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Enjoyable Times and More To Come

By Jay Gelinas, Faculty

Our Yale Club Welcome Back party was held on November 7th at the gracious home of Robin and Tom Wheeler '58, who went all out to host a memorable evening. The weather was perfect and the ambiance outstanding. It was great to see old friends again and to enjoy our cocktails and conversation in such a beautiful setting. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Robin and Tom for an exceptional evening.

The following week, Torrey Foster '56 passed the reins of leadership to Tom Wheeler '58 at the Annual Meeting of Members, held at the Naples Yacht Club. Torrey was cited for his excellent efforts as our president this past year. Well done, Torrey; Good luck, Torrey! Dates and times were firmed up for coming events for 2003-2004.

On November 15th, the Princeton Club hosted a closed circuit broadcast of the Yale-Princeton game at the Vineyards. From all accounts, it was a well-attended, enjoyable time.

The Yale-Harvard game broadcast chaired by Ken Abernathy '58JD was held at Spectators Sports Bar on November 22nd. Although the Blue suffered a crushing loss to the Crimson, good fellowship prevailed midst the banners of Red and Blue. The selection of potables was extensive, the service efficient, and the food quite tasty. In all, a great day!

The annual Yale Club Holiday Party will be held at the U. S. Trust Company on Wednesday, December 10th. Scott Herstin '69 will be our host, and if past success is any indication, this year's party should be a winner as well. Hope to see you all again for Christmas cheer!

Our stellar event of 2004 will be a dinner and performance by the Whiffenpoofs at the Vineyards Country Club on Friday, January 9th.

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Yale Club Trustees

Annual Meeting of Members Held at Naples Yacht Club

The Annual Meeting of The Yale Club was held on Thursday, November 13th at the Naples Yacht Club. Thirty members were in attendance to hear reports of last year's activities and learn about plans for this season. President Torrey Foster '56 presided over the meeting. After a call to order, there was some discussion about the reading of the minutes of last year's meeting. It was finally agreed to accept the minutes as presented.

Committee reports were received from Activities (Bob Bennett '44), Alumni Schools (Tom Mackelfresh '51), AYA (Terry Upson '60), and Endowment (Bob Wenzel '53), all of which are reported elsewhere in this issue. Ted Gault '54 MDiv reported on the forthcoming activities in our Ft. Myers branch which continues to be active for Lee County members.

Foster gave a financial report of the Club's operations for the nine months ending September 30th, the end of the new fiscal year for the Club. The Club has \$4,780 balance in its operating account and an Endowment Fund balance of \$71,030.

Tom Wheeler '58 made some very complimentary remarks about Torrey Foster's two years as President and presented him with a pewter bowl as a token of the Club's appreciation for his service in leading the Club.

It was reported by Bob Wenzel '53 that two of the Club's Trustees decided not to stand for reelection – Ken Abernathy '58 JD and Fred Johnson '56 MDiv.

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A slate consisting of all other Trustees was presented and duly elected.

Following the annual meeting, the Trustees held a meeting. Torrey Foster '56 presented the Restated By-laws which incorporated two changes that were approved at the April Trustees meeting – changing the annual meeting date to November and changing the name of the Scholarship Fund to Endowment Fund. The Restated By-laws were approved as submitted.

The Trustees then elected the following officers:

Thomas Wheeler '58	President
Jay Gelinas (Retired Faculty)	V.P. Activities
Tom Mackelfresh '51	V.P. Alumni Schools Comm.
Terry Upson '60	V.P. AYA Representative
Bob Wenzel '53	V.P. Endowment
Scott Herstin '69	V.P. Membership
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Ted Gault '54 MDiv	V.P. Ft. Myers Region
Torrey Foster '56	Secretary & Treasurer

"To The Tables Down at Mory's..."

The Whiffenpoofs are coming!

January 9, 2004
The Vineyards Country Club

6:30 P.M. Cocktails
7:30 P.M. Dinner

Trustee Profile



Thomas Wheeler '58

With a grandfather in the class of 1895, a father in the class of 1923, and a brother in 1954, attending Yale seemed like a very natural decision for Tom. Graduating in 1958, he was a member of the Glee Club, business manager of the Bachelors (a singing group since disbanded) and a Beta Theta Pi. He has been a trustee of the Yale Club for two years and succeeded Torrey Foster as President in November.

