



# ON THE VINE

THE IVY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Remembering Ivy: An Interview with Francis McAdoo, Jr. '38



[above] Francis H. McAdoo, Jr. '38 as a Naval Officer



[above] Francis at age 101

Francis H. McAdoo, Jr. '38 followed the path of his father (Ivy 1910) from St. Paul's School to Ivy. Today, he is our senior member, and he agreed to answer some questions about his college years.

*The Vine:* We're so grateful for your willingness to share some memories with your fellow Ivy members. You grew up during the Depression, and when you were in college, Hitler was preparing for war. How do you recall this time?

FHM: In some ways, my memory is rather vague, but I'm intrigued to give it a try, as those days at Ivy were so splendid. Those of us not in the History or Politics departments were not too disturbed by events in Europe. We lived through the grim Lindbergh kidnapping, and everyone was somewhat subdued by that. Probably most agreed with Lindbergh's efforts to keep us out of war. My father, an ex-Naval officer from World War I, advised me upon graduation to apply for a Naval Reserve commission, which I did.

*Note from The Vine:* Mr. McAdoo served with distinction in World War II as a PT Boat Squadron Commander and was awarded the Silver Star. He was in Borneo when the atom bombs were dropped.

*The Vine:* What was your major, and who were some of your memorable professors?

FHM: I knew nothing about painting but chose Art History because I was infatuated with Cynthia, a budding artist. My favorite professors were Baldy Smith, and Albert Friend, who served in the First War, then remained in Europe helping to salvage art works damaged by the fighting. I recall J. Duncan Spaeth and his Shakespeare course; as he read the plays to us he would alter his voice for each character. At the end of his lectures we would all rise, enthusiastically shouting and applauding his Shakespeare performance.

*Note from The Vine:* Mac married Cynthia Heffron in 1939, and they were together until her death in 2015.

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## A Message from Graduate President Dominic Moross '90



I recently met some of our newly inducted sophomores, and they are an impressive group. Out of 70 new members, 23 are from a wide range of countries (UK, Australia, Canada, Brazil, Chile, Germany, Indonesia, Korea, Nigeria and the UAE), a testament to the Club's

ability to attract undergraduates from a broad array of cultures.

When I encounter Ivy members all over the world, I am always gratified by the unspoken feeling of allegiance we have for each other. This trait is born of the respect, support, and loyalty we showed one another when we were undergraduates. Our Club provided us with a safe haven *not* from views that differed from our own, but in which we could discuss our varying opinions in a civil manner with friends. These moments of interaction, sometimes contentious, served to cement and enrich our friendships forever.

I would like to congratulate and thank this year's undergraduate officers, led by Mina Para, for the stellar work they did managing the Club's daily affairs. As senior thesis blues envelop them, they passed the baton to a wonderful group of new officers.

Our building, a cornerstone of the Princeton Historic District, continues to look terrific, undergoing maintenance when necessary under the astute vigil of board architects George Knight '89 and Ryan Salvatore '02. Ivy remains a home away from home, its nooks and crannies usually filled with members studying and taking advantage of Ivy's peaceful aura. By popular demand, we plan to modernize the third-floor study space into a more comfortable area for collaborative study. Adam Ainslie '17, who was recently accepted into Princeton's Graduate Program in Architecture, will assist with the redesign.

I am happy to announce that we have two new board members: Shea Owens '94 and Bill Ughetta '82. In

addition, I would like to welcome Julia Wilson '11, who has joined us as Director of Member Services. Julia will assist the boards of the Club and 1879 Foundation, our graduate members, and the undergraduate officers, as well as helping coordinate our leadership initiatives. Julia, a font of energy, holds an MPA from Penn.

In the past few months, several graduates have visited the Club for dinner. I hear all the time from undergraduates that their love for Ivy grows each time they have the chance to meet graduate members. I encourage you to visit the Club and have a meal. I have no doubt that you will find the experience both nostalgic and enriching. Please feel free to contact Julia if you would like her to coordinate a visit or if you have any questions or comments. Her contact details are on the last page of this newsletter.

Our Leadership and Roundtable Programs continue to flourish with a roster of impressive and influential speakers. The challenges facing the world today put the spotlight on the importance of leadership and sound values. Through role models sourced from our network, these programs open the eyes of our members to the key tenets of good leadership, namely intelligence, curiosity, patience, self-discipline, consistency, humility, and self-awareness. As a fly on the walls of the Club, you would be proud to observe these qualities reflected in the daily activities and actions of our undergraduates. It is a tonic.

