

One Scary Sophomore Recognition

You're walking through the third floor of the Kent State Student Center. You hear some talking and laughing coming from one end of the hall, and the rather distant smell of pizza has you intrigued. (You're a college student, what else would get your attention?) So, maybe you decide to skip that all important seminar on Intelligent Design or Geological Forces of Tajikistan you were going to go to, and head over to see what the people in room 318 are doing, and to see if there's any pizza left. SURPRISE! It's Sophomore Recognition! And yes, there's pizza.

So, since you're in there trying to pretend like you were originally supposed to be there, why don't we fill you in on what is going on. Sophomore Recognition is an annual event held by Golden Key chapters across the nation and around the world. This year, it was held by Kent's chapter on October 29, 2002. Sophomore recognition is an important feature of Golden Key. As members can only join as Juniors or Seniors, this program helps introduce Sophomores to our organization who are likely to be eligible to join in the following year. Traditionally, Sophomore Recognition introduces these Sophomores to some (if not all) of the Golden Key executive board members, who say a little about their position, why they joined Golden Key, encourage the prospective members to keep their grades up and to join a little over a year from now.

While this year's Sophomore Recognition, organized by Jen Sweeny and Erica Carpenter, however, was somewhat un-traditional in a variety of ways. While most of the time Sophomore Recognition is a more casual interpretation of the Induction held in



March every year, Jen and Erica were inspired by the upcoming holiday, and chose to go with a Halloween themed event. Decorations on the wall from the Fall Harvest Festival not only helped create atmosphere, but also served as an example of some of the community service projects that Golden Key has done thus far in the semester. Cauldrons on each table with candy, and masks helped complete the trick-or-treat atmosphere. Pizza, cake, chips, and punch were provided for those who were hungry, or simply wanted a bite to eat. While Jen and

Erica did most of the talking, each of the 10 executive board members present talk had the opportunity to speak about their role in Golden Key. Other e-board members arrived late due to prior commitments, but were none the less able to mingle with prospective members and talk on a more 1-to-1 level with them towards the end of the ceremony.

"Everyone received a certificate of congratulations along with a mask and info packets about our organization. At the end of our presentation we gave out a crossword puzzle for each table to fill out. The table who completed it first got a small prize (Kent State pens and pencils)," said Jen Sweeny. "Erica and I are happy with the results of the program. I think some of them will join us their junior year."

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