After concluding two years of active duty in the Navy as Lieutenant (jg) following graduation, Tom joined IBM as a computer sales trainee and two years later moved to Mass Mutual Life Insurance Company as a sales agent in Boston. He was appointed General Agent in 1976 and moved to the corporate headquarters in Springfield, MA in 1983. Tom retired in 1999 after having been CEO of the company for 10 years, 5 years as president and 5 years as chairman.

He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Woods Hole, MA, the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA, Textron Inc. in Providence, RI, and Estateworks in Maynard, MA. He is a past director of BankBoston and former Massachusetts States Chairman of the US Olympic Committee.

Tom enjoys tennis and boating and is a member of the Port Royal Club, Naples Yacht Club, Yale Club of New York, and The Links in New York City.

He and his spouse, Robin (Smith College 1961), have two daughters and 4 1/2 grandchildren. They spend summers in West Falmouth, MA on Cape Cod.

Report on AYA Assembly LXIII

By Terry Upson '60



Assembly LXIII, "Yale's Museums, Libraries, and Collections: Treasures for Teaching and Research," began at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, November 20th, with a short introduction by assembly chair Ellen G. McGinnis '82 after which delegates divided into assigned groups (Arts, Library and Natural History) to examine various collections at the Yale Library and museums. My group spent the morning at the Peabody Museum where we reviewed rock, fossil and gem collections as well as the University's Anthropology Collection – one of the largest and most diverse in the United States. The afternoon was spent at the Yale Library viewing one of the foremost academic map collections in the nation followed by a tour of the Beinecke Library's Western Americana Collection and a short talk by George Miles, Curator.

At 3:30 P.M., Barbara Shailor, Deputy Provost for the Arts, led a panel discussion which explored the many ways in which Yale's unique and outstanding collections of art, objects, and texts are wed. Panelists included Michael Donoghue, Director of the Peabody Museum; Susan Matheson, Chief Curator, Yale University Art Gallery, Frank Turner '71 Ph.D., Director of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library and John Hay Whitney Professor of History. The evening began with a reception at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library followed by dinner at the University Commons. Capping the day's focus on collections, distinguished art historian Amy Meyers, '85 Ph.D., Director of the Yale Center for British Arts, delivered the keynote address reflecting on the role of collections in the educational mission of the university and the ways in which they attract students, scholars, and collectors to Yale.

Friday, November 21st consisted of a leadership conference for alumni volunteers. The day began with a lecture by Dr. Bill Wittich on how to recruit, manage, reward, and recognize fellow volunteers. A former member of the Yale Faculty, Dr. Wittich has authored five books on volunteer leadership including "The Care and Feeding of Volunteers" and "Keep Those Volunteers Around." The remainder of the session consisted of case study breakouts conducted by Yale Alumni who have created innovative programs to engage alumni with each other, with students, and with Yale. I attended a breakout on Turnarounds and New Ventures which focused on starting or re-energizing an alumni group. Individual volunteer leaders talked about their success with the reformulation of the Yale Nursing School Alumni Board, the re-invention of the Spizzwinks Alumni Association, the revitalization of the Yale Westchester Alumni Association and the record breaking turn out achieved by the Yale College Class of 1988 at its 15th Reunion. I also attended a session on Engaging Students and Alumni which focused on some very successful mentoring programs conducted by the Class of 1959 and Calhoun College, the Yale Law School, and the AYA's very successful Community Service Summer Fellowship.

At 11:00 A.M., the AYA's Executive Director, Jeff Brenzel '75, and the Board of Governors held a town meeting in the newly

renovated Sprague Hall. At this meeting, AYA officers presented the major change to the Assembly Program whereby one major session each year will be held at Yale rather than two. The session will be held on either the Harvard or Princeton weekend each fall, depending on which is the home football game. This change is being made in an attempt to attract and accommodate delegates who are working by shortening time requirements and encouraging more participants. To date this seems to be working as attendance at this session exceeded 500.

