

POMONA COLLEGE

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Lincoln and Edmunds Buildings Win Eco-Friendly LEED Gold Award

POMONA COLLEGE HAS won gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Program for the design and construction of its new Lincoln and Edmunds Buildings. For Pomona President David Oxtoby, "The gold award is fantastic. It's wonderful recognition of Pomona's commitment to be better citizens and to do what we can to reduce Pomona's environmental footprint."

The adjacent Lincoln and Edmunds Buildings span a combined 92,000 square feet and feature a photovoltaic system, which can provide up to 22.4% of the building's power; operable windows; waterless urinals; high efficiency lighting; and efficient irrigation for landscaping. Construction involved the elimination of chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's) and halon refrigerants as well as the use of recycled materials and rapidly renewable materials, such as bamboo flooring.

The buildings—built at a cost of \$40 million—were designed by DMJM Design in Los Angeles and built by Hathaway Dinwiddie. The buildings provide innovative research space and teaching facilities for Computer Science, Environmental Analysis, Linguistics and Cognitive Science, Geology, Neuroscience, Psychology, and three intercollegiate departments—Asian American Studies, Black Studies and Chicano/a Studies. The clustering of disciplines related to the science of the mind is intended to create synergies and facilitate collaboration.

The Gold Award compliments last year's Silver LEED Award won by Pomona's Seaver Biology Building. One of the most prominent energy-saving methods used in Seaver is the use of natural light. Additional sustainable features of the Seaver Biology Building include important structural choices, both inside and outside the complex—much of the



building's material is recycled from previous architecture and comes from local suppliers. Seaver's lounges also incorporate photovoltaic cells to help power an evaporative cooler that lowers the temperature of the stair tower. Outside, the site has infiltration pits designed to minimize runoff to the storm drain system and the landscaping also contributes to energy-saving efforts by using native plants to minimize irrigation needs.

The eco-friendly features of the new biology building save enormous amounts of energy each year. The "cool-roof"

materials, for instance, save approximately 2.6 tons of carbon-dioxide emissions per year while the various water reduction measures save 35,200 gallons of water per year; the atrium's 2.5 kilowatt solar panels save an additional five megawatt-hours per year. In total, the building's sustainable design saves 1,280,868 kBtu's per year, equaling 375,385 kilowatt hours or 112.6 tons of carbon-dioxide emissions per year—equivalent to 34 tons of waste diverted from a landfill, 238 barrels of oil, or enough electricity to power 13 homes for a year. ■

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Pomona Replaces Loans with Scholarships, Eliminates Student Debt

POMONA WILL ELIMINATE LOANS IN FINANCIAL AID packages and replace those amounts with scholarships, effective 2008-09. The change will apply to both current and future students and was approved by the College's Board of Trustees on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007.

"Pomona College has a long-standing tradition of accessibility," noted a pleased President David W. Oxtoby. "We already admit students without regard to financial need and meet the full need of every accepted applicant. This change will allow us to more directly address misperceptions about the affordability of a Pomona education and to remove any impact of student debt on students' career choices."

Currently, 53 percent of Pomona's students receive some financial aid, with 10 percent of the current freshman class already

receiving financial aid packages with no loan component. In 2007-08, Pomona will spend approximately \$21.6 million of college funds on scholarships. The College estimates that the new policy will cost an additional \$2.3 million per year.

"The elimination of loans from financial aid packages is another step in Pomona's concerted efforts to ensure that a Pomona College education remains accessible to and supportive of all qualified students," notes Patricia Coye, director of financial aid.

In each of the last 20 years, more than 50 percent of Pomona students have received financial aid. Since 1988, financial aid packages for students with the most financial need have not included loans during the students' first two years of study. For the last 5 years, Pomona College has increased financial aid spending by \$1 million or more each year. ■

Summer projects allow students to delve deeper into research interests.

THROUGH THE SUMMER Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) and various other grants provided by Pomona, Pomona students have the opportunity to spend summer studying a topic of personal interest or working closely with a professor. Here's a sampling:

MICHAEL CARLSON '08 read pirates' trial records and personal narratives from the 16th to 18th centuries in order to learn about how these swashbucklers constructed their social relationships, divided

labor and functioned as instruments of imperialism. His conclusions: At the base of piracy was the unique system of labor oriented around intense cooperative physical labor that forced unity and egalitarianism despite differing functions and hierarchy on board vessels.

