



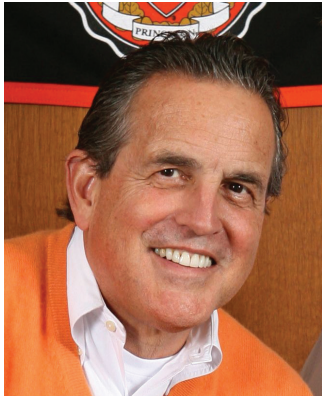
# ON THE VINE

## THE IVY CLUB NEWSLETTER

Spring 2022

### Education Through Athletics:

#### *An Interview With Gary D. Walters '67*



Gary D. Walters '67

*Ed. Note: Gary D. Walters '67 is the Ford Family Director of Athletics Emeritus at Princeton, and was a leader on the men's basketball team in the legendary era of Bill Bradley '65. (The Ford Family Directorship was endowed by Bill Ford '79 and Lisa Vanderzee Ford '82.) Walters and teammate*

*Chris Thomforde '69 appeared together on the cover of Sports Illustrated on Feb. 27, 1967, under the title "Princeton Builds a Basketball Dynasty." Walters recently reminisced about his time at Princeton and Ivy in the interview below.*

What colleges recruited you when you played high school basketball in Reading, Pa.?

As a point guard, I was recruited by a number of ACC schools, major Eastern Universities and Princeton. I narrowed my final decision down between two Universities: Princeton and Maryland.

Why did you choose Princeton?

At the time, my HS coach, who ultimately became the legendary Princeton coach, was Pete Carril. Lucky for me, Coach Carril had played for Coach Butch van Breda Kolff at Lafayette and they subsequently became close friends. Coach Carril thought that I would be a good fit at Princeton and encouraged VBK to see me play. VBK came to one of my high school games in Reading and was impressed enough with my play that he invited me to visit Princeton on the day they were playing Penn in what amounted to an Ivy League Championship deciding game. Not only did Princeton beat Penn, but star player Bill Bradley and his teammate Bill Kingston hosted me on my visit. To me, Princeton was

a Gothic Garden of Eden, uniquely interspersed with gargoyles looming from the buildings. The cumulative effect of combining Princeton's academic reputation, basketball excellence and campus beauty convinced me to attend once I was accepted.

In your day, students bickered all the clubs on the street. You must have had bids from a number of clubs. What made you choose Ivy?

I did have bids from a number of clubs, which complicated my decision-making. I ended up choosing Ivy for a number of interrelated reasons. As the starting point guard on the basketball team that made it to the Final Four that season, I was playing on a high-profile team in a high-profile position. Although I was lucky to be in that position, the players were under a lot of pressure to perform and to do so under a spotlight no matter what space we occupied on campus. Also, I have always been a relatively independent person and didn't want to be stereotyped as just a jock. I concluded that the atmosphere at Ivy was both low key, respectful of others and intellectually stimulating, thus enabling me to interact with a diverse and interesting group of undergrads. Fortunately for me, two of my best friends and teammates, sophomore starters Rob Brown and Ed Hummer, as well as my roommate, Bob Booth, also decided to select Ivy, which was a major coup for the club. Ivy fulfilled my expectations (and those of my son Nick who was in the Class of '05).

How did a Princeton education help you succeed in life?

Most importantly, Princeton provided me with a "holistic" education. I learned in the classroom; I learned from my classmates, clubmates and teammates; and I also personally experienced the concept of "Education

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## Graduate President's Report



Dominic Moross '90

The horrific ongoing situation in Ukraine highlights how lucky we are to be part of a club where civility and common decency among our members, who come from every corner of the globe, is a given. We must never take this for granted. Our hearts and prayers go out to the victims of this terrible conflict.

Ivy has been abuzz with activity and vitality since we returned to normal life under the direction of our new Steward, Phil Vicino. Betty continues in the background, helping as necessary, until the end of the academic year. We are planning a farewell gathering for her during Reunions on Friday, May 20th which I hope you will be able to attend.