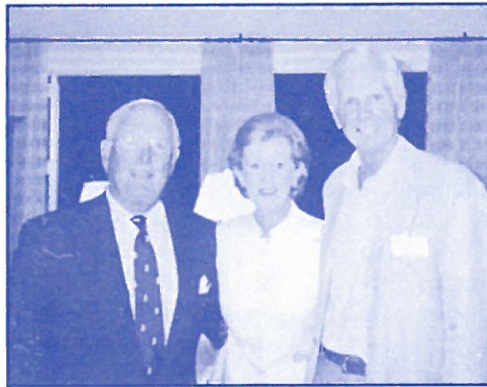
The afternoon session concluded with addresses by President Richard C. Levin '74 Ph.D., Vice President and Secretary Linda K. Lorimer '77 JD, and Provost Susan Hockfield on some of the most pressing issues facing both Yale and higher education today. Dr. Levin reported that endowment/giving is down 40% over the past several years, although it picked up during the first half of 2003. In response to this development, the University is attempting to cut administrative expenses by \$30 million per year. He further reported that applications for admission are up considerably, thus far this fall. Provost Hockfield informed the group that the University will continue its building program even while cutting administrative costs and recently broke ground for a new Chemistry Building on Science Hill. Secretary Lorimer spoke on Yale's international effort "The Globalization of Yale" which is now in full swing. Yale currently teaches 600 international courses and 52 foreign languages with 1118 faculty research projects now underway in 99 countries around the world. One student in thirteen now comes from abroad. At present, Yale has 1660 international scholars from 95 countries.

Friday evening featured the Blue Leadership Reception, Dinner and Ball at Payne Whitney Gymnasium with over 800 in attendance. The event featured the presentation of the 2003 George H. W. Bush Lifetime of Leadership Awards. These awards recognize alumni who competed as varsity athletes at Yale and who went on to careers of extraordinary accomplishment and service to others. This year's honorees were: Lisa Brummel '81, William Donaldson '57, John Downey '51, James Duderstadt '64, and Richard Gelb '45. Of particular note was the Honorable John Downey who as a member of the CIA was captured by the Chinese in the early 1950's and was imprisoned in China for over 20 years. Released when President Nixon visited China in the 1970's, he went to law school and is now a Judge in the Connecticut Superior Court.

The Assembly was formally closed Friday evening, although there were various class and school meetings on Saturday morning, November 22nd. Assembly participants then attended the Yale-Harvard Football game and a traditional tailgate party at Cox Cage prior to the game.

SEEN AT YALE CLUB ACTIVITIES...

Welcome Back Party



Torrey Foster '56 with Robin and Tom Wheeler '58



Charlie '49 and Joan Brookes



Hospitality at the Wheeler Home



*Cindy Nelson and
Bob Bennett '44*



Georgie Foster with George '57 and Sally Wiley



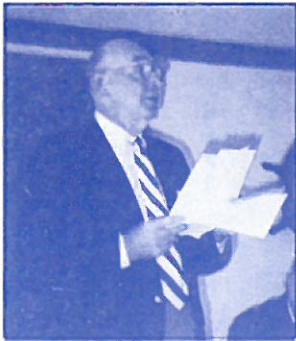
Jay and Jean Gelinas

Annual Meeting of Members



Torrey Foster '56 and Tom Wheeler '58

Top l-r: Ted Gault '54 MDiv, Jay Gelinas, Terry Upson '60, Tom Mackelfresh '51; Front l-r: Bob Wenzel '53, Tom Wheeler '58, and Torrey Foster '56



Jay Gelinas



Dick Bennett '52



Yale Club Members

Yale v. Harvard Football Game



Ginger and Pete Broadbent '47E



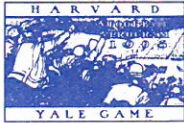
Mike '57 and Sherry O'Hearn



Torrey Foster '56, Bob Hattemer '53E, and Tom Wheeler '58



Ken Abernathy '58JD and Carol Hunt



Charlie Brookes Attends AYA Assembly

By Charlie Brookes '49, Class Representative for 1949

This was my first experience with the AYA and the Assembly, having spent little time on alumni activities since my twenty-fifth reunion. Since my fifty-fifth is coming up this next spring you can see how long its been. I was appointed as the Class Representative for the class of '49 while on a mini reunion trip to Alaska in September.

The scale of this Assembly was a tremendous surprise to me as indeed, it was to the professional staff of the AYA. As you may know, the format has been changed from two meetings a year to one, and the date has been moved to coincide with a major football game weekend, this one being the Harvard game. As a result, instead of the usual 250 registrants, over 500 signed up. Everything was overbooked (except the football game). It took some real arm-twisting to get tickets to any of the sessions, and we never did get tickets to the wrap up dinner and dance. Apparently, while the free tickets were gone early on; tickets could be bought for a healthy price. It seemed a bit crass since I had already succored to the "voluntary" gift to the assembly request, to the tune of several hundred dollars.

