hop dancing. She is active in the Filipino-American community, serving as a founding member on the Board of Directors for the UC Irvine Kabihaanyan Alumni Association, and occasionally speaking on higher education. Velasco is dedicated to the students at the Pitzer center, and considers herself a mentor and a role model.

With CAPAS in its second year, Velasco says she has helped to develop and formalize several areas, including retention, academic support, outreach, and community, cultural, social and intercultural bridge services.

Recent accomplishments for CAPAS include raising $10,000 in an ongoing endeavor to bring comedian Margaret Cho to Pitzer; the establishment of an anime library; the publication of “Voices of the Margin,” a five-college Asian-American newsletter; and a partnership with the new Mandarin Café in the Gold Student Center.

“I feel that the Lord has blessed me with this position at Pitzer,” says Velasco. “I look forward to each day that I have the chance to learn, serve and work alongside Pitzer students to celebrate what it means to be Asian Pacific American.”

Weekend ‘Today’ Show Anchor Shares His Pitzer Experience

On Oct. 19, 2002, alumnus and NBC anchor David Bloom ’85 talked about his experience at Pitzer College as part of the weekend “Today” show’s “Homecoming Weekend on the Plaza.” David sported a Pitzer sweatshirt, along with co-anchors Soledad O’Brien wearing her Harvard shirt, Janice Helf sporting Florida State and Kelly O’Donnell representing Northwestern. Orange Pitzer College banners and flags also could be seen on sets inside and outside the NBC studios in New York City.

With Pitzer it was a dream come true to come to sunny Southern California from his native Minnesota, and recalled a fond memory of sitting in a roof on December 1. He said Pitzer was “a great little school.”

“Pitzer is definitely a place where students are encouraged to follow their own path,” he said. “I did, studying economics and political science, and throwing myself into debates. In my senior year, we were the top-ranked debate team in the country. It was a great place to go to school.”
Students Share Visions for Future Living at Pitzer

DURING the fall 2002 semester, student visions of new residential buildings were on display in the lobby of Scott Hall. The students created the designs as part of Environmental Studies 147 “Community, Ecology and Design,” taught by Professors Paul Faulstich and Kathryn Miller. The students conceptualized new housing ideas, showing innovation as well as social and environmental sensibility.

“We visited some architecture in the community,” says Miller, “and the students were inspired and intrigued by working on ecological designs for the future dorms.” Among some of the places they visited were Cal Poly Pomona, Mark Von Wedel’s Claremont office and the art department he redesigned for the University of La Verne that once served as a packinghouse.

Miller says students took the information they learned from the class on sustainable architectural and landscape practices and applied it to their designs. “They struggled a bit at first working as teams and collaborating and agreeing on designs, but in the end they came up with something much more complex and sophisticated than they would have just working on their own,” she says. “Does to show that 22 brains are better than one.”

“Students found the model-making exercise challenging and very frustrating at times, but ultimately extremely rewarding,” says Faulstich. “The designs and models are beautiful and architecturally sophisticated; how could the students not feel rewarded and proud?” Faulstich also says teaching alongside Miller was rewarding.

“Kathryn and I teaching together felt, to me, like a seamless interdisciplinary success,” he says. “She and I share interests, but have divergent training. We are too quite different personalities, too, but I like to think that we complement each other in ways that are not only intellectually enriching for the students, but entertaining as well.”

The models will be presented to the Housing Master Planning Committee to illustrate what students conceive of for their residential housing. Some of the students also made presentations at the inaugural symposium “From the Ground Up: Living Justice on Campus” on Feb. 14.

— Bridget Lewison

Student Misses Out on Representing Class at Inauguration to Take Part in Harvard’s Model United Nations Invitational

Pablo Perez ’06 was chosen as the freshman representative for the inauguration of President Laura Skandera Trombley on Feb. 15, but he was unable to make it because he was busy representing Pitzer College at the 2003 Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN) Invitational.

Instead, Jessica Davis ’06 got the nod. “Being the representative for Pitzer College during Harvard’s Model United Nation invitational is really not an honor,” says Perez. “There are 13 other Pitzer students who will represent the College.”

The mathematics/economics major, along with the other Pitzer students on the HNMUN team, represented the Netherlands in the simulated United Nations.

“We all got chosen from a pool of students who try out through an interview and application process,” says the resident of Millbrae, Calif. “I got involved with MUN through Professor Tom Ilgen, who directed me to it to get involved in something that no other Claremont College had – Model United Nations.”

The other members of the team are:

• Rosa Hughes ’04 (head delegate)
• Jason Ernowking ’03
• Gilbert Gonzales ’04

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Student Ambassadors Help Inauguration Guests Feel Welcome

Pitzer College students were chosen to serve as Student Ambassadors at the inauguration of President Laura Skandera Trombley on Feb. 15. They were Calvin Bender ’05, Daniel Bennett ’06, Nancy Castillo ’05, Alma Dumitru ’04, Monica French ’05, Jonathan Green ’04, Tai Johnson ’04, Chelsea Kadota ’04, Summer Keliipio ’04, Javaid Khan ’04, Judith Liberman ’03, Luis Lopez ’04, Thomas Lopez ’06, Jason Rivera ’06, Dania Rodriguez ’04, Sarah Savage ’05, Alan Siu ’03, Sterling Struckmeyer ’03 (President for a Day), Margaret Tavener ’06, Jonathan Tiger ’06, Elysa Vargas ’06 and Alexander Will ’06. Claudia Soria ’04 (missing from photo)

— Matt Williams ’05
— Jennifer Boynton ’04
— Kelsy Raup ’06
— Kyle Schroeder ’04
— James (Glenn) Hollowood ’05
— Mark Politan ’03
— Portia Boni ’06
— Tony Kim ’04
— Elise Carlson ’03
— Constance Perez ’06

The Harvard National Model United Nations is the oldest, largest and most prestigious simulation of its kind. Each year, HNMUN brings together nearly 2,000 students and faculty advisors from colleges and universities across the globe and provides them with a unique opportunity to experience the challenges of international negotiation.

This year’s 49th session was held Feb. 12-15 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Delegates gained insight into the workings of the United Nations by assuming the roles of representatives and by actively participating in the resolution of important global issues. Throughout the conference weekend, participants interacted with hundreds of other college students and worked together toward the common goal of increasing international awareness and consensus-building.
By Deborah Haar Clark

It's a warm, sunny day in December and Miguel Garcia is raking a flowerbed, one of many that are scattered all over Pitzer's lush campus. It's a routine task in a routine job that has taught the 18-year-old freshman more about the world than he expected.

Garcia is a pretty typical student. He's currently majoring in media studies, but is thinking of going into sociology, maybe doing a double major. He's not sure what he's thinking of going into sociology, maybe doing a double major. He's not sure what he's thinking of going into sociology, maybe doing a double major. He's not sure what he's thinking of going into sociology, maybe doing a double major.

For Garcia, it was the first time he'd worked side by side with a disabled person. At first, he thought it was going to be a little bit of a hassle, because I thought there would be communication problems," Garcia says. "Then I started working with them and realized they are not hard to talk to. I could see how they communicate with each other, and that helps me to understand them.

They really want to come here, and that makes me glad. Some of them have planted a lot of what is on the Pitzer grounds. They have been working here for years. Every time we pass by what they planted, they are like, 'Look, look, I planted that!'

The high school students enjoy working with Garcia as well.

"Miguel is a nice guy," said Sir Willie Williams, 19, who has been working at Pitzer for about a year. "Every time I've first seen him he has always been nice. He is talkative, sometimes he is funny." Williams, who wanted to work at Pitzer so he could lose weight for the high school football team – a goal the job has helped him to accomplish – said he enjoys the work.

"I want to work outside," Williams says. "I like to sweat."

Garcia supervises some of the high school students and says he appreciates their effort.

When asked if he enjoys his job, Garcia doesn't hesitate.

"I like it a lot, more than I would have an office job," says Garcia. "I'm not really good at sitting in an office."

- Deborah Clark is a freelance writer who lives in Upland, Calif.

Miguel Garcia ’06

First-year Student Cultivating Community While Working as Groundskeeper

Deondrae Blythe, left, Miguel Garcia ’06 and Jesus Torres work in the Mead courtyard in December 2002. The high school students assist Garcia with his groundkeeping duties.
Saturday, February 15, 2003, was a very special day for the Pitzer College community. The day began with clouds and cool temperatures (ideal for photographs and warm regalia) and immediately after a marvelous group photograph was taken of our community the sun shone brightly. On that day we celebrated the founding of the College as well as the inauguration of the College’s fifth president. Pitzer community members and friends have asked that my Inaugural speech be published, and thus I am sharing it with you in this latest issue of The Participant. My regular President’s Message column will resume in our next issue.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt appreciation to those of you who planned and participated in a week of outstanding events on our campus celebrating the presidential inauguration and the 40th anniversary of Pitzer. To those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you, yet never fear, as we will stream video from all events on our website.

On behalf of my family, Nelson and Sparkey, we send you warm wishes for a beautiful spring.

We Have Come of Age!

— Laura Skandera Trombley

I stand here today for every student who ever attended Pitzer College, for every faculty member who ever taught here, and for every staff member who ever dedicated themselves to our institution. I speak for everyone who sits in a classroom illuminated by our faculty’s passion and love for the liberal arts. For everyone who has understood and worked to sustain the mission of this college, we owe you respect and a profound debt of gratitude.

There happens, at times, an intertwining of moments that occur in synchronistic ways; when despite practical and rational limitations there opens a boundless space for dreamers, poets, and us. Emily Dickinson described such a moment:

I dwell in Possibility—
A fairer House than Prose—
More numerous of Windows—
Superior—for Doors—
Of Chambers as the Cedars—
Impeasurable of Eye—
And for an Everlasting Roof—
The Gambrels of the Sky—
Of Visitors—the fairest—
For Occupation—This—
The spreading wide my narrow Hands—
To gather Paradise—

Today we celebrate Pitzer College. Faculty, students, staff, alumni, parents, community partners, trustees, and honored guests—welcome. This is a significant day for Pitzer, and an extraordinary moment for me. I am honored to be with you, this one morning out of all of our lives, gathered here collectively in hope and trust believing in our College’s past and future.

Expectation and vision are fragile entities and require constant support and belief. I have had experience with such things.

When I was a child, my family would drive past Claremont every weekend, through the endless orange groves, to our cabin in the San Bernardino Mountains. On one trip, when I was just 10 years old and apropos of nothing, I said to my mother from the backseat, “When I grow up I want to do something important.”

As you sit here today, now surrounded by the beauty of the Arboretum and in the company of buildings new and old, you are witness to the transformation of this place by the guiding

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Without skipping a beat, she looked into the rearview mirror, caught me dead in the eye said, “Well, you’ve had the idea and that gets you 50 percent of the way there. Now you just have to do the work.”

I sat back astonished, marveling in my good fortune, almost home, just having had the thought. A quick exchange, soon forgotten by my mother, yet never by me.

And today, 32 years later, here we are together, home at Pitzer College, at such an important time in America’s history. Exactly 40 years ago today, February 15, 1963, Pitzer College was chartered—a new Claremont College born of hope and possibility.

In April of that year, John W. Atherton, a poet and visionary, was hired as Pitzer’s first president, and over the next 17 months he recruited students, faculty and trustees, and constructed Scott and Sanborn Halls—just in time for the beginning of the fall 1964 semester.

During the College’s first year, students and faculty created the curriculum and our system of governance. That first academic year began with 10 professors and 153 students from 16 states and five countries. In the colorful words of President Atherton: Pitzer was built of dreams—and firmly rooted in the Claremont village dump. Born from a mystical union of The Claremont Colleges, the unborn infant drew its earliest nourishment from the cast-off detritus of generations of Claremont citizens. The big yellow bulldozers leveling the mounds for Scott and Sanborn Halls turned up helpings and baby buggies all the effluvia of the early pioneers underlay the educational hopes of the wonder child who came to transform the world.

We certainly weren’t short of expectation. But like most healthy infants, we soon began to kick with our own desires. As you sit here today, now surrounded by the beauty of the Arboretum and in the company of buildings new and old, you are witness to the transformation of this place by the guiding continued

On Feb. 15, 2003, the 40th Anniversary of Pitzer College, Laura Skandera Trombley was Inaugurated as the Fifth President.
Struckmeyer.

Sterling Trombley closed their campus to “all student political action.” The next year, Pitzer’s faculty thanked President Atherton following a Vietnam protest rally that many in the college community had attended. In their letter, the faculty recognized that the College had set an important precedent, “concerning the right of faculty, students and administration to participate in what [they hoped would] be a continuing discussion and debate of current social and political issues.”

The letter concluded: “We feel that this attitude of respect for all opinions and the right to express them cannot fail to create an exciting and intellectually stimulating atmosphere at Pitzer College.”

Some of the young faculty firebrands who signed the letter were John Rodman, Ruth and Lee Munroe, George Park, Werner Warmbrunn and Valerie Levy.

Their words were prophetic. I believe everyone here today will agree that this precedent was “a continuing discussion and debate of current social and political issues” is still solidly in place at Pitzer and sorely needed during our current troubling times.

For Pitzer, the heady days of exhilarating creation have given way to a College that has been recognized time and time again for its tremendous contribution to the landscape of higher education. And while Pitzer is consistently rated highly by traditional benchmarks, we are more than an excellent liberal arts college. We are at the forefront of education for and effecting social change. We stand as a model for other liberal arts colleges of how they could and should be educating.

Audre Lorde realized that, “The quality of light by which we scrutinize our lives has direct bearing upon the product which we live, and upon the changes which we hope to bring about through those lives.”

After 40 years of growing and changing as an institution, we well know that our house will never be built. We must continue to create our own tools and we must always keep our deepest purpose foremost in our hearts and minds: To educate young people to see their world, in all its beauty and tragedy, in all its socio-economic differences, in all its prejudices and judgments, in all its joy and promise.

Martin Luther King, Jr keenly understood the darkness that comes with passivity, a lack of vision, and a deficiency of will.

“If we do not act, we shall surely be dragged down the long, dark and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight. We are living at a time when our commitment to intercultural cooperation and understanding is being tested, and when our commitment to community at the local, national, and international levels is being challenged.

Today Pitzer has matured into one of America’s great liberal arts colleges, rightfully taking our place among our institutional elders, having become their equal. Pitzer has grown to 824 full-time students from 43 states and 12 countries, and we are justly proud of our national reputation. The commitment to academic reputation and proud as well that 39 percent of our student population are people of color—proving that through diversity excellence is achieved.

Our faculty are at the heart of Pitzer College. They are nationally and internationally recognized scholars, artists, filmmakers, activists, writers, and teachers. They are probing the molecular mechanisms of cancer and AIDS, they are exploring the boundaries of the universe, and they are searching the limits of the human mind.

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Kathy Kile ‘97 is the mailroom supervisor at Pitzer College, but she is also known at Pitzer for her skills as a seamstress. She has been commissioned for sewing projects ranging from wedding dresses to Halloween costumes to doll clothes. When the installation ceremony committee began talking about commissioning an inaugural robe for President Trombley, Kathy was the logical person to go to. Considering it an honor to be asked to design and sew the presidential robe, and mindful of the tight budget the committee was working with, Kathy graciously contributed her time and services.

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Werner Warmbrunn, at the Feb. 11 Fireside Chat with Emeriti Faculty

I liked the idea because it’s a nice exercise for the students, and the challenge for a president is to find opportunities to be with the students,” said President Trombley. “If you’re not teaching, there’s this danger in becoming isolated and not getting to know them.”

