



# KeyNotes

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## PRESIDENTS' WELCOME

by **Monica Chen, Co-President**



Hello fellow GKers! Anne and I would like to welcome you to another exciting and eventful semester. With a variety of community service activities, socials, honorary member lectures, and academic and professional development workshops, our officers have been work-

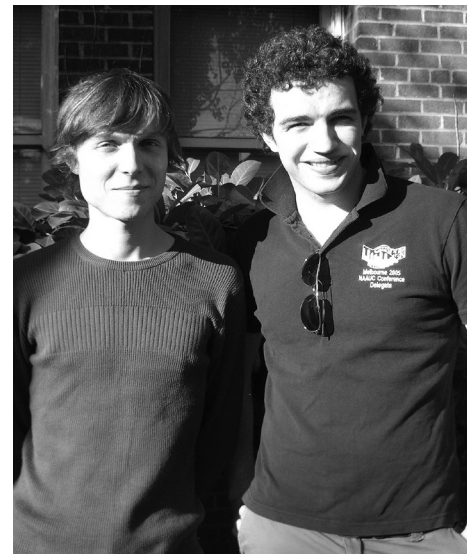
ing hard to provide a wide range of events that will serve the needs of each member. To kick off this semester, we are holding a "Cookie Bar" at our first general meeting and a hike to the Big C on Saturday, January 27th. Attendance at socials and other GK meetings and events will allow you to accumulate points! These points can be used to earn cords and stoles for graduation and are also important in determining those lucky members who receive the chapter scholarships. Last year, our chapter gave

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## A Different Perspective

by **Anne Bozack, Co-President**

This semester, the UC Berkeley Golden Key chapter will truly be an International Honour Society. After more than a year of planning, we are happy to welcome two Ambassador Members from our sister chapter at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. The Ambassadors, Luke Callaway and Maxim Stykow, were the lucky recipients of a scholarship from their chapter to help cover the expenses of studying abroad at UC Berkeley. In return they will work with the UC Berkeley and Monash chapters to increase communication and cultural awareness among members and officers.



*Maxim Stykow (left) and Luke Callaway (right) from Monash University in Melbourne, Australia*

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### Keep in Touch and Stay Informed!

International Website:  
[goldenkey.org](http://goldenkey.org)

Chapter Website:  
[www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~goldkey](http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~goldkey)

Email the Officers:  
[goldenkey@berkeley.edu](mailto:goldenkey@berkeley.edu)



*GKers overlook Memorial Stadium during last fall's Hike to the Big C*

>> *President: from front*

out six \$100 dollar scholarships to some of its most active members! We will also be holding our annual Induction Ceremony in early April. This will be a great chance for you all to meet the new group of Berkeley Golden Key members and earn additional points through committee involvement. Please read through this issue of Key-Notes to find out more information on upcoming events and how you can get more involved in our chapter. We hope you all have a wonderful semester, and we look forward to seeing you at future events!

## **GOLDEN KEY BOOK DRIVE**

### **What?**

College-level textbooks, prep books, fiction and nonfiction novels

### **Where?**

Book collection boxes are located in the Student Learning Center (in César Chávez) and at GK general meetings

### **When?**

All semester-long!

### **Why?**

To earn GK points (5 points per textbook/prepbook, 3 points per novel, with a limit of 15 points per person) and to feel warm and fuzzy inside!

## ***Take a Look, It's in a Book...***

by **Susana Wu**, *Co-Community Service Chair*

As college students, we may take for granted our relatively easy access to books. We are fortunate to have ample resources to sustain our education. However, 30% of rural children in developing countries are not even enrolled in school. In response, the UC Berkeley chapter of Golden Key is working with Better World Books, a literacy program that supports children in third world countries, to provide libraries, computer labs, books and scholarships to impoverished children around the world so that they too can be educated.

Better World Books started collecting books for charity in 2001 when two University of Notre Dame graduates decided to sell their used textbooks online. It began as simple housecleaning, but the two founders soon realized the potential for a successful charitable enterprise. Since then, Better World Books has raised over half a million dollar in profits, all of which have gone directly to their non-profit

literacy partners—Room to Read, Books for Africa, National Center for Family Literacy and World Education & Development Fund.