The spring term started with a very successful bicker. A record 292 bickerees were interviewed and 74 bids were offered (2 juniors and 72 sophomores). We have a dynamic group of new members who participate in a range of activities: varsity athletes, dancers, artists, singers, student government. Interest in our club is as strong as ever. Ivy remains the top choice for those who want to be in a selective club.

We re-launched our round table speaker events, featuring Princeton Sociology Professor Patricia Fernandez-Kelly who, moderated by JC Martinez '23 and Camille Boylin '22, led a discussion about the impact of Covid on international economic development, gender, class, ethnicity, and urban ethnography. It was a well-attended hybrid (in-person and virtual) event. With our new video conferencing capabilities, we are excited that our speaker events will now be accessible to members far beyond the hallowed walls of 43 Prospect.

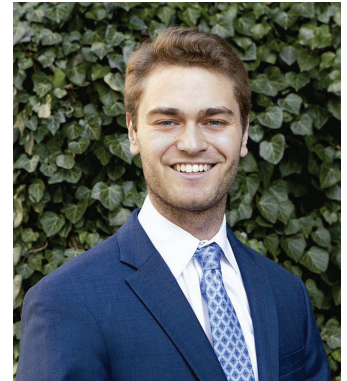
Along the same lines, we are looking forward to starting a series of events for our younger alumni members to enable them to reconnect, network and reminisce. We plan to kick off in New York City but hope to roll out similar gatherings in other cities.

If you would like to help organize an event in your home city, please be in touch with Alanna (alanna.boudreau@theivyclub.net).

As we approach the end of another academic year, I want to thank our outgoing officers, who have done a tremendous job, and to welcome our new officers, led by President Sophie Singletary '23.



Katie Dykstra '22



Christian Potter '22

Special note: Ivy has a tradition of attracting outstanding students who exceed expectations in so many ways. I am proud to report on the exceptional achievements of both Christian Potter '22 and Katie Dykstra '22. Former USG President, Christian is co-winner of the Princeton's 2022 Moses Taylor Pyne Honor Prize. Established in 1921, the Pyne Prize is awarded to the senior "who has most clearly manifested excellent scholarship, strength of character and effective leadership." It is the highest distinction conferred by the University upon an undergraduate student. Katie, our Undergraduate Governor, was named one of 3 Schwartzman Scholars. The Schwartzman Scholarship covers the cost of graduate study toward a one-year master's program at Tsinghua University in Beijing. Our heartfelt congratulations to both Christian and Katie.

On that happy note, I will sign off and wish you all a wonderful summer and hope to see as many of you as possible at Reunions.

Best Wishes,  
Dominic



### *“Education Through Athletics” continued*

Through Athletics,” a phrase I coined when I became Athletics Director that reflected the important and underappreciated cognitive aspects of being an athlete. I was able to draw on all of the experiences that enabled me to compete in the “so-called” real world. The competition at Princeton is fierce. It forces everyone to raise the level of his or her game, preparing us for the future. Because I’ll always be identified as a Princetonian, I was consciously aware that I could never sully the Princeton brand. I have further learned that compounded effort over time is similar to compounded interest, allowing one to achieve one’s potential.

#### *Did you get right into coaching when you graduated?*

The brief answer is yes, but my transition from college is a great example of the importance of mentorship. As I stated before, Coach Carril was my high school coach. Prior to my senior year at Princeton, Coach Carril was appointed as the head coach at Lehigh University. In the spring of my senior year, while I was completing my thesis after our basketball season had ended, Coach Carril called me and offered me the job as his assistant at Lehigh. Ironically, about a month later, Coach VBK left Princeton to become the Head Coach of the Los Angeles Lakers. Coach Carril was then hired to succeed him and I was fortunate enough to have Lehigh honor its commitment to me. Pass it forward!

