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Trustees and Officers Elected at Annual Meeting; Wenzel Leads Club into Millenium

The Yale Club of Southwest Florida held its annual meeting on December 9th at The Vineyards Country Club with 45 members in attendance. Rev. Ted Gault '54 MDiv. opened the meeting with the Edinburg Grace. President Terry Upson '60 presided over a review of the past year's activities, and new events for the new millenium (year 2000) were brought to the members attention. Torrey Foster '56 was presented the Club's Outstanding Service Award for his many contributions to the Club's activities during the past year. The full schedule of events for 2000 is listed on page 4 of the newsletter.

All current trustees were reelected and Frank Moore M.D. '55 was elected as a new Trustee. Bob Varnum resigned as a Trustee during last year. The Trustees elected the following officers to serve for the year 2000:

Bob Wenzel '53E	President
Torrey Foster '56	President-Elect & AYA Representative
Arnold Garfinkel '62 MA	V.P. Activities
Scott Herstin '69	V.P. Membership
Tom Mackelfresh '51	V.P. Alumni Schools
Bob Bennett '44	V. P. Endowment
Rev. Ted Gault '54 MDiv	V.P. Ft. Myers
Pete Broadbent '47 E	Secretary
Jim Carthaus '62	Treasurer



Upson, Foster, Mackelfresh, Garfinkel, Herstin and Carthaus
Wenzel and Gault



Yale President Richard Levin Featured Speaker at Club Event

President Richard Levin '72 MPhil, '74 PhD returned to Southwest Florida to report on recent developments at the university and the plans for the future. Over 140 alumni and friends assembled at the Collier Athletic Club for cocktails and his presentation on February 28th.

It was clear from Levin's remarks that Yale's campus renovation continues at a pace unparalleled in the last sixty years. Practically every aspect of the physical plant is undergoing restoration. With work on the colleges, libraries, arts and athletic facilities having begun, Levin spoke of the ambitious plans for the science and engineering facilities. Over \$500 million is committed to this upgrading effort.

Yale's success in attracting the highest quality students, faculty and deans continues to be encouraging. Applications and yields on offers of admission increases each year. Faculty recruitment is achieving excellent results, and seven women are joining the senior ranks.

After the formal part of his presentation, Levin answered questions. In response to a question about the profile of the university from an international perspective, Levin clearly stated that Yale would remain an American university with international distinction, and would not become a global university that happens to be located in New Haven. This, as well as his entire presentation, received a warm applause.

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Editorial Advisor: Bob Wenzel '53 E

First Union Underwrites Tropical Bulldog

In continuing support of The Yale Club, the Private Client Group of First Union National Bank has agreed to underwrite the production and printing of our newsletter. Bob Wenzel '53 E, Club President, said "We are most grateful to Matthew Mathias, Managing Director of the Private Client Group, for the generous support that we receive from First Union over the years."

Club members will remember that First Union was the sponsor of the Whiffenpoofs' concert last year at The Vineyards Country Club.

This issue and subsequent ones for two years will contain an advertisement at the bottom of page two highlighting First Union's special services.



Yale/Harvard Football Game Televised at Ditka's

New restaurant was site for annual joint event

Over 110 alumni and friends of Yale and Harvard saw an exciting 116th playing of "The Game" televised at Ditka's new restaurant. As we all know it was a hard fought game, with the lead changing frequently. Yale won in the final seconds with a touchdown 24-21 securing a tie for the Ivy League championship with Brown. Most everyone seemed to enjoy the location and food. However, rumor has it that it is likely that a new location needs to be found since attendance did not meet expectations. Our friends from Harvard run the function this year.

Tercentennial Planning Well Underway; Speaker Forum to Highlight Events

Alumni of national distinction engaged to speak; Northern Trust to Underwrite celebration.

Bob Wenzel '53E, Yale Club President, reports that planning is moving along for the Club's celebration of Yale's 300th birthday. The main event is a speaker's program sponsored and hosted by Northern Trust Company who is providing the location, food and cocktails for each of 4 or 5 speaker programs.

To date, 4 speakers have agreed to participate. Our first speaker on Monday, November 13, 2000 will be **William Donaldson '53, '73MAH**, co-founder of brokerage firm, Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette where he is now a Senior Advisor. He is also Chairman and CEO of Aetna Life Insurance Co. Mr. Donaldson is former Chairman of the New Stock Exchange and was first Dean and Professor of the Yale School of Management.

On Monday, January 15, 2001, the speaker will be **Roger Horchow, '50, '99 LHDH**, Chairman and CEO of Horchow Catalogues and recent Yale Medal recipient.

We feature **Vincent Scully '40, '47MA, '49PhD** on Friday, February 23, 2001. Scully, retired Professor of Art, is Yale's world famous lecturer and author on art and architecture, and many members remember him as an inspiring speaker with slides.

The last scheduled speaker is **Robert Semple '59**, former Chairman of the Yale Daily News and Pulitzer Prize winning editor of The New York Times. He will speak on Monday April 2nd.

Speaker accommodations are provided by the new Hotel Escalante whose generosity is appreciated by the Club. The Club is still looking for a fifth distinguished alumnus/alumna for the series. Anyone with ideas, please call Bob Wenzel (591-1690).

Name Tag Rules

Please don't forget that you are responsible for your own name tag. The Club does not keep these for you. And we would like to see you wear your name tag at Club events. If you have lost yours, see Carol Hunt.

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Annual Meeting



Service Award

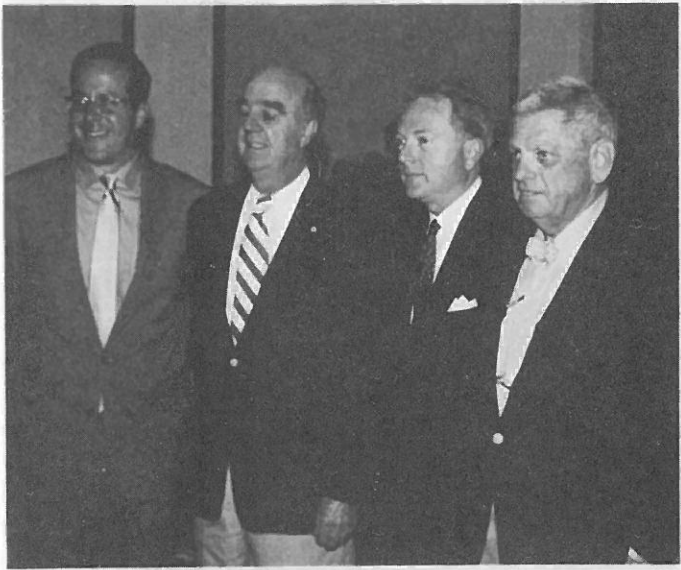


Levin Reception

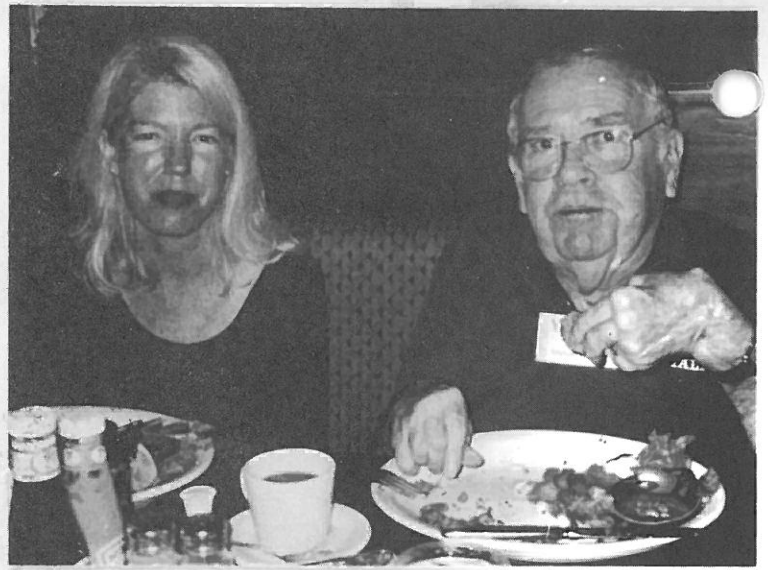


Yale Alumni and spouses

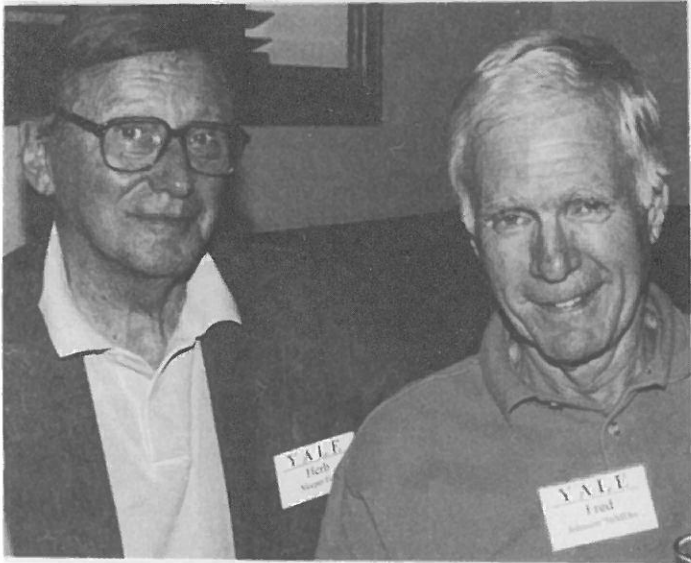
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Christie's



Yale vs. Harvard



Rah, rah Bulldog



Cheerleaders



To the tables down at Ditka's

TRUSTEE PROFILE



S. Kenneth Bruce, Jr. '53E

Ken Bruce has been a Trustee of The Yale Club since 1991, and he served as our President in 1994. He grew up in Manchester, NH and graduated from Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield, MA in 1949 and headed for Yale where he played some football, lacrosse and skied and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Ken received his Navy commission at OCS and served for three years with the SEA BEES.

