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Spring Trustees Meeting Receives Reports and Plans for Coming Year

Eighteen Trustees met on April 12th to review the Club's operations and plans for future events. Pres. Wenzel '53 E reported that we had two more events (12 in all) than last year, of which 7 were underwritten.

The resignation of Jim Carthaus '62 as a Trustee and Treasurer was accepted and Ken Bruce was elected our new Treasurer. Ted Gault '54 MDiv was appointed as our official Yale Club Chaplain. The Trustees approved the transfer of \$3,000 to Yale as our contribution to the scholarship fund.

A *Midsummer Party* is planned for July 13th at Pelican Bay South Beach. Harris Trust will sponsor our *Welcome Back Party* on November 2nd. The *Yale v. Harvard* game will be broadcast on November 17th. Chairs for these and all the coming events were selected, and the calendar of events is posted on page 8 of this issue.

Torrey Foster reported on the AYA Assembly and Yale 300 Convocation. He offered to relinquish his position as AYA Representative, and Tom Jones '40 S enthusiastically volunteered and was so elected.

Tom Mackelfresh '51 reported on the Alumni Schools Committee activities.

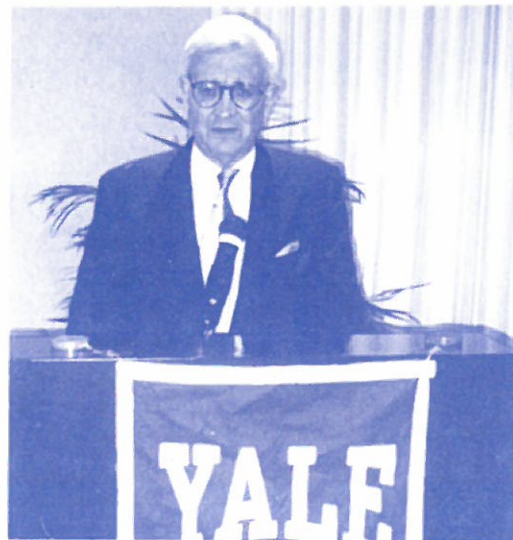
Alumni Schools Committee Reports

By Tom Mackelfresh '51

23 students applied to Yale from schools in Lee and Collier Counties. None gained admission, but two were placed on the waiting list. The Committee thought there were some excellent candidates and was disappointed that none were admitted. However, the competition is considered intense.

For the class of 2005, the Admission Office offered admission to 2,000 students out of a total of 14,809 applicants, for a 13.5% acceptance rate. The University hopes to have 1,300 students matriculate in the fall.

Eight (8) Yale Book Awards were given to outstanding juniors in local area schools.



Robert Semple, Jr. Concludes Tercentennial Tribute Speaker Program

Associate Editor of The New York Times comments on history of news coverage and his career.

Bob Semple '59, the fourth and final speaker of The Club's Tercentennial Tribute Speaker Series, gave a witty and enlightening presentation on the changes that have taken place in the last 40 years since he became involved in news reporting and editing. He spoke of the literal and unadorned style of news reporting that existed many years ago when we trusted the government and were tolerant of its policies. However, Watergate and the war in Southeast Asia changed all that with the advent of protests and public demonstrations against authority. News reporting began to mix fact with analysis, and the result was a more interpretative, argumentative and challenging style. It was no longer appropriate to act as the transmission belts of other authorities.

Semple also noted that news reporting style and content changed due to the proliferation of television and cable news channels. News stories had to be "dressed up" to compete with the newer forms of communication. He pointed out that in New York City there are 147 hours of news channels reporting in one day, all taking place in a twenty-four hour news cycle. Bob suggested

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that this leads to hasty and shoddy reporting filled with opinion, pundit, commentary and "methane". This contributes to a blurring of fact and fiction, particularly as it relates to political judgement. For instance, he pointed out that TV news hyperbole might take some responsibility for the stock market rise and decline.

Semple spent some time covering Presidents Johnson and Nixon and found that they both had similar defects of character. The Presidents were bright and politically astute, but were terminally insecure and had adversarial relationships with the press. Johnson tried to manipulate the press; Nixon hoped they would go away.

Bob became interested in environmental issues as a result of the Exxon Valdez accident in Alaska. His editorials on clean air and water influenced Congressional legislation and earned him a Pulitzer Prize in 1996, only the second Pulitzer the Times has won for editorial writing in the 83 year history of the Prize.