#### *You capped off your career as Director of Athletics at Princeton. What was that experience like?*

It was an incredible honor to be selected as Princeton’s AD. However, as Shakespeare said, “Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown.” The AD has the fiduciary responsibility of representing athletes: past, present and future; the obligation to align and hold accountable the athletic culture to overall University standards; and the need to be the standard-bearer for Education Through Athletics. The AD must communicate with all constituencies on campus while overseeing the operations of 39 varsity sports, numerous club sports and a comprehensive recreation program. Simply put, one must be a servant-leader and work 24/7.

#### *What is it about your tenure that makes you most proud?*

We conducted the most competitively successful athletic program in the Ivies without ever compromising our integrity and our commitment to Education Through Athletics.

#### *What advice do you have for today’s undergraduates?*

1. Be a life-long learner. Compounded effort over time is a great differentiator.
2. Cognition should be holistic. The left lobe is responsible for linear-logical thinking. The right lobe is responsible for conceptual thinking, emotion, being street smart and comprehending the big picture. Nurture both sides.
3. You are what you hang on the walls of your mind. Be mindful of your prejudices.
4. Keep your head on a swivel and see danger before it happens.
5. You can’t steal second with one foot on first.
6. The only difference between a rut and a coffin are the two ends.
7. Never compromise your integrity. Your reputation is your most valuable asset.
8. Nurture mentoring relationships, become a mentor yourself and pass your good fortune forward.
9. Your teaching is your immortality.

### **Ivy Speaker Series:** *Responsible Investing*



Students gather with Dan Fuller '03 and Fred Wasch '94 after a recent Speaker Series event at Ivy. Jyotsna Bean '01 presented virtually from Los Angeles and together with Dan the two of them shared insights on responsible investing strategies and approaching business with integrity. L - R, Camille Boylan '23, Soojin Robinson '23, Keyshawn Felton '23, Andrew Hama '23, Julia Berndtsson '23, Dan Fuller '03, Fred Wasch '94.

## Ivy Board of Governors Profiles *Shea Owens*



Shea Owens



Shea Owens celebrating her 22nd birthday in Gondor, Ethiopia

Shea Owens ('94) is a corporate attorney, arts fanatic and pro bono champion who has served on the Club's Board of Governors since [DATE]. Raised in a small Shenandoah Valley town as the daughter of an engineer and chemist, Shea's mother steered her to varying gifted science camps at the Naval Academy, UVA and Mary Baldwin College, while her father taught her to play various instruments, encouraged her participation in vocal competitions and required active and consistent volunteerism. Her father had the entire family listening to everything from Brahms to FAMU's marching band, and drove the family to Washington, DC regularly to explore its museums and arts performances.

At Princeton, Shea "failed miserably" at Freshman Crew, the equestrian team and then Club Lacrosse, while enjoying student government, volunteerism in Trenton, and membership in Kappa Alpha Theta. She spent her first three collegiate summers doing pesticide-related research at DuPont's Experimental Station and then wrote her School of International Policy & Affairs thesis on a naturally occurring insect baculovirus that indigent, rural farmers could use as an alternative to chemical pesticides. Following graduation, she utilized a Center for International Studies Fellowship in Brazil and a Fulbright in Kenya to further explore viral alternatives to chemical pesticides.

She serves on the National Women's Law Center's Leadership 35 Committee, mentors NYCBA Thurgood Marshall leaders and PALS Program Participants, provides strategic support to Groundwork Bridgeport, and is devoted to Sanctuary for Families. Shea has spent the past eight years restoring a 1790s federal colonial in Connecticut's Litchfield County, following the restoration of a South Beach Miami 1930s Art Deco condo and an 1880s Victorian in upstate New York. Her primary home is in Norwalk, where she and her five year old son spend "too much time" in its Aquarium and Children's Museum. She regularly attends Art Basel Miami, the Armory Show, and other annual art fairs, and she has been a long-term supporter of MoMA's Friends of Education, the Studio Museum of Harlem, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

What advice would you give yourself as an undergrad?

