



# ON THE VINE

THE IVY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## A Peek into Ivy's Kitchen

With an annual volume of approximately 64,000 meals served each academic year, the Ivy Club's kitchen is a source of great Club activity. The staff team of five prepares breakfast, lunch and dinner each day for Ivy's 120 to 180 members, a number that fluctuates with the spring inclusion of sophomores. Despite this substantial volume, food at Ivy continues to receive rave reviews and is considered one of the best places to eat on the Street.

The strength of Ivy's meal offerings is due in great part to the culinary skills and management of Executive Chef Paul Chiara. A native of Medford, New Jersey, Paul grew up feasting on original creations of Italian fare. He attributes his passion for cooking to the inspiring homemade cuisines made by his mother and grandfather. The breadth of his pallet and ability to eloquently combine different ingredients has grown from this foundation through his work in a variety of restaurants from traditional diners along the Gulf Coast to the renowned fine dining institutions of New York City. He spent two years studying at the New York Restaurant School of Manhattan, which has since been integrated into the broadly recognized national organization of the Art Institutes. While time in culinary classes deepened Paul's understanding of the fundamental science behind cooking and taught him technical skills of the craft, he has found that his hands-on work in restaurants has truly provided the critical skills needed to run a high-volume kitchen.

Cooking for Ivy is vastly different than running a restaurant. In a commercial setting, food prices can be passed along to the customer, whereas at Ivy, a budget must be adhered to in order to provide for the year's meals. The produce market is carefully monitored and the Club purchases



Photography by Paul Chiara

[above] A few tasty dishes at the Ivy Club

from 20 different suppliers to ensure it is getting the best supplies at the most affordable price. The Club also works to reduce waste by offering the appetizer, pasta and vegetable dinner elements in a family-style fashion. Yet, in accordance with tradition, the main course of dinner continues to be a plated and served fare.

Because the same members return each day, the staff strives to keep things interesting by exploring cuisines of the world and continually integrating different foods into the menu. The membership is engaged to provide suggestions and feedback via the undergraduate "Food Chair." In addition to providing input on meal preferences, this member also keeps the House informed by sending out the daily menu to the full membership.

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## Graduate President's Report    Review of Admissions Reform

| By Jim Q. Griffin '55

| By Jason Ramirez '13,  
Undergraduate President 2012-2013

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[above] James Q. Griffin '55

Ivy's mission provides the guidance for our policies, activities and traditions. The goal is to create an open, civil, optimistic, harmonious society which encourages individuals to experience out-

of-the-classroom growth spurts. Close interaction between members who possess a wide range of interests, abilities and opinions helps magnify the influences of all. The tradition of taking the first open seat in the dining room is an example of theory in practice. Over time all members get to know each other and many life-time friendships are formed.

Our strength and distinction comes from the quality of our membership. We draw talent from all parts of the campus, reaching out to those of rare ability, those who do not fit easily on a bell curve. Our admission process requires 10 individual interviews, which ensure that those admitted can relate to, and add to, a broad spectrum of the existing membership. Ivy's Leadership and Roundtable programs, run by undergraduates, introduces able, experienced guests who all add yeast to the mix, as does interaction with graduate members.

The beautiful landmark building sets a high standard for architectural excellence through its distinctive iconography, craftsmanship and interior detail. The understated quiet elegance and idiosyncratic spaces are residential in nature and not institutional. It provides a home away from home for its undergraduates and the Princeton home for its graduates. An added source of well-being comes from the high-quality of food, service and maintenance orchestrated by our priceless steward, Betty Rascher.



[above] Ivy members enjoying outdoor dining.

The 2012-2013 academic year witnessed the implementation of street-wide club admissions reform. These efforts date back to the spring of 2010 when the Task Force on the relationship between the University and Eating Clubs released a report providing a number of observations and recommendations. In the winter of 2012, the Eating Club Steering Committee issued an overview with more detailed information and proposals. Throughout the spring and fall of 2012, the Inter Club Council (the council of all club presidents) worked on implementing the recommendations from the Steering Committee. The overall goals were to create a more transparent and equitable admissions process. In its final iteration, the reform consisted of three components: (i) outreach efforts to provide prospective members with the opportunity to learn about each club, (ii) a synchronized timeline for admissions among all clubs, including a new website for applying to the clubs, and (iii) a dual-club bicker option for the current bicker clubs.