KAYLEIGH KANESHIRO '10 researched the effects of the sodium benzoate on schizophrenics and learned that it increases certain levels of amino acids and enhances NMDA neurotransmissions, ultimately benefiting schizophrenic patients. Her research is intended to direct pharmaceutical companies

toward improving the treatments available for these patients.

NATHAN GARDNER '10 traveled to China, where he conducted interviews and examined the effect of institutional discrimination on the availability of education for migrant children in the big cities. He found that while a general xenophobic attitude is present in places like Beijing and Shanghai, the situation is complicated by poor information dissemination, a national government out of touch with its people and corruption in unexpected places. ■

Pomona Researchers Spend Summer on an Arctic Adventure

POMONA BIOLOGY PROFESSOR NINA Karnovsky, accompanied by a trio of student researchers, was back at work in the Arctic Circle last summer and blogging about it. Assisted by Nell Balwin '09, Derek Buchner '09, and Zachary Brown '07, Karnosky is continuing her research on how climate change may affect the feeding ecology of an obscure arctic bird known as the little auk.



The Pomona researchers stayed on a windswept Norwegian island—far north of the mainland—at a Polish research station that hosts a variety of international scientists. The research involves long days measuring and observing the birds, but the students have found time for a midnight swim in the icy waters!

This is the third summer Karnosky has brought students to this same arctic base for research and they have a habit of falling in love with the arctic's barren beauty: Laurel McFadden '06 went on to land a Watson Fellowship last year to travel the arctic for twelve months; meanwhile, Allison Bailey '07 received a Fulbright research grant to study at the university in Longyearbyen—the same island where the Polish research station is located—to examine the relationship between migrating geese and plants of the tundra and how they are affected by climate change. ■



First Lee Professor Appointed



NOTED POET CLAUDIA Rankine, appointed as the first holder of the Henry G. Lee '37 Professorship of English, says she doesn't know much about Lee, but what she says about the written word rings true for Lee's memoirs and verse.

"Literary works can change the way we think," says Rankine. "The lyric—the poem—is deep feelings about personal issues" that "break down the barriers between issues in the world."

Born in Jamaica, Rankine received her bachelor's degree in literature from Williams College and her master's degree in poetry from Columbia University. She has taught creative writing and poetry for 12 years and comes to Pomona from the University of Houston. She has published four collections of poetry, including, most recently, *Don't Let Me Be Lonely*—an experimental project blending poetry, essays, and images, of which poet Robert Creeley wrote: "Claudia Rankine here manages an extraordinary melding of means to effect the most articulate and moving testament to the bleak times we live in I've yet seen. It's master work in every sense, and altogether her own."

Rankine's work has been published in *Boston Review*, *jubilat*, *The Kenyon Review*, *TriQuarterly*, and many other journals. ■

Leading the Nation in Fulbright Scholarships 2007

POMONA LEADS THE nation in Fulbrights awarded per capita this year and tops its peer liberal arts colleges in pure numbers with 25 prestigious Fulbright Fellowships awarded to the Class of 2007. Among all colleges and universities, the University of Michigan had the most recipients with 37, followed by Yale University with 27 and Pomona and Brown University each with 25. The next highest liberal arts college was Smith College with 14.

In a comparison of the top research universities and liberal arts colleges of awards per capita, Pomona did even better: Pomona received 16.1 Fulbright grants per 1,000 students, followed by Smith (5.4), Yale (5.1), Wellesley (5.0), Brown (4.2), and the University of Michigan (1.5). Since the awards were initially announced, Pomona received an additional 2 Fulbright awards, bringing the total to 27 for the Class of 2007; five graduates from earlier classes also received Fulbrights, bringing the College's total to 32 for 2007.

Among the Class of 2007

recipients, 12 were awarded Fellowship Research Grants while 15 were awarded grants to teach English in a total of 19 foreign countries. Here's a sampling of Pomona's Class of 2007 awardees:

ASHLEY JACKSON, a psychology major, is studying education reform in Cotonou, Benin.

understand what triggers these eruptions."

Allison Bailey, a biology major, is traveling to the University of Longyearbyen in Norway—in the world's northernmost town of more than 1,000 people—to examine the relationship between migrating geese and plants in the arctic tundra and how they

resource management? Femke is working with faculty and students the Institucion de Ensenanza e Investigacion en Ciencias Agricolas in Montecillo on this project.

MICHAEL PIECH, an Asian studies major, travels to Nepal to study the emerging and evolving film industry there and its social and political implications on Nepali culture in the Kathmandu valley.

REED SCHULER, a politics major, is in Shanghai, China, examining mass transit and urban planning after spending four months studying Mandarin Chinese in the

northern part of the country. This research will have emphasis on the public policy mechanisms in place for responding to the input and needs of Chinese citizens.

Students receiving Fulbright Grants to teach English will be working in countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Brazil, South Korea, Russia, Spain, Germany, and Thailand. This year's tally of 26 awards for the Class of 2007 breaks Pomona's previous record, set by the Class of 2006, of 15 Fulbrights. ■



BRIAN KASTL, a geology major, is on the North Island of New Zealand where his studies will take place on the flanks of the jagged volcanic edifice that was the scene of Mount Doom in the most recent Lord of the Rings film. Writes Kastl, "volcanic eruptions currently come without warning and the airborne debris and menacing mudflows travel over 100 km to endanger the lives of those nearby...I hope to better

are affected by climate change.

MAGGIE FICK, an international relations major, is in Niger to study the changing role of women in Tuareg culture in urban and rural contexts.

FEMKE OLDHAM, a public policy major, will study the policy implications of community-based water projects in Mexico this year to answer the question: Are community-based water projects in Mexico a successful form of water

Foundation Grants \$730,000 to Pomona Sciences

POMONA'S SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS STAND TO benefit from a \$730,000 equipment upgrade thanks to a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. The grant, for "state-of-the-art instrumentation," is the first made by that foundation to an institution that serves primarily undergraduates, according to Cynthia Selassie, an Associate Dean of the College. The grant is expected to directly affect Chemistry, Biology, Geology, and Physics faculty and students.

The grant money will be used to buy heavy-duty teaching, research, and experimental tools, such as a seismic laboratory that can be used by Geology students.

"Only at small liberal arts colleges can students get to

do hands-on research," Selassie, who is also a Chemistry professor, said in a phone interview. She added that the ability to get access to and familiarity with expensive technologies is a boon to students who wish to continue studying the sciences in graduate school. "You're basically starting ahead of the game," added Selassie, a two-time winner of Pomona's Wig Distinguished Professor Award.

The Moore Foundation, which was started in 2000, is a group that focuses on funding projects that advance general science with a focus on environmental conservation in the San Francisco bay area. Billionaire Gordon Moore, 78, who helped found the semiconductor giant Intel, and his wife Betty started the foundation. ■

John Payton '73 Appointed to Head NAACP Legal Defense Fund



JOHN PAYTON '73, AN ATTORNEY known for his successful record in some of the most important and visible civil rights cases in the United States, has been named Director-Counsel and President of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF).

"This is both a very exciting and a very humbling moment for me. I have always admired the Legal Defense Fund: it is an historic organization with an important mission," said Payton. "Racial justice and equality are issues that I deeply care about, and being at the LDF will allow me to be involved in that fight every day."

As lead counsel for the University of Michigan, Payton argued its affirmative action admissions case successfully before the trial court, appeals court, and ultimately before the U.S. Supreme Court. The *New York Times* described the case as one that "galvanized affirmative action advocates who produced sociological studies documenting how a diverse campus enhances the educational and long-term life experiences for all students."

Payton also has participated in other landmark cases, representing the American Legacy Foundation in its suit against a large tobacco company; he also represented the NAACP in a suit brought by white merchants in Mississippi. Additionally, Payton served as Co-Chair of the Lawyers Committee on Civil Rights, as President of the District of Columbia Bar, and is a member of the Pomona College Board of Trustees.