Tuesday, Feb. 11: Fireside Chat with Emeriti Faculty in Marquis Library

At 8 p.m. emeriti faculty Elin Ringler Henderson, Carl Hertel, Agnes Moreland Jackson, Lee Munroe, Ronald Macaulay and Werner Warmbrunn gathered for a chat in the Marquis Library. The event was videotaped for Lucian Marquis, namesake of the library. The moderator was Al Wachtel. The group was introduced by President Laura Sanders Trombley. Ginny Atherton, wife of the late first President John Atherton, also was in attendance, as well as several current and former faculty, staff and students.

The faculty discussed the early days of Pitzer.

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“In 1969, the presidents – in their wisdom – agreed they would allow Black students to bring about through those lives.”

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Inauguration Kicked Off with Weeklong Celebration

Monday, Feb. 10: President for a Day

At 12:15 p.m. in the McConnell Dining Hall, Dean Jim Marchant called everyone to attention as President Laura Sanders Trombley drew the winning student’s name. The winner was Sterling (Frederick) Struckmeyer ’03. He and the president traded places on Wednesday, Feb. 12. The 22-year-old senior started his day with an 8:30 a.m. meeting with the staff of the President’s Office, and then went to classrooms with Marchant,克莱蒙特学院前校长保罗·海德，与学生事务委员会，一个业务发展会议在Pitzer in
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“John, who share the stage with me now. I would like to thank every member of the Pitzer community for the role they have played in shaping our institution, and I am grateful to those founding members of the College present at this ceremony today who, working together, crafted our curriculum, and to founding President John Atherton’s wife, Ginny, and grandson, David G. Winter, Martha Crenshaw, Richard A. Falk and Dan Ward at the opening session of the Inaugural Symposium on Feb. 14 titled “Just War Doctrine in the Age of Terror.”

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I is an honor to introduce Pitzer College’s Fifth President, Dr. Laura Skandera Trombley. I worked on a formal script. And I started to rehearse, but I tore it up and threw it away, because I decided to do this in verse.

First, her academic credentials are absolutely impeccable: BA and MA from Pepperdine PhD from USC where she was a Finkelstein Fellow.

Before Pitzer, Dr. Laura was at Coe College, where she served as Academic Vice President. She conceived and wrote The Coe Plan, which set an entirely new precedent.

She was at SUNY Potsdam before she enhanced the standing of Coe. As Assistant Provost and Professor, she supervised institutional planning.

Now, upon meeting her you will be impressed by her stunning looks, but much more to her credit are her four published books.

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She has a score of scholarly articles and a dozen book reviews.

She is a bold and courageous leader who is making local and national news.

She supervises The Coe Plan.

She conceived and wrote The Coe Plan, is a shining STAR!

She manages Pitzer’s affairs in more ways than one. She is thoughtful, collaborative and decisive.

Visionary leadership is what she’s all about.

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In six short months, she’s already made me shout.

And Nelson, when we met, I was a graduate student, then professor, mother, dean and now President.

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Her smile is warm and engaging and quick.

When did Dr. Laura came to Claremont, she brought two Nelsons.

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Paul Faulstich (Environmental Studies) has joined the Advisory Board of Education for Sustainability, West Coast Network. The Network is aimed at encouraging environmentally sound practices within colleges and universities. In April, Paul leaves for Australia, where he will be taking up a Fulbright Senior Scholar Award and will be a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University. He will lecture around the country, and in the Outback he will be conducting field research on “The Natural History of Place-Making” among Warpiri Aborigines with whom he has worked over the past 22 years.

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MAYA FEDERMAN (Economics) made a presentation on using small group discussions at a poster session on interactive teaching techniques at the annual American Economic Association meetings in Washington, D.C., in January.

David Furman (Art) remains active in the exhibition world. His work has been featured at the Clay Studio in Philadelphia (April 4-28) in an invitational exhibition titled “Faculty and Students From the U. of Washington Ceramics Program, 1986-1996.” Furman earned his MFA degree from U of Washington in 1972. His work also was included in the exhibition “American Potters Working in the Realist Tradition” at the Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock (April 6-May 13). His work will be shown in May at the Venice ArtWalk, in a blog that transformed a bike and pedestrian trail; the Puente Hills Wilderness Park; and the Arroyo Seco of Pasadena. In October 2002 he was an evening speaker for the Symposium on Environmental Policies at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, with a talk titled “Creative Arts and the Environment.” In March-July 2003 her work (photography and artists’ books) will be exhibited at the Palazzo della Triennale in Milan, Italy, in an exhibition titled “Asphalt: The Soil of the City.” She also will be exhibiting artwork for the Design Conference at the University of Oregon, Eugene, in April 2003. And finally, she will be a speaker at the California Association of Environmental Professionals Conference in Monterey, Calif., in March 2003.

The artwork of KATHRYN MILLER (Art) was exhibited in the spring of 2002 at Cal Poly Pomona Art Museum in a show titled “Function of Art/Art of Function.” Her piece in the show was a wood and metal table between an ironing board and a Boogie board inspired by simple African functional forms. In the summer of 2002 her work was exhibited in “ECOVENTION,” a 40-year retrospective of environmental and ecological-based art at the Contemporary Art Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. A catalog was produced for the show and is available at Amazon.com. She also won a National Endowment for the Arts grant to be artist-in-residence with the Student Extension Service in Rivers and Trails Division of Los Angeles to work on three sites in the Los Angeles area. The sites are: the Whittier Greenway Bike Trail, which was a railroad track that is now being transformed to a bike and pedestrian trail; the Puente Hills Wilderness Park; and the Arroyo Seco of Pasadena. In October 2002 he was an evening speaker for the Symposium on Environmental Policies at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, with a talk titled “Creative Arts and the Environment.” In March-July 2003 her work (photography and artists’ books) will be exhibited at the Palazzo della Triennale in Milan, Italy, in an exhibition titled “Asphalt: The Soil of the City.” She also will be exhibiting artwork for the Design Conference at the University of Oregon, Eugene, in April 2003. And finally, she will be a speaker at the California Association of Environmental Professionals Conference in Monterey, Calif., in March 2003.

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Faculty Research

Professor David Moore’s Studies Reveal Much Ado about Baby

Since 1989, psychology Professor David Moore has operated the Claremont Infant Study Center at Pitzer College. The Center researches the development of infants by studying cognition and perception and is currently conducting two studies, one in math and one in infant-directed speech.

Infants and math? The study is a follow-up to research that suggests 5-month-olds can add and subtract small quantities.

“We were skeptical, and so we are looking into the possibility that the observed results can be explained without awarding young infants such advanced capabilities,” says Moore.

The study is conducted using volunteers. The infant is held on the lap of a parent and is shown an object on a video monitor, which moves across the screen and comes to rest on one side. A video “curtain” then comes down and covers the object. The baby then sees a second, identical object move across the screen and disappear behind the curtain. This is known as the “1-plus-1” condition. The curtain goes up and, in some trials, the baby sees both objects; in other trials, the baby sees only one object.

“Each time the curtain is lifted, the baby is more surprised by one object than two objects,” says Moore. “If the baby is surprised to see only one, it must be because he/she knows that 1-plus-1 should leave more than one.”

The same experiment is carried out with another group of infants using the “2-minus-1” condition. This is done to make sure the babies are not just reflecting a general tendency to look at one object.

“Babies should—if they really are computing—spend more time looking at two objects than at one object when the curtain goes up because in this case, two is the more surprising numerical outcome,” says Moore. “So far, it looks like babies do prefer to look at one object in the ‘1-plus-1’ condition, and at two objects in the ‘2-minus-1’ condition, so we have succeeded in replicating the originally reported phenomenon.”

