

# KEYNOTES

## GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY

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### But I'm popular, why didn't I get invited?

*The truth about Golden Key Invitation*

As we all know, an invitation to Golden Key Honour Society is much like an invitation to the greatest party of the year – everyone wants to be invited!

As much as we would love to accept all who are interested, we are limited by the society's guidelines. All members must satisfy the following requirements: junior standing (60+ units) and a 3.65 GPA.

Many people often overlook the fact that their invitation is *not* based upon the grades and units of the previous Fall 2004 semester. We obtained the list of eligible members from the Registrar Office in December when the grades and units were not yet

calculated. As a result, some of you may have been overlooked



when the office compiled the list. Fortunately, if this situation applies to you or a friend of yours, there is still hope!

by Aditya Adiredja, Public Relations

The first priority on your to-do list is to visit [bearfacts.berkeley.edu](http://bearfacts.berkeley.edu) and print out your unofficial transcript (make sure your name is also printed on it). Then, contact the GK officers by stopping by our table on Sproul during our tabling times, coming to general meetings, or simply emailing us at [goldenkey@berkeley.edu](mailto:goldenkey@berkeley.edu).

Once the necessary information has been verified, we will hand you your coveted invitation. We hope this helps to clarify any confusion out there as to why some got invited and others did not. Best of luck! ■



Mingling at 1st General Meeting of the Spring semester.

### Induction Ceremony...is coming SOON!!

by Jessica Lee, KeyNotes Editor

It's that time of the year again! The grades and units from Fall semester have been calculated, and the GK family prepares to welcome its newest members!

The annual induction ceremony and reception will be held on

Saturday, **February 26th** from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** in the **Lipman** room (Barrows Hall). Please note that this room change has *not* been corrected on the event's printed invitations.

Inductees will learn about the

many opportunities and benefits offered by the society, and will be presented with a certificate of achievement.

2004 Honorary Members, **Prof. Jain** and **Prof. Jacobsen**, will also be recognized. ■

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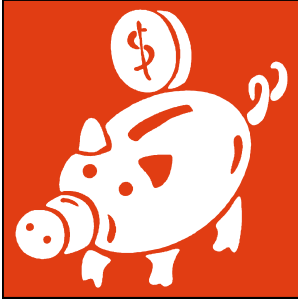
#### The Golden Key Mission:

*To build global communities of academic achievers by providing opportunities for individual growth through...*

- Leadership
- Career Development
- Networking
- Service

## How is the \$65 Membership Fee used?

by Catherine Ho, Treasurer



The first thing to note is that Golden Key International Honour Society is a *non-profit* organization. All the money that goes into the system is used for running GK internationally and locally.

The Berkeley Chapter receives \$16 of each member's \$65 lifetime membership fee. \$2 of the leftover goes specifically to local scholarships. With the \$16 per new member, our local budget funds the cost of attending international and regional GK conferences, putting on our annual

Induction Ceremony, holding social and Honorary Member events, printing our newsletters, and feeding members at meetings. We also reward active members with subsidized honor cords & honor stoles to wear at graduation!

At the international level, GK awards over \$400,000 annually in scholarships. Membership fees are also used to grow corporate and non-profit partnerships (19 to date) which provide member benefits. Headquarters is responsible for printing the international CONCEPTS magazine,

printing and mailing tons of correspondence, subsidizing 13 annual conferences, and paying the operational staff for running headquarters.

Another thing to note is that GK is not sponsored by the ASUC at Cal, and therefore, we are not supported by ASUC funding in any way, shape, or form. The society is pretty much self-sufficient on our membership fees.

So what does this all mean? Come out to GK events! You've paid for them already. ■

Looking at the smiles on members' and officers' faces, Golden Key's **Bowling Social** was a perfect score!



## Let's get Social!

by Andrew Yew, Social Chair

Hey everyone, this is your friendly neighborhood Social Chair speaking! First of all, I'd like to thank all the members this year who have participated in our social events thus far. We started the year off with a bang by giving away free Ben and Jerry's ice-cream at our GK ice-cream social. It was a lot of fun seeing everyone enjoying the ice-cream and mingling with other members and officers.

It was a good omen for the year and I saw a lot of familiar faces show up for our 2nd social of the year, GK Bowling at Albany Bowl (pictures above). Sad to say, your esteemed social chair could only manage a few meager spares, but the free nachos & onion rings provided by GK more than made up for it.

This semester, I'm looking forward to having some

more fun with our members. We've got a GK Movie Night planned where we will all get to enjoy a great movie brought to us by Superb Films in Wheeler Hall. We've also got a GK Picnic/Ultimate Frisbee outdoors day in the works. Please keep coming to GK general meetings so you can find out more about exact times and dates as we finalize our plans. ■

## New Honorary Members and Upcoming Events

by Kelly Fong, Honorary Member Chair

UC Berkeley's Golden Key chapter recently acquired three new Honorary Members: **Dr. Jackie Fulmer** of the Celtic Studies department, **Professor Bob Jacobsen** of the Physics department, and **Dr. Ahamindra Jain** of the Chemistry department.