As director of the LDF, Payton said he hopes to raise awareness of the growing disparities among Americans. "Today, our country has perhaps its highest rate of wealth and income inequality, which is exacerbated when race is taken into account. The Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans was a disaster before Katrina. There are many other Lower Ninth Wards across the country," said Payton.

Payton will be LDF's sixth director counsel and president, succeeding Ted Shaw. Payton has most recently been a partner at the Washington law firm of Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr. He is a graduate of Pomona College and Harvard Law School. ■

Tech entrepreneur Greg "Grace" Stanat '87 uses text-messaging to help register thousands of young voters in innovative mobilization effort

IF ALL GOES AS PLANNED, TECH ENTREPRENEUR GREG "GRACE" STANAT '87 will be responsible for helping to bring thousands of young, first-time voters to the polls. Stanat is leading an innovative voter mobilization effort that uses cell phone text-messaging to make it easier for young people to register to vote and then remind them to actually show up at the polls.

As co-director of the non-profit, non-partisan Mobile Voter organization, Stanat helped create software that allows cell users to simply text-message the keyword "voter" to 75444 to get help registering to vote. Users then are asked for their name and address and a voter registration card with most of the information already filled in, following the rules for their state, is sent to their home.

Now get this: The card is tracked through the postal system and participants receive a text-message reminder if they don't send it in. As Election Day nears, participants receive messages providing polling place information and reminding them to vote.

That's impressive on its own, but the real power of the Mobile Voter campaign, according to Stanat, is that individuals and organizations also can use the system, choosing their own keyword. This exponentially increases the number of people who can be reached and groups ranging from Voto Latino to World Wrestling Entertainment are taking advantage of this opportunity to engage young people in civic life.

Stanat graduated from Pomona College with a dual degree in mathematics and fine arts before heading to Oxford University as a Marshall Scholar. At Oxford, he earned a Master's in computer science and a second fine arts degree. He later founded the San Francisco-based web development firm *415 Productions*. For the voting project, Stanat teamed up with Ben Rigby, another web development wizard who was already working to put technology to use to mobilize voters. Today, they are co-executive directors of Mobile Voter, which last year received a \$220,000 grant from the Pew Charitable Trust and funding from the MacArthur Foundation.

Stanat says he hasn't been deeply involved in politics in the past, but this project offered him the chance to involve thousands of young people in the voting process. He notes that by 2015, Generation Y will account for 37 percent of the electorate. "It's an enormous voting bloc," he says. "This felt like a powerful thing to do for the nation." ■



Director Sylvain White '98's Stomp the Yard Tops the U.S. Box Office

DIRECTOR SYLVAIN WHITE '98'S STOMP THE YARD WAS THE NO. 1 MOVIE IN the U.S. for two consecutive weeks in 2007 and went on to gross over \$61,000,000.00 at the box office. The dance-themed movie is also bringing more attention to the rich tradition of stepping carried on by black fraternities: "*Stomp the Yard* throws well-deserved light on this somewhat under-the-radar phenomenon," writes the *Washington Post*.



The coming-of-age drama revolves around DJ Williams (played by Columbus Short), a young street dancer from Los Angeles who goes off to a historically Black college in Atlanta and winds up excelling in fraternity step-dance competitions. As told through his publicist, K. Forrest Benum '97, White's artistic approach with this film was to "portray African-Americans in a positive light while also encouraging the community to recognize the importance of history and the pivotal role of education in achieving goals."

With his French mother and American professional basketball player father, White was born and raised in Paris. He attended Pomona where Professor Richard Barnes' "History of Silent Film" class stoked White's fascination for film. His first advisor, Professor Brian Stonehill, practiced "tough love" in pushing him to never settle for less than he was capable of producing and by encouraging White to find his artistic vision. After graduating in 1998, White won awards for his short films and went on to direct an eclectic, cutting-edge series of music videos and commercials in the U.S. and Europe. ■

Hispanic Magazine Ranks Pomona in Top 10

POMONA COLLEGE WAS NAMED one of the nation's 10 best colleges for Latinos in 2007. The magazine took into account measures of academic excellence such as student-to-faculty ratio and graduation rates; it also considered Hispanic enrollment, cultural programs and support for Hispanic students, and the percentage of Hispanic faculty.