Notwithstanding, the sessions we attended were excellent. The theme this year was Yale's libraries, museums, and collections and their utility in teaching and research. I don't know whether it was part of the theme, but the Bienecke Rare Book Library was the venue for the first night cocktail. Ever had a drink while leaning over the Gutenberg Bible – "try not to spill please"? This was followed by a great dinner in Commons; the cooks were never as good in my day.

Terry Upson '60 is writing a more comprehensive report as the Club delegate, so I'll leave the details to him. The only real screw up was the breakdown of the bus system which was supposed to transport participants from the hotels to the game. We ended up walking. If you don't remember, it's a heck of a long way. The game was well played even if the victory went to the wrong crowd; but the lunch at the cage was good fun with good food.

One final comment, in my day I made a passable living running the Student Suit Pressing agency. It looks like a good way to go broke these days. I didn't see one garment on a male or female student that had ever come close to a pressing iron.

Yale Club Endowment Grows for Benefit of Student Scholarships

By Bob Wenzel '53 E

As of September 30, 2003, the end of the Club's fiscal year, the Endowment Fund assets which are invested with Northern Trust in five separate funds totaled over \$ 71,000. The main purpose of the fund is to provide financial aid to Yale University students from this area. For the past several years the Club has made annual gifts of \$3,000 to the university for scholarship purposes.

Our *In Memoriam* Fund which is a part of the whole Endowment Fund and includes memorial contributions for all deceased members of the Yale Club since the beginning of the Club in 1966 totals \$ 10,800. We continue to send letters of condolence to spouses or family. We have lost five members or former members of the Club this year: Bob Zabriskie '35, Trustee Emeritus Tom Jones '40 S, Paul Thomas '36 S, Carl Luedemann '47, and Arthus Heyer '44. If anyone is aware of any others we may have missed, please let me know.

The Endowment Committee members to serve with the President and V.P. Endowment are Torrey Foster '56, Terry Upson '60, and Don Williams '53.

Series to Feature Brodhead and Bracken

One of the highlights of the year will be the 2004 Speaker Series featuring two distinguished representatives from Yale who are nationally recognized as the best in their respective positions.

The number two executive behind the President is the Dean of Yale College, Richard H. Brodhead. We are very fortunate that he has agreed to join us for the luncheon on February 9, 2004. Starting his third, five year term, he has become "one of the legendary deans of Yale College; the students love him, the faculty trusts him."

If you want the real insights into Yale today and tomorrow from the top, this is a must.

Our second star is Paul Bracken, Professor of Management and Political Science who will speak at a reception on March 8, 2004. His expertise is national security, international relations, and grand strategy. He is an expert on Korea as well. How timely to hear his comments on the international scene, how we deal with new nuclear states, and the lessons learned from our experiences in Iraq. This series is sponsored by Northern Trust.

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Dick Bennett '52 is in charge of the arrangements and has selected 6:30 P.M. as the optimal arrival time. Cocktails will be followed by dinner (roast beef or fish) at 7:30 P.M. and the Whiffenpoof Concert. We expect this event to be fully attended, so make your reservations as early as possible. Several host families have offered to accommodate the Whiffs for Friday and Saturday evenings. Many thanks to them for their help and hospitality.

Bob Bennett '44 has arranged for the YHP Bessemer Trust Financial Seminar to be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel beach facility. Past seminars have been very informative, and in these days of investment uncertainty, this one should be well attended. The date is Wednesday, January 14th. Make a note.

Ted Gault '54MDiv. is our coordinator for the HYP Reception at Northern Trust on College Pkwy. in Fort Myers. The date is Friday, January 23rd. Call Ted for the time (239) 481-0631.

On Monday, February 9th, Richard H. Brodhead, Dean of Yale College, will speak to us at a luncheon meeting to be held at the Northern Trust 5th Avenue office. Tom Wheeler '58 is hosting. Dean Brodhead is an excellent speaker and will apprise us of interesting happenings at Yale.

The HYP dinner dance will again be held at the Vineyards Country Club. The date is Tuesday, February 10th. Cocktails at 6:30 P.M., dinner to follow. Torrey Foster '56 is the chairperson representing our club and will be able to answer any questions concerning the event.

The Fort Myers Yale Club will hold a Wine and Cheese Reception on Friday, February 20th, at the Northern Trust on College Parkway. Frank Moore '55 will present more outstanding photos of his recent travels. Again, contact Ted Gault '54MDiv. for the exact time.

