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WENDY CHANG '12



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A Message from the President Kathleen Goodwin '13

Dear CKS Friends, Family, and Alumni,

While I write this message at the end of one of the most difficult periods in Key's long history, I also write with a message of hope that comes with fresh beginnings. The month of April is always spent in busy preparation to welcome the new members and suddenly in the final week it sinks in that this is also the time to say goodbye to the seniors. We were forced into saying a final goodbye too early this year when Wendy H. Chang '12 passed away on April 21. Losing Wendy is the most devastating tragedy I can ever imagine a community having to endure and I am honored to report that CKS united in support of Wendy's friends and family and in support of each other with incredible grace, love and dedication. As tour coordinator on the Executive Board in 2010, and throughout her time in CKS, Wendy contributed so much to the organization and we are so grateful to have experienced her incomparable wit and enthusiasm for Key and for her friends. Both at the CKS memorial for Wendy on April 24 and at the College-wide service in Memorial Church on May 2, I struggle to articulate how inspirational it was to see so many CKS alums coming together with current members to laugh and cry in memory of this amazing and remarkable woman.

Comp Director and Vice President Andrew Hellman '13 headed a record-breaking comp process and it is thanks to the 33 new members that were selected this semester that Key is able to celebrate beginnings even in the midst of goodbyes. We are so excited to welcome this new class of brilliant and



fabulous Keysters!

Thanks to the hard work of Zach Hamed '14, CKS continues to uphold its collaborative relationships with the Crimson, our partners in the Map of Harvard Yard & Square Project, and with Harvard Student Agencies, our publishers of Inside Harvard, the CKS guidebook. Look out for a new and improved second edition of the guidebook, hitting bookshelves all over the world by the end of this summer!

I am so privileged to be leading this incredibly strong and talented organization at this point in time. Thank you so much to the Executive Board, the membership and the extraordinary alums who have poured so much love and hard work into making this semester a success!

All my best,
Kathleen Goodwin '13
CKS President



Comp Update

Andrew Hellman '13

Comp 2012 kicked off in a big way this February, when we received applications from 203 first round compers—a record number. In March, we watched 82 second round compers present full tours in the Yard. This year was very competitive, and we spent a total of thirty hours narrowing down the very strong pool. Finally, in April, we welcomed 33 new members of Key.

The new class is enthusiastic, charismatic, and talented. New Keysters hail from sixteen states across the U.S. and seven countries on five continents. They speak nine different languages, from Spanish to Swahili. We're thrilled to have such a dynamic and diverse group join Key.

We've had so much fun getting to know New Key and had a blast celebrating with them at Banquet. We're so excited to see them giving tours, welcoming freshmen, and rocking out for Love Story in go-go boots and bell bottoms. We absolutely love the new class and can't wait for you to meet them!

Treasurer's Update

Anna Santoleri '14

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The Titanic: 100 Years Later

Felix Cook '13

Climb the hills above my home in Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland, and you'll see the cranes of Harland & Wolff towering over Belfast. Today, the shipyards are mostly quiet. The berth where they built the Titanic is empty, as vast and silent as her ocean resting place.

A century since the sinking, the world is still enduringly fascinated by the story of the Titanic. At Crimson Key, we too are tellers; the loss aboard of Harvard graduate Harry Widener and the origins of the eponymous memorial library are part of the lore we share with tourist, visitor and comper.

Widener was well-liked, studious and literary. Just after midnight on April 15th 1912, he and his father loaded his mother into a lifeboat with other first-class women and children. Those on deck were still in evening wear or wore furs over pajamas; their mood was nervous, but jovial. Unknown to them though, ice had gashed five of the Titanic's sixteen watertight compartments. With four flooded, she could not sink. With five flooded, she could not float. At 2.20am, Titanic broke up, sinking bow first with more than two thirds of her passengers and crew - 1500 plus - still aboard. To the end, her lights blazed and the band played on.

Neither Widener was ever recovered,



nor are their last moments known to us. It is fitting, though, that at his end this bibliophile became a character in a great human story. The Titanic fascinates with its contraries: the ship huge but vulnerable, her passengers the greatest and the least of her day. Going down together, they demonstrated the best and worst of us: stoicism and panic, nobility and callousness, loving sacrifice and scrambling self-interest. From her thrusting bow to the arcing stern where so many made their last stand, Titanic embodies the capacity of human imagination, the beauty of our works, the frailty of our ambition. It is why, at Harvard and beyond, we continue to remember her long after she slipped her moorings and sailed into legend.

Guidebook Update

Zach Hamed '14

The four thousand copies originally printed of the first edition of "Inside Harvard," CKS' guidebook, are now nearly sold out! CKS and Harvard Student Agencies are now preparing the next print run of the book, scheduled for sometime this summer. The guidebook will be sold online and—new to this edition—on bookshelves at Barnes and Noble and other retailers nationwide.

Additionally, Key will be putting to-

gether a special Freshman Week website at www.freshmanweek.com to help freshmen during opening days. The site will feature the week's schedule in addition to advertisements for CKS' guidebook and Love Story showings.

Finally, remember to register for the CKS alumni website if you haven't already done so! To register or log in, visit alumni.crimsonkeysociety.org.

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