Ivy spent a substantial amount of time reviewing the reform proposal and working with the other clubs and the University. Ultimately, Ivy participated in the admissions reform by adopting the first two components of the reform but abstaining from the dual-club bicker option. To adjust to the new bicker approach that many of the other clubs were embracing, Ivy held a number of open house and special dinner events for prospective members in the spring and fall of 2012. These efforts helped the club draw interest from a diverse cross section of the student body. The decision to abstain from the dual-club bicker option was rooted in the club's commitment to its trusted 10-interview bicker process. The Undergraduate officers and Graduate Board are continuing to consider ways to accommodate the new bicker option while protecting the integrity of Ivy's bicker process.

Photography by James G. Cole





## The Scribner Desk at The Ivy Club Gift of Charles Scribner III, Section of 1973

| *By Corbin Miller '71*



[above] Scribner desk nestled in the Lower Library

Few families have a closer relationship with The Ivy Club than the Scribners. The Pynes, of course, as noted in John Davies's *The Legend of Hobe Baker*, considered the Club "a kind of minor church." But the Scribners too were present at the creation. Arthur H. Scribner 1881 was the first president of Ivy, and his brother Charles 1875 was (along with Moses Taylor Pyne 1877) an Associate Graduate Member, a class of membership composed of distinguished men who were graduated prior to the formation of the Club. Both Arthur and Charles were sons of the first Charles Scribner, Princeton 1840, who founded in 1846 the publishing firm that would become renowned as Charles Scribner's Sons.

The next Charles Scribner was a member of Ivy's famous Section of 1913, which had eight members (the *Princetonian* exclaimed "Even Jesus took 12!"). He was president of Scribners from 1932 until his death in 1952. His son, who was known as Charles Scribner, Jr., graduated from Princeton in 1943

summa cum laude, and succeeded his father as president of the firm. But for his participation in an "ironbound" with some friends from St. Paul's School, he would surely have been an undergraduate member of Ivy. In the event, he remained loyal to his roommate, who did not receive a bid to Ivy, and joined Cloister Inn. Charles Scribner, Jr. later served as a Trustee of the University, and was elected posthumously to the Section of 1943 in 2012.

Earlier this year, his son Charles Scribner III 1973 (actually the fifth Charles to graduate from Princeton) gave to the Club the oak desk his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had used. It is now in an alcove of the new undercroft exactly as it was used by Charlie's father, with a glass top under which is a National Geographic map of the ancient world. Pull-out shelves allowed any number of manuscripts to be stacked in easy reach, and among the Scribner authors whose pages passed over this desk are Edith Wharton, Sir Winston Churchill, Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Thomas Wolfe, Alan Paton, and P.D. James.

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Some meals, such as the hamburger lunch on Thursdays and the pasta and pizza dinner on Fridays, are standardized, but rare is the college student that expresses dislike for these weekly offerings. Over the past five years, the staff has seen that a larger percentage of the membership is now seeking lower calorie meal options. The salad bar has been expanded and vegetarian options are offered at each meal in response to this preference.

Meals at Ivy continue to be an important time for camaraderie and personal growth. As breaking bread together aids in the creation of life-long friendships, we are proud that the quality of Ivy's meals reflects the Club's value for greatness. Next time you are in town we hope that you'll slide in next to another member to feast on the culinary delights.

## Rounding Out the Table

| By *Andreas Rotenberg '13*

If you happen to come to dinner on any Thursday night you may wonder why our dining room is uncharacteristically empty and sedate. Before lapsing into despair, I urge you to look into the music room. There you will probably find 30 members seated at circular tables chatting happily with some distinguished guest. This is Ivy's Roundtable program, a student-run discussion series.

Photography by K. A. Appiah



[above] Prof. K.A. Appiah  
 [above] Prof. Alexander Nehamas on friendship; and Prof. K.A. Appiah on cosmopolitanism.

Each week, the Roundtable Committee Chairs invite an alumnus, professor or outside notable to lecture on a subject of his or her choice. We try and select individuals who have distinguished themselves in an area of interest to the Club; in fact, many of our guests are referred by the membership. Recently, we heard from the U.S. Ambassador to Yemen, Barbara Bodine, on geopolitics in the Middle East;

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming back alumni who, since walking out the FitzRandolph gate, have found fulfillment in a wide range of professions. In recent memory, Leon Kalvaria '79 and Charles Lowrey '79 impressed us with tales from the world of finance. Lauren Bush Lauren '06 inspired us with her work at Project FEED, a non-profit she founded to fight global hunger. Mark Mennin '82 and Brody Neuenschwander '81



[above] Lauren Bush Lauren '06

delighted us with images and anecdotes from their work in sculpture and calligraphy, respectively.

The dynamic at Roundtable is relaxed. It offers an opportunity for the membership to learn about our guests as people, as well as an opportunity for them to momentarily revisit their undergraduate days. Differences in age and accomplishment tend to disappear over dinner and a glass of wine. Ultimately, the objective of our program is the enrichment of the club's social and intellectual life through good conversation.

All members of the Ivy family are welcome at Roundtable, including our newly elected sophomore members. Our dinners continue to offer new members the best opportunity for meeting their club-mates. As evidenced by the frequent invitation of Ivy graduates, Roundtable seeks to strengthen the connection between undergraduate and alumni members.

Any alum interested in attending should please contact our incoming undergraduate chairs Emily Eitches and Tyler Coulton at [ivy.club.board@gmail.com](mailto:ivy.club.board@gmail.com).



[above] Mark Mennin '82

Photography by Noah Berger



## News from the Ivy 1879 Foundation

### Strong Finish for “Leadership in Crisis” Series

The Ivy Leadership Program wrapped up the final month of its “Leadership in Crisis” series with presentations by Dr. Dennis Ausiello, Chief of Medicine of Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), and Norman Augustine, former Chairman and CEO of the Lockheed Martin Corporation.

“Intelligence helps, but that isn’t sufficient to create a strong leader,” stated Ausiello based on his 17 years as head of the Department of Medicine at MGH, one of the highest volume hospitals in the country. He continued on to stress the importance of believing in yourself and the fact that you can make a difference. “Leadership is a sacrifice that one must be willing to make,” he commented as he reflected on the demands of his post.

Dr. Ausiello also shared intriguing insights about the challenges facing the field of medicine. To succeed in handling the volume of patients and tighter budgets inescapable in the future, doctors will need patients to become partners in care. One experimental concept he shared along these lines was how, in collaboration with a group from MIT, researchers had collected sufficient data from students’ cell phones to predict an influenza outbreak. Time of waking, number of calls to mom, and hours of activity were all details that could be passively collected by the phone to provide information about a student’s well-being. Crowd sourcing is another new technique that Dr. Ausiello mentioned as a potential future source for medical information.

Crises abound in Mr. Augustine’s discussion on the topic of focus for this series. From his many years in leadership roles with government, corporate and non-profit institutions, Mr. Augustine pulled



[above] Augustine with student moderator James Cunningham '13

numerous examples of difficult situations and shared his insights on how some of these crises were handled well and others were not. From a major Department of Energy security breach which involved a nun and other lobbyists getting within arm’s reach of nuclear weapons to the unethical activities of dumpster-diving researchers from a pharmaceutical company, Mr. Augustine’s examples were both entertaining and insightful. The underlying guidance was to be forthcoming about the crisis and address the media to provide honest answers before things go too far askew. He also stressed the importance of taking the moral path, even if that negatively impacts the stock price and the company brand. As discussed through Johnson & Johnson’s famous \$100 million Tylenol recall in 1982, despite the short-term implications and costly expense of some “right” decisions, in the long-term they will have a more positive outcome.

We are seeking strong leaders to participate in the 2013-2014 academic year’s Leadership Program. If you have contact with someone that could be a strong presenter for the program, please send us a message at [ivy.club.board@gmail.com](mailto:ivy.club.board@gmail.com).

## Meet the New Undergraduate President



[above] Thatcher Foster '14

Greetings Graduate Members,

My name is Thatcher Foster (to allay your fears, no, I was not named after the Iron Lady to which I share a name). As my fellow members will gladly tell you, I am a “townie.” I have lived in Princeton for most of my life, eaten at Hoagie Haven for as long as

I can remember, tried to sneak into Reunions since I was 16, and worn a tiger tail in the P-rade since the age of two. To quote the cliché, “I bleed Princeton black and orange.”

The Club has had a terrific last year with Jason, Emily, Aaron, Alex, Naomi and Mark and we look forward to building on their success. Ivy’s new officers and I are very excited about our roles at the Ivy Club. This year’s officer corps will offer some exciting new changes to the positions, with Alex Bayman heading Bicker and Eve Levin serving as our new House Manager. Will Pinke, as witty as he is thoughtful, will be our new Social Chair, while Tess O’Meara and Levi Malik will continue to improve the Club’s financial and day-to-day operations. Anyway, enough about us.

The Ivy Club recently admitted our new sophomore class. This year, the bicker system underwent significant changes at some of the clubs. However, Ivy abstained and we are thrilled at the diverse, intelligent and overall incredible new members we can now boast of. The strength of Ivy has always been its impressive membership. I can confidently say that the new class will easily continue that tradition. They love the club and are ecstatic to be the newest members of Ivy.

More on the operational side of things, Ivy maintains a strong academic environment for the membership. There is no moment in the day (or the night) when the palatial Great Hall is void of students. Our leadership

program continues to invite impressive professionals to share with us their successes, experiences and to offer advice (Petraeus was too busy to return this year). Roundtable discussions flourish, giving students the opportunity to connect to various members of the academy (including my dad) in a personal and formal setting.

As I hope you can see, Ivy, as it has in the past and will in the future, thrives as a place of comfort, education and fun. The house itself is in great shape, so please feel free to come back and visit. We love meeting the young and getting younger alumni. And, the desserts get better every year.

“In Betty, we trust.”

Thatcher Foster

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## A Memorial Toast for Mike “Sta-Puft” McCoy ’88/’89

On December 2, 2012, Michael Anthony “Sta-Puft” McCoy passed away suddenly at his home in Appomattox, VA. Puft enriched our lives at the Ivy Club and beyond with his ebullience, good nature, and camaraderie. Many of us remember his legendary performances with the Tigertones under the arches and even Carnegie Hall, or on the McCarter stage with the Triangle Club. But it was the many impromptu performances of “Burger Day” and late night jam sessions on the Ivy grand piano that have left an indelible mark on our Princeton experience. Certainly, Puft’s music and spirit are forever interwoven into our memories. As a tribute to Puft, we would like to raise \$15,000 to replace the Ivy grand piano, and rededicate it to Puft’s memory.

Please join us by the piano in Ivy’s front hall on the Friday evening of Reunions weekend for a toast and remembrances in Puft’s honor. We will raise a glass to our friend and begin our efforts to properly honor his memory.

**Friday, May 31, 2013 from 5:30-7 p.m.  
Front Hall, The Ivy Club**

Lewis Flinn ’89, Steve Stechschulte ’88, Chat Reynders ’88, Dan Peck ’89, George Knight ’89, David Huntington ’89

*Invitations to this reception have been sent over email to Sections ’87-’90. Responses can be made through the on-line invitation or by emailing [ivy.club.board@gmail.com](mailto:ivy.club.board@gmail.com).*

Donations to the Ivy 1879 Foundation for the McCoy Memorial Fund can be made online at [theivyclub.net](http://theivyclub.net) or by contacting Molly Jones at (609) 423-8136 or at [ivy.club.board@gmail.com](mailto:ivy.club.board@gmail.com).

## Ivy Club 2013 Reunion Schedule

**Friday, May 31, 2013**—The Club will be open until midnight for the general membership. There will be no food service, but refreshments of beer and soda will be available.

**Saturday, June 1, 2013**—Brunch for members and their guests will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Children under 10 years old are free.

Following the P-rade, food and beverages will be available from approximately 3-6 p.m. Refreshments of beer and soda will continue to be available until the Club closes at midnight.

**Sunday, June 2, 2013**—There are no events scheduled at the Club on this day.

*\*The Board of Governors requests that members do not bring their own alcoholic beverages into the Clubhouse.*

## Calling All Ivy Women

Join us during Reunions weekend for a reception to toast the women of Ivy. Drop in when you can to enjoy hors d’oeuvres and wine during this chance to reconnect with your fellow female members and meet new alumna. We will also share an update on the stained glass window being created to honor Ivy’s female members. Significant others are welcome.

**Friday, May 31st from 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Lower Library at The Ivy Club**

RSVP via the on-line invitation or by emailing [ivy.club.board@gmail.com](mailto:ivy.club.board@gmail.com)





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