

COLONIAL CLUB

Fall Newsletter



May 2015

A Letter from the President of the Graduate Board



Fellow Members,

As I write on the eve of our Annual Meeting, I am pleased to let you know that your Club is doing very well.

Membership remains strong. Our undergraduates are basking in the May sunshine on the front porch, classes have

wound down, three days of Houseparties events have concluded, and Senior Theses have been (allegedly) completed, bound, and delivered to expectant advisors with a cunningly hidden Colonial Thesis Phrase in every one.

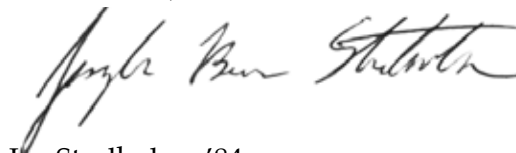
As always, I encourage you to visit Colonial-members and family are always welcome, and are perhaps 'even more' welcome if they are found to have paid their very reasonable dues.

With sadness, I would like us all to take special note of the passing of Ramsay Vehslage '59, our longtime colleague on the Board. Ramsay's father F. C. Vehslage '20 was on the board from 1959 to 1963, and Ramsay was recruited to the Board in 1965 at the age of 28. Thus, Ramsay gave 50 years of continuous, active, essential, and completely uncompensated service to Colonial Club.

I would argue that Ramsay's financial wizardry saved the Club from extinction, first in helping to arrange the initial sale of the Club's land to the University, and then in managing the proceeds to bankroll club operations for the following 25 years. For myself, I am distressed to lose an invaluable colleague and role model who shared our passion for the Club and who enthusiastically embraced our 'turn-around' mission to restructure Colonial for survival and prosperity in the 21st Century.

The best tribute that I can give to Ramsay is to continue to ensure that Club management and Board governance remain in good hands and to continue Ramsay's tradition of outstanding financial management in the service of all our members-past, present, and future.

For Colonial,



Joe Studholme '84
President, Graduate Board of Directors,
Colonial Club of Princeton University



Ramsay Vehslage '59 and family. See obituary on page 8.

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Undergraduate President's Address

To our Esteemed Members,

We're almost through our spring semester here on campus, and I'm happy to report that Colonial Club is doing well. Thanks to our team of officers, we have successfully recruited a vibrant new group of sophomores into the club, as well as several new seniors and juniors. We will finish this semester with 229 members.



Colonial Club's social events are alive and well. The new social team has kicked off a number of new initiatives in the club, including poker nights, game tournaments, and movie nights. The Friday night events and the members' events have been successful at engaging the membership and the Princeton population at-large. We have also booked HelloGoodbye for our spring Lawnparties act, which certainly excited the members and drew a massive crowd to Colonial's ever-popular and impressive front lawn.

We kicked off our semiformals this year with Coloha, a tropical themed party. The members thoroughly enjoyed the idea and wore their best beach gear to the event, which was of course in the middle of February. We look forward to our Speakeasy semiformal, featuring a live jazz band and Chef Gil's amazing hors d'oeuvres, in the coming days.

Finally, a word for our seniors and juniors. Many of our members are in the midst of the job and internship hunt now, and if you or your company is hiring, we strongly encourage you to send information to me (swethad@princeton.edu) so that we can post them on the job board in the club.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Swetha Doppalapudi".

Swetha Doppalapudi '16
Undergraduate President

Graduate Board of Governors

Joseph Studholme '84 - President
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Sev Onyshkevych '83
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Edward Ritter '83
Andrew Stein '90
Hal L. Stern '84
Ramsay Vehslage '59
Andrew Weintraub '10

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Sophomore Representative: Christopher Yu

Headed to the Nationals



Princeton's D1 women's ultimate team, Clockwork, of which many are members of Colonial, won Metro East regionals, qualifying the team to attend nationals in Milwaukee later this month. This is the team's first appearance at D1 nationals since 1999. The weekend included crucial wins over Yale, Columbia, Cornell, and UConn. Members of Colonial club include **Sherry Li '15**, **Kaitlin Yin '15**, **Rachel Roberts '16**, **Jean Wang '15**, and **Lyra Olson '15**. For more info email Lyra at Lbolson@princeton.edu or go to www.princeton.edu/~ultimate/

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Community Service

Colonial Club is dedicated to the service of not only our members, but also to the service of the youth in our community.