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*The Vine:* What can you tell us about the Ivy men of your time?

FHM: The members were usually, if not related to a previous Ivy member, from private boarding schools. We were not a particularly athletic club, although before my day there had been several greats, such as Josh Billings '33 (*Pyne Prize winner and Rhodes Scholar, later named Princeton's scholar-athlete of the 20th century, whose portrait hangs in the Great Hall*) and of course Hobey



[above] Francis H. McAdoe, Jr. '38 and his wife Cynthia

Baker '14, venerated for his football exploits as well as his mastery of hockey (*the annual trophy given to the nation's best collegiate ice hockey player is named the Hobey Baker Award*). Our Sections were a good mixture of those who would become doctors, or Ph.Ds in chemical engineering or art and archeology. My roommate for four years (*and undergraduate president of Ivy*) was Arthur Gorman '38; he was closely related to the sardonic author Ogden Nash, who made many contributions to *The New Yorker*. Most of my Ivy friends, except Guy Rutherford, were in the class of 1937: Newty Cutler, Jim Miller, and Percy Pyne. We would get pretty worked up over the football season, and on Friday evening before the Yale game I remember the traditional bonfire outside the old library.

**The Vine:** There is always a lot of interest in JFK's time at Princeton as a member of the Class of 1939. His friend Lem Billings '39, with whom JFK had come to Princeton from Choate, was in Ivy with you.

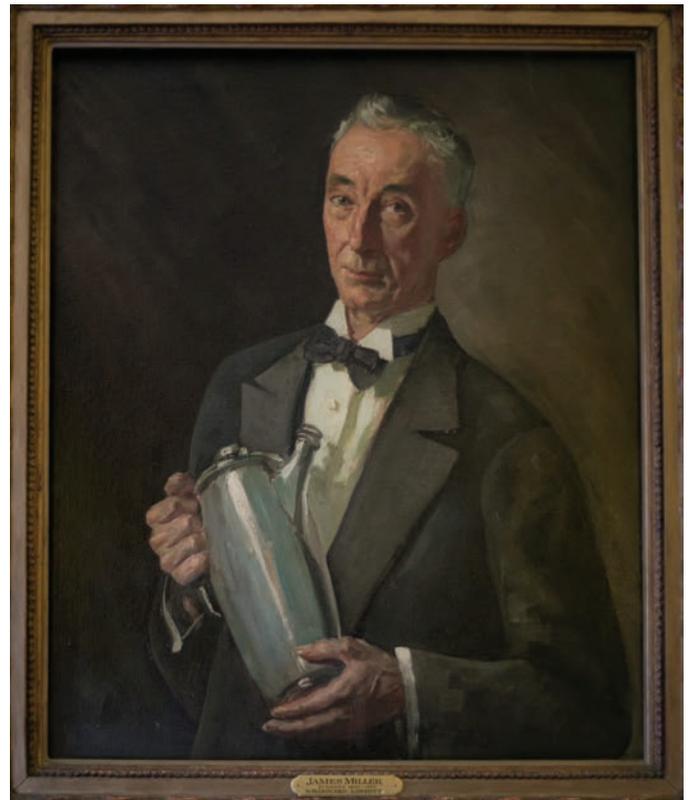
**FHM:** I knew Lem well in college, and for many years before he died, he was my best friend. His older brother Josh, of course, had been a big man on campus and at Ivy, and Lem had a lot of friends, including my roommate Pete Gorman. He met Jack Kennedy at Choate, where they became friends, and he belonged to a sort of outrageous group of bad attitudes of the class, but he managed to graduate. Lem used to call on Pete and me, selling us junk food in the evenings, working his way through college, and he would sit with us for half an hour, laughing away at the absurdities of life. He was rooming with Jack then, but Jack had to leave college due to illness. When Bicker arrived, he was invited to join Ivy, which he declined, as he

went to Tiger. After a few days, however, he wanted to be in Ivy, and asked if we would reconsider him. As you can imagine, this was quite unusual, but we wanted him so much that we took him, and gave him a free room in the attic. He and I were both in Art History, so we saw each other in those classes. I laughed at him for choosing Tintoretto for his thesis while I struggled with Cezanne.

Due to Lem's close contact with the Kennedy family, Cynth and I became very friendly with Kick (Kathleen), who accompanied us one summer on a pack trip to Montana. She was the female counterpart of Jack, friendly, humorous, witty, and wonderful company. She and Lem were very close, in a platonic friendship.

After the War, we saw Lem in Maryland and New York, where he joined an ad agency. Kick had died, and then Jack was killed, but we still saw a lot of Lem. After Jack's death, Lem said to me, "He was my best friend, and you are my second best."

