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Presidents' Update

By **Leslie Sheu and Cindy Chow**
Co-Presidents

With Thanksgiving only two weeks away, we're all starting to feel December (and finals) fast approaching. We, along with the rest of the Golden Key team, hope that you've had a successful semester filled with memorable Golden Key events!

The UC Berkeley Chapter of Golden Key has had its share of fun and progress since the start of the semester. We have demonstrated our passion to reach out to the student body and larger community by kicking off our New Student Mentorship Program, participating in the Memory Walk and

volunteering for the Jack O'Lantern Jamboree on Make a Difference Day.

We also got to know one another better through our Spice of Life social, working at the Graduate School Fair, fundraising at the SF Triathlon, recognizing sophomores at our annual Sophomore Recognition ceremony and listening to Professor Muir's honorary member lecture on "The Legacy of George Bush." None of these events would have been successful without your participation, so thank you! As the semester comes to a close, we have just a few more events to share with you, starting with an Alum

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Making a Difference, One Country at a Time

By **Sonia Fleury**
Literacy Development Chair

As you are all by now well aware, Golden Key has chosen to focus its efforts this year on improving literacy both at home and abroad. According to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, 30 million American adults have Below Basic literacy skills and 11 mil-

lion are illiterate. What can you do to help? Our chapter of Golden Key is in the process of setting up a long-term literacy development project with the Berkeley Public Library, which participates in a statewide initiative in California determined to help adults

who test at an 8th grade or below reading level develop better reading and writing skills. Volunteers will work one-on-one with a student for a minimum of one hour per week for four weeks, using ma-

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ni Career Panel co-sponsored by Golden Key and Phi Sigma Pi National Co-Ed Honor Fraternity on November 14. Following that, we have an honorary member dinner with Professor Cluff of the Haas Business School on November 15 and an honorary member lecture with MCB Professor Presti on November 28. We hope to see you there!

Lastly, we strongly encourage you to consider getting involved as an officer next semester – it's a lot of fun working with a dedicated and motivated group of individuals. For more information, please refer to our forthcoming emails. Best of luck with wrapping up the semester, and have an awesome break!

Golden Key Officer Team Wants You!

By **Cathy Hwang**
Treasurer

Golden Key's officer team is currently recruiting for public relations chair and treasurer for the spring academic semester. Responsibilities of the PR chair include implementing public relations strategies to reach out to the campus community about Golden Key and its mission, conducting public relations committee meetings, reporting chapter events to Golden Key Headquarters via online portal, and

managing point system of fellow member rewards. Responsibilities of treasurer include managing all financial transactions of the chapter, receiving and distributing chapter funds, securing grants from the student government, submitting financial information as indicated in Chapter Standards, and coordinating fundraising activities for the chapter. Any interested members should download the application online at <http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~goldkey/downloads.html>.

Honorary Member Events: Meet More of Golden Key's Distinguished HMs Before the Semester Ends!



Professor Muir speaks about the Legacy of George W. Bush

By **Derrick Knapik**
Honorary Member Chair
Golden Key's first HM event of the semester was

ries to Professor Muir, who revealed at the beginning of the event his vast political career,

a great success, thanks in part to the GK officers, members, and most importantly, Professor William Muir. Professor Muir gave Golden Key members a wonderful lecture concerning the legacy of President George W. Bush. Members were able to direct their political inquiries

along with some notable friends and associates he had made along the way. (Tennis with George Bush anyone?) Members were delighted with the lecture and were given ample time to discourse with Professor Muir following the lecture and the discussion.

All in all, this was a great starting point in what Golden Key hopes to be the first of three successful HM events. The next HM event will a dinner with George Cluff, a Professor of Business Administration at the Haas School of Business. There are seven open spots for this HM

Dinner and members are encouraged to contact me at dkcal5@berkeley.edu regarding a reservation for this event on November 15th. Just a reminder, meals will be paid for by Golden Key, so sign up now!