The math study, which is expected to wrap up during the spring 2003 semester, also has been exploring possible explanations for the infants’ behavior that wouldn’t require one to conclude that 5-month-olds really can add and subtract.

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The newer study, which should continue for several years to come, is looking to see if infants are able to categorize ID utterances.

“The ability to do that is necessary before pre-verbal infants could possibly extract any meaning from such speech,” says Moore. “Our hypothesis was that they would be able to do this.”

The speech study has a babies listening to a series of soothing or approving utterances made by different speakers with different content. Researchers look to see if the babies recognize utterances that are categorically similar—or different—from other ones they’ve been hearing.

“So far, we’ve demonstrated that 6-month-olds are able to categorize these ID utterances, whereas 3-month-olds cannot,” says Moore. “This means that 3-month-olds could not possibly understand what adults are trying to convey with their soothing and approving utterances, but that 6-month-olds might be able to.”

Moore says he plans to begin a new study soon to look at other categories of ID utterances.

“We also have an ongoing study that will compare father-generated ID speech to mother-generated ID speech,” he says. “And finally, before the decade is out, we’d really like to begin looking at differences in ID speech production across cultures. That all ought to keep us busy for quite a while.”

Moore, who completed his Ph.D. at Harvard University, is the author of the popular book “The Dependent Gene: The Fallacy of Nature vs. Nurture” (W.H. Freeman, 2002), which was at the center of a number of Science Journal columns in the Wall Street Journal in 2002.

Nisha Gottfredson ’06 has been assisting at the center since she expressed an interest in doing psychology research to Moore, one of her professors.

“He answers all of my questions in great detail, and he has been a great teacher,” says Moore. “Even though he doesn’t have much time, he always takes time out of his schedule to talk to me about anything.”

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Vanessa Lopez, 32, of Ontario, Calif., holds Tristan, 5 months, in the study lab in Broad Hall.

FACULTY BOOKS:

Professor Fought’s ‘Chicano English in Context’ Corrects Misconceptions

“Chicano English in Context” (Palgrave Global Publishing, October 2002) is linguistics Professor Carmen Fought’s first book. It is also, according to its publisher, “the first modern, comprehensive study of Chicano English.”

Fought was inspired to write Chicano English in Context after colleagues kept asking her to create such a book.

“I was really surprised to find out that there was no book-length work on the language of Mexican-Americans since a few that came out in the ’80s,” she says. “There were a number of recent works on the language of African-Americans, but nothing comparable on Latino communities and their language.”

Fought says Chicano English in Context will appeal to linguistics researchers and students—particularly Latinos and Latinas.

“Students in my classes are always asking me, ‘Where can I read more about Chicano English?’ after I give them a few articles in class,” she says. “Many of the students who are Latinos and Latinas are curious about this dialect, which might be one that they speak or that they have heard in their community growing up.”

Fought says the book also should find an audience in other fields like sociology and Chicano Studies because it focuses on the social setting of the Chicano community, the elements that are important to that population, and the issues of bilingualism and language attitudes.

Drawing from research for her dissertation about the language of young adult Chicanos, Fought completed the book while on sabbatical.

“I think the hardest part for me was right at the end, having to read it over and make sure it sounded the way I wanted it to sound,” she says.

Fought says she also would like to write a book on the representation of ethnic dialects in the media.

“I think this is an exciting topic that hasn’t been explored much,” she says. “But many people get their ideas of what other communities are like from TV and films, so it’s important to look at the media representations of different peoples and their language and language uses.”

Sociology Professor Phil Zuckerman’s new book, An Invitation to Sociology of Religion (Routledge), will be out in July. He also has written the Introduction to W.E.B. Du Bois’ The Negro Church: 100th Anniversary Edition (Alta Mira Press).

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Faculty Profile

Professor Jason Venetoulis ’95 in Tune with Students

Visiting environmental studies Professor Jason Venetoulis ’95 has seen much of the world. Born in London to parents of Greek, Irish, Iroquois and Cherokee ancestry, Venetoulis’ family moved around quite a bit when he was young, settling first on the island of Rhodes, Greece, then Majorca, Spain, British Columbia and Echo Park, Calif., before moving to the Pomona Valley. When it came time to select a college, Venetoulis landed in Claremont.

“I went to Pitzer because it was a well-respected academic institution,” he says. “Pitzer allowed me to imagine, create, innovate and take action in meaningful ways.”

Among his favorite memories as a Pitzer student is working with Professor Emeritus Lucian Marquis who taught a senior seminar called Pebble and Ripples. “Lucian challenged me with such great thoughts as ‘Try not to generalize and try to connect – not delegiate or discriminate based upon differences,’ ” says Venetoulis who also has fond memories of “jamming on the piano with other students at the Grove House.”

He says he enjoyed the ability to change the world and campus with his friends at the Paul Shepard Ecology Center, which he co-founded with Paul Faustich ’79. After receiving his B.A. in environmental studies, Venetoulis stayed in Claremont. He attended Claremont Graduate University where he earned his M.A. and Ph.D.

After stints as a visiting professor at the University of Redlands and an adjunct professor at Chapman University, Venetoulis returned to Pitzer in 2001 as a visiting professor. His ability to imagine, create, innovate and take action was met with enthusiasm by his students.

“I have enjoyed developing courses that the students at Pitzer have pushed the boundaries of – and expressed appreciation for – having the opportunity to take, i.e. Campus Sustainability and Wild Thoughts, Wild Wanderings,” he says.

Venetoulis also has volunteered much of his time to Pitzer. He coordinated student led efforts to initiate a series of youth garden projects for troubled teens at Camps Afflerbaugh-Paige, and he helped found Friends of the Bernard Natural Field Station.

In addition to his teaching and volunteer projects at the College, Venetoulis is Program Manager for the Boston-based Second Nature’s Education for Sustainability West Coast Network, a position he plans on continuing when he leaves Pitzer in May.

“My current research is focused on the environmental, political and economic implications of solar and other energy sources,” he says. “I am a big advocate of implementation and action, and less so inclined to spend more time and money doing yet more research just to get another publication – which does not really position me too well for a future in academia, unless I can find a place that appreciates such efforts.”

He also still loves making music.

“I’m working on a CD with original songs and music about social and environmental issues … and that old classic, ‘love,’ says Venetoulis, who still jams at the Grove House with students.

— Bridget Lewison

Alumni Profile

Alumni are Hard at Work at Pitzer College

Aja Barr ’01, Admissions Counselor
Yvonne Berumen ’97, Assistant Director of Admissions
Jamie Brown ’10, Assistant Director of Annual Giving
Rochelle Brown ’99, Academic Support Coordinator, Office of Student Affairs
Grace Byun ’98, Assistant to the President
Kiara Canjura ’99, Assistant to the Director of Human Resources
Margaret Carothers ’70, Director of Financial Aid
Lois Dumont ’81, Programmer Analyst, Information Technology
Paul Faustich ’79, Professor of Environmental Studies
Robert Fossum ’88, Director of Special Programs and Grant Administration
Karen Hamilton ’02, Urban Fellow, Center for Intercultural Studies and Education (CCCSI)
Sandy Hamilton ’95, Assistant to the Dean and Assistant Director of Institutional Research
Jessica Hardy ’01, Software Support Coordinator, Information Technology
Kathleen Kile ’97, Mail Room Supervisor
James Lipincott ’95, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations
Linda Morand ’81, Business Manager for the Center for Intercultural Studies and Education (CCCSI)
Marilyn Ray ’52, Associate Director of Major Gifts
Sandy Reeves ’82, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for College Advancement
Nicole Rocha ’97, Senior Secretary, Facilities
Anthony Vegaera ’01, Office Assistant, Office of Admissions
Jason Venetoulis ’95, Visiting Professor

Patricia Zavella ’73 Discovered Life’s Work at Pitzer College

By Deborah Haar Clark

Patricia Zavella was possibly the only person surprised to hear she had been awarded the 2002-03 Scholar Award from the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies.