Paul Bracken, Professor of Management and Political Science at Yale will speak to our members at the Northern Trust Company Park Shore office on Monday March 8th, at 5:00 P.M. This should be a very interesting talk. We hope you will attend.

Florida U. S. Congressman Porter Goss '60 will again join us in March. The time and place is yet to be set, but you will be informed. The Harvard and Princeton Clubs will join us. Terry Upson '60 and Bob Bennett '44 are in charge. This is one of our stellar events. Please book early.

Yale football coach Jack Siedlicki will be with us again in March. As usual, he will review the 2003 season and inform us as to our prospects for 2004. The time and date will be forthcoming. Peter Broadbent '47E will host the luncheon.

The venue for the annual HYP picnic has been changed from the Vineyards to the Naples Beach Hotel. The steering committee has secured the lawn area overlooking the Gulf,

which should be pleasing for all in attendance. We will enjoy an extensive buffet and musical entertainment to enhance our camaraderie. The date is Thursday, April 8, 2004, from 5:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Last year's picnic was enjoyed by all, and it is felt that the new location will add to the ambiance of the evening. Hope to see you there!

The Naples Dinner Theater has a reputation for fine dining and excellent theater. In April, Dick Bennett '52 has arranged group tickets for our membership, to the production of "Gigi"; one of the all time great musicals. The date is Tuesday, April 6, 2004.

In all, the upcoming year will be an exciting one, and we hope to see as many club members as possible at these events. Please mark your calendars now, and enjoy the new Yale Club season.

Membership Registration Time; Renewal Process Starts Earlier

The Yale Club of Southwest Florida has 189 members this year. Registration forms have been sent out for the new year in order to print our directory by the first of the year. Historically, our membership has been around 200, so we are hoping that some new members will join this year.

Be sure to send in your registration forms soon. The dues which help to support our club activities are only \$35. If you have lost your form, call Carol Hunt (597-8532) or Scott Herstin '69, V.P. Membership (596-1513) to obtain another one.

Arbitrage Program Benefits Endowment Fund

By Bob Bennett '44

Our Yale Club Endowment Fund can be enhanced by the participation and generosity of Yale Club members in an insurance arbitrage program set up by leading insurance companies and financial trust organizations. The program is for people aged 78 to 90. For a modest fee, \$100, and no liability, members can designate beneficiaries of life insurance proceeds of the arbitrage program. Our members who have been accepted into the program have agreed to give 10% of the proceeds to the Yale Club upon their death.

Members who are interested in exploring this opportunity should contact Bob Bennett '44 at 352-0219.

2003-2004 SEASON ACTIVITIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>
Dec 10, 2003	Holiday Party	U. S. Trust Company	Scott Herstin
Jan 9, 2004	The Whiffenpoofs	Vineyards Country Club	Dick Bennett
Jan 14, 2004	Bessemer Trust - HYP Financial Seminar	Ritz Hotel on the Beach	Bob Bennett
Jan 23, 2004	HYP Reception-Ft. Myers	Northern Trust College Parkway	Ted Gault
Feb 9, 2004	Richard H. Brodhead, Dean, Yale College	Northern Trust (Luncheon) 5th Ave	Tom Wheeler
Feb 10, 2004	HYP Dinner Dance	Vineyards Country Club	Torrey Foster
Feb 20, 2004	Yale Club-Ft. Myers Wine & Cheese Reception	Northern Trust – College Parkway	Ted Gault
Mar 8, 2004	Paul Bracken, Prof. of Management & Political Sci.	Northern Trust Co. Park Shore Office	Tom Wheeler
Mar 2004	Porter Goss Luncheon	TBA	Bob Bennett/Terry Upson
Mar 2004	Coach Siedlecki Luncheon	TBA	Pete Broadbent
Apr 4, 2004	Ivy League Picnic	Naples Beach Hotel	John Helmsderfer
Apr 8, 2004	Monthly Luncheon, Semi-annual Trustees Mtg.	Collier Athletic Club	Tom Wheeler
Apr 6, 2004	Naples Dinner Theater – “Gigi”	Naples Dinner Theater	Dick Bennett

*Naples Monthly Luncheons on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Collier Athletic Club Palm Room
Call Bob Bennett to advise of attendance (352-0219)*

*Ft. Myers Monthly Luncheons on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Royal Palm Yacht Club
Call Ted Gault for reservations (481-9631)*



Happy Holidays To All



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