This April, the club hosted a lunch for the Big Siblings program of Mercer county, an initiative which brings together young children and Princeton student mentors in the pursuit of academic and social enrichment.

In a similar vein, the club is working with the Princeton-Blairstown Center to bring in groups of adolescents from local urban high schools for campus tours led by Colonial members and for a meal at the club. By engaging with underprivileged youth in our community, we hope to illustrate to them the wealth of opportunities available in their educational and career aspirations.



Host Your Next Event at Colonial Club!

Colonial Club offers a classy, unique venue for your upcoming corporate or social events. Reach out to our Club Manager, Kathleen, for menus and event planning assistance, manager@colonialclub.com

Give to Colonial!

Colonial has continued to thrive over the years thanks to the generous support of our alumni! Please continue to make your dues payments and thoughtful donations to the club.

Dues

The Dues Structure is now \$25.00 for all those who graduated within the last ten years and \$50.00 for all those who graduated eleven plus years ago. Paying your dues provides admission to all alumni events at Colonial, including meals at Reunions and Homecoming. Dues may be paid at the door, at any event or online. Non dues payers will be asked to pay their dues before visiting for a Club event. If dues are not paid, the member and his/her guests/family members will be charged an event fee. Guests and family members of dues-paying alumni are always welcome free of charge. We look forward to seeing you!

Annual Giving

Now, more than ever before, Colonial Club needs your support. We need your help to sustain our wonderful reputation on the Street and to offer our current student officers the marketing tools necessary to continue and increase membership. Please make your unrestricted gift today!

You can donate a tax-deductible gift to the PPF/Colonial Account to support our educational spaces or you can donate a gift directly to The Colonial Club for its immediate use toward the general upkeep and ongoing maintenance of the Club. The "Pay Club Dues" tab on our website will guide you. You can also email, call or use the envelope provided. Colonial Club thanks you for your generosity and support to the club!



A Virtual Visit to the Club



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Valedictorian

We are pleased to announce that Misha Semenov '15, a member of our own Colonial family, was named the valedictorian of the Class of 2015.

Misha, a native of San Francisco, is concentrating in architecture with certificates in urban studies and translation and intercultural communication.



For his senior thesis, advised by Dean Stanley Allen of the architecture department and history professor Alison Isenberg, Semenov studied housing projects designed to accommodate residents' expansion, and examined how more flexible, rule-based ar-

chitecture can help fulfill larger social goals.

Professor Isenberg describes him as the most talented undergraduate she has encountered in 20 years of teaching.

After graduating, Semenov will spend two weeks sketching architecture in Europe using an award from the William Feay Shellman Travel Fund at the School of Architecture, Semenov said, adding that he will then begin a dual master's program in architecture and environmental management at the Yale School of Architecture and the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

Throughout his undergraduate career, Semenov has also engaged with campus sustainability initiatives, serving as co-president of Greening Princeton, chair of the Greening Dining Committee and member of the GreenLeaders forum. He also helped to implement the University's new mixed recycling system.

"I am interested in tackling larger scale urban issues," Semenov said. "I've always been fascinated by production of green cities and ways that we can be more efficient. I certainly believe that cities are part of the solution to the environmental crises we face."

Once again, Colonial Club is so proud of our talented and recognized members. Congratulations, Misha! We wish you all of the best and continued success!

In Their Own Words

"I really enjoy and appreciate the effort by student Colonial members and Colonial staff to welcome alums and their families back for the Harvard or ale weekend!"

-Jack Siggins, '60

"I really enjoyed being on campus for the Alumni Sampler in September and the Harvard game in October. Thanks for your work on the Club."

-Carol Obertubbesing, '73

"I'm now Executive Director of Math for America in Boston. Still involved in math after all these years!"