“When I was surprised and I also felt humbled because I know other scholars out there who have been very prolific and influential,” Zavella said.

In announcing the award, the NACCS was as effusive as Zavella was modest, describing her as “an exceptional teacher, a first rate scholar, and an activist committed to social change for our community,” whose innovative work has served “as the catalyst for the work of several generations of scholars.”

Zavella, a 1973 Pitzer graduate, is a professor of Latin American and Latino studies and co-director of the Chicano/Latino Research Center at the University of California at Santa Cruz. She has devoted her professional life to the study and understanding of Chicana women and families.

She is a prolific author, and her work includes the first book focusing on Chicano women written by a single author, Women’s Work and Chicano Families: Cannery Workers of the Santa Clara Valley (1987), as well as Telling to Live: Latina Feminisms – Bridget Lewison

Alumni Profile

By Deborah Haar Clark

Patricia Zavella is a freelance writer who lives in Upland.
Kate Peters ’74 Recognized Not Only as a Performer, but as a Businesswoman

Chile in 1967 and is one of the most productive and published authors in the world. Peter's writing career has spanned nearly 50 years, with numerous books and articles to his credit. He is the recipient of a number of prestigious literary awards, including the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2007. His work has been translated into many languages and is widely read and enjoyed by audiences around the world.
Alumni Notes

68 IT’S YOUR 35 YEAR CLASS REUNION! Join us for Alumni Weekend on May 2-4, 2003, to reunite with old friends, participate in Alumni College, see how much the Pitzer campus has changed, and meet the fifth President of Pitzer College, Laura Skandera Trombley. E-mail reunion68@pitzer.edu or visit the alumni web site at www.alumni.pitzer.edu for more information. We look forward to seeing you in May!

Kirsten Gronbjerg (Bloomington, Ind.) I am in the middle of several major projects. One project examines the scope and community dimensions of the Indiana nonprofit sector. A second project seeks to identify the Illinois nonprofit sector. For information about these projects, see my homepage: www.spea.indiana.edu/gronbjerg.

Maresha Tadano Long (Ampia, Wash.) Marsha is enjoying the retired life having left Washington State government after 29 years. She is very busy traveling, planning her daughter’s wedding in March, and being the volunteer director of the Learning Seed Foundation, which helps kids go to college and which she and her husband, Merritt, founded in 2001. She was recently appointed by Governor Gary Locke to the State Personnel Resources Board, which determines personnel policies for the state, and adjudicates labor disputes.

Carolyn Reznikoff (Portland) My daughter Sasha graduated in May from Hampshire College in Amherst, with a degree in architecture. It snowed at the ceremony.

Ann Stanton **posted online (Montpelier, Vt.) Hello All! I just visited Pitzer briefly on a Highway 1 trip celebrating my daughter’s high school graduation. The trees have grown in 30 years! Now I live in Vermont, teach college in a progressive program aimed for adults who come once a month and also work full time. Very reminiscent of Pitzer’s educational philosophy and ideals, so I feel connected even though I haven’t been back to Pitzer for 30+ years.

Margaret Leon **posted online (West Covina) Hello, all! I am able to speak last year at a career group at Pitzer on teaching. I was a teacher for 6 years, and an administrator for the past 19 years. I am Director of Curriculum at Whittier City School District and am working on my Ed.D. at USC. I should be graduating this spring. My three children are all grown. The two boys, Chris and Jim, are married and have children. The third, Kristina, is working for Mercury Insurance and studying engineering, I’d love to hear from any of you in the area.

Kathie Rupp Haas **posted online (Huntington Beach) Greetings everyone! Paddy O’Brien and I among others, had such a great time at our 20-year reunion that we would like to have a mini-reunion as part of this year’s Alumni Weekend, May 2-4, 2003. So make your plans now and email Paddy or me through the Pitzer Online Community. Let us know what you’d like to see and what you would like to do. Come meet Pitzer’s new President and enjoy the beauty of the campus – it looks a bit different than when we were students. It should be a great time and we hope you will join us!

Michele Kennedy (Laguna Niguel) I have four kids and teaching 3rd grade elementary school.

Sarah Morgenridge (New York) My 22-year-old son attends the New England Chamber of Music for voice. My 13-year-old daughter just got accepted to Stuyvesant High School. I am working in the NYC council with Robert Jackson, 1st term city councilman and lead plaintiff in CFE vs. NY (campaign for Fiscal Equity). The constitution requires the state to fund schools districts depending on state for funding. They are trying to get equal funding for schools. I also marched in the NYC anti-war protest on February 15th.

72 Terry Sue Holpert (Tucson) I am in my 18th year as the Assistant Dean for Admission at the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, and I still find the work captivating. My husband, Nan Stein, and I have adjusted reluctantly to our empty nest. Our son Beny, age 21, is a philosophy major and comparative literature major at the University of Michigan. David, age 19, is a freshman at Westminster in Connecticut. It is cold!

Jeanie Wakeland (Walnut Creek) I am the Daily Review Editor for ANG Newspapers.

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Betsy Tirk Coleman (Los Angeles) After over 30 years of marriage, John and I have an “empty nest,” with both daughters away at college. Mikha will graduate from DMC this May, majoring in philosophy with a particular interest in ethics. Mary is in her first year at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., exploring a variety of subjects, and making friends with the snow. While we celebrate the girls’ independence, the house is definitely quiet. John continues to practice as a civil, trial attorney in his own firm, and I continue to work as an organization development consultant. I am finding work with schools and communities to be especially meaningful. Meanwhile, John and I find that world events rekindle memories of the late ’90s and early ’70s. Đã ży, ưu, anyone?

Sara Schur **posted online (Monroe, Wash.) Retired at 51? Hi all – I’m currently learning how to slow down and enjoy retirement at age 51. My husband, Walter (age 66) retired last year and we’re having a great time working a little here and there and playing a lot. For a recovering co-aholic, it’s a big step! We live in Monroe on 2 acres where I have a big garden that keeps me happily playing in the dirt most of the time.

Karen Singer (Philadelphia) I am recently divorced and happy to be. My son Isaac just turned 7 years old. I am working as an artist with ceramic donor tiles for schools and hospitals. My business, Karen Singer Tileworks, Inc. is going well. We recently completed a mural for College Misericordia (Dallas, Pa.) and another one for Capital University in Columbus, Ohio.

Janel Smith-Marchi (Lincoln) I welcome contact from other alumni. My husband retired in 1998 from his job with the State of California and in 2000 we moved into a Del Web Sun City development in Lincoln, California. It’s like living in a country club with all the tennis and health club privileges included. We’re still enjoying the place where I have a big step! We live in Monroe on 2 acres where I have a big garden that keeps me happily playing in the dirt most of the time.

76 Kathryn Chapman (Long Beach) I have two kids, 11 years old and 13 years old. I would love to hear from anyone from the class of ’76.
Lisa Geller
(Waterford, Ma.)
I am co-editor of a new book being published, titled “Double Edged Helm” about Bioethics.

77 Travis Silcox (formerly Shirley Travis) **posted online**
(Sacramento, CA)
I am letting anyone who is interested know that I received tenure at Sacramento City College where I teach in the English Department. It’s actually pretty easy to get tenure at a community college, but security of employment is a nice luxury, I got my Ph.D. in Literature from UC Santa Cruz, and I live in Sacramento with my domestic partner, Preston Rudy. Along the way, I changed my name to Travis Silcox, joining two family names. We are happily child free. This summer I was a fellow in a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, studying Maya culture in Guatemala and Mexico. I teach literature of the Americas, as well as many levels of composition. Preston and I are very active in progressive politics and issues. My email is t.silcox@scc.lsrn.edu. I’d love to hear from anyone who knew me!

