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Alumni Schools Committee Working Hard for Us

By Tom Mackelfresh '51

The wonder boys of the ASC for the Yale Club of Southwest Florida did their magic this winter. We interviewed 21 candidates for admissions for the class of 2008. The students came from the local high schools and several private schools in the Naples and Fort Myers area. There was a nice mix of male and female applicants. The students covered a wide range of qualifications. There were some who were exceptional and others who were marginal at best. Whatever their talents, we diligently interviewed all of them. The interview takes about an hour and it gives a sense of what the student is like. It gives us a face to face contact with the applicant, and we make our evaluations that time.

This year Yale introduced a new system of "early action" rather than "early admit". The students now can apply to Yale, and by January Yale will inform them of admittance, reject, or withhold to the regular pool of applicants who are notified on April 1st. A student who gets in on "early action" does not have to commit to Yale until the May 1st deadline. This system is beneficial to the student as he or she can weigh other admissions options and make the best choice. Of course we all know what the best choice is, New Haven in the fall.

As of this writing, one student from Naples has received an "early action" admittance, and a student from Fort Myers has gotten a "likely letter" from the Dean of Admissions. We still have some outstanding students who are waiting in the regular pool of applicants.

And you might be wondering who the "wonder boys" are. We are Michael Reilly '89 in Lee County and Tom Mackelfresh '51 in Collier County. The job can be handled between the two of us, and I must add that Mike is an zellent interviewer. We work well together, and we get the job done promptly which is a help to Yale Admissions as they have a job of sorting through some 19,000 applications.



Terry Upson '60, Porter Goss '60, and Bob Bennett '44

Porter Goss Returns for Farewell Yale Club Luncheon

After 16 years of presentations to the Yale Club and friends, Porter Goss '60 returned on February 23rd at the Vineyards Country Club for his last luncheon as a U.S. congressman. Over 220 Yale Club members and guests were present to welcome him. Bob Bennett '44, chairman of the event, reminded the audience that Goss first appeared for the Club at the Naples Bath & Tennis Club as a freshman congressman when elected in 1988. Goss said that he went to Congress to serve his district with special emphasis on the environment and foreign affairs. However, it turned out that the leadership wanted him on the Rules and Intelligence Committees.

Goss stated that Congress would not get much legislation passed this year. The Senate is dysfunctional, and since it takes 60 votes to make things happen and the Republicans don't have that large of a majority, nothing will happen. Too many frivolous votes are taken, and Congress is divisive with too much hyperbole and political partisanship. He pointed out that the public statements are overly scripted. One can learn much more from CSPAN live committee hearings.

Goss focused on the world as one of his main topics. He felt that we are truly at war, but in an unconventional one. Global terrorism is like crime, continuous, unpredictable, not managed by governments, and operating out of cells all over the world. Quoting John Lewis, the respected black congressman who equated it to the fight for civil rights, "we must get in the way." Goss feels that the United States is the only country that can solve the problem and has the will to do it. It is providing the leadership and the other countries are following, as demonstrated by the collaborations that exist around the world.

Concerning national security, Goss felt that the country is pretty well protected and safe.

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There is a good balance between security and the protection of civil liberties. With reference to the intelligence community, he said that the information delivered to President Bush came "unvarnished" and was what we had. But, the United States does not have sufficient human assets on the ground because in the '90s we let down our guard in the period of great prosperity and did not invest in intelligence because we did not want to do business with the 'bad guys' who could help us.

After the formal remarks, Goss took questions from the audience. In reference to whether weapons of mass destruction would ever by found, he said that Iraq clearly had the delivery systems, and the shells are probably hidden in the desert. Saudi Arabia is in a period of transition from old, conservative ways to new approaches to its culture. In connection with job loss and outsourcing, Goss felt that we live in a world market, and that the kind of jobs that will be available in the United States will be higher level jobs that will require education. It will be important to raise the level of working class skills. Goss feels that the campaign reform laws are not working, given the extraordinary amounts of money raised by both parties.

And finally, when asked if he could be convinced to run for Congress again, Goss said that he has been persuaded by his wife that the time has come to relax, he has sufficiently served his country, and the stress of the job has taken its toll.

Tom Wheeler '58, president of the Yale Club, closed the luncheon with laudatory comments about Goss' service to the country on behalf of his district and presented him with a token of our appreciation for his many years of presentations at the luncheons.

Trustee Profile



Torrey Foster '56

Torrey grew up in St. Louis, attended St. Louis Country Day School, and was graduated from Yale University in 1956 with a BA degree in American Studies. After serving in the U. S. Navy as an officer in destroyer duty (U.S.S. McCaffery DDE 860), he earned JD degree with honors (Order of the Coif) from Washington University School of Law in 1961.

Torrey went to work for one of St. Louis' largest legal firms, Armstrong, Teasdale, and was selected for partner in 1968. Instead, he was recruited to join The Sherwin-Williams Co. as Associate General Counsel and moved to Cleveland. After counseling the company in a variety of trade regulation and international legal matters, Torrey was asked to join the international division.

He has an extensive and diversified career in the practice of law and international business management, having held significant managerial and senior executive positions with Fortune 300 corporations. Among interesting assignments, he has lived overseas with his family in Brazil where he was the Managing Director of Sherwