

**2005-2006 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRIZES, U.C.BERKELEY**

The members of the Committee on Prizes in 2005-06 were

Bjorn Poonen (Math), Chair
John Ellwood (Public Policy)
Rosemary Gillespie (ESPM)
B. Lynn Ingram (Geog)
Jerome Karabel (Socio) (Spring 2006 only)
Jennifer Miller (Engl)
David Sedlak (CEE)
Student members:
Sharon Kao
Christina Brittain
Ex Officio: Alice Agogino (ME), Division Chair [non-voting]

All (except Prof. Agogino) participated actively in the work of the committee. The past academic year, the Committee on Prizes handled the following:

- 1) The regular duties of choosing the topic for the Fabilli-Hoffer Essay Contest and selecting the University Medalist. For the University Medal, committee members individually read and rated all 31 applications from the eligible students who applied (several hundred pages of material), and then met for an hour and a half to discuss these and select six finalists; subsequently the six finalists were interviewed individually by the committee for 30 minutes each, and another committee discussion led to the selection of the medalist. We selected Lane Rettig, a Computer Science and Japanese major.
- 2) An increase in the prize amount in a case where the prize account had grown to the point where it needed to be spent down: the Owen Young Prize in International Relations.
- 3) Division of the Joan Lee Yang contest into separate prizes for graduates and undergraduates, following a recommendation of Professor Lyn Hejinian.
- 4) Responses to various isolated queries about prize eligibility.

Bjorn Poonen
(chair, Committee on Prizes)