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Amyn Borenstein Graves (Tarzana, CA)
I wonder how you all are! I can’t make it to the reunion (Florida is too far!), but I miss you all, I would love to hear from you! My daughter is looking at colleges. I can’t believe it! We’re getting old! I am a full professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Please come and visit me if you’re in the mid-section of Florida. It’s not as bad as they say!

Anne Kaplin
(New York)
Hi Everyone! I don’t know about you, but I can’t believe that it’s that old and I’ve already taken steps in preparation for our 25th reunion in May 1: Search the internet for Ph.D. correspondence course 2. Considered whether serving at Starbucks one summer could be considered as a “partner in the firm” 3. Joined the gym around the corner 4. Started watching “Fashion Emergency” for tips. Please let me know if you have any other ideas. I can’t wait to see everyone. I’ll keep you posted on my progress.

79 Diana Diaz
(Marina, CA)
Diane is researching a Medicare Study for Westat. She is also planning a trip to Spain to watch her son, who is a Fireman in West Covina, in the World Police and Fireman Games.

Martha Odegaard
(La Jolla)
I got married in 1999, and have two wonderful children 3 ½ years old and 21 months old. I maintain an acupuncture practice in La Jolla.

Janet Suslick **posted online**
(Sweden)
I’m still in Sweden after all these years. My sons are growing like weeds. My “baby” has started school now (first considers it as at age 7 here) and my 9 year old was just on a field trip to a Stone Age village and slept away from home for the first time ever without a parent. Since November 2000, I’ve been a journalist at the Swedish Dental Association’s magazine for dentists. I write mainly about dental research and education. Latest trip: Kosovo (August 2002). Last book read: “Undertow.”

Bruce Taylor
(Los Angeles)
My oldest son Charles (17 years old) is getting ready for college. Scary thought! I hope he has as much fun as I did to have our Pitzer friends out for a round of golf or a run on the ski slopes.

Alumni from the San Antonio, Texas, area gathered for a Pomona-Pitzer Sugathans vs. Trinity College football game in September. (From left) Char Miller ’75, Judy Lipsett ’75, Robyn Pitzer Langham ’68, Kathy Reilly Carter ’89, and Laura Reilly ’90

80 Bill Bennett
(Lake Oswego)
I have recently joined the management team at Cleaner Image, a privately held facility management company, the third largest in the state. My role as the VP, Corporate Services, will initially start heading up HR, IT, and QA, then next year also as their chief legal counsel. What sold me was an aggressive strategy for continued growth both in the state and through out country. As a strategy I can play an instrumental role in crafting and executing.

Celina (DeAgular) Haigh
(Kapaa, Hawaii)
I am happily living in Kapaa with my husband Doug and our two sons. After being a stay-at-home mom for 10 years, I’m again teaching second grade and loving it!

Terril Helandex, Ph.D.
(Claremont)
My daughter, Meggie, is a freshman at Pitzer and loving it. I get to relive a lot of fun times as I hear her stories of life in Holden. I am recently divorced, still live in Claremont and continue to work at a non-profit agency in Pasadena as an educational psychologist.

Nancy Herzog
(St. Louis)
Our oldest son, Richard, underwent cochlear implant surgery last summer (such fascinating technology!) and will head off to college next fall. Our youngest son William applied to a program through his high school, to spend a sophomore semester in Switzerland. Oh, to be a Herzog kid! The thought of an empty nest makes me cry, “Boo! Hoo!”. While my husband shouts “Yipppe!”. Jacques and I just love visitors. A new baby named Eve Lyford, born 2 years ago.

K. Michelle Doyle
(Troy, N.Y.)
I am now living in upstate N.Y. with my husband Kevin, Jonas (17 years old), Aliisa (13 years old), and Cody (9 years old). Mid-wifery is still my passion, I attend births at St. Mary’s Hospital in Troy, NY for care of clients age 8-83 with a whole range of female health concerns. My family is very loving, and wonderfully forgiving of my hours spent “catching babies.”

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Kathleen Bracy
(Seattle)
I continue to live and be well in Seattle.

Linda Brewer
(Los Angeles)
I am still raising four of my 16 grandchildren. I completed a direct-care program for private pre-schools in June 2002. I am also very active in “Every Mother is a Working Mother Network.”

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Susan Magee
(Mayer, Ariz.)
I am living at Orme Prep School. I have 2 horses, 2 dogs, and a lamb. I would love visitors.

Josh Rosenthal
(Washington, D.C.)
I still live on the wrong coast, but have discovered a few saving graces to living in Washington, D.C. — food, seasons, politics, and history. I am still managing research and policy on biodiversity and human health through my job at NIH. My wife, a professor at Georgetown University, and I are raising our two lovely daughters (5 years old and 8 years old) with the hopes that one day they will understand that California is more than a place that you go to drive around and visit people.

Jeanette Woo Chitjian
(Altadena)
We’re still living in Altadena and loving raising two girls. Mark and I are fully eniscoked in soccer! I continue to commute to Marlborough School and talk for hours about the advantages of single sex education for girls. Hope to see everyone at this year’s reunion!

83 Nicole Skinner
(Brantford, Conn.)
Nicole wrote a new book: “50 Low Cost, No Cost Marketing Solutions,” published by the Computer Bazaar, Try Point, LLC. Please contact her at info@trypoint.net.

Paul Hubler
(Monrovia)
I resigned as Chief of Staff/Press Secretary with Congressman Adam Schiff, to commence my new position as Public Affairs Project Manager for Alameda Corridor East East project effective December 16, 2002. (For the project, see www.theaecproject.org). This exciting opportunity for me is a perfect fit with my experience handling transportation-related legislative affairs and community and media outreach at the state and congressional levels. I am proud to have worked with Congressmen (and formerly State Senator) Schiff for the past 6 years, and to have played a role in our accomplishments on the Metro Gold Line and local transportation, oakmont and open space preservation efforts, chromium 6, the Caltrans Historic Housing Fund, and so many other initiatives of importance to our communities. Fortunately, I will have the opportunity to continue to work with Adam’s office and his Alameda Corridor east project. And certainly the most wonderful perk of my having worked in Adam’s office is that it was here that I met and married my wife Patty!

Karen Paradise
(Mountain View)
Karen is currently living in Mountain View, If you are living in the Bay Area, look her up.

84 Stephanie Brown
(Long Beach)
Stephanie and Joseph PO ’88, have a new baby named Eve Lyford, born January 2002.
James McKnight (Pasadena)
I am Senior Pastor at Traveler’s Rest Church in Inner City Los Angeles.

Karlin Labby (Los Angeles)
In February, baby Millie joined mother Karin, father John King, CMC ’86, brother Otis, and sister Violet.

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Tess Jackson Albert (Orangis Mills, Md)
Charlie and I are busy keeping up with Kelsey (age 9) and Alexander (age 5½). Between Girl Scouts and Board meetings at Alexander’s school, life is busy, but hectic. We will not be able to attend reunion because of a family wedding. I hope it’s fun! I’m with you in spirit.

David Blechinger (Fanwood, NJ)
I have a new baby, Jaedan, born August 26, 2002.

Douglas Calvert (Vallejo, CA)
I got married (yes, married!) in 1999 to Rachel, the most wonderful woman on the planet. She and I (and the dog and cat) live in Vallejo, California outside of San Francisco while I finish my first two years of medical school. We’ll be moving into San Francisco at this summer and I am sure I can begin rotations at California Pacific Medical Center. Anyone who is silly enough to try to track me down, can do so at manguo@hotmail.com. It pains me not to be able to get to the reunion this year, but I have a week of exams starting that following Monday, and quite frankly, while I do a lot up here, I couldn’t pull it one off. I do what I can to make sure I get to the 20 year reunion, I should be in a residency by then.

Lisa Barnes Lanier (Los Angeles)
I live in Los Angeles with my husband Gary, and two (2) children Sophie, 4½ years, and Samuel, 15 months old. I work part-time as a psychologist and full time as a mom. I’d love to hear from old friends.