Semple handled very astutely some tough questions from the audience, especially as they related to the Times endorsement of Hillary Clinton for Senator in the November 2000 election. He pointed out that endorsement decisions come from a vote of the 15 member Editorial Board and the Hilliary endorsement was not unanimous. His own political affiliation is not publicly known

In closing, Bob suggested that the citizenry should be more critical and sophisticated buyers of news coverage. He said "vote with your pocketbook". He felt that journalists also need to improve and be better moral gatekeepers of news reporting.



First National Bank of Naples to Sponsor 2002 Glee Club Concert

President Bob Wenzel '53 reports that thanks to Bob Bennett '44 First National Trust Co. has agreed to sponsor the Glee Club's Concert scheduled for January 11, 2002 at St. John's Evangelical Catholic Church. Tom Wheeler, '58 is Chairman of the event. Volunteers

are needed, especially for host families. Call Terry Upson (597-2474).

Charles O'Hearn, Distinguished Yale Alumnus, Dead at Age 99

Long time supporter of the Yale club dies peacefully in Naples with his family at his side.

Charlie O'Hearn died at his home in Naples April 20th eight months prior to his 100th birthday. Born December 19, 1901 in Brookline, MA, he graduated from Yale in 1924. He was one of Yale's greatest athletes earning nine varsity letters in three sports, and was captain of the baseball and hockey teams. In football he was the quarterback and still holds the record for the longest dropkick in the University's history of 52 yards in 1922.

Platform tennis, also known as paddle tennis, was another sport that he excelled in. Charlie was National Men's Doubles Champion in 1937, 1938, 1943 and 1948. He was also National Mixed Doubles Champion with his wife, Anna Virginia, in 1936 through 1938, as well as in 1935 and 1940. The last Men's Singles Title was won by him in 1937.

He was a partner in the investment firm of Scudder, Stevens & Clark in New York City until 1951, when at the age of 50, he became Assistant to President Griswold of Yale in charge of fund raising. He held that post for almost twenty years, retiring in 1970 with a distinguished record of service to the University.

Charlie lived in Scarsdale, NY for many years, in New Haven, CT while working for Yale, and in retirement he moved to his summer home in Kennebunk Beach, ME. In 1980 he set up residence in Old Lyme, CT. He spent his winters in Naples starting in 1970 and became a full time resident in 1991. His wife of 66 years, Anna Virginia Curtis, died in 1994.

Survivors include two daughters, Virginia "Ginger" Broadbent (Pete Broadbent '47 E) of Mt. Carmel, CT and Naples, FL, Peggy Denby of Boca Grande, FL; and a son, C. Michael O'Hearn, Jr. '57 of Naples, FL; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial contribution from the Yale Club has been made to our Endowment Fund. Others wishing to contribute in his memory may do so by sending it to the Club office at 400 Cocohatchee Drive, Naples, FL 34410 with the appropriate notation.

TRUSTEE PROFILE



Dr. Richard T. Bennett '52

Dick was born on January 7, 1930 in Trenton, NJ. He graduated from The Lawrenceville School in 1948 and received a BS degree from Yale in 1952. Pursuing advanced studies, he received an MS degree in 1954 and a PhD in 1956 from Rutgers University.

In 1958 he married Bertha Belle Wilson of Houston, Delaware, and they had four children. Currently there are seven grandchildren.

Dick joined E. I. duPont de Nemours Co. in 1956 as a research chemist. He became active in the Jaycees rising to President of the Wilmington group in 1959 and State President of the Delaware Jaycees in 1960.

In 1962, Dick became Technical Director of the American Bag & Paper Cup Corp. in Philadelphia. In 1964 he moved to Allied Chemical where he served successively as a technical service representative, product manager, marketing manager, director of advertising, promotion and market development, general manager, and assistant to the President.

