

Graduation marks a rite of passage for the Class of 2008, as you move from being students in the College to joining our alumni body. Now I am not going to spend your last 10 minutes on the Pomona College campus lecturing you about staying in touch and giving us money as alumni, but I would like to talk today about both past and future: You are now part of the fabric of Pomona College, a link between our 121 years of history and our future.

aware of the following fact from our history: believe it or not, well into the 1960s, it was the custom for first-year women to be weighed and measured by upperclassmen upon their arrival on campus. This degrading ritual was laughed off by many but hurtful to others, until students finally spoke up and eliminated the practice.

This spring our attention was brought to another challenging aspect of our history. Flyers posted around campus reminded us of something that many of us had either not known or had