

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the CKS Community,

Hello from a Harvard Yard that is full of budding trees and landscapers desperately trying to grow grass before Commencement! I hope this edition of Keystone finds you well.

As of April 16, 2009, Crimson Key elected a spectacular group of 29 new members, thanks to our Vice President, Ana Gantman. New members were chosen on the quality of their model tours and, of course, for their enthusiasm for Harvard.

Our initiative to republish the Guidebook to Harvard University is well underway. In this edition of Keystone, Alexandre Terrien, our Guidebook Editor-in-Chief, provides you with a more comprehensive look at the strides we're making. In conjunction with the Guidebook project, we're also developing a Crimson Key map of Harvard Square.

In the next few weeks, we will be launching three new kinds of tours: Art and Architecture of Harvard, "What's New in the Past 20 Years?," and Women's History at Harvard. We will kick off these special tours during the week of Commencement, in partnership with the Harvard Alumni Association. It's our long-term goal to integrate these tours into Crimson Key's repertoire so that we can cater better to tourists depending on their interests.

In addition to these new projects, we continue to offer two tours daily (sometimes more!) out of the Information Office, staff Junior Parents' Weekend and Arts First, and gear up for Freshman Week 2009. Whew!

I'd like to add one last word about donating to Crimson Key. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to those of you who have donated to Crimson Key in the past. We are extremely grateful to you. If you have not yet considered it, please think about donating now. As you know, we remain a completely volunteer organization, and Harvard does not support us financially in any way. While we love serving Harvard, this does burden our general operating costs, and the type of new initiatives that we're in the process of launching. Anything you can give would be very much appreciated!

I hope you enjoy this edition of Keystone. Have a wonderful summer, and stay in touch!

All my best,
Lee Ann Custer '10
President

THE UPDATED CKS GUIDEBOOK

Last published in 1998, the Crimson Key Guidebook has served for several decades as an authority on the history of Harvard University. This year, CKS made rewriting the guidebook one of its priorities, and three guidebook editors were elected.

First, our dedicated guidebook committee redefined the vision for this project. We decided that, in order to make the book successful, we had to create an aesthetically pleasing, innovative, and user-friendly project that would be useful to tourists looking to navigate their way through campus while learning about Harvard. We ultimately decided that our project should integrate student life, history, lore, and architectural history.

The 2009-10 guidebook is thus structured around 13 different chapters that highlight several aspects of Harvard life. Following an introduction by Reverend Peter Gomes, the first chapter will explore the history of Harvard University and its development into a premier institution. The following chapters will focus on themes at Harvard such as public and community service, arts, religion and diversity, and athletics. Chapters will include features boxes with biographies of famous and successful alumni, fun facts, and, of course, historical descriptions of buildings.

Tying the book together is a factual gray-tabbed section at the beginning, including information such as opening and closing hours of museums, lists of Presidents, Nobel and Pulitzer prizes, etc. in addition to five hand-drawn maps that outline walking tours of campus to guide visitors. For example, when a visitor arrives to Widener library, he or she will look at our map and be directed to the chapter on Research and Libraries, where he or she will find a feature box on Widener. Structuring the book as such enables our readers to have access to additional information concerning the history of that particular theme.

Where we are today

Since we started this project in January, we have made tremendous progress. Four of our chapters are already written and ready to be edited and laid out. The rest are in progress and several members of the guidebook committee will be working hard over the summer to ensure that the book is finished and ready to print by September. In terms of publishing, we are currently in negotiations to distribute the Crimson Key Guidebook across the nation in bookstores and online.

We need your help! Without the generous contributions of previous CKS alumni, the two past editions could not have been published. We believe that, for the first time, the Crimson Key Guidebook has the potential to become the ultimate reference on Harvard for visitors and prospective students, thanks to its innovative structure.

If you would like to start supporting this project now, or if you have questions or inquiries, please feel free to contact me at aterrien@fas.harvard.edu.

Yours truly,
Alexandre Terrien '11
Crimson Key Guidebook Editor-in-Chief

SPECIALIZED TOURS

To stay competitive in the Harvard square tour market, Crimson Key has decided to develop a series of three special tours– art and architecture, women’s history, and what’s new at Harvard. Written in conjunction with the guidebook committee, HAMUC, and the Seneca Inc., the tours will debut during commencement week and the class of ’89 reunion in June. We hope to incorporate them into our regular schedule starting next fall to provide a more comprehensive welcome to the university. Any alumni with favorite facts, ideas for stops, or input for future special tours should please contact Adam Lathram at alathram@fas.harvard.edu or Grace Baumgartner at gkbaumg@fas.harvard.edu. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm!

Adam Lathram '10 and Grace Baumgartner '11
Tour Coordinators



New Key Members Patrick Thornycroft '12, Ken Li '12, Sam ten Cate '12, and Cody Evans '12

Comp 2009: By the Numbers

- 400+ Posters
- 162 Hand-delivered Comp Invitations
- 16 Freshman Dorms
- 122 First Round Compers
- 6 Model Tours
- 20 hours of interviews
- 488 Interview Evaluation Forms
- 116 Model Tour Stops
- 64 Second Round Compers
- 128 Comp Tours
- ~2600 Handshakes at the Comp Social
- 20 Hours of Board Deliberations
- 29 Poised, articulate, quick-thinking New Members!
 - 15 girls
 - 14 boys
 - 23 freshmen
 - 5 sophomores
 - 1 junior

Ana Gantman '10, Vice President and Comp Director

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Dear Alumni,

As you may have already read, Crimson Key Society has been more active than ever this year! For this reason we would appreciate your help in realizing all of our new initiatives. Please check out the new online-donation option on our website.

Online Donations

We are pleased to announce that donations can now be made **through our website**, crimsonkeysociety.org, under “donations.” It is easier, quicker, and just as safe!

Tax Deductible Donations

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
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 - Box #34
 - 59 Shepard Street
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As always, thank you for your support!
Eeke de Milliano '11, Treasurer



Senior Key Members Nick Noyer '09, Aditi Banga '09, and Colette Hinckley '09 enjoying their last CKS Banquet