



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
December 14, 1998

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

- WHEREAS: Jana M. and Robert J. Kiely have been the House Masters at the Adams House at Harvard University for the past twenty-six years; and
- WHEREAS: During their time at Adams House the Kiely's have been staunch opponents of randomization and strong supporters of house character; and
- WHEREAS: The dedication to commitment to the educational aspect of life at Adams House and the house community life has been a strong facet in the tenure of the Kiely's at Adams House; and
- WHEREAS: Many students and scholars alike feel the Kiely's achieved their goal of preserving a distinct house identity at Adams; and
- WHEREAS: Other accomplishments at Adams House have been its leadership in the theatre and its establishment of the first house with a gay and lesbian support group; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its congratulations to Jana M. and Robert I. Kiely for their twenty-six years of service as the Adams House Masters; and wish them well in their future endeavor; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Jana M. and Robert I. Kiely on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council December 14, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk

Councillor Reeves.

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Whereas:

~~For~~ JANA M. and Robert J. Kiely have been the House masters at the Adams House of Harvard University; and

Whereas:

During their time at Adams House the Kelly's have been ~~strong supporters~~ ^{staunch opponents} of randomization and ~~the~~ House strong supporters of character, and.

Whereas:

The dedication to commitment to the education aspect of life at Adams House and the house community life has been a strong factor in the tenure of the Kelly's at Adams House; and

Whereas:

many students and scholars alike feel the Kellys achieved their goal of preserving a distinct house identity at Adams; and

Whereas:

Other accomplishments ~~at~~ at Adams House has been leadership in the theatre and first house with a gay and lesbian support group; now therefore be it

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Reveries

12/14/98

Resolved That this City Council go on record extending its
~~Congratulations~~ to Jana M.
and Robert J. ^{Kiely} ~~Galley~~ for their

26 years of service as the

Adams House Masters ^{and wish them} ~~and best~~
well in their next endeavor, and best
further

Resolved SEC TO JANA M. & Robert J. Kiely.



REVIEWING THE REVIEW

New book review, mostly of fiction, door-dropped last week.

NEWS • PAGE A-3



W. HOCKEY UPSETS NO. 1

Harvard makes a statement with a 3-2 victory over New Hampshire yesterday.

SPORTS • PAGE B-1



WEATHER

Partly cloudy, windy, high of 68.

Just add water!



Crimson/Stephen J. Tai

Adams House Masters to Leave After 26 Years

► Kielys are third pair of masters to go in two years

By JASON M. GOINS
CRIMSON STAFF WRITER

The third senior pair of House masters to depart in two years, Jana M. and Robert J. Kiely have announced they will leave Adams House after 26 years in the masters' residence.

The Kielys, vocal opponents of randomization and defenders of House character, will resign in June, leaving the first fully randomized Adams House.

"It's not quite the millennium, but it is about time the Kielys moved on," they wrote in a letter to House affiliates dated Dec. 5 in which they formally announced their retirement.

The Kielys said they have been contemplating their decision for years and will be leaving Harvard as their youngest child, Maria C. Kiely '99, graduates from the College.

Master Kiely also said he had delayed the official announcement because he "wanted to welcome the sophomore class without it being a 'hello-goodbye' situation."

their tenure, noting they had "outlasted 10 senior tutors, hundreds of resident and non-resident tutors, thousands of undergraduate Adamsians, gallons of Earl Grey tea, mountains of brownies, and...three deans of Harvard College."

Students, tutors and administrators spoke with one voice in their praise of the Kielys' tenure.

"Bob and Jana Kiely have served Adams House and Harvard College with extraordinary distinction over many years," wrote Dean of the College Harry R. Lewis '68 in an e-mail message.

"Their commitment to the educational component of House life and the nature of the House community as a family of scholars, junior and senior, has been unwavering," he wrote.

Former Adams House senior tutor Mark H. Bessire praised Kiely's commitment to maintaining a distinct House character.

"He's one of the masters who put House life as high as academic life and he understands how important House life is—which is why Adams House is such a great place to live. [It's] not so standardized," he said.

Even after randomization began, the Kielys worked to preserve House traditions.

"The House has meant to us every-

The Kielys emphasized the length of

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thing we honor in a university: creativity, high academic achievement, independence of spirit, celebration of difference and distaste for pomposity," the Kielys wrote.

Students said they believe the Kielys achieved their goal of preserving a distinct House identity.

