UVM Golden Key Members Heat Up the Kitchen

On Saturday, February 8th, University of Vermont’s Golden Key International Honour Society members volunteered their time and culinary skills to prepare and serve a meal for the Burlington Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS).

COTS is an organization committed to providing shelter and services for homeless Vermonters. Member and Community Service Director Amanda Lawrence planned this event in conjunction with this year’s service theme of helping the homeless, and she spent the day with fellow Golden Key members cooking at the COTS Day-Station on King Street.

“The event was a big success and everyone seemed pleased with the meal,” said Trisha Flanders, Golden Key Co-Advisor and a participant in the event.

The activity was done in partnership with America’s Promise, an organization founded by General Colin Powell that is designed to provide young people with opportunities to give back to the community.

Golden Key Officer and COTS Day volunteer Bernard Baah was extremely pleased with the experience. “I think this was a great event and the mere feeling of being there to help made me feel like I was part of a community that cared a lot for everybody’s well-being.”

2003 Regional Conference Offers an Exciting Weekend in the Big Apple

The 2003 Northeaster Regional Conference titled “Key to the City,” was held March 27-30, 2003 at Queens College in Queens, New York. This year’s conference was the first to combine both the Eastern and Northeastern Regions.

The weekend included a number of events designed to understand the roles of being an officer and a leader, to learn more about Golden Key as a society, and to network with members of different chapters.

The advisors also met to discuss ways of improving the (cont. pg 2)
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Describing the presentation Carrie Honeman said, “The workshop is designed to help Golden Key VPs better define their role in the Chapter, sharpen leadership skills, and develop a more effective means of communication within the Chapter.”

After a day filled with informative workshops, conference attendants relaxed during a night out on the water with a New York City Harbor Cruise.

Check back in the next issue for details and highlights from the 2003 Golden Key International Conference, which will be held in Chicago, Illinois July 31, 2003 to August 3, 2003.

Featured Member Travels from Africa to Attend UVM

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Each issue of the newsletter will be featuring a different member. In this section, we hope to give readers an up-close look at who actually represents Golden Key here at The University of Vermont. This issue features Bernard Baah.

Bernard is currently a junior majoring in Civil Engineering and is the Co-Vice President of the UVM Chapter. Interestingly, Bernard is from Ghana, making our chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society truly international.

Bernard left Ghana in the fall of 2000 in order to attend school here. Talking about his reasons for coming to UVM Bernard said, “I knew I wanted to come to school in the States, and I knew I wanted to be in a place where the people were warm and welcoming.”

Aside from being a GK Vice President, Bernard has participated in other community service activities including an Alternative Spring Break to Boston where he worked at two different homeless shelters.

When asked what a Civil Engineering student does for fun, Bernard says he enjoys going to the movies, watching a game on TV, playing soccer, and so forth.

What does the future hold for Bernard Baah? When asked, Bernard responded, “I have considered at different times during the past year the possibility of going to Med School, or studying Economics or Philosophy in Graduate School. I’m not sure yet which path I am going to take, but one thing I know is that when I finally decide, it will be something that I believe I will enjoy studying or doing for the rest of my life.”
Provo St Bramley Made Honorary Member

Last month I had the opportunity to sit down with Provost John Bramley to talk about his induction as an honorary member to the Golden Key International Honour Society.

Bramley came to UVM as interim provost almost two years ago and was made permanent provost of the University last October. When asked about his role as a provost, Bramley said, “the role of the provost is to ensure that we create a strong academic environment for our students and faculty.”

Provost Bramley was inducted into Golden Key in the Fall of 2001. Bramley discussed his honorary membership as something that he is very proud of. “I believe honor societies really benefit the institution as a whole. If students are demanding and seeking excellence, willing to go that extra mile to achieve it, they actually raise the experience of everyone at the university.”

As a society that encourages not only academic excellence, but also challenges students to take on positions of leadership, I asked Provost Bramley to comment on what makes a good leader.

“I think there is one thing that all leaders who want to have a lasting impact have to have, and this is integrity and honesty. If you’ve got that then you get trust and honesty given back to you and from there you can start to go forward.”

As a leader in the administrative sector of UVM, Provost Bramley exudes the qualities and lasting values that provide the groundwork for Golden Key International Honour Society. Congratulations also to Provost Bramley’s daughter, Anna, who is also a member of Golden Key and will be graduating this May.

Editor’s Note: I’d like to thank Provost Bramley for taking the time to sit down for a conversation.

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Carrie Honeman Receives Award at 2003 Conference

At the 2003 Regional Conference held this past March in Queens, New York, Carrie Honeman was awarded the position of the Northeastern Regional Academic Coordinator as well as the Northeastern Region Advisor of the Year!

We would like to extend our congratulations to Carrie on her award and new position and wish her the best of luck.

As Regional Academic Coordinator Carrie will be serving as a liaison to other chapters in the NE region and will work more closely with International Headquarters.

Check back next issue for more details on Carrie’s progress as new Regional Academic Coordinator.
Congratulations to the Class of 2003

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Graduation Flower Sale
On Sunday, May 18th, UVM Golden Key Students will be selling roses at the Spring 2003 Commencement as part of our annual fundraiser. The sale will take place at 9:00 a.m. at Centennial Field, weather permitting. Rain site is Patrick Gym.

Students who are interested in helping with the graduation flower sale, please contact Carrie Honeman at 656-8461.

Congratulations to all those who are graduating.

Upcoming Events
- The University of Vermont’s GK Chapter celebrates it’s 10th Birthday! Celebration this Fall. TBA.
- Sophomore Recognition TBA.
- Membership Drive October 13-14.
- Induction Ceremony TBA.

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