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PRESIDENTS' UPDATE

by **Anne Bozack**, *Co-President*

As the end of another semester nears, I look back and realize this was not just another semester for Golden Key. Thanks to you, our members, this was a semester filled with new friends, exciting events and opportunities to grow as an individual and chapter!

The last few months of Golden Key activities have included community service like the volunteering with Save the Bay and Eggster, socials like a hike to the Big C and a tour of the Scharffen Berger Chocolate Factory, academic development workshops like



MCAT prep and Honorary Member events like an insightful lecture by Professor Hinshaw of the Psychology Department. But, we still has many opportunities for new and continuing members before this semester ends!

Next week we will host an Honorary Member lecture with Professor Presti, a specialist in neurobiology, on Wednesday, April 18 at 7 pm in 182 Dwinelle. On Thursday, April 19 at 6 pm we will

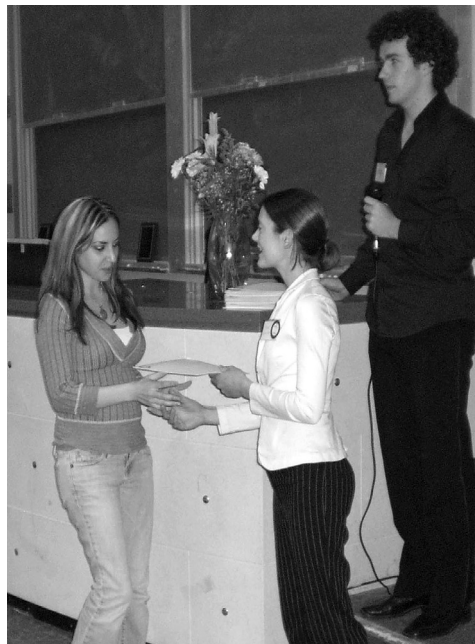
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goldenkey.org

Chapter Website:
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A new Golden Key member receives her certificate from Co-President Anne Bozack during the Induction Ceremony

The New Class of Golden Key

by **Monica Chen**, *Co-President*

Last Saturday, the UC Berkeley chapter of Golden Key International Honour Society had the privilege of hosting our annual Induction Ceremony to honor the top students of this institution for their superb academic achievements and intellectual prowess. From EECS to Rhetoric majors, the new class of Golden Key members was uniquely diverse while each had individually achieved junior standing and at least a 3.65 GPA. A keynote address by Professor Caroline Kane reminded the inductees of what "honor" truly means and the importance of embodying it on the campus and in their future. She encouraged the audience to become the makers of positive change, not only through their scholastic achievement, but through excellence as

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POINT COUNT

As a Golden Key member, you are eligible for member discounts and all Golden Key events. Want more? By getting involved and earning points towards active membership, you can gain even more benefits!

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!

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

Honorary Member Spotlight: Professor Leon Litwack

by **Leslie Sheu**, *HM Chair*

Professor Leon Litwack, a Pulitzer Prize winner for authoring *Been in the Storm So Long: The Aftermath of Slavery*, joined the history department at UC Berkeley in 1964 and was inducted as an Honorary Member of Golden Key in 1993. He has taught History 7B (From the Civil War to Present) since his first year as a faculty member and co-established History 125 (History of African Americans and Race Relations) in 1968. Professor Litwack is also this year’s Golden Apple award for Outstanding Teaching recipient. As the honorary member chair this year, I had the privilege of interviewing Professor Litwack to gain some insight into his years at Cal.

Q: What inspired you to become a history professor in the first place?

A: I was born in Santa Barbara, my parents are immigrants from Eastern Europe. We lived in a working class section of Santa Barbara that was mostly Mexican. I was inter-

ested in hearing the stories of my parents coming here, and I was interested in hearing the stories of my neighbors coming to this country. I thought these were fascinating stories.

I did a lot of reading and I had read up on slavery and Reconstruction. In 11th grade I asked my teacher to let me refute the claims about slavery in our textbook. I wrote and gave my talk and she looked at it. She said “Leon is bitterly pro-labor.” I figured out later on that she thought my views on slavery and reconstruction didn’t represent the mainstream of thinking. I was challenging the conventional wisdom.

Q: What has been your most memorable experience at Cal?

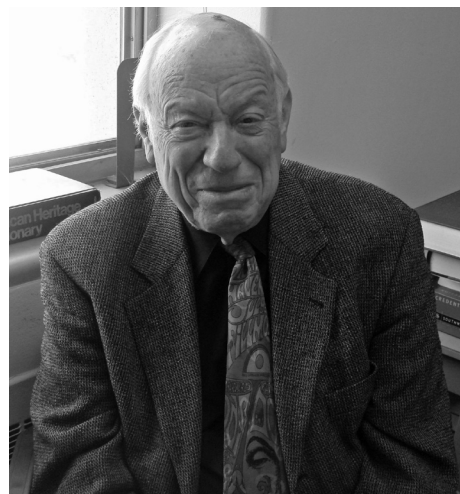
A: Every time I give a lecture. I’ve had thousands, hundreds at least of memorable times. The lecture I just got out of was 700-800 students. It’s always a challenge. I always feel very good after such lectures, especially if I thought the lecture was worded well.

