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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Family of the Crimson Key Society,

With graduation looming, I can't help but be proud of all that this outgoing senior class has done for our organization. Without them there would be no guidebook, no CKS map, and our overall relationship with the University would not be nearly as strong as it is today. Thanks to the senior class of Key for a great four years!

As a final parting gift to the organization, a group of this year's seniors has been working with Maya Simon ('06) and Erin Sprague ('05), the current Co-Presidents of the Alumni Association, to revamp CKSAA. I'd like to announce that five outgoing seniors, Eeke de Milliano, Talal Alhammad, Alix Olian, Grace Baumgartner, and Gary Pelissier, will be leading the new Alumni Association! They look forward to hosting various alumni events during the upcoming year and you will hopefully be hearing from them soon. As they take over, we'd like to give a huge thanks to Erin and Maya for their help and advice over the years!

As sad as it is to see the seniors leave, it is with great excitement that we welcome 34 new members to our organization! Congratulations to Jocey Karlan, our Vice President, who ran a phenomenal Comp and helped us attract some of our most symmetrical faces yet. We hope you all get to meet them at Harvard-Yale this fall!

This year's Board has been quite busy, and we'd like to share some of our current projects with you all. We've coordinated the selling-out of our first print run of 2000 guidebooks, completed a collaborative project with the Crimson to provide a free map to the campus, and have begun work with the Marshal Office to help plan Harvard's 375th Anniversary celebration in the fall. Additionally, a group of CKS members has been working to hopefully create a 1-week program during the January vacation during which Key members will go into local Boston high schools and help students prepare for college. We'll be sure to keep you updated on our progress!

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have donated to Crimson Key over the years. Without your support, our organization would not have the reach or the energy that it has today. Thank you!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Furthermore, if you would like to be involved in the new Alumni Association, please send me an email!

All the Best,
Cody Evans '12, President

NEW INITIATIVES

CKS Guidebook and Map

When we printed the first two thousand copies of "Inside Harvard" back in November we were hoping that we would be able to sell all of them by the time we published our second edition in two years time. We're proud to announce that we have officially sold all two thousand copies of "Inside Harvard" and have now printed two thousand more! This book is the result of the incredible hard work and dedication of countless Keysters and our brilliant publishing partners at Harvard Student Agencies. I'd like to extend a very special thanks and congratulations to Editor-in-Chief, and the creator of the guidebook project, Alexandre Terrien '11. "Inside Harvard" can be purchased from major booksellers in Harvard Square and online at insideharvard.hsa.net or at amazon.com. Email kgoodwin57@gmail.com for more information.

We are also proud to announce the completion of the map project, the product of a collaboration with the Harvard Crimson. "Your Personal Guide and Map of Harvard Yard and Square" is available free of charge to all visitors to campus. The map includes an overview of the University's history, three walking tours featuring Yard History, Women's History and Art & Architecture and student recommendations for things to do in Cambridge and Boston.

- Kathleen Goodwin '13, Guidebook and Marketing Manager



CKS Spring Banquet



CKS in the University Archives



It's already a class beloved by many a Key member, but there's one more reason to take Prof. Louis Menand's *US in the World 23: Art and Thought in the Cold War*: for once in your Harvard career, you'll have an excuse to write a paper about Crimson Key! In the depths of a particularly horrendous midterm season this spring, I was dreading writing my paper on a "cultural artifact" from Harvard's library collection that had relevance to Cold War culture.

Thankfully, Crimson Key came to the rescue: there, I happened upon a box of CKS archival materials that included the inaugural edition of our newsletter, published in the fall of 1950. Aside from the great retro typeface, the newsletter illuminates the growing pains that Key experienced in the first few years of its existence. Key met infrequently and was comprised mostly of "members in name only"—a group taken both from representatives of the major student organizations and men who comped Key directly. The President bemoans the fact that Key has become fragmented and inactive. The newsletter, he hopes, will encourage these fringe members to feel more invested in Key and become more active in their activities. While today's Keysters may be more involved, one thing that hasn't changed is Key's sense of humor. The President advertises the upcoming membership meeting with the note: "Rumor has it that refreshments containing C₂H₅OH will be served." We're no Chemistry concentrators, but we're pretty sure that's the formula for a class of beverages popular among college students.

Ultimately, it is mementos like these that prove the lasting power of Harvard institutions. Key members are still as irreverent today as they have ever been and they can still blend a love of Harvard with a biting sense of humor. 60 years later, even Keysters that are well-versed in their Harvard history can be uninformed about the story of Key. It is worth remembering that one of the major reasons we were founded was to provide a welcoming face for a changing student population. Better understanding where we've come from and how we've changed can help. I'm not advocating for writing a full history of CKS—though, in the mid-1950s Key required compers to do just that (the history is also available in the archives). This is simply to encourage any interested alumni and current Keysters to venture into Lamont and check out the living history of our organization.

- Lange Luntao '12

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- Todd Venook '13, Treasurer



Comp Round-Up

This year's Comp brought in quite the turn out! With **158** first round compers, and then **68** second round compers, it was an extremely competitive year and tremendously challenging to narrow down the pool to our final **34** members of Key.

The new class is energized, talented, personable, and fun. They provide the spark and enthusiasm Key always wants and needs. They speak seven different languages, and represent states all across the US, and countries all over the globe from Trinidad to New Zealand to Dubai!

We absolutely love them, and can't wait for you to meet their smiling faces on your next visit to campus!

- Jocey Karlan '12, Vice President and Comp Director