"Adams House as a whole is really going to miss the Kielys," said Jerald M. Korn '00. "I myself am going to miss them a lot, because, in spite of randomization, they really support a House identity, not only in being friendly, but that the House should retain the kind of atmosphere it had before randomization. An open one, one very supportive of theater and things like that."

Master Kiely referred to the evolution of Adams House during his tenure to explain his opposition to randomization. Unlike other Houses, he said, Adams has always been "a mixed group."

The constant change of House character, Master Kiely said, was both "delightful and amusing. What's kept us here and been so educational and important is the

ways in which various eras of Adams House have defined themselves as a community."

Master Kiely said he takes special pride in Adamsians' past leadership in taking theater at Harvard "off-Loeb and off-Agassiz" and in being the first House with a gay and lesbian support group before homosexuality could be openly discussed. At the time, Kiely said, some Masters called homosexuality "an Adams House problem."

Other students praised the Kielys' approachability.

"They brought a spirit, a type of energy to the House that will be sorely missed," said Taj J. Clayton '99. "They are the most popular House masters and they make a concerted effort to meet all students and to be visible and vocal on student issues and to be extremely accessible."

More recently the Kielys have supported a controversial movement by Adams residents to limit interhouse dining at Adams. In a letter that appeared in The Crimson on Nov. 19, Robert Kiely wrote, "I am in total agreement with the Adams House students who feel that our

dining hall is being used as a better, more beautiful Loker Commons [by non-Adams residents]."

The Kielys are not leaving Harvard altogether, however. Robert Kiely will continue to teach in the English department and both Kielys will maintain their connections to Harvard and Adams House.

The Kielys join the Bosserts and the Dowlings, both long-time Masters who left Lowell and Leverett Houses last year.

Adams residents will now begin another "time-honored" Harvard tradition: selecting new House masters, said Senior Tutor David B. Fithian, who joined the House this year. Although the structure of the Adams House search has yet to be determined, Fithian said, "in the past, the senior tutor has coordinated a committee of various representatives of the House who meet with candidates."

For their part, Lewis and Thomas A. Dingman '67, associate dean of the College for the House system, will solicit student input.

When asked if he felt his successor will have the same views on randomization, Robert Kiely replied, "I certainly hope so."

King, Driskell Stress Community

KING, from page A-4

the Election Commission was forced to resign after she sent an e-mail message to the Harvard-Radcliffe Christian Fellowship urging members to pray for the King campaign.

But King, who is himself a member of Christian Impact, says the e-mail message was unsolicited, and emphasizes that while his campaign appeals to religious students, it is not a religious campaign.

"Religion is important to who we are, but the foundation of this campaign is diversity," King says. "We have students of all colors and all faiths. This is the most diverse group of people working on any campaign."

King and Driskell say their years on the council have given them the experience necessary to pursue tried-and-true student service concerns in addition to their broader agenda. As co-chair of the Campus Life Committee (CLC), King is the only sitting chair of a committee running for president this year.

Their vision has earned King and Driskell kudos from campus leaders.

Former presidential candidate Jobe G. Danganan '99, whose progressive platform earned him second place in last year's presidential elections, endorsed the ticket because of its community focus.

"Their platform is totally innovative and new," says Danganan, who is also the former president of the Minority Students Association. "What sets them apart is that they have a wider vision for the Harvard campus [and] they are not afraid to tackle social issues."

Danganan says he was unable to support the vice presidential bid of his former running mate, Kamil E. Redmond '00, because her agenda has shifted toward student services.

King emphasizes that his bid for the presidency is just one part of his long-standing campaign to create a healthier Harvard community.

"We were working on these issues long before we decided to put this together as a platform," King says. "For a long time, we didn't think the council was the right place to address these issues in."

Stewart Vision

SETON, from page A-4

it's me helping to fix the advising system," Seton says, "or a conservative will care that it's Kamil helping to fix UHS."

Because many of the candidates share a common vision of student service-centered changes, Seton and Redmond say that their experience sets them apart.

Seton cites his time as co-chair of the Harvard Dining Services committee that produced Fly-by lunches as an example of his ability to implement common goals.

"All the platforms might be similar, but who are the candidates who are going to be able to get things done?" he says. "I think we've got a record we can run on that other candidates don't."

They emphasize funding for student groups and other improvements to student quality of life, such as advising system reform, improvement of social events and dining hall guest passes.

Seton worked on the Committee on College Life that pushed for the \$25,000 grant package to student groups.

"So many of our great organizations are run out of a dorm room and a desk," Seton says, who has been

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Crimson/Melissa K. Crocker
DIRK '00.



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Consent Order #13 1357R

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