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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the Crimson Key Society,

This spring has brought even more excitement and growth since the last time we wrote to you. As the weather has grown warmer, tourists have been flocking to Harvard in greater numbers than ever. We've also been busy with Junior Parents Weekend, Pre-Frosh Weekend, and TEACH, our community outreach initiative designed to educate local middle schoolers about College life and the admissions process. We have begun intense planning for the upcoming Freshman Orientation Week, and in the upcoming month, we look forward to serving as ushers during Commencement ceremonies as we say goodbye to Crimson Key members from the Class of 2007. We will surely miss our newest alumni, but are very excited to welcome thirty-five new members to the organization!

This May marked the First Annual Crimson Film Festival sponsored by CKS in conjunction with the Office of the Arts as a part of ARTS First weekend.

Another exciting project this spring has been the development of our new website that will launch this summer. We have worked closely with web designers to create a new image, logo, and site for the organization. Our goal is to better advertise and promote our services for the University and also keep alumni and friends better in touch with the organization.

Thanks to all of the alumni who wrote to us after our fall edition of the newsletter. We loved reading your stories and memories of Crimson Key, and would love to learn more. Please do write us with more of your experiences in the Key or what you are up to now! We would be happy to share your current activities on our website or in upcoming newsletters.

Most importantly, mark you calendars for Harvard-Yale Weekend 2008. On April 14, 2008, the Crimson Key Society turns 60 years old and we tentatively plan to celebrate our anniversary at the 2008 Game. Any suggestions for the event are gladly welcomed!

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of Keystone and look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regards,
Matthew Woodward '08

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE: AMY TAO '07



Amy Tao '07 received a Michael C. Rockefeller Memorial Fellowship—one of the most prestigious fellowships offered through the university—to live and study in Cambodia for two years. There are five such fellowships offered each year.

others. (I am fascinated with the Communist regimes that dominated both China and Cambodia and their contrasting effects on the countries' religious makeup.) I also need a break before medical school and I wanted to do something different with my time off. Plus, when else in my life am I going to be looking for adventure like this?

How were you able to obtain such a position?

By being a little crazy. (I received a Michael C. Rockefeller Memorial Fellowship.)

What about this is most exciting?

I'm particularly excited about learning this new culture through its art. I'm also looking forward to learning the language (hopefully). There is a lot I'm worried/anxious about as well.

How has Harvard influenced this decision?

Harvard certainly provided the means.

What are your plans for next year?

To move to Cambodia for a year and immerse myself in the culture through joining a traditional shadow puppetry (sbek thom) troupe. I want to live with the master artists, learn how to create the intricate leather puppets, perform with the troupe, and discover the role that religion and spirituality plays in the lives of these artists. I'm still trying to solidify the details but that's the idealistic plan!

What was your motivation?

Mostly personal exploration. I wanted to explore what religion and spirituality means to

Crimson Key in the Community



Four lucky Keysters, Matt Bresnahan '09, Conrad Scott '08, Aidan Kelly '08, and Emma Lind '09, are seen here at the Key information tent with actor and Harvard graduate John Lithgow '67.

Crimson Key presented the first annual Crimson Film Festival during Harvard's ARTS First Weekend in May, allowing students to showcase their achievements in the cinematic arts. As always, Key was involved in representing the campus by providing information for ARTS First patrons.

ALUMNI FOCUS: ERIN SPRAGUE '05



Crimson Key alumna Erin Sprague is currently In the Running to set a world record as the youngest woman to run a marathon on all seven continents. In conjunction with this effort, In the Running was established in September 2006 to raise funds and awareness for some of the most pressing problems facing the world today. As Erin runs across the world, In the Running will generate support for one grassroots, non-profit organization on each continent. The seven selected organizations combat pressing humanitarian and environmental problems facing each continent and the global community. Key alumnus Mouly Youssef '05 is managing the financial aspects of this endeavor. Please join us as we confront these challenges one mile, one marathon, and one continent at a time. Visit intherunning.org for more information.



Crimson Key at a Glance



In an era when Harvard's students are more geographically and socio-economically diverse than ever before, the Crimson Key Society is staying ahead of the curve. Crimson Key members hail from across the nation and around the globe, flying in from dozens of cities and countries every fall for Freshman Week. Each dot on the map above indicates the birthplace of a Keyster from the Classes of 2007-2010. Besides those Keysters from the continental United States, current Keysters also come from: Bombay, India; Moscow, Russia; Belo Horizonte, Brazil; Seoul, Korea; Nanjing, China; Chengdu, China; Beijing, China; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Warsaw, Poland; Lima, Peru; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and Pretoria, South Africa.