Also, we will be holding our second HM lecture with Professor David Presti of the MCB Department. Tune in for the topic of "Neurobiology and Consciousness." That lecture will be on November 28th at 7pm in 109 Dwinelle.

We hope to see you at these remaining HM events of the semester!

GK Honors Top-Achieving Students of the Sophomore Class

By **Sonia Lin**

Secretary, Historian, Webmaster

On a breezy November afternoon, a little over a hundred sophomores gathered in 2050 VLSB in recognition of their extraordinary academic achievements.

The annual Sophomore Recognition Ceremony, in which Golden Key International Honour Society recognizes the top 5% of the sophomore class, was nothing short of an enormous success.

Co-presidents Leslie Sheu and Cindy Chow started off the ceremony by welcoming the sophomores, giving them a brief introduction to our organization and congratulating them on their scholastic success.

Distinguished guest speaker, Christina Maslach, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Psychology Professor at Berkeley, then gave an intimate look into her experiences

and journeys that brought her the success she claims today.

Her speech and encouraging advice to choose a career path that reflects one's passions in life resounded strongly within the paneled walls of Chan Shun Auditorium and left an indelible mark within us all.

After each student was recognized individually, refreshments were provided and the sophomores had the opportunity to mingle with each other, the officer team, Professor Maslach, and our chapter adviser, Alex de Guia. We wish these hardworking sophomores the best of luck in pursuing and attaining their dreams. We would also like to extend our gratitude to Professor Maslach for such an inspirational speech, Alex for his encouragement and support, and all the GK members who helped make this event possible.



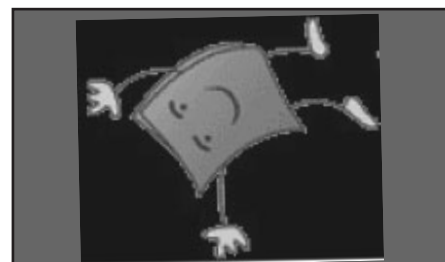
Honorary member chair Derrick Knapik thanks honorary member Professor Christina Maslach for delivering an inspiring Keynote address

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terials provided by the library to work with their pupil to improve literacy.

As a part of Berkeley Reads, the Families for Literacy Program at the Berkeley Public Library aims to help parents improve their own reading and writing skills, while engaging the whole family in a story hour the third Saturday of each month at the West Branch of the library. Families who participate take home free books to begin a collection! News is forthcoming on how to become involved with the program, so stay tuned!

On the international level, the Berkeley chapter of Golden Key voted to donate the literature from this year's book drive to Africa, a continent that is home to three countries with the lowest literacy rates in the world. The organization called Books for Africa, which has collected over 13 million books since 1988, will ship 400 books to the continent for every 100 books Golden Key collects. A bin for your books is located in the atrium of the Student Learning Center. Qualifying books include college textbooks and study guides (copyrighted within the past five years), and generally any math, science, business, literature, engineering, health, psychology, foreign language, history, philosophy, sociology, computer science, and government books. If in doubt, donate your books and they will not go to waste!



Upcoming Events

Get ready for some more awesome GK events as we round out another semester!

GK and PSP Alumni Panel
8pm, Wednesday, Nov. 14th
100 Wheeler

Honorary Member Dinner
Thursday, Nov. 15th
Time and Location TBA

Hike to the Big C
10am, Sunday, Nov. 18th
Meet at International House

Honorary Member Lecture
7pm, Wednesday, Nov. 28th
109 Dwinelle

We look forward to seeing all of you at these amazing events!



Service to Humanity

By Cecilia Tong

Community Service Chair

Thank you for the joining Golden Key and the Alzheimer's Association for Memory Walk 2007 on Saturday, October 6th! The event was a great success! The three-mile long scenic route went around the main part of the island. The leisurely walk allowed us to socialize with other participants (some sharing how they have been affected by Alzheimer's). The festivities included a remembrance ceremony as well as lunch provided by

SF food and beverage vendors. There was live music playing, as we enjoyed a beautiful and sunny day on the Bay (a 360-degree panoramic view of the Bay Area).

24 Golden Key Bears joined nearly 7,000 people at Treasure Island to support and advocate for the cause to end Alzheimer's disease. We're proud to be part of the first Memory Walk in the nation to reach the Million Dollar Milestone (Golden Key contributed over \$500

dollars)! These funds are essential in funding care, research and support for the millions of people affected by the disease. Locally, funds from Memory Walk will be used to provide care and support services to over 70,000 Bay Area families.

Golden Key also volunteered at the San Francisco International



GK members at Memory Walk 2007 on Treasure Island

Triathlon on Saturday, November 10th at the picturesque Treasure Island. GK members helped throughout the race, from the athlete transition area to the finish line. The triathlon fea-

tured Age Group Triathlons, the "Haul To The Wall Championship Race" for the Beijing Olympics, and the Tri-California Elite Series Championship Race. Golden Key also received a donation based on the number of participants.

We would like to thank you all for your dedication to service this semester, and we hope to see you become even more involved with our service projects and events next semester!

Support Golden Key, and Show Off Your GK Pride!



Buy a Golden Key polo shirt today!

\$15.00 Sizes: S, M 100% cotton

Custom embroidering with Golden Key logo and "UC Berkeley"

All proceeds go back to our GK chapter to put on more events for YOU!

Shirts are available at all events. Buy one today!

Mentorship Spotlight

This semester, Golden Key launched its very first New Student Mentorship Program, in which Golden Key members were paired up with incoming freshmen students to help them adjust to life as Berkeley students. Meet our featured mentor-mentee pair -- senior Anthony Bejjani and freshman Darshita Maniar.



My name is Anthony Bejjani, a 4th year at Cal majoring in molecular and cell biology with an emphasis in neurobiology and minoring in nutritional sciences. After three years of experience at Cal, I know that I made the right decision to accept the invitation to attend Cal.

The grueling academic preparation, vibrant and eclectic social atmosphere, and rich culture reinforce the outstanding community present in Berkeley. The challenges presented to myself at Cal have strengthened my poise, preparedness, and diligence. The Berkeley campus creates a welcoming and lively environment which sparked my interest to increase my involvement in the community and campus life. I continue to expand my presence and voice in the organizations I am involved with, such as Theta Chi Fraternity, Order of Omega, and Golden Key Honor Society. Although my classes provide me with a greater sense of responsibility and punctuality, extracurricular campus organizations strengthen my leadership, communication, and social skills, allowing me to hone these skills for greater challenges beyond my undergraduate experience.

Golden Key continues to show its strong campus involvement and leadership, creating a model society for others to aspire to achieve. Specifically, through interaction with my mentee and introspection, Golden Key provides an opportunity for me to reflect on my experiences at Cal and to help guide another fellow student at Cal through his/her journey through college life.

My name is Darshita Maniar, I am a 1st year at Cal and am interested in majoring in Public Health. So far UC Berkeley has been an amazing experience. Growing up in the suburbs of San Diego, I never imagined myself living more than 2 or 3 hours from my family, but when I was accepted to go to UC Berkeley I could not reject such an opportunity. To say that I attend the number one public school in America does not even justify the lifestyle at Berkeley, there is so much culture and spirit throughout the school that is hidden by the academic superiority.

The academics at Cal are challenging and demanding but with the college town lifestyle, an even balance is offered. Walking through Sather Gate into Sproul Plaza at noon is an experience in itself. The active participation of clubs and organizations at lunch time gives each student at Cal an opportunity to join something they are interested in. I personally have found my niche at Berkeley in the Indian dance team. I joined the competitive Cal Raas team.

Growing up as a dancer I have always wanted to keep my culture and dance throughout college. The team tests my balancing skills of academics and time management.

To help me ensure my success at Berkeley, I have been participating in the Golden Key Mentorship Program and have been able to have guidance from a mentor. The program has been a wonderful experience and has helped me stay on track and make sure I take advantage of all the great opportunities here at Berkeley.