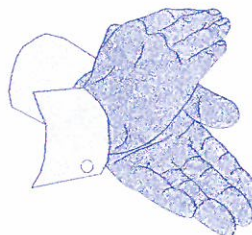
In 1974 he was transferred to Toledo, OH to manage the thermoset molding compound business. In 1979 Allied sold the business to Hillside Capital, and investment management company, and Dick assumed the Presidency of Plaskon Products Inc. and Chairman of the Board of Plaskon Electronics Products

During the Toledo years, Dick served on the Red Cross Finance Committee, Medical College of Ohio Foundation, Toledo Chamber of Commerce (Vice Chairman), Ohio Chemical Council (President), United Way (Chairman, Employee Division), Ohio Manufacturers Association (Vice Chairman), Blue Cross

of N.W. Ohio (Trustee), and Blue Guardian Insurance Co. of Blue Cross (Chairman).

In 1985 Hillside sold Plaskon and Dick assumed the Presidency of PLK Corporation, the liquidation agent. In 1986 Hillside bought Congoleum Corp., a vinyl flooring company, and Dick became its' new President. In 1988 he left Congoleum and became a consultant for Hillside until 1991 when he retired.

Dick has resided in Naples since 1988 and spends his summers at Avon-by-the-Sea, NJ. He is a member of the Royal Poinciana Golf Club, Naples Men's Club, Naples Athletic Club, and The Forum Club. Dick has been active in the Yale Club as a Director, Vice President of Activities, and as President in 1997



A Letter from Jeffrey Brenzel '75, Executive Director of the AYA To Bob Wenzel

May 1, 2001

Dear Bob:

Congratulations on the overwhelming success of your Tercentennial Tribute Speakers Series. Not only did you have strong attendance, but also raised an astounding \$10,500 for your endowment and scholarship program. Bravo! The Yale Club of Southwest Florida, in many ways a model for other clubs to follow, has outdone itself again.

While most of our clubs and associations have planned activities to celebrate Yale's 300, none were organized as early and as well as you. Please tell your board members that their efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we appreciate all the hard work involved in setting up the program.

Best wishes from Alumni House,

*(s)
Jeffrey Brenzel '75
Executive Director*

Seen at Yale Club Activities





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Porter Goss Says Washington Mood is Very Competitive

Congressman gave his annual Yale Club presentation at The Vineyards Country Club on March 9th.

Congressman Porter Goss '60 returned to a Yale Club luncheon for his annual report on the affairs of government. His initial reaction was that while the mood is competitive in Congress, much was going very well from his perspective.

Two test votes were taken early in the session, the first on "ergonomics" which dealt with government meddling in business and rolling back rules on interference. The second was on tax relief, and how to phase it in. He pointed out that only 4% of the government's revenue comes from the bottom 50% in income, but that 1% of the population pays 40% of the income tax.

With reference to entitlements Goss feels that Washington is "awash with money", and there needs to be control on its obscene spending. Contingency plans are being put in place for Social Security and Medicare, and there will be a pay down of the national debt.

Defense spending will focus wisely on the "new" global threats, such as terrorism and not on new aircraft carriers.

Goss commented on election reform and said that there were no provable instances of fraud in Florida, nor willful discrimination.

Commenting on the Hansen spy case, Goss says that all levels of spying are taking place in a robust way, including industrial espionage damaging security systems. Russia has more spies than in the past, and even friendly nations are spying on us, too.

There will not be any real campaign finance reform until the system changes. Money is a special interest factor. In closing, Goss spoke highly of Dick Cheney, who he feels is a very capable person and important to the country.

Midsummer Party – July 13th

Pelican Bay South Beach ** 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Cocktails/Beer/Wine/Hors d'oeuvres
compliments of The Yale Club**

Casual Beach attire

Mark your calendar * * * * Invitations to follow



Coach Siedlecki Visits Naples, Video Highlights 2000 Season

45 Members enthusiastic about football success under Siedlecki

Now completing his fourth year as Yale football coach, Siedlecki returned to our Yale Club for his annual presentation on the state of Yale football. He pointed out that his first freshman recruits are now graduating and many of them are four-year lettermen. In fact 97% of the football players graduate in comparison to the University rate of 96%. Twenty-five seniors are graduating this year. 35 players are on financial aid as freshman.

In describing the recruiting process, Siedlecki said his office sends out 9,600 letters to potential recruits, and the coaching staff evaluates 1,400 kids from tapes. Siedlecki himself personally visits 38 kids, and his staff of seven coaches sees 60 each. While there is a strong effort to recruit blacks, it is difficult because of lack of academic success.