James Huybrechts (Makawao, HI)
I’ve been using my anthropology and ethnomusciology skills with my world music group Ranga Pue (meanin’ encircling the earth) at the Ritz Carlton Kapalua in Maui for the past two years. If you come to Maui, be sure to say hi to us in the Ritz’s Restaurant.

Abel Martinez (Walnut, CA)
I have been married to Veronica for 7 years (July 1, 1995). We have 2 kids, Claire (3 years old) and Ethan (1 year old).

Joe Chatham (Camarillo)
Joe and Lisa are proud and blessed to announce the birth of their daughter, Meghan Leah, on Oct. 23, 2002. She came into the world a healthy 7 lbs. 4 oz. and 19½ inches long. Parents are doing great.

Dan Doley (Laguna Niguel)
Dan and Erin are parents to a new bouncing baby boy.

Jill Farbarik (Seattle)
I am pregnant and due in 3 months.

Justine Girolini (Montclair, N.J.)
Justine received a promotion to Associate Director of Admissions at William Patterson College of New Jersey.

Andrew Harrison (Minneapolis)
Andrew is enjoying life in sunny Minneapolis with his beautiful wife and 2 kids. He is working as Director of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Minnesota.

Lisa Hart (Los Angeles)
I am now an ABD: all but dissertation - (i gotta get that darned thing done), in clinical and industrial organizational psychology. I moved back to Los Angeles from San Diego and now work for the L.A. County Human Relations Commission as a Senior Intergroup Relations Specialist. How’s that for a mouthful? I think back on my Pitzer days with fondness, and I would love to hear from folks from the good old days. My e-mail is lisahart@aol.com.

Linda Orozco *posted online (Denver)
Hi all. I got married a year ago and life is grand. I am writing and performing comedy with the trio A.C.E. (Stands for American, Canadian, Englishman). We’re taping a television pilot in a couple of months. Very exciting for us! Would love to hear from anyone, anyone.

Joe Flood (Camarillo)
I am doing well, living in Minnesota with my husband Gregg, our daughter Kendall (4 years old) and twin boys, Travis and Sexy (2 years old). I have been married to Veronica for 7 years (July 1, 1995). We have 2 kids, Claire (3 years old) and Ethan (1 year old).

Mary Jo Einfeld (Tonka Bay, Minn.)
I am doing well, living in Minnesota with my husband Gregg, our daughter Kendall (4 years old) and twin boys, Travis and Sexy (2 years old). I work for Tommy Bahama, heading up the women’s sportswear division in the Midwest. It’s a great job. Hi to David Greensfelder and Tamrinne (Stutb) Beltrand.

Ben Goren (Chicago)
Susan and Ben Goren welcomed Eva Madeline to the world at 11:48 p.m., on August 16, 2002. Eva was 8 lbs. And 20½ inches at birth. To Russ, Lai, James, Bussey (all ’91), we finally joined the club. Lane ’91 is next. Hey Reckard ’82 and Sasher ’89, when are you going to get your A on Alumni? A soon-to-be Pitzer youth? Flood ’92, are you married yet?

Allison Larew (Concord, Ma.)
I had a baby girl, April 3, 2002, named Sophia Noelani Larew.

Erik McGuinness (Davos, Switzerland)
My wife Anne and I just had a new baby girl, Audrey Genevieve, born Sept. 14, 2002, and we just bought a new house.

David Straus *posted online (Los Angeles, Calif.)
Hello to all my Pitzer friends. I am excited to see this new Pitzer community open up on the Internet so I thought I would post our first class note. On March 16, 2002 I married a wonderful woman named Laurel Woodson. Erin is a Political Consultant and Marketing Strategist for non-profits, corporations and political campaigns. Most importantly she likes to laugh and has an amazing gentle aura around her. I am very lucky to have found her. I am currently working in the entertainment world, helping filmmakers market their films to festivals.

Jennifer Moffroid (Warren, Vt.)
I still love life in Vermont! I’ve been working for American Flatbread for over 8 years now. I just recently purchased a home and I have a 1½ year-old son, Henry Evan. I am looking forward to hearing from old friends at scleibsohn@aol.com.

Linda Orosz **posted online
I have visited many friends and look forward to seeing others, new and old, along the way. Feel free to send an e-mail to lorisama@roadmason.org. Later!

Seth Leibsohn (Washington, D.C)
Seth, Leibsohn, B.A. CGL ’93, Northeastern University School of Law ’97 is pleased to announce his engagement to Elaine Clemmons of Washington, D.C. They will be married in June of 2003 in Washington, D.C. Seth is the Director of Policy at Empower America and the chief of staff to the former Secretary of Education and Director of Office of National Drug Control Policy, William J. Bennett. He would be delighted to hear from old friends at scleibsohn@aol.com.

Mason Huffine (Seattle)
I am a writer, a poet, a film maker. I have written, directed and produced a film and I am about to begin work on a second one. I have performed in and directed off off off Broadway productions. I have written and performed in films to festivals.

Valerie was married in 2002. She has a 1½ year-old boy, and a 4 year-old girl.

Deborah and her husband recently adopted a 6 year-old boy, and a 4 year-old.

Sara Dehghani (Izland)
I will be getting married to Sean Nibkae in the spring.

Karla Held **posted online (Key Largo, Fla.)
No class notes for 92? Maybe I am not reading this thing right, but it seems there are no class notes for the class of 92! It seemed so sad and I thought I would write a line or two. It would be great to hear some news from our class! I am now in an internet cafe in Peru where I lead trips for www.gapca.com. Come visit! take care and write some class notes! cheers, karlahgap@yahoo.com.

June Woo Hendley (Chino Hills, CA)
I am expecting a child in June.

Rachel New (New York)

Thomas Mills (Portland, ME)

Valerie Ritter (Chicago)
Valerie was married in 2002. She has a new job as an Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago, in the Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations, teaching Hindi and South Asian literature courses.
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Clay Ballantine (Alhambra, Calif.) I am excited to write that I have a beautiful little boy, Caleb Ballantine, who was born on July 7, 2002. Hannah and I are doing well and great and are wonderful kids. I have been working at Hampshire College for the past year in the Development Office. Work travels bring me from Alhambra, MA to California frequently and I look forward toward other ’93ers at reunion in May.

Lucreia Choto **posted online Our 10th Year Reunion!!!! Hello Everyone, I hope to see each of you at reunion. Can you believe it’s been ten years? I will be bringing my husband Kurt whom I met during my study abroad program in Ecuador and our daughter Xomara Raquel who is now almost 7 months old. I hope to meet your new families and/or children about what you have been up to in the past ten years. If you would like to share ideas or schedule an alumni reunion, please contact me at choto@clarku.edu as I am working with a group of people who want to make a memorable event for all of us. See you soon, Lucreia.

Kate Dominus (New York) Unfortunately I will be unable to attend reunion this year, but I wanted to let everyone know what I was up to. After getting married in 1999, I began attending high school, I am now working in the Intellectual Property department of Pitney Hardin, primarily doing trademark work and love my new clients. I have a new pet (which I have no much of) I’m going to be working at the Teluride Film Festival August 8–10, 2003 as a volunteer for apartment in Manhattan, so if anyone wants to come visit, we always have a spare bedroom. I’ve lost touch with a few friends from Pitzer, most notably Claudette Harwood ’91 from Washington State. And Tracy Thompson ’93. I hope that everyone has a great time at the reunion and I wish I could be there.

Angela Stenger (Cincinnati, Ohio) God has blessed us with another Stenger baby! Luke Dale was born Jan 17, 2003. Big brother Mark Jr., (5 years old) and big sister Hope (2 years old) are thrilled with baby Luke. We are hoping to make it to the reunion and I would love to see our friends together again (Anna, Pakto, Sandy-Alex, Brian, Scott, Risa, Rob, etc.).

