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Ivy Welcomes World Leaders

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[above] South Africa's President Jacob Zuma is welcomed by Ivy member Edhodaghe Osime



[above] His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal of Saudi Arabia shares insights on the Middle East

Photography by David Kelly Crow

We went to press for the Spring Newsletter just after the spectacular standing room only session with former Secretary of State James Baker, Ivy section of 1952, who explained that it was Ivy that prepared him for his first major governmental position as Secretary of the Treasury. Secretary Baker shared his vast insight into Washington's politics, as he encouraged students to always stay true to themselves and to not fear staying the righteous path, even in the face of opposition.

For our last session of the Spring Term, we assembled a panel of the following knowledgeable and thoughtful luminaries on Oil and Politics in the Middle East. Alan Huffman is one of the most expert exploration and production leaders in the Oil and Gas Industry and is a longtime advisor to Saudi Aramco. Bernard Haykel is the Near Eastern Studies Professor at Princeton, Director of its Institute for Transregional Study, and is a

recognized world expert on Al Qaeda and ISIS. General David Petraeus, Partner at KKR and Chairman of its Global Institute, was Director of the CIA and, of course before that, was the military commander for the U.S. in the Second Iraq war. These distinguished experts provided their unique insights into the issues that are tearing our world apart.

The panel explained that with a GDP of less than California and Texas, the Middle East provided sixty

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A Message from Ivy's New Graduate President, Charles Lowrey '79

Photography by David Kelly Crow



[above] Charles Lowrey (left) with HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal

We all recognized that old tweed jacket. Often you'd find him sitting in the foyer, newspaper open wide as he combed through articles in the *Daily Princetonian*, or he'd join you for lunch to share tales of hay baling and sheep farming. He was always there and seemed almost synonymous with Ivy, so it is now hard to imagine Ivy without him.

This spring, we lost our beloved James Q. Griffin '55, President of the Ivy Club Board of Directors for 34 years, and surely the greatest advocate Ivy has ever known. During his three decades at the helm, Jim oversaw major changes including the admission of women; the establishment of the Ivy 1879 Foundation, our educational arm; and, of course, the splendid addition to Ivy's Clubhouse, now named the Griffin Wing in recognition of his driving efforts to bring it to fruition.

Even more notable than these outstanding accomplishments was the manner in which Jim led the Club to such great achievements. Despite his 1950's professorial attire, he was contemporary in his thinking and had his finger on the pulse of modern day realities. He was a consensual leader, always looking to others for their opinions and approvals, and yet, at the end of the day, he would subtly sway us to his ideas. In a gentle, kind manner he held us all to his high standards, yet managed to have empathy and understanding for undergraduate mischief, often chuckling at misbehavior. I think we can all agree that we sat up a

little straighter when he entered the room, as he drove us to be the best of ourselves.

I am not about to run out and purchase a tweed jacket. Jim has left huge shoes to fill, and I do not pretend to think that even a group of us can fill them. As we move into this next chapter of Ivy's story, I want it to be one that all of us—board members, graduate members, and undergraduate members write together. The great strength of Ivy lies in each of us and the joint value we can create in unison. I encourage you, as graduate members, to get involved. Come back to the Club when you are on campus, join us for Leadership Programs and the Graduate Member Dinner. Be an active part of Ivy because, as Jim taught us through his example, it is being present that provides the gentle guiding force to ensure Ivy embodies the values we share.



[above] During the 2014 Alumni Dinner, Jim shared words of thanks for the portrait commissioned in honor of his countless contributions to Ivy

Photography by Karin Belgrave

The James Q. Griffin Fund

In honor of this exceptional Ivy member and our dear friend, we have created the James Q. Griffin Fund, an on-going endowment that provides for capital improvements to Ivy's educational spaces and programs. Donations can be made online at theivyclub.net or by mailing a check to the Ivy 1879 Foundation, 43 Prospect Avenue, Princeton, NJ 08540.



Ivy Women Enjoy a Toast

On Friday, November 20th, more than 50 female graduate and undergraduate members gathered for cocktails and conversation at Harding's in New York City. Motivated by undergraduate female members' expressed interest to connect with graduate women, the evening provided an excellent format for networking and connecting with friends, both new and life-long. Based on the rave reviews for this gathering and the many notes we received from members across the country who wished they were able to attend, we hope this event is the first of many gatherings of this nature. We want to extend a special thanks to Allison Bridges '96, Caroline Shifke '12, and Salone Loney '10 for taking the lead to create this event.