Starting this January, Golden Key is holding a semester-long book drive to contribute to efforts of promoting global literacy. Every book you donate is sold online, with the profits going directly to Room to Read, a Better World Books literacy partner that focuses on South Asia, including countries like Cambodia, Nepal, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka.

So skip the Bookswap this semester and donate your college-level books (textbooks, test prepbooks, fiction, non-fiction, etc.) to collection boxes at the Student Learning Center and at the Golden Key general meetings. Each textbook or prep book you donate will earn you 5 GK points and each fiction or non-fiction novel is worth 3 GK points. But for the children who will benefit from your contribution, your books will be worth a whole lot more.

# GETTING AHEAD OF THE GAME

by Radhika Reddy, AP Chair

Summer's coming up and you want to land a fabulous internship, but where do you start? You surf the net and sift through the endless piles of applications before you, but have no idea how to go about filling out these applications and coming to a decision. Luckily for you, this article is going to help you find answers to those some of those questions circling around in your head.

First of all, what exactly is an internship and what purpose does it serve? An internship provides valuable experience and exposure to the professional world. This amazing opportunity is also great for enhancing your resume. How you prep for an internship depends on what field you are looking to get experience in, and the Career Center has a great internship website at <http://career.berkeley.edu/Internships/Internships.stm> that break down the specifics based on the field. It also provides useful information on how to search for internships, prepare your applications and get academic credit so make sure to check it out!

In addition, don't forget to mark your calendars for February 21st and 22nd, as Golden Key is proudly co-sponsoring the Internship/Summer Job Fair with the Career Center. This really is a great opportunity to personally meet employers and impress them with your talent, personality, and charm!

Here are some other internship websites to check out!

>><http://berkeley-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

>><http://www.rsinternships.com/>

>><http://www.internshipprograms.com/>

## *A New Year's Resolution: Be Active!*

by Hui-Wen Shih, PR Chair

So you paid your membership dues – now it's time to get involved! Become an active member by coming to general meetings and attending our events throughout the semester. Active members are recommended by the honor society for chapter and national scholarships. In addition, active members receive recognition upon graduation. If you picked this up at a general meeting, you have already earned points!

Want to earn more? This semester, we are looking forward to academic and professional development workshops from Kaplan and Princeton Review, honorary member lectures, socials, and a Better World Books bookdrive. For more points, become more involved by joining committees for public relations, fundraising, or planning the new member induction ceremony!

> **Bronze:** 40 pts, "eligible" for scholarships, awarded a certificate upon graduation

> **Silver:** 80 pts and attended at least two different events, "recommended" for scholarship, awarded a honor cord upon graduation

> **Gold:** 120 pts and attended at least three different events, "highly recommended for scholarship, awarded honor stole upon graduation

Points build up over the entire '06-'07 school year, so get started!

**General Meeting** 5 pts

**Flyering or Tabling** 5 pts/hr

**Academic/Professional** 10 pts

**Community Service** 10 pts

**HM Lecture or Dinner** 10 pts

**Social** 10 pts

**Keynotes Article** 10 pts

**Sophomore Recognition** 10 pts

**Induction** 10 pts

**Short-Term Committee** 10 pts

**Long-Term Committee** 20 pts

## Honoring Our Honorary Members

by Leslie Sheu, HM Chair

Honorary Members, who are comprised of faculty and community leaders nominated and selected each year by Golden Key members, are an integral part of Golden Key at UC Berkeley. With up to three new Honorary Members inducted each year, UC Berkeley now has 44 Honorary Members who are dedicated to our success as undergraduates and beyond. This semester, it will be

our turn to nominate three influential leaders on campus to join our organization. Have you had a professor so passionate in their field that you grew to love it too? Have you interacted with a staff member who has mentored you and guided you in the direction you are heading now? These are the individuals we want to have as a part of Golden Key.

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