

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members of the Crimson Key community,

Happy Holidays from Cambridge! It was wonderful to see some of you at the Harvard-Yale Game. I hope this 7th issue of Keystone finds you well.

Autumn was as busy as ever for Crimson Key. Per usual, the school year kicked off with a Freshman Week full of shifts, balloons, and red shirts. Facing challenges including budget cuts within FAS and a new school-year calendar, our Freshman Week Coordinators prevailed with creative solutions to make the week a success. One new addition to this year's Freshmen Week was a Convocation ceremony – a kind of bookend to Commencement. This semester, CKS also staffed alumni reunions, Homecoming weekend, and Freshman Parents' Weekend, all in addition to giving daily tours. At the beginning of this month, we held our annual board elections, and I'm pleased to announce Eeke de Milliano '11 as the incoming President. Congrats, Eeke!

Check out Editor-in-Chief Alexandre Terrien's update about the Guidebook. Alexandre and the Guidebook Committee have put an extraordinary amount of work into this project, and it has paid off. For proof, get a copy! The books will be for sale on Amazon and, of course, you can always contact us to place an order.

I'd like to extend a special thank you to those of you who have donated to CKS in the past. Your financial support is extremely important to us, and we are very grateful for it. If you have not yet considered donating, please think about it now. Donations are tax-deductible and you can even donate online at <http://www.crimsonkeysociety.org/fundraising>. Any amount is so appreciated.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Keystone. Have a wonderful holiday season, and stay in touch. Here's to our 62nd year!

All my best,
Lee Ann Custer '10
President

THE UPDATED CKS GUIDEBOOK

Dear Crimson Key alumni and parents,

After more than 10 years of anticipation and an entire year of hard work, we are proud to announce that *Inside Harvard*, the 2009 Crimson Key Guidebook, is finally being sent to print!

When our team of editors was elected a year ago, we were given only the very vague direction to rewrite the Guidebook. As explained in the last Keystone, we sought to create an innovative and user-friendly book to guide visitors and students alike through the centuries of Harvard history. In retrospect, none of us had even the slightest idea how involved (and as a result, how rewarding) this project would be.

This summer, our team of 25 authors and artists contributed from around the world—we were in France, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Spain—and across America to produce 13 chapters and a hand-drawn map of the campus. We also formed a partnership with the publishing branch of Harvard Student Agencies (HSA), which produces the world famous Let's Go guides...and now *Inside Harvard*!

Today, after countless hours of brainstorming, researching, writing, drawing, coloring, designing, and editing, our Guidebook is finally ready to be launched and distributed throughout the nation! We hope you will support Crimson Key, brush up on your Harvard history, and get an inside view of Harvard by purchasing a copy. It will soon be easily available on amazon.com. And, if you have a minute to spare, please also help us by writing a review!

As always, thank you for your continuous support.

Happy Holidays,
Alexandre Terrien '11
Crimson Key Guidebook Editor-in-Chief

TO ORDER THE GUIDEBOOK:

1. Starting in mid-February, you can go to Amazon.com and order it by searching "Inside Harvard: A Student-written Guide to the History and Lore of America's Oldest University".
2. We will send you a complimentary copy with any donation of \$100 or more! (See next page for instructions on how to donate.)

FRESHMAN WEEK BY THE NUMBERS

- 90 Members of the Crimson Key Society
- 94 Move-In Day shifts
- 500 Helium-filled balloons
- 318 Salsa dancers
- 867 Love Story tickets sold
- 1300 First Chance Dancers
- 146 root beer floats served at the Lawn Party
- 165 singers at the Freshman Convocation
- 36 Freshman Talent Show auditions
- 3 hours of A Cappella Jam
- 26 Flavors served at the Ice Cream Bash
- 803 Marshmallows roasted
- 6 Days of Freshman "Week"
- 518 Shifts Filled
- 1,672 welcomed members of the Class of 2013

D. Patrick Knoth '11 and Gary Pelissier '11
Freshman Week Coordinators

FROM A KEY MEMBER

In an interview for a classmate's sociology paper, I was recently asked whether I identify as a feminist. While I couldn't wholeheartedly answer in the affirmative, I thought about my Crimson Key historical tour and the ongoing changes it describes for women at Harvard. The trajectory is startling. Though we now have the university's first female president, it was only thirty-five years ago that quotas on the number of women admitted still existed, sixty-five years ago that coeducational classes were a pipe-dream, and over a hundred years ago that women weren't allowed access to Widener. This rich history needed a better outlet than our standard (though exquisite) tour of the Yard. The executive board thus took on an exciting new initiative—the creation of "special tours."

When I showed up to give the inaugural women's history tour for the Class of 1974 Reunion, there was already a small group of alumni gathered outside Winthrop House waiting for me. Despite their HAA nametags, the group went around the circle introducing themselves, unearthing connections from back in the day. It soon became clear that the cosmos was smiling on Crimson Key. As I explained the inspiration and direction of our new tour, Kathy Kleeman mentioned that she had been the first female president of our proud society. I was stunned and thrilled. What kismet! Having her on the tour was both an honor and a pleasure. The next hour proved to be a fascinating learning experience for everyone involved, most especially myself. The members of the class of 1974 were on campus during some of the most radical changes for "Harvard" women; in the end, their participation in the tour added so much to its content and spirit. I left my group on the steps of Widener, and as I walked back through the square, I felt deeply inspired. It is for moments like this that I cannot imagine my life without Key.

Grace Baumgartner '11, Tour Coordinator

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Dear alumni and parents,

As the old executive board wraps up its final duties of the year and the new board takes its place, Crimson Key is bustling with new ideas and innovations. If you would like to support us in our new endeavors, please see the information below for donations. Thank you for your continuous support.

Online Donations – Not tax deductible

We are pleased to announce that donations can now be made [through our website](http://www.crimsonkeysociety.org), www.crimsonkeysociety.org, under "donations." It is easier, quicker, and just as safe!

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Tax deductible donations can be made through our gift account. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please:

- 1) Make checks payable to 'Harvard University' with 'Crimson Key Society' in the memo line
- 2) Include your address either on the check or on the envelope
- 3) Mail the check to:

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Happy Holidays!
Eeke de Milliano '11, Treasurer



Happy Holidays from the Crimson Key Society!