-Keith Hilles-Pilant, '76

"Leonard Yerkes, '58, who was President of the Club, very sadly died in September. A great guy and a great loss."

-Lawrence W. Leighton, '56

"Edward Bragg, '53, who contributed much to Colonial, died several months ago. He was a close friend and I recommended that go on the Board after I left the Board. He was a special person."

-Lawrence W. Leighton, '56

"For fun games I made, check out standardgames.com"

-Todd Meierhans, Class of 2000

"Alex and Trio played for our Club's 100th!"

-Joseph W. Donner, '49

"The club is thriving and the membership is happy and well fed."

-Bob Coxe, '69

Want to relive that Colonial experience?

Visit the Colonial Club gear store to boast your club logo wear and accessories!

http://bestclubgear.com/Colonial_Club_Gear.html



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Alumni News

Eric Schmidt, '76 (pictured, center), founder and CEO of Google, visited the Colonial Club after his keynote at the Hackathon at Princeton University. He told stories about how he used to live in the room that is now the Schmidt Computer Cluster and how he's still best friends with the people in his class picture hanging in the Del Vento Room. At the Hackathon, he talked about how technology was changing the world and how we would be living in a very different world in the next twenty years. Yet, he commented that "nothing has changed" at Colonial!



Jeff Moss '63

Head Writer, Lyricist, Composer, Sesame Street



Generations of American children have been raised on PBS's Sesame Street. Less known, however, is that many of the show's iconic characters and songs actually trace their origins to Colonial Club.

Jeff Moss '63 was an enthusiastic Colonial member. At the club he was known for his creativity and songwriting talent that he displayed at the Triangle Club. A collaborator later described him: "he could write anything; he could imagine anything." At Colonial he wrote his thesis on Shakespeare.



After graduation, he moved to New York and started working in children's television. He became the first head writer, lyricist, and composer for a new show that would change the world: Sesame Street. Jeff would go on to win fourteen Emmy awards.

Jeff's creations, like the Cookie Monster and Oscar the Grouch, are iconic around the world. His song "Rubber Duckie" became hit single in 1970, selling millions of copies.

His influence has not gone unrecognized. *The New York Times* once asked, "who could imagine childhood in America any more" without Jeff Moss's creations? Beatles singer John Lennon was a huge fan of Jeff included a tribute to him on his first solo album. In 2007, the university publicly called Jeff one the most influential alumni in its history.

David A. Reed 1900

United States Senator for Pennsylvania

David A. Reed spent twelve years representing his native Pennsylvania in the United States Senate.



David was a member of one of Colonial's earliest classes, graduating in 1900. He came to Princeton after growing up in Pittsburgh, where he returned to attend law school.

When Pennsylvania Senator William E. Crow died in 1922, David was appointed to fill his seat, until he was elected in his own right later that year.

As Senator he rose to national prominence in the post-WWI debates about what kind of country America wanted to be. He opposed the large waves of immigration that had occurred in America before the War, and co-authored the Immigration Act of 1924 that shaped American immigration policy – and thereby society overall – until the 1960s.

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Ted Cruz '92 is the first major party candidate to launch a campaign for the 2016 election for President of the United States. Ted has served as the United States Senator for Texas since his election in 2012.



At Colonial, Ted was known for his enthusiasm for debate and his precociously formed conservative political views.

Hopefully his campaign trail will make a stop by the clubhouse at reunions. No word yet on plans to make Blue and Yellow official colors of the United States, or whether as President Cruz would renovate the white house to add Colonial's majestic white pillars.



Engagements



Cesar Alvarez '13 (left) is engaged to Colleen Knight. Cesar currently works as an engineer at Ford in Dearborn, MI.

Rajat Krishna '10 is engaged to Alyssa Martin, with the wedding set for July. After Colonial, Rajat attended Harvard Law

School, where he and Alyssa met.

Stay Connected

Be sure to update your contact information at www.colonialclub.com so that you may continue to receive news from the club.

Keep us updated on your life and we may post it in the next newsletter! Send your life news and celebrations to manager@colonialclub.com.

