

**70th Anniversary Banquet
Of the Harvard Krokodiloes
Elijah Seton Welcome and Introduction of Larry Wasserman**

Thank you all very much. Good evening everyone and welcome once again to the 70th Anniversary celebration of the Harvard Krokodiloes. My name is Elijah Seton, Scribe K03, GM K04 and former Board President.

What a night we had last night. As we saw last night, as Mark Woodbury and the Kroks of the 60s once again sent Stormy Weather soaring into the rafters of Sanders Theatre, and as the Kroks of the 70s made Peter Mansfield proud with their precision and wit, and as Bryan Simmons reminded us why his My One and Only Love might be the best rendition of a Krok song of all time, and as Jed Cohen and Dan Krueger left very few dry eyes in the house with their Danny Boy (once again tag-teamed Danny Boy, Scribe), and as Ben Nelson gathered nearly every alum of the last 5 years to return to the stage, and as Fraser Weist and Peter Wu pioneered a trailblazing new age for the Kroks...

As we saw last night, our lifeblood is the simple but potent combination of music and friendship. The board of the Kroks, which is comprised of a team of alumni volunteers representing every era and decade of the institution, is the group that puts all this together. The people who run that Board probably have less fun than any of the rest of us at these sorts of events - they're working hard to ensure we have all this goodness to enjoy, and we owe them a great debt. Believe me, I know.

The board's mission is simply to keep this thing going. The board is around to make sure that, a year from now, 10 years from now, 100 years from now, young men who come to Harvard have the opportunity to enter into this community and continue to breathe life into it, to make music together, and in doing so, to build friendships that will last their entire lives.

And there are many on that Board who work hard for the rest of us, but there is one leader, one President who steers the ship.

Many of you know him well, some of you not yet, but I am very proud to say that we have the most devoted, passionate alum to lead us, to steer the ship, to steward this organization for the next few years. From his home in Los Angeles, where he cuts high-powered deals in Tinseltown as a studio executive, and where he lives with his wife Maria and their son Alex, Larry Wasserman, K95 and K96 and Class of 1997, serves as our 5th Board President. Larry is thoughtful and serious, he is dedicated and wise and he has the most important trait for the job - he is the foremost champion of the undergraduate Kroks. Most of all, he loves this group. And we are lucky to have him.

So, on behalf of the entire Board, and most especially, your predecessors, Jeff Korn, David Orenstein, and Lynn Weigel, I am very proud to introduce Larry and to present you with the President's bowl. Thank you for your commitment, for your high standards and most of all, for your love of the Kroks.