Photography by Andrew Wilkinson

Restoration of Roberts Memorial Window Complete

Glass from the Algernon Brooke Roberts Memorial Window journeyed across the Atlantic this June as it was shipped to the workshop of Glasmalerei Peters in Paterborn, Germany for major restoration. The windows were in dire need of repair as there were several breaks and chips in the glass, deformity due to the failing lead, paint loss, and years of deposits resulting in an accumulated crust



[above] The Ivy coat of arms prior to restoration



[above] Post-restoration, the window displays its vibrant character



[above] Roberts Memorial Window restored to its full glory

build up which obscured the images and glass colors. The restoration was well documented by the specialists at Glasmalerei and the results are outstanding. The windows' brilliance now does justice to the original artwork and the Ivy spirit encapsulated in this art piece.



News from the Ivy 1879 Foundation

Photography by David Kelly Crow



[above] A panel of experts provide their views on “Oil and Politics in the Middle East” ((left to right) Alan Huffman, Consulting Partner at Sigma Cubed Inc., Bernard Haykel, Near Eastern Studies Professor, Princeton University, General David Petraeus, Former Director of the CIA and General, United States Army, and Ivy member Kevin McGinnis ’11, Woodrow Wilson MPP student and panel moderator)

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per cent of the world’s oil and thirty per cent of our needs here. Instability is prevalent in the region and appears to be getting worse. The consensus coalesced around the need for the U.S. to remain involved, particularly in support of stable regimes, and even increasing its presence on the ground. We were evinced by the fact that the cover of the following edition of the Princeton Alumni Weekly bore the image of Professor Haykel wearing the Ivy tie he was given at the event’s conclusion.

The Fall Term of the Program started off powerfully with a visit by the President of South Africa, Jacob Zuma. President Zuma spoke of the new surge of the African continent on to the main stage of the modern industrial world, not only from its traditional strengths in natural resources, but also due to the impact it was having upon international trade and agricultural production. He extolled the continent’s organic growth that was enhancing its increasing societal stability. President Zuma was an

enthusiastic cheerleader for an Africa on the move. After the packed session in the Great Hall, which included non-members who spilled out through the open doors on to the Club’s terrace, President Zuma assembled a smaller group of interested students for a more intimate Q&A session in the Club’s Library. Upon finishing, he said how much he loved the event and how he would like to come again.

At our following session, the Program hosted HRH Prince Turki Faisal of Saudi Arabia. The session was preceded by a dinner in the Music Room with members of the undergraduate Leadership Committee, Club Officers, and Members of the Board of Governors and their spouses. Also attending were former publishers of the Wall Street Journal, Peter Kann and Karen House, the latter of whom has just published a book on Saudi Arabia and its royal family. And, of course, there was Professor Haykel, a close friend of the Prince. The session in the Great Hall was as memorable as it was insightful. The Prince, who is one of the most educated and thoughtful leaders in the Middle

East, was brilliant and articulate, especially in his condemnation of the barbarity of groups like ISIS and Al Qaeda who he claimed were the antithesis of Muslim tradition and Islamic principles. He also, consistent with the position articulated in the Spring's panel, discussed the decreasing involvement by the United States in ameliorating the region's challenges. When the session concluded, our new President of the Ivy Board of Governors, Charlie Lowrey rose to explain that, to date, the Ivy Club had only named six people

as Ivy Fellows (an honor bestowed only on a non-Member from outside the University), and that the Board had voted to honor Prince Turki with this distinction. He was given a gold Ivy Leaf and was visibly moved by the gesture.

The Program's year continues to blossom with near commitments of additional leaders such as Paul Volker and Ricardo Poma, a highly respected businessman and entrepreneur in Central America and Co-Founder with Mitt Romney of Bain Capital.



[above] Ivy members from the sections of 2015 and 2016 at the Summit

Members Attend Women in the World Summit

| *By Liz Lian '15*

This past April, the Ivy 1879 Foundation provided 24 Ivy members with the opportunity to attend the sixth annual Women in the World Summit at the David H. Koch Theater in New York City. With participants such as Katie Couric, Senator Susan Collins, Christine Lagarde, Kirsten Gillibrand, and Hillary Clinton, the Summit was an eye-opening and profoundly educational experience. On Thursday, the second day of the three-day summit, we heard talks about sexual violence and stigma

in India, Yazidi refugees in Iraq, Helen Mirren's acting career, and a keynote speech by Hillary Clinton. On Friday, UN Ambassador Samantha Power and actress Robin Wright discussed the need for change in the Democratic Republic of Congo, we listened to a discussion about sexual assault on college campuses, and Angelina Jolie Pitt closed out the Summit with a compelling call to action for humanitarian aid to refugees. We hope to send another Ivy Club delegation next year!