Weddings



On Saturday, December 27, **Josh Giles '13** married Heather Belle in Tampa, Florida. At Colonial Josh was the technology chair, an experience that inspired him to start his current career as a software engineer at Google in New York. He and Heather, a medical student at Rutgers, had been dating since they met in high school in Tampa.

Many Colonial Club friends attended the wedding, including in the wedding party: **Max Lyons '13**, **Santhosh Balasubramanian '13**, Club Fool **Gary Fox '13**, Social Chair **Lucas Zavala '13**, Vice President **Daniel Pedraza '13**, Technology Chair **David Lackey '14**, **Peter Iskaros '13**, **Cesar Alvarez '13**, **John O'Neill '13**, and **Patrick Cragg '13**.



In addition to revolutionizing the use of technology at the club, Josh was known to host late night social gatherings in his officer bedroom, in the process comprehensively strengthening the bonds between members.

Becky Marriott '10 and **Jake Dale '10** got married after a romance that sparked at Colonial, as did **Alejandro Ciniglio '10** and **Susan Butler '10**.

John Stogin ('11 GS'16 and Colonial alum) and

Birgitt Boschitsch '13 met

at Princeton in 2010 and shared a love for math/engineering. So they got married on 3.14.15 and had their reception at Colonial, complete with pies for their guests to take home! They were joined by Colonial alumni **Brendan Carroll**

('11) and **Cameron Myhrvold ('11)**.



In Memoriam

We honor those who recently passed...

John F. B. Mitchell '35
Frederick L. Graham '37
Julian L. Peabody '37
Dr. Peter Randall '44
Bertram Lippincott Jr. '45
James S. Marshall '46
Theodore G. Kane '48
Pete Loser '48
Louis G. Bissell Jr. '49
Lansden McCandless Jr. '50
Bradish H. Bailey '51
Leland T. Johnson Jr. '54
Homer J. Livingston Jr. '57
Jonathan F. Swain '57
Fred Deming '57
George B. Stericker Jr. '60
Dr. Henry d'A. Heck '61
Thomas S. Gilbert '66
John E. Treat '67
Lucas W. Kamp Ph.D. '68
Dr. Christopher W. Brooks '70
Mr. Alan Talkington '78
Joseph T. Josephson '82

Reunions 2015

Thursday, 5/28 - Sunday, 5/31

"GOING BACK...GOING BACK...
GOING BACK TO...COLONIAL CLUB!"

Friday, May 29th

10:00 pm - 3:00 am – TAP ROOM IS OPEN

Saturday, May 30th: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Milk Punch Brunch ...you know you love it!

2:00 pm: P-Rade

3:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Smokin' BBQ Feast...After the P-Rade

10:00 pm - 3:00 am

TAP ROOM IS OPEN

Sunday, May 31st: 10:00am - 12:30 pm

Homeward Bound Brunch Buffet

Obituaries

Ramsay Vehslage '59, a long-time Colonial Grad Board member, passed away suddenly on April 17th in Princeton.

Ramsay was a nationally ranked squash player, as was his brother Stephen who pre-deceased him. At a time in the 1980's when Colonial was experiencing some financial difficulties, Ramsay played a key role in negotiating with the University, which resulted in Colonial becoming the first sign-in club. In return for that agreement, the University helped Colonial establish an Endowment, that Ramsay successfully managed until his death.



He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

Stephen Coerte Voorhees '43, or "Stretch" as he was known at Colonial, was a member of Colonial in his Junior year. Known for his athleticism, he starred in Football, Soccer, and Crew. A renaissance man, he was also a talented singer at the Glee Club and other choirs.



After Colonial he attended Cornell Medical School and served in World War II. He spent his career at the Amherst Coal Co. in Charleston, West Virginia. He married Adeline, who was the sister of Stretch's friend and classmate Herb Jones.

Job Board

Colonial Club offers a job board to our members to help secure internships and career opportunities.

Please contact our
Club Manager, Kathleen Galante,
manager@colonialclub.com,
to add your company and available
positions to our ongoing Job Board.