Ken married Nancy Stebbins in 1953, and they were blessed with four children. Sadly, she passed away in 1988 after a long battle with cancer. He subsequently married Nancy Van Dussen and they moved to Naples to start a new retired life together.

After the Navy and for 22 years Ken was with Standard Knapp, a packaging machinery manufacturer in Middletown, CT where after years in sales he became its President. He was very active in the industry's national association, and was elected to be its Chairman in 1980. In the same year, he left Connecticut to head up a new electronics packaging company in Tampa, FL. After his first wife became stricken in 1984, they returned to his native New Hampshire to run his own large steel distribution business. Ken says it was fun and a different type of challenge, but when his wife died, he sold his holdings and moved to Naples with Nancy.

In addition to his Presidency of our Club and years as a Trustee, Ken has been Treasurer, chaired both Yale Glee Club concerts and co-chaired many other events. He has worked tirelessly with other trustees to reorganize the Club, update our by-laws, and grow our membership.

H-Y-P Club Being Formed in Association with Sister Clubs

Harvard-Yale-Princeton joining together to form a club with privileges at The Club at Olde Cypress.

Beginning in early 2001, members of our Yale Club, together with members of the Harvard and Princeton Clubs will have an opportunity to join a special H-Y-P Club which is being formed in association with The Club at Olde Cypress. Membership will permit them and their guests to enjoy the privileges and benefits of cocktails and dining at one of southwest Florida's newest and finest country clubs, located one mile east of I-75 on Immokalee Road.

The clubhouse which is now under construction and scheduled for completion early next year will have a special lounge with adjoining meeting/dining room for forty people. The lounge will be designated "The Harvard-Yale-Princeton Club of Naples", and be decorated and appointed in the manner and style of the Yale Club of New York or similar Harvard and Princeton Clubs. We will have a chance to contribute appropriate mementos and accouterments.

Members of the H-Y-P Club may dine throughout the year at any of Olde Cypress' grill and dining rooms and on special occasions such as an H-Y-P golf tournament to play on the fabulous P. B. Dye designed course.

Dues for membership in The H-Y-P Club will be a mere \$100 per year and one must be a member of one of the three alumni clubs.

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Rhoda Lea is the Yale Club's AYA Contact

Many of you met Rhoda Lea at the Levin event. Tall, with auburn colored hair and a friendly manner, Rhoda is Assistant Director for Club Development at the AYA. She is a 1992 Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude graduate of Randolph-Macon Women's College where she was a student in anthropology. For six years after graduation she was Assistant Director of Admissions at the college. Born in Mississippi, she has lived "everywhere" since her father was career Marine Corps. She enjoys reading and hiking, and is fluent in sign language. Rhoda is a wonderful support to our Club.

Christie's Presentation Inaugurates New Year

*Program was third in a series
by internationally known
auction houses*

Members of the Yale Club and their guests were treated to a most interesting presentation on what to expect in the field of art collection in the new millenium. The program was sponsored by State Street Global Advisors. George Lange, Managing Director, said that his bank is delighted to support The Yale Club and its scholarship endeavors.

Marc Porter '87JD was the speaker for Christie's and gave an impressive slide presentation of a variety of art objects which Christie's had represented in the past.

2000 SEASON ACTIVITIES

March 17, 2000	Porter Goss Luncheon – All Ivy Cypress Woods Country Club	Terry Upson Bob Bennett
March 21, 2000	Brown Brothers Harriman Cocktail HYP Clubs	Bob Bennett Bob Wenzel
March 29, 2000	Ft. Myers Cocktails – Dr. William Merwin, Pres. FGCU, Speaker	Ted Gault Frank Moore
April 13, 2000	Drop-In Luncheon - Trustees Mtg. Vineyards Country Club	Bob Wenzel
April 14, 2000	Ivy League Picnic Naples Beach Hotel	Jim Carthaus Connie Sartorio
<u><i>Summer Drop-In Luncheons 2nd Thursday throughout the summer months</i></u>		
November 3, 2000	Welcome Back Cocktail Party	Arnold Garfinkel
November 9, 2000	Drop-In Luncheon	Arnold Garfinkel
November 13, 2000	Tercentennial Speaker William Donaldson	Bob Wenzel
November 24, 2000	“The Game” Luncheon Broadcast	Ken Abernathy
December 14, 2000	Members Annual Meeting	Bob Wenzel Torrey Foster

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