Undergraduate President's Report



[above] Eliza Mott '16

Dear Ivy Alumni,

It has been an exciting fall at the Ivy Club. We've had surprise visitors, good weather, and new members. The officers and I are enjoying our swanky new digs and being able to walk down to breakfast in our pajamas.

One Saturday night, just two weeks after classes began, our social chair Danielle Mills and I were surprised to receive some calls from Secret Service agents. They were calling to talk to us about an impromptu visit the following day from the President of South Africa, Jacob Zuma. President Zuma was in town because of the UN General Assembly and decided to visit Ivy thanks to senior member Daghe Osime who had invited the President to speak. Never did I think that in my time as an officer, I would be asked by a Secret Service agent which entrance dignitaries usually entered through. Despite the short notice, President Zuma's speech filled the Great Hall to the brim—and even commanded an overflow crowd who listened in from the terrace.

This fall, we also welcomed His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal Bin Saud of Saudi Arabia. Prince Turki was invited by the Ivy Leadership Committee, the Club's initiative to provide leadership education to members. Ivy Leadership Committee events remain very popular and highly utilized by members, lectures, and wine tastings alike.

Early in October, we accepted eight stellar new members through our Fall Bicker process—two seniors and six juniors. These members have quickly integrated into club life and bring lots of variety and vigor to the table. They come from all over the world, have entirely different academic interests, and one—senior Martin Barakso, is even going to the 2016 Olympics as a member of the Canadian Olympic Rowing Team.

Speaking of Olympics, unfortunately we did not come out victorious in the annual TI/Ivy Olympics this year. There's always next year! We did, however, beat TI by

a mile in the keg toss, thanks to senior Ben Hummel who gave the toss of a lifetime.

The Clubhouse remains filled with friendly faces, and most night's dinner is so crowded that we use every table. It probably doesn't hurt that the food has been wonderful this semester, but either way there is a noticeably strong sense of camaraderie and fun throughout the club each and every day. And yet, we would always love to see more alums! We are looking forward to seeing you all at Homecoming and of hearing tales of Ivy's past.

Sincerely,
Eliza Mott

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Ivy Gifted Portrait of Member Josh Billings '33

| *By Bob Coffey '70*



[above] Grandchildren of Billings '33 at the portrait unveiling ceremony

On November 14th, family and friends of the late Ivy member Dr. Frederic Tremaine “Josh” Billings '33 gathered in the Great Hall to unveil a portrait of this beloved and accomplished member. While at Princeton, Dr. Billings' achievements were extraordinary. He was Phi Beta Kappa, chairman

of the Undergraduate Council and winner of the Pyne Prize. He lettered in lacrosse, wrestling, and football and was elected captain of the 1932 football team in his senior year. Post-graduation, he studied as a Rhodes scholar at Balliol College in Oxford and then went on to study medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. With World War II underway, upon graduation Billings signed on to serve in the Army's medical unit. After his service, Billings returned to Nashville to practice medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he had a long and distinguished career. Dr. Billings was a wonderful mentor, scholar, father, and friend to many. In recognition of his life accomplishments in 2000, Princeton recognized Dr. Billings as the Scholar Athlete of the 20th Century.

Friends and family members of Dr. Billings commissioned this portrait for the Ivy Club.

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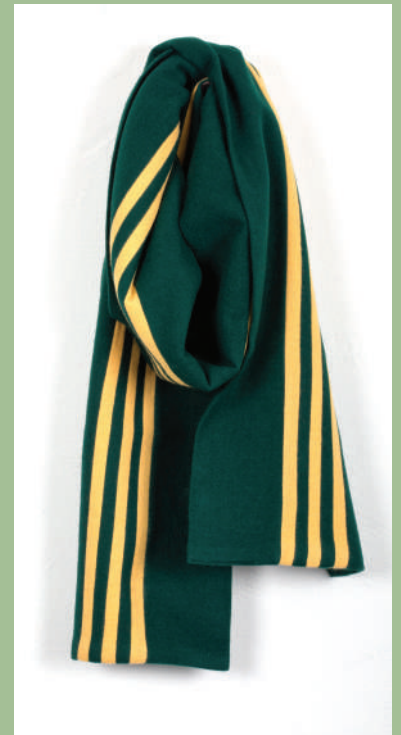
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