For Pomona, the magazine reports that "this little school of just over 1,500 has as strong a Hispanic presence as it does an academic reputation." In a voluntary self-report, 14 percent of Pomona's students identified themselves as Latino American. Other colleges and universities listed in the magazine's top 10 included Harvard, Stanford, Dartmouth and MIT. ■



Best Place to Live, Best Place to Study

POMONA COLLEGE and Claremont, California recently made news by appearing in the Top 5 in national publications this past year, continuing a trend of national recognition for both the school and city.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine named Pomona fifth on its list of the 50 Best Values in Liberal Arts Colleges. The list ranks private colleges and universities that exemplify outstanding economic values and an exceptional education. To rate each school, Kiplinger's took into

SAT or ACT scores, student-faculty ratio, four-year/five-year graduation rate, total costs, cost after need-based aid, aid from grants, cost after non-need-based aid, and average debt at graduation.

As for the College's home town, Claremont was touted as a "tight-knit community with topnotch schools," by *Money* magazine and was named No. 5 on its annual list of "America's Best Places to Live."

Called the "City of Trees and Ph.D.s," Claremont has won the National Arbor Day

Foundation's Tree City USA award for 19 straight years. The downtown is a mix of hip boutiques and old-school businesses and the historic College Heights Lemon Packing House is now home to the Claremont Art Museum. ■



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Pomona 2nd Amongst Liberal Arts Colleges for African-American Enrollment

JOURNAL OF BLACKS IN HIGHER Education's 2007 "The State of Black Student First-Year Enrollments at the Nation's Highest-Ranked Colleges and Universities," ranked Pomona second amongst national liberal arts colleges in enrolling black and African-American students.

Says the report: "Pomona College in

California finished second among the liberal arts colleges in our survey. This is the highest position Pomona has held since *JBHE* began collecting data on first-year enrollments at the nation's leading liberal arts colleges. Blacks make up nearly 10 percent of the freshman class at Pomona College this year."

According to the study, Pomona

ranked higher in black enrollment than all but 5 highly-ranked liberal arts colleges and universities, including 7 of the 8 Ivy Leagues schools, Stanford University and MIT.

In another survey by *JBHE*, Pomona ranks #9 in its ranking of the nation's leading liberal arts colleges on their levels of black faculty. ■

Sports Roundup/Spring 2007

Baseball

(29-11 overall, 16-5 SCIAC)

Won their first SCIAC Championship since 2004 with a 30-11 overall record and a 16-5 record in conference. Sophomore Drew Hedman finished second in the country with 13 home runs. Senior Tom Dunlap finished ranked fifth in the nation with nine pitching victories. The team went on to regionals, where they were 1-2.

Women's Tennis

(18-7 overall, 9-1 SCIAC)

Won their first SCIAC title since 2003. At the NCAA National Championships, the

team reached the quarterfinals and finished sixth in the country. Freshman Siobhan Finicane was named SCIAC Player of the Year. Finicane, sophomores Becca Lange and Jen Kaswick were named to the All-SCIAC First Team. Finicane finished third in the country in singles, advancing to the semifinals, and third in doubles, also making it to the semifinals (with partner Becca Lange).

Women's Water Polo

(21-10 overall, 10-0 SCIAC)

Won the SCIAC title with a 10-0 conference record and a 21-10 overall record, the first

SCIAC Women's Champion to go undefeated in conference play. Junior Laura Condon was named SCIAC Player of the Year. Sophomore Janelle Gyorffy and senior Noelle Hice were named to the All-SCIAC First Team.

Women's Lacrosse

(10-2 overall)

In their first year as a varsity sport, they finished with a 10-2 overall record, including two wins over Redlands. Team was ranked No. 2 in the nation in goals against average. Andrea Weiss was the No. 1 ranked goalie in the country in goals

against average and save percentage.

Men's Track & Field

(4-2-1 SCIAC)

Senior Will Leer was a conference champion in the 800 meters and the 1500 meters for the second straight year. Leer set a school record in the 800 meter race at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational. Leer, Dante Benson, Sean McCarron, Brian Gillis, Pat McNally, and Danny Mortensen were All-Conference selections. Leer also won the 1500 and 5000 meter races at the national championships. ■

Fall 2007 Sports Update

Sagehen Women's Tennis Scores Big at Nationals

WHILE MOST P-P STUDENTS were busy readying themselves for fall break, Siobhan Finicane '10 and Olivia Muesse '10 found themselves in Mobile, Alabama competing against the best D-III women's tennis players in the nation.