Graciela Vega-Carbalaj (Watsonville) I am currently working as a 4th/5th grade Spanish teacher. I send my greatest regards to all those people that made good work in their community. Thank you!

Magdaelena Aguira-Morzan (Pomona) I have a 7-month-old baby named Ezequiel.

David Garst (Seattle) I engaged to Michelle Kobayashi PO ’96. We will be married in May 2004 and will be moving to Hawaii in July.

Jason Kirkpatrick (Kansas City) Jason was married to Elena in September 2002.

94 Alleghany Meadows (Carbondale, Colo.) Alleghany Meadows, along with Sarah and Sam Clarkson, presented Fall Exhibitions/Sales in Claremont. 11/20/02, at Pomona College; Santa Barbara, 11/21/02, at the Artstream Nomadic Gallery; West Hollywood, 11/19/02, at the home of Robin Glaser; Slide Lecture Dallas Texas, 12/7/02 (11 am) at Brookhaven College, Ceramics Dept: Dallas Texas, 12/7/02 (1–5 pm) at the home of Louise and David Rosenfeld.

Leonard Pick ick (Quartet) I am currently a music therapist at Los Alamitos Hospital.

Joanna Sheinkop (Chicago) I started a new job early this year as a physical therapist at Ebensburg Hospital of Chicago.

95 Marc Garcia **posted online (Phoenix) Rob Thomp6h ’96 – where are you? Lost track of you after you left Prescott. Contact me at clutgcirucia@msonm.com.

Kimbetha Schoenestadt (Santa Monica) Kimberly was married to Jonathan Furmanski in June, 2002. Both Kim and Jon will be showing their work in the upcoming, on-campus exhibit in the Systems of Extors and Interiors for Better Living” on view from March 24–April 12, 2003 at ‘68 Gallery.

96 Nancy Krueger (Salt Lake City) I was married July 5th to Jessica Perri and am now working on finding a balance between teaching and being a good husband.

97 Mikako Harada (New York) I am working toward getting a second master’s degree in Creative Arts Therapy from Pratt Institute. If there is anyone who is also an art therapist, or interested in it, please email me at mikako_harada@yahoo.com.

Megan Dingler Jolly (Fairview, OR) Megan was selected as one of six recipients for the Policy Action League of Greater Portland Volunteer Pacesetter award, which was presented to her at the Portland Holiday Gala at the Pittock Mansion on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002. Megan has had a major impact on the children in the Greater Portland area. Her support for collaborative efforts among youth, police and the community are making a positive difference in the lives of young people. She has not only devoted herself to improving the quality of PAL programs, but has also demonstrated once again, a positive style that has won the respect of all those who have worked side by side with her during fundraising events such as our annual golf tournament and auction.

Bryn Kanter (Pomona) I am back at Santa Monica College, to see how much the Pitzer College Participant 32 Pitzer College Participant Spring 2003 33
By Adi Liberman ’79

Just when I thought I had escaped the optimistic exuberance of my youth, there I was again in orange and white cap and gown marching by the fountain and clock tower. It all came back to me in a flash.

Twenty-four years ago, just more than a half a lifetime ago, I was in line with my classmates, excited about the day and eager to take my moment in the spotlight. My valedictory address, just like countless other graduation farewell speeches, spoke of hope and promise and how we were going to fix all the mistakes of the world.

Of course, we soon learned that saving the world was going to be a tougher nut to crack than we planned.

Take water use and pollution, the nut I chose to crack. In Los Angeles, billion dollar systems were built to bring water from hundreds of miles away and deliver it to our homes. Billions more were spent on sewer systems to take the water from our homes, clean it, and then pour it into the ocean, even though it’s good enough to use on our lawns and gardens. Just to top it off, hundreds of millions more were spent on creating enormous concrete channels to whisk very drinkable rainwater off our streets and dump that into the ocean. These systems were built and controlled by enormous bureaucracies that rarely spoke to one another, let alone collaborated on a more sensible solution to our water needs.

No wonder that a more sober pessimism had crept into my world view over the past quarter century.

But then, there I was at Pitzer, marching as a class representative in a ceremony to inaugurate the college’s new President, Laura Skandera Trombley. Maybe it was all the talk about the future, or maybe it was just memories triggered by the surroundings of my buoyant youth, but I felt it again. I felt hopeful. I would try again. I would make a difference. And even if I couldn’t, I had to try.

I’m sure it was a coincidence, but on the drive home I heard on the radio that a local school was rebuilding its campus with underground cisterns that would capture rainwater to be used to water the trees and grass that were to replace the old asphalt and concrete play areas.

Coincidence or fluke, I took this as a sign.

If I need another dose of optimism, I won’t wait another twenty-four years to visit again.

In My Own Words

By Aaron Balkan ’98

I’d been sad so long it bored me to tears, though it hardly bothered me I was so indifferent. My simple soul, an empty car rolling down a hill with a broken a.m. radio, was a way I never would have put it.

Then I woke one morning to find my heart - of all organs! - had climbed to the center of the sky, replacing the sun. Sure I was scared, but we go on, and I walked to work as I always do, the same route, nothing changed, except my shadow kept far ahead of me.

It was a slow day. I kept wondering how long it would last, looking out the window, seeing it beat there, never missing a beat you could say. I knew everyone in the office must be talking about my heart behind my back. It was a slow day. I kept wondering how long it would last, looking out the window, seeing it beat there, never missing a beat you could say. I knew everyone in the office must be talking about my heart behind my back. But they didn’t say a word to me, and by the time work was through I’d nearly forgotten it, and thought to treat myself to dinner at a little outdoor café, watching it fall slowly beneath the horizon. When I came home a coyote was waiting at my door, something I normally would have ignored, but I was in such a mood I thought I could take this animal in, care for it, make it a part of me. All this was possible; I was alive in a new way, alive with a new kind of tendency, to live the day for all its worth, or however the expression goes. Waking early the next morning, the sky was clouded over, and I had no way of knowing if it would be rain or tears.

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**Men's Roundup**

Baseball: Pomona-Pitzer travelled to Chapman on Feb. 7 and upset the Panthers, 5-2. The Sagehens scored all 5 runs in the first 4 innings and then held on for the win. Felipe Aguilar ’05 led the Dems at the plate with a 3 hit performance, driving in 2. Brad Carmody and Rob Ruiz ’03 each contributed 2 hits. Ruiz knocked in 2 runners while Carmody scored twice. Alex Smith pitched 6 strong innings for the win and Mike Renery came on in relief to get the save for the Dems. The Sagehens improved to 2-0 on the young season by defeating Westmont at home on Feb. 4, 11-5. Slugger Jose Cortez ’04 led the offensive charge for the home team by belting 3 home runs on the day, good for 5 RBI's. Sam Whitehead ’05 also had a great day at the plate, going 4 for 5 with an RBI.

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**Women's Roundup**

Softball: Pomona-Pitzer lost both games of a double header at The Master’s College on Feb. 15 Game 1 saw the Hens fall by the count of 8-0. No Sagehen player got on base in the game and The Master's got off to an early 5-0 lead that they would not relinquish. Monica Belli ’04 pitched 3 innings for the Dems and Marni Scotten ’06 came in to pitch an inning of relief. In the second game of the doubleheader, the Dems got hits from Monica Belli and Leanne Stein ’05, but The Master’s pounded out 16 hits for 17 runs in the game. Traci Kutaka ’06 and Mari Scotten each pitched 2 innings for Pomona-Pitzer. The Sagehens fell at home to Chapman on Feb. 1, 6-0. The Panthers got off to an early 3-0 lead and then tallied 3 more runs late in the game. Emily Hellessen ’03 led the Hens at the plate with a 2 hit performance but it wasn’t enough to get the Dems on the board. Also adding a hit for Pomona-Pitzer was Jameela Hammond ’05.

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