Golden Key wanted to recognize these outstanding members of the Berkeley faculty by nominating them to become Honorary Members of our chapter.

All three were excited to become Honorary Members, especially Dr. Fulmer, who was a member of Golden Key herself as an undergraduate.


A number of Honorary Member events are planned for this semester, the first of which is a continuation of our Honorary Member Lecture Series with **Professor Alan Dundes** of the Anthropology department. A world-renown folklorist, Professor Dundes will be giving a talk entitled "*Academic Folklore*" on Thursday, **February 24th at 7pm in 123 Wheeler**. Everyone is invited, so bring your roommates, classmates, and friends to hear an extraordinary lecture.

Professor Jacobsen, one of our new Honorary Members, will be the guest of honor at our HM dinner on

Tuesday, **March 8th at 6:30pm**. The restaurant is to be decided. If you are interested in this event, please email Kelly Fong, the HM Chair, at [panny523@berkeley.edu](mailto:panny523@berkeley.edu) to reserve your place, and then attend the general meeting on **February 23rd (187 Dwinelle, 6pm)** to confirm your place. Seating is reserved for Golden Key members only on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Kelly if you have any questions. See you there! ■



HM Chair, Kelly, & Professor Kane at Fall semester HM lecture.

 = denotes Honorary Member activity. Read article above for details!

### FEBRUARY/MARCH 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19

## Community service

by Emily Stumpf, Short-term Community Service Chair

This past October, GK members participated in a nation-wide effort called "Make A Difference Day."

Three million people across the US worked to refurbish schools, nursing homes, help the elderly or homeless. On April 15, 2005, some of the efforts of "Make a Difference Day" will be featured in the USA Weekend magazine.

This semester, GK will be doing another event in collaboration with *Rebuilding Together*, a local organization that helps to provide housing to those in need. Details will follow in a general GK meeting.

Additionally, one of the events that GK helps with annually is Eggster, which is a program that combines a learning festival with an egg hunt. This

year, it will take place on **Saturday, April 9th from 10-3 pm**, near the VLSB lawn. You can visit [www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~eggster/](http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~eggster/) for more info.

We are particularly looking for ideas for our booth that will provide an interactive activity for kids to have fun and learn. Contact me at [EmilyStumpf30@yahoo.com](mailto:EmilyStumpf30@yahoo.com) if you have ideas, or want to join! ■



CS chair Emily and co-president Cindy with food, fun, smiles!!

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**Officer Email:**  
goldenkey@berkeley.edu



**Website with Updated Events:**  
goldenkey.org  
(click "chapters" → "UC Berkeley")



**General Meetings:**  
wednesdays  
(3/9, 3/30, 4/13)  
6-7 pm  
187 Dwinelle

20 points:  
**BRONZE**-standing members will be recognized with a certificate and are "eligible" for scholarships

40 points:  
**SILVER**-standing members will be recognized with an Honor Cord and "recommended" for scholarships.

60+ points:  
**GOLD**-standing members will be recognized with an Honor Stole and "highly recommended" for scholarships.

## The Point System

Event/Project	# of Points
General Meeting	5
Flyering/Tabling	5/hour
Academic/Professional Development	10
Community Service	10
Honorary Member	10
Social	10
KeyNotes Article	10
Concepts Article	15
Committee Involvement	20
Regional/International Conferences	20

## Member Benefits: What's in it for You?

by Jessica Lee, KeyNotes Editor

Congratulations! You're the top 15% of your class. You paid your \$65 membership fee. So, now you can use GK as a resume filler and never see us again?

I should sincerely hope not! Not only is that a waste of money, but you would be missing out on a number of member benefits at the local and national level:

### LOCAL:

- Scholarships:** Our chapter awards \$1000 worth of scholarships every year, eligible to members who, at the least, are at Bronze standing. (see above)
- Honorary Member Activities:** A great way to separate yourself from other students & to network with professors. (see p. 3)

- Social Activities:** (see p. 2)
- Academic Activities**
- Publication Opportunities :** A publication in *Concepts*, GK's international magazine, looks great to grad schools & can be about your academic or personal interests. Deadline: **April 1st.**
- Community Service** (p. 3)

### National:

- Scholarships:** A total of \$100,000 (15 scholarships) available to members of various backgrounds. (see list @ [www.goldenkey.org/GKweb/scholarshipsandawards/](http://www.goldenkey.org/GKweb/scholarshipsandawards/)).
- Vault.com:** Searching for info on companies as you prepare for interviews? You have a free subscription to this career library until 6

months after graduation!

- Corporate Sponsors:** Companies like Bank of America, Merck, and Boeing to name a few are already familiar with the caliber of GK members which may help in securing a job after graduation.
- Discounts:** Taking MCAT classes soon? \$100 off Princeton Review, & more!
- International Networking:** Established relations for study-abroad students with our sister chapters in Australia and beyond.

Whew! And the best part is that these are just a few of the benefits available to you. To get the most of your membership, attend general meetings and be active! ■