"The teams are the best in their region," said Muesse. "There's a lot more confidence and determination behind each of your opponents. They already have won the previous tournament [the regional championship tournament] and the prospect of winning the national title makes everyone a lot more concentrated and competitive."

By winning the ITA West Regional Championship in doubles, Finicane and Muesse qualified for the national championship. Finicane added the singles title to her resume, and earned the right to compete in both the doubles and singles national championship.

First up was Finicane in singles, who won her quarterfinal and semifinal matches in convincing fashion, dropping only 11 games in both matches combined. Yet with the national championship on the line, Finicane was unable to dominate the match in the same way she had her previous two matches.

"It was definitely very disappointing because I was hoping to win it all," said Finicane when asked how she viewed the loss in the finals. "The girl I played in the finals was a girl I actually beat at nationals in Florida last year, but this year the girl was in better shape than I and in better rhythm."

On a positive note, Finicane added, "I see this loss as a motivation to get in great shape for the season. Honestly, I really do believe that losing actually makes us stronger. I am really determined to win nationals in the spring. Obviously that's a tough goal, but I'm ready for it."

Undeterred by her loss in the singles championship, Finicane joined her partner Muesse in aiming for nothing less than becoming doubles champions.

"Going into regionals, Siobhan and I had barely started playing together," said Muesse. "It wasn't about confidence as much as it was about the energy we had out there together and how pumped we were to play together. Nationals was the same story, we were super high energy and ready to roll."

The partners, also roommates, took center stage by winning two straight matches in third-set tiebreakers in order to set up their championship match against a team from Trinity University. With a winning score of 7-6 (7-2), 6-3, Finicane and Muesse claimed

their first doubles national championship in only their second tournament as partners.

"Our goal is to keep winning, playing hard, and getting better," explained Finicane. "There's still lots of improvement for us as a doubles team."

Opponents, beware, these national champions aren't stopping at one: "I hope Siobhan and I have a chance to play and win together in Ojai and/or Nationals in spring," said Muesse. ■

Sagehen celebration: Men's water polo lands championship

THE MEN'S WATER POLO team on Sunday captured its first SCIAC Championship since 1980 with a 13-10 win over the University of Redlands. This is the third SCIAC Championship in the Pomona-Pitzer program's history (1967, 1980) and the first for Head Coach Alex Rodriguez.

The victories began on Friday, when the Sagehens defeated La Verne 10-6 in the first round of competition. Ryan Balikan, Mark D'Avino, and David Mock each scored two goals, while Keeper Grant Cooper recorded seven saves. In the second round, Pomona-Pitzer escaped with a 12-11 win over Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. After trailing 7-5 at the half, the Sagehen's pulled ahead in the fourth period, sparked by three goals each from Balikan and Field Garthwaite. Cooper held down the net with six saves.

Against Redlands in the finals, the Sagehens were facing a team that they had lost to earlier in the season, and the host institution. These factors didn't faze Pomona-Pitzer as the team clung to a 5-4 halftime lead. The final score was 13-10. Ben Hadley led the Sagehens in scoring with 3 goals, and seven others contributed in the scoring; Grant Cooper tallied 8 saves. ■



Food Services Provider Goes Local

OVER 200 UNIVERSITIES ARE now supporting the incorporation of fresh, local produce in their dining halls. As of two months ago, Pomona College along with its food distributor, the Sodexo Alliance, have joined the group at both Frank and Frary dining halls. The food in Frank's salad bar now consists entirely of local produce.

David Janosky, Sodexo's General Manager of Dining and Catering Services at Pomona and other nearby schools, said that the recent change is not only important to him, but to students as well. The use of local food

products has not significantly influenced the produce, because some prices of produce have decreased as others have increased, and the net effect on cost is minimal. One positive aspect of this change in produce, Janosky says, is that local farmers are selling and planting more crops due to the increasing demand.

