Sophomores Stand Recognized

On October 24th, more than 400 sophomores were invited to a special reception in their honor. Sophomores within the Top 5% of their class received invitations mailed to their permanent and/or local addresses, as listed on BearFacts.

Sophomore Recognition is an invitation-only event hosted every fall. Its purpose is to recognize sophomores standing students who have demonstrated a level of academic excellence — a top 5% level to be exact.

By introducing Golden Key to younger students, GK hopes to encourage sophomores to continue their great performances and to look forward to an invitation to the society once they reach junior standing.

The KeyNote speaker was Professor George Cluff from the Haas Business School. Cluff is a strong supporter of GK and during his speech, he focused on the Berkeley Chapter’s efforts to provide students with opportunities for growth in career development. Speaking from experience, Cluff assured students that GK membership is worthwhile and beneficial to a résumé, assuming that members stay active and involved. Professor Cluff has seen a large number of GK members accepted into the competitive Haas Business School.

The program concluded with each sophomore standing after their name was called.

GK was honored to have a room filled with out-STANDING future members!

Fall 2004 “KEY Member” Award

Introducing GK’s Fall 2004 recipient of the “KEY Member” Award...ERICA SAEPHAN!

This 4th year American Studies major is being recognized as the highest point earner of any GK member for Fall 2004. And can you believe this is Erica’s first semester in GK?

Her motivation to be an active member is related to her initial decision to join GK. When Erica received her invitation, she contemplated if she would have time for an honor society in addition to her other responsibilities as CalSO coordinator of Transfer Students and committee member of the Incentive Awards Program. Erica did not want to join GK unless she could be an active member.

So far, Erica has enjoyed many events, although she wishes there were more active members to work with. The good news is there is still time to meet this friendly & motivated member before she studies abroad in Thailand in Fall 2005. Erica aspires to be a school principal & is a great bowler.

Thank you Erica for being so “KEY” to Golden Key Honour Society! □
Co-Sponsored Graduate School Fair

As we progress further into the school year, future-focused Cal students make their rounds to career & graduate school fairs.

On October 13th-14th, GK co-sponsored the graduate school fair with the Career Center held in the MLK Student Union-Pauley Ballroom from 11am-3pm. Many GK members took advantage of the opportunity to network with recruiters from different grad schools while volunteering at the fair. GK had the honor to meet recruiters beforehand by helping to set up as well as scanning student ID cards and making sure that the recruiters were taken care of. This co-sponsored grad school fair is just one of the many academic and professional development opportunities organized with GK members in mind.

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Tutors/mentors are NEEDED at the Downtown Berkeley YMCA for the Y-Scholars Program. This program serves 150 underrepresented Berkeley High School students of all grades, typically low income, first-generation college-bound students.

Tutors/mentors are needed any time Monday-Thursday from 3:15pm-4:15pm at Berkeley High School.

Each high school student in this program attends a mandatory weekly Academic Support Group, in which students receive information on how to get into college. The Academic Support Groups are facilitated by Cal students & Americorp members, who work closely with each student, monitoring students’ grades, communicating with parents, and contacting mentors.

In particular, the program is severely lacking Math and Science tutors — two areas that high school students often struggle with.

Any Golden Key members who wish to tutor/mentor for the Y-Scholars program should contact the Teen Mentor Coordinator, Micha Patri @ (510) 665-3272 or mpatri@baymca.org. ■

Bowling Social

What are YOU doing at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday 11/18? Definitely not studying ... right?

Berkeley students are deserving of healthy study breaks. So what better way to relax than to roll yourself out to Golden Key’s Bowling Social!

Rides will be provided to Albany Bowl. Drivers are wanted and may be treated to drinks and fries. Cars and drivers will meet at Underhill Parking Lot between Units 1 and 2 at 9:00 pm.

And the BEST part is that this fun-filled night of 2 bowling games and the excitement of wearing rented bowling shoes will only cost $2 for members!

Sign-ups are taken at the GK general meeting, but email Andrew at ayew2000@berkeley.edu if you would still like to join the fun! ■
An Honorary Member Update

This semester has flown by, but not without a few Honorary Member events to give you a well-deserved break from schoolwork!

Our first HM dinner in October with Associate Vice Chancellor Richard Black was a blast. Members and officers bonded with one another and with Vice Chancellor Black over Thai food, discussing a plethora of topics ranging from our favorite song lyrics and plans for life after Berkeley, to more controversial issues like undergraduate admissions, which is the department Vice Chancellor Black oversees.

Our second HM event kicked off our 2004-2005 Honorary Member Lecture Series with "A Universe of Universes? Reflections on Life, Theology, and the Cosmos," a wonderful thought-provoking lecture by Professor Alex Filippenko of the Astronomy department. Over 60 people piled into a classroom in Evans on a cool night during midterm season. The event was a success, as everyone returned home pondering the possibility of multiple universes.

The last HM event of the semester will be a continuation of our HM Lecture Series with Professor Caroline Kane of the MCB department (Biochemistry). Her talk, titled "Active in Science and Society: A Natural Match" will reflect on her experiences working as both a scientist and social activist. Her career path combines two different interests that most people do not ordinarily think come hand in hand. Professor Kane will be speaking on Wednesday, December 1st at 7:00pm in 200 Wheeler.

Are you wondering how professors become Honorary Members? How can your favorite professor join this group of awesome individuals? Keep a lookout for details regarding GK’s annual Honorary Member nominations.

As members, YOU will decide who to nominate. We will then vote on our nominated candidates during the last general meeting of the semester on Wednesday, December 8th at 6:00pm in 223 Dwinelle.

Come nominate and vote in your favorite faculty or staff member this fall. Perhaps, you will be dining with them at a HM Dinner some time next spring!

Questions about HM nominations or anything else? Contact HM Chair Kelly Fong at panny523@berkeley.edu.

A Members’ Benefits Update

Academic recognition, scholarships, and access to internships & full-time positions from corporate sponsors are all benefits of being a GK member. But did you know that it pays to be a part of GK? Here is a list of exclusive discounts available to GK members only:

* Auto Insurance — GEICO
  Insure your automobile & save up to an additional 8%.

* Books-A-Million
  Save an extra 10% on all books, textbooks, & products.

* GK MasterCard Credit Card from MBNA America Bank
  No annual fee and one of the most competitive interest rates available. Show your pride and support the GK Scholarship Program.

* Grad School Prep Courses — The Princeton Review
  Save $75 on any GMAT, GRE, LSAT or MCAT prep course.

* Hotel & Travel — Hotels.com
  Save up to 75% off regular hotel rates in some of the world’s most expensive cities.
  (Think: Winter Break excursion!)

* Newspaper Subscription — The New York Times
  Up to 50% discount.

Visit goldenkey.org for more details about member-only discounts and benefits!
Recipe to Active Membership

It’s sweet, it’s filling, and it’s good for you!

Take one part service, one part academics, blend well with new friends and you have yourself an active Golden Key Member!

To encourage active membership, GK has implemented the Point System. Members can earn points as they get involved with GK events and projects. Based on the amount of points earned by the end of the semester, members will be recognized as bronze, silver, or gold standing members and be awarded accordingly. Only active members (at least bronze standing) will be considered eligible to receive local scholarships given by the Berkeley Chapter.

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.

To determine your accumulated point totals, email Public Relations Officer Aditya at aditya@berkeley.edu.

The Point System

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