**The Vine:** One of the great paintings at Ivy is Barnard Lintott's portrait of the legendary James Miller (inset, below), the Steward who came to Ivy in 1903 and retired when you graduated, in 1938. What can you tell us about him?



## News from the Ivy 1879 Foundation

### Hello from the Ivy Leadership Committee!

This year we had a fantastic and diverse set of executives and academics join us for discussions on business, leadership, and world issues. As the year went on, we achieved our goal of bringing in perspectives from many different fields—from academia and non-profits to finance and pharmaceuticals.

In December we had Karen Simon, Vice Chairman of J.P. Morgan, join us for dinner and a fireside chat. Karen currently heads up Director Advisory Services, a new J.P. Morgan global initiative designed to facilitate interactions with directors on public company boards. During the discussion, Karen spoke about the financial industry's place in business, her role as a woman in the field, her experiences both domestically and abroad, and the state of the country as a whole. She spent time afterwards speaking to individual students, lending career and life advice.

Bob Hugin '76, Executive Chairman of Celgene Corporation, joined us in March for an intimate dinner and discussion. Bob served as CEO of Celgene from 2010 to 2016, and is currently on Princeton's Board of Trustees. He spoke about his path to and within Celgene, as well as giving leadership and life advice. The conversation was dynamic and engaging, leaving students feeling inspired and hopeful about the future.

We were then joined by our very own Betty Rascher at a Roundtable. The room was packed to listen to her life story, her experiences as Ivy's steward, and the many coveted details of happenings and dynamics within the club. She kept us all laughing for two hours.

Princeton professor Rachael Ferguson also joined us for dinner in April. Rachael teaches Princeton's most popular course, *Hustles and Hustlers*, in which she talks about the dynamics and effects

of illegal markets within society. One in every eleven Princeton students is in the class. She led a fascinating discussion on drug and sex markets, her personal and professional backgrounds, and her next steps in work and research as she leaves Princeton this year.

Finally, we are fortunate to have Wendy Kopp, CEO and Co-Founder of Teach For All and Founder of Teach for America, join us this May for an event co-hosted with *Business Today*. The moderated Q&A will explore how what started as her senior thesis has had global social impact, and she will discuss her thoughts on leadership in education reform.

In the fall we will be hosting journalist and author Katie Couric, CEO of Feed Projects Lauren Bush Lauren, and author and television host Daphne Oz. We have had a fantastic year with ILC and are looking forward to its continuation under the new leadership of Christian Pavlakos, Clayton Marsh, Colleen Kang, Katherine Shifke, and Laura Herman.

**Tiggy Valen '17, Visala Alagappan '17, and Zeeza Cole '17**



[above] Bob Hugin addresses members during a fireside chat.

## Graduates in the News

Ivy's former Undergraduate Treasurer, **Adam Hyndman '12**, was recently featured as PAW's "Tiger of the Week" for landing a role on Broadway. After five years of chasing his dreams, Hyndman's break came this year when he was selected to join the cast of *Aladdin*, which he describes as "an acrobatic, very intense spectacle of a show." His secret to finding success in the competitive world of performing arts? "There's no such thing as luck," he states. "I believe it's all about opportunity meeting preparation." Congratulations, Adam!

**John Drummond '71** took Reunions by storm last year when he and two other alumni made a cross-country motorcycle trip to Princeton. In a recent PAW interview, Drummond and his fellow adventurers describe their 4,600-mile trip as "a chance to see America up close, and reminisce about Princeton along the way." The full interview, entitled "Travels with Harley," is available on PAW's website.

Award-winning journalist **Bianca Bosker '08** has recently garnered praise for her instant *New York Times* best seller, *Cork Dork: A Wine-Fueled Adventure among the Obsessive Sommeliers, Big Bottle Hungers, and Rogue Scientists Who Taught Me to Live for Taste*. Whether you are fascinated with the world of sommeliers or simply enjoy a good glass a wine, you might want to pick up this book!

Former National League President and current Ivy board member **Leonard Coleman '71** was recently featured in ESPN's piece, "An oral history of the night baseball stopped to retire No. 42 [Jackie Robinson] forever." Coleman, who served as the chair of the Jackie Robinson Foundation for nearly twenty years, played a pivotal role in the decision to memorialize Robinson by retiring his number. To read his reflections on this historic decision, visit [www.espn.com](http://www.espn.com).