Environmental Affairs Commissioner Kyle Edgerton '08, said that the dining hall changed its policies at the moment ASPC President Elspeth Hilton '08 "put the challenge to Sodexo." He added that though the

local produce has been added there has yet to be "some hard discussions about what Sodexo represents."

Edgerton also said that in addition to helping nearby farms, the use of local produce reduced the number of miles that food has to travel, and reduces carbon emissions.

Pomona students currently have access to three dining halls on campus and are able to eat meals at four others located on the campuses of the other Claremont Colleges. In addition, students can use their meal plans at eleven other dining venues on the five campuses. ■

Film Buff Alex Glassmann '10 Reviews Claremont's New Movie Theatre

WITH MANY BUSINESSES ALREADY OPEN, WORKERS ARE close to completing the long-awaited expansion of the Claremont Village west of Indian Hill Boulevard, bringing new restaurants, shops, a boutique hotel and the town's first movie house in nearly 30 years.



The Laemmle Theatres opened over this past summer, bringing a mix of indie and foreign films to town, along with a few mainstream Hollywood hits. Film buff Alex Glassmann '10 to review everything but the movie:

"Although the five-screen Laemmle isn't huge by L.A. standards, it offers everything that bigger complexes do. The lobby has a large concession stand, with what

looks like the usual movie fare (I didn't have time to buy anything since I was rushing from class to get to the last matinee showing of *3:10 to Yuma*).

The seats are up to industry standards—plush and comfortable, with arm rests that flip up should you wish to sprawl out. The screen was impressive considering the size of the building, and, thankfully, the projector was not the low-resolution LCD that many newer theaters have.

The sound was the most impressive part. Rarely does a moviegoer encounter well-tuned speakers—they're either too loud or too soft. Laemmle didn't go cheap—whispers were clean and crisp and gunshots (and there were a lot of them) came through powerfully without killing your ears."

Current students are singing the praises of the new Village. To learn more about what the Village Expansion is offering Pomona students, visit http://www.thevillageclaremont.com/exp_07jan.html and see what's new in Claremont. ■

Getting Around... Cleaner

CAR-SHARING HAS COME TO THE Claremont Colleges! Operated by Zipcar, the planet-friendly program brings three Honda Civic hybrid cars and one low-emission Honda Odyssey van to the Colleges where they can be rented by qualified students, faculty, and staff for both business and personal use.

Pomona is subsidizing the program for all of the campuses so that students, faculty and staff can rent one of the vehicles for \$7 per hour or \$48 per day, including gas, insurance, maintenance, 150 miles per trip, and 24/7 emergency service.

"We want our students to be more engaged with the local communities, and public transportation is not enough. Zipcar will allow our students to take full advantage of internships, volunteer activities, the On the Loose program and other wonderful experiences that enhance student learning off-campus," explained Pomona College Dean of Students Miriam Feldblum.

To help students participate in a wider range of internships and community service projects, Pomona College will cover car rental costs for Pomona students using a Zipcar vehicle to travel between campus and internships or community service projects arranged through the College.

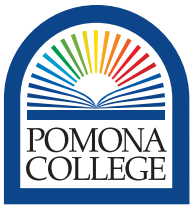
The original proposal to bring a car-sharing program to Pomona College came from current Pomona students Jennifer Wilcox '08, Jacob Ziemann '08, Drew Olian '08, Daniel Scinto '09, and Jed Cullen '10. ■

By the Numbers *Smith Campus Center*

As the hub of student activities, Smith Campus Center had a busy year. Here are a few interesting facts from that period tallied by the Campus Center staff:

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- 3,318 events scheduled at the Campus Center
- 1,246 discount passes purchased for Disneyland, Magic Mountain, Sea World, Universal Studios, LA County Fair, and other SoCal attractions
- 10,053 shakes mixed at the Coop Fountain
- 79,931 bottled drinks purchased at the Coop Store
- 12,840 transactions made at the ATM
- 23,861 parcels received at the mailroom



Pomona College, in Claremont, California, is one of the nation's premier liberal arts colleges, offering a comprehensive program in the arts, humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. Its hallmarks include small classes, close relationships between students and faculty, and a range of opportunities for student research.

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