In commenting on the caliber of Ivy League football, Siedlecki said that it is becoming a very offensive brand of football with lots of scoring. Yale sustained only two fumbles all year. But Siedlecki is concerned about the coming season with so many seniors graduating. Nevertheless, there is good talent coming along.

The Coach will be returning for his annual visit next year on March 7, 2002. Mark your calendars.

Brown Brothers Harriman Hosts 2nd Annual HYP Seminar

Noted investment firm gives detailed outline on the economy and investment opportunities.

Alumni of Harvard, Yale and Princeton, together with their guests, were guests of the private banking firm for special presentations on the economy and investment opportunities on March 6th. The event was held in the ballroom of the Inn on 5th Avenue. Because of rain cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served in the hotel lobby following the seminar. Jim Neel, Managing Director of the Naples office, said that his firm is pleased that it can speak to such a sophisticated group of investors. Bob Bennett '44, Chair of the program, said that the seminar will become an annual event.



Spectators Restaurant to be Site of Yale v. Harvard Football TV Broadcast

Sports bar and grill in Bonita Springs is selected for annual event.

Spectators is a brand new sports restaurant only a twenty minute drive from Park Shore. Situated in a shopping center where Ace Hardware is located on Bonita Beach Road east of U.S. 41, this expansive sports bar has large, roomy booths and comfortable table seating. One should never have trouble seeing the football game since the restaurant has an enormous 11 ft. by 7 ft. TV screen, 2 seventy inch screens, 9 twenty-five inch and 4 thirteen inch screens, most of which are located in the main dining area. Even the restrooms have 2 television monitors.

The Yale and Harvard Clubs will have exclusive use of the main dining room of the restaurant which can seat comfortably over 175 people.

Check it out! Some of your Trustees have and are impressed with the ambiance of the place and the quality of the food.

Plan now to be with us on November 17th.

Foster Serves Out Term as AYA Representative; Attends Alumni Leadership Convocation

Semi-annual AYA Assembly is combined with "Yale 300 years of Creativity and Discovery"

Torrey Foster '56, our AYA Representative for the last three years, attended his last Assembly in April, which was combined with a Tercentennial Celebration of Yale's distinguished contribution to the intellectual, social, and cultural life of the nation and the world. Over 1,000 alumni, who received special invitations, attended the event which highlighted in many forums, panels, workshop and demonstrations the creativity of the University's faculty, alumni, and students over the course of its history. Yale's Tercentennial celebration has been adequately reported in other publications.

The Assembly portion dealt with *Alumni Relations at Yale: A Journey to the Past; A View to the Future* with speakers Gaddis Smith '54, '61 PhD, Larned Professor Emeritus of History and Eustace Theodore '63, former Executive Director of the AYA.

These speakers noted that the University is essentially governed by faculty, staff and students, with alumni having limited inside influence. They see the role of faculty as the preservation and transmission of knowledge, and becoming more and more entrepreneurs with the establishment of educational firms. Students will become more multi-generational, especially in this world of digital access to knowledge. Philanthropy will be replaced by "enlightened self-interest", that is "philanthropic investments" as in partnerships with corporations. Institutional diversity will increase as funding differences increase. Finally, the challenge will be to keep Yale as *Yale*, and engage faculty, students, staff and alumni in preserving its core mission and values.

As reported elsewhere, Tom Jones will be representing the Club as our new AYA Representative.



Sir Speedy

Our sports car spies have reported that they recently saw a balding Yale alumnus of the Class of 1953 driving an antique red 1962 Porsche 356 at the astonishing speed of 108 mph at the Ford Test Track in Collier County. Next stop, NASCAR?

2001 – 2002 SEASON ACTIVITIES

Jul. 13, 2001	Midsummer Party	Feb. 22-24 2002	Redpath Seminar
Nov. 2, 2001	Harris Trust Welcome back Party	Mar. ?, 2002	Brown Bros. Harriman HYP Seminar
Nov. 17, 2001	“The Game” – Yale v. Harvard	Mar. 7, 2002	Coach Siedlecki Football Luncheon
Dec. 12, 2001	U. S. Trust Holiday Party	Mar. ?, 2002	Porter Goss Ivy League Lunch
Dec. 13, 2001	Members Annual Meeting - Port Royal Club	Apr. ?, 2002	Ivy League Picnic
Jan. 11, 2002	Yale Glee Club	Apr. 11, 2002	Trustees Meeting

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