## The Board of Governors Welcomes



### Shea Owens '94

We are delighted to announce that Shea Owens has joined the Board of Governors. Currently Assistant General Counsel of KPMG US, Shea has spent the past 17 years practicing international corporate law in New

York and Hong Kong. After law school, she served as a federal judicial law clerk and has been a Fulbright Fellow in Kenya, a CIEL Human Rights Fellow in Switzerland, and a CIS Fellow in Brazil. Shea is a graduate of Columbia Law School. At Princeton, she received the Gale F. Johnston Prize in Public Affairs.

### Bill Ughetta '82

We are very pleased to welcome Bill Ughetta to the Ivy Board. Bill is a partner of GL Ohrstrom & Co., a private equity firm in New York. Previously, he was a founding partner of Long Point Capital and a partner of Morgan Lewis Githens & Ahn, an investment banking and private equity firm. Bill holds an MBA from Columbia Business School.



## Final Ivy Musings By Mina Para '17



Life after Princeton certainly seems an intimidating place—one where my bills are no longer sent to my parents' house and refrigerators do not magically remain stocked with Greek yogurt (big thanks to, firstly, my mother and, more recently, Chef Jean). The more daunting aspect of post-graduate life,

however, is the coming absence of the community that we, as the 2017 section, have been able to find in Ivy. Whether in the dining hall, filled with discussion of current events or less serious debates about the effect of hand size on free-throw percentage, or over a game of pool or a beer in the tap room, we sometimes do not realize our fortune to constantly be surrounded by a community of thoughtful, engaging, and talented people. In these spaces at Ivy, you will come across accomplished athletes, future academics, aspiring entrepreneurs, and artists.

Regardless of what lies ahead for the 2017 section, our collective experience at Ivy, as members of this community, has undeniably enriched every one of us. Much to my GPA's chagrin, I found my time here as influential in my development and learning at Princeton as that which took place in the classroom. This formative experience and the interpersonal bonds we are able to establish here transcend the temporal constraints of our undergraduate experience, and it is something I will cherish even after I pass through the gates in front of Nassau Hall.

It has been a true pleasure serving Ivy over the last year as the Undergraduate President, a responsibility I was incredibly fortunate to share with fellow officers Gonzalo Mocerrea, Tiggy Valen, Lauren Berger, Natalia Perina, and Ray Menin. On behalf of all undergraduates, I would like to extend our gratitude to the alumni who enable Ivy to shape the lives of its current undergraduate members and the many more to come.

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FHM: He was fantastic. His attention to us (*there were about 36 members then*) was like a father to his sons. Besides his professionalism, I always think of him as Mr. Perpetual Ivy Club. He attended to us as though we were shining knights, always concerned that we approved of the food, always taking care of the latecomers to the dining table, supervising the pool tables and generally maintaining the neatness of everything. On weekends during football season, he remembered so many of the old graduates and their families; he was certainly considered part of the Ivy family. I don't believe I've ever met a man of more distinction or with more pride in his job.

**The Vine:** What are your favorite memories of Ivy?

FHM: I loved the escape from the hurly-burly, and the peace and calm and friendship of the Club.

**The Vine:** Thank you. We're honored to have you share these memories with us.



**If you have any news you'd like to share in our next newsletter, please contact our Director of Member Services at [julia.wilson@theivyclub.net](mailto:julia.wilson@theivyclub.net).**

**If you are aware of any Ivy graduate members who have recently passed away, please let Julia know, as we plan to include an In Memoriam section in future newsletters.**

## Ivy Club 2017 Reunion Schedule

**Friday, June 2, 2017**—The Club will be open until midnight for members and accompanied guests. There will be no food service, but beer and soft drinks will be available.

**Saturday, June 3, 2017**—Brunch for members and their guests will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person; there is no charge for children under 10.

Following the P-rade, food and beverages will be available from approximately 4 to 6 p.m. Beer and soft drinks will be available throughout the evening. The Club closes at midnight.

**Sunday, June 4, 2017**—No events are scheduled at the Club on this day.

**If you have not paid your annual dues, please do so promptly.** Dues can be paid online at [theivyclub.net/dues](http://theivyclub.net/dues) or by calling the Steward at (609) 924-2236. **It is expected that graduate members attending Club events will be in good standing.**

Parking at the Club is restricted to Ivy members in good standing only.



## Women of Ivy Cocktail Reception

Ladies, you and your families are cordially invited to attend our annual Reunions cocktail reception for the women of Ivy. Come reconnect with your fellow female members over drinks and hors d'oeuvres:

**Saturday, June 3, 2017**

**5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.**

**Lower Library at The Ivy Club**

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