I had a lot of experiences as an un-

>> **President:** *from front*

offer a personal statement workshop to help you prepare for that dreaded section of your professional school applications. In addition, we will be continuing our Better World Book Drive, collecting used textbooks, prep books, and novels to help fund educational programs in Southeast Asia.

Also, we encourage you to apply for one of our 6 \$100 chapter scholarships or an officer position. You can access both applications in the “Downloads” section of our website at <http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~goldkey>. For more information, speak to our 2007-2008 Co-Presidents, Leslie Sheu and Cindy Chow. Remember, it is never too late for continuing members or too early for new members to take advantage of the many benefits and opportunities of membership!



dergraduate here. I loved the time I spent in San Francisco at the jazz clubs; there was always good jazz available, good blues available. I would add to that the rock concerts I used to see in the ‘60s. The Free Speech Movement was an exhilarating time.

Q: What is the one thing you will miss the most after retirement?

A: I’ll miss the students. They’re the ones that keep me on my toes and make teaching exciting and rewarding. Some of my old students even write to me ten, twenty years later. Every letter is reassuring; it’s a con-

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firmation that what I'm doing has some impact on people. That's always good to know. And I'll miss this view from right here from my office.

Q: *If there were one word of advice you could leave with this generation of Cal students, what would it be?*

A: Kick ass! I'm disappointed they feel so unable to affect change, they undersell themselves in that respect.

There's a great slogan that came out of the '60s "If you don't like the news, make some of your own." And I always say at the end of my lectures, "Don't believe the hype, and fight the power" (from Public Enemy).

Professor Litwack will be giving a Golden Apple lecture on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30pm in Wheeler Auditorium. We encourage Golden Key members to attend!

GOLDEN KEY SAVES THE BAY

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

Located near the Oakland Airport, MLK Shoreline Park is one of the last remaining wetlands in the East Bay. Over time, the native plants of the 50 acre marsh have attenuated due to invading species, and continued proliferation of these invaders can greatly impact the surrounding ecosystem. Without intervention, indigenous plants and the local animals that feed off them may become endangered

In response, Save the Bay (an organization dedicated to protecting natural habitats around the SF Bay) initiated the wetland restoration project at MLK Shoreline in 2000. On March 10th, Berkeley Golden Key members, local UCLA alumni and various community members feigned gardening expertise as they toiled under the sun to help the cause.

For three intense hours, volunteers removed weeds and planted three dif-



ferent native species at specifically designated patches of land along the wetland habitat marked by blue, red and orange flags. Progress was evident, as the appearance of the site transformed from dry and weed-laden to green and lush with itsy eager-to-grow leaves projecting out of the ground. By the day's end, volunteers had planted over 500 plants, a number well beyond what was initially predicted for the day! This tremendous accomplishment by volunteers accordingly earned a green thumb's up from Save the Bay coordinators.



Golden Key members at MLK Shoreline Park during the Save the Bay event

Upcoming Events

General Meeting

April 11, 2007

6:00 pm in 247 Dwinelle

"Thoughts on Mind and Connection to the Brain"

HM Lecture by Professor Presti

April 18, 2007

7:00 pm 182 Dwinelle

Officer and Scholarship Applications due

Personal Statement Workshop

April 19, 2007

6:00 pm in room TBA

Last General Meeting

April 25, 2007

6:00 pm in 247 Dwinelle

HM Luncheon with Professor Litwack

April 26, 2007

12:30 pm, location TBA

Please email Leslie Sheu at lsheu@berkeley.edu to reserve your spot



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!

>> *Induction: from front*

well. An engaged audience listened on as they learned that being a Golden Key member goes beyond having a good GPA. Additionally, three new Honorary Members were inducted into our Golden Key chapter. Honorary Members are exceptional individuals of the UCB faculty who exemplify the highest level of excellence in teaching. The chapter is proud to announce our newest Honorary Members: Professor Jonathan Ellman, Professor

Matt Francis, and Vice Provost Christina Maslach! Professor Ellman and Professor Francis are both from the Department of Chemistry and Professor Maslach is from the Department of Psychology. Congratulations again to all the new members and remember to take advantage of the limitless opportunities this organization has to offer! Remember, GK membership offers you an endless array of benefits, so make the most of it today!



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Professor
Matt Francis
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GOLDEN KEY WORDSEARCH

QUESTIONS:

- _____ and _____ will be your Co-Presidents for next year (first names only)
- Name of Golden Key's College Career Bible
- On April 19 we will be having our _____ Statement Workshop, to be presented by the Career Center
- Golden Key has partnerships with test prep companies such as _____, that enable members to get discounts for its courses. (Hint: two words, first one starts with a P!)
- Our sister chapter is located in this continent
- Next year's (2008) international conference will be held in _____ (city name)
- A benefit of joining Golden Key is that there have been more than four _____ dollars in scholarships awarded to date
- _____ De Guia is the name of our chapter's Primary Advisor

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Submit your completed wordsearch to Keynotes Editor Linda Zhu by the next General Meeting to win a GK prize!