Princeton seemed to be struggling through soft balkanization when I was a student. Being an African American Southern Baptist, having a public school background, trying crew, doing Kappa Alpha Theta, joining Ivy and majoring in the School of International Policy & Affairs meant that I inhabited a number of worlds--- there was pressure to not drink, drink alot, remain a virgin, hook up, not self-segregate in "The Third World Center," not be the "incog-negro" who was never in the TWC, not join exclusionary groups, be "chosen," appear smart, not let people know I was doing my thesis on an insect baculovirus, et al. So twenty-eight years following graduation, my advice to my undergrad self would be: fully explore your interests and most highly value the opinions of those who encourage you to grow, thrive and consistently show up as your authentic self.

What would your undergraduate self be most surprised and delighted to hear you achieved in life?

That kid from the bottom of the Shenandoah Valley would be shocked that I used fellowships and a law career to live in Africa, South America, Asia and Europe (and that my five year old is learning about countries like Pakistan, Azerbaijan, Uruguay, and Laos through art in our home from past travels).

What brings you the most joy about being on the Ivy Board of Governors?

The biggest joy continues to flow from interactions with the undergraduate and recent graduate members--- their interests, potential and accomplishments are endlessly inspiring.

What impact do you hope to have on Ivy undergrads?

I hope to meaningfully support my mentees; and I more generally hope that my Engagement Committee efforts will expand undergraduates' opportunities to mentor each other, be mentored/sponsored by alumni members, develop new interests, and explore future career paths.

How can Ivy alumni get or stay involved in the Club?

Alumni members should contact Alanna to set up or update their profiles on Wavelength, which they can then use to connect with old friends, join varying affinity groups, and stay abreast of Club activities (including in-person and virtual events). We also hope that alumni will join and actively support our Mentoring Initiative activities.

If Ivy were an animal what would it be? And why?

Hmmmm... I'll go with the bonobo--- it's rare, intelligent, has a relatively sophisticated palate, prefers play to fighting, and looks out for its community.



## Message from Ivy's Incoming Undergraduate President



Dear Friends and Family of Ivy,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I am able to connect with the wide net of Ivy alumni. My name is Sophie Singletary and I was elected Undergraduate President

of Ivy this past February. I'm from the great state of Florida (Jacksonville) and study in the School of Public Policy & International Affairs. I play on the club soccer team, co-chair the American Enterprise Institute Executive Council, and am a member of the United Nation Women's Fellowship.

It is only fitting to begin by thanking the incredible cohort of officers from this past year. Miles, Katie, Henry, Andrew, Brooke, and Ogechi — your leadership is energizing and inspiring. With the lingering challenges of Covid, you all brought boundless energy to our Club, overcoming any mask mandate or capacity limit that came your way. With that, I am excited to introduce my fellow officers, with whom together we can lead the club with gusto: Keyshawn Felton (Vice President), Stephane Pienaar (Social Chair), Ifeanyi Isichei (Treasurer), and Angela de Santis (House Manager/Bicker Chair). My fellow officers, like that of our many members, possess spirited personalities, an unparalleled work ethic, and a great passion for the Club. I can't wait to be living and working with such a great group of friends next year.

Springtime at Ivy is the best time! With the addition of 72 sophomore members, the Club is bustling at all hours of the day. Pool and ping-pong games are always underway and the patio is full of sunbathers and studiers alike. As the sun sets later and the backyard's flowers begin to bloom, we've begun moving to the patio to enjoy meals outside. Spring has indeed sprung!

The wonder of Ivy comes from the incredible diversity of backgrounds, nationalities, talents and interests of our membership. A few nights ago, I found myself sitting at dinner with a group of members, soon to realize that our table represented every continent in the world except Antarctica! Suffice it to say, no

other club on the Street can say that. In the past year, we've had members row for the US National Team, discover the first planet outside the Milky Way, and dance for the Miami City Ballet. Our members are full of vim and vigor, love for each other, and love for our Club. There's no place in the world I'd rather be than right here in Ivy.

Ivy is home for our current 230 members and will always be home for our graduate members. I am incredibly grateful for your invaluable support and continued passion for our great Club. I hope to welcome many of you to the Club in the coming months. Happy Spring!

Until then,

*Sophie*

### In Memoriam

We are saddened to report the passing of two stalwart members of Ivy.

**Montague Hackett '54** died on January 1, 2022. He graduated from Harvard Law School, and practiced law on Wall Street. Subsequently, he became Executive Vice President of Bridger Petroleum, Ltd. in Calgary, and later, chairman of several natural resources companies and venture capital firms. He is survived by his wife Mayme, his brother Randall, two children and three grandchildren.

**Francis H. McAdoo '38** died on January 22. He joined the Navy in 1940, became commander of a PT squadron of 11 boats, and returned home a Lt. Commander decorated with a Silver Star. He became president of Emerson Drug Company and later merged it with Warner-Lambert. Mac is survived by his three sons, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was Ivy's senior member and was profiled in the spring 2017 issue of the Vine. The precept room on Ivy's second floor is named in his honor.

## Current Officers



### Keyshawn Felton, *Vice President*

Keyshawn is a junior from Miami, Florida currently studying Economics with certificates in African American Studies and Computer Science. He spends most of his time in the club either in The Crypt or pool room, loves going to breakfast in the club and is looking forward to serving as Vice-President of the club.



### Angela De Santis, *Bicker Chair/House Manager*

Angela is a third-year Economics student at Princeton, interested in business analytics, research, and computer science. Proud southern Italian, cooking enthusiast, and curious individual, Angela loves being surrounded by people and learning about new cultures, hoping to travel the world one day. In the long run, she wants to join an international financial institution to assist developing countries and create a fairer, more sustainable, and equity-oriented global leadership for international relations.



### Stephane Pienaar, *Social Chair*

Stephane is a junior studying Chemical and Biological Engineering from Cape Town, South Africa. When he is not either working in a lab or at Ivy, he is most likely practicing on lake Carnegie as a member of the Heavyweight Men's Rowing team. As the incoming social chair, he hopes to continue allowing Ivy to foster friendships and empower its already wildly hot membership to be as festive as they see fit within Princeton's broader community.



### Ifeanyi Isicheiton, *Treasurer*

Ifeanyi is a junior in the ORFE department from Lagos, Nigeria. Outside his classes he spends his time working on a nonprofit that supports black-owned businesses, writing for the entrepreneurship club, and watching lots of soccer and basketball.

## Members in the News

The North Atlantic Council has approved the nomination of **General Christopher G. Cavoli '87**, United States Army, to the post of Supreme Allied Commander Europe. General Cavoli is currently serving as Commander, United States Army Europe and Africa, and was interviewed for the spring 2021 issue of the Vine.

**Pete Briger '86** and Ivy Parent **Mike Novogratz '87** joined two other alumni in making a significant donation to set up the Center for the Decentralization of Power through Technology in the Engineering and Applied Science Department.

**Cat Cohen '13** made her Netflix original comedy special debut in *The Twist...? She's Gorgeous*, released on March 15, 2022. Cohen has helped usher in a revival of the cabaret scene, hosting a weekly showcase at actor Alan Cumming's East Village hole in the wall, Club Cumming.

**Sarah Unger Biggs '08** and non-Ivy P'08 classmate **Rob Biederman** launched their VC firm Asymmetric Capital Partners this fall.

**Amira Polack '12** Struct Club recognized as one of the top 20 Early Stage B2B Solutions to look out for in 2022 by New York Venture Capital Network.



## We Are Back!



Across from left to right: Brooke Baxter '22, Arman Badrei '22, Cole Preston '24, Katie Dykstra '22, Angela De Santis '23, Sophie Singletary '23, JC Martinez '23, Camille Boylan '23, Kadija Benoit '23, Apple Rockefeller '23, Will Hunt '23, Miles Wilson '22, Professor Fernandez-Kelly.

[above & right] Professor Fernandez-Kelly was our guest at the Club's first ever hybrid Speaker Series event. The event was well-attended and a wonderful re-start to the series.

[bottom right] Formals at Ivy.



## We Want Your Feedback!

We'd like to hear your comments and feedback on our newsletters and articles. If you have anything to share, please email our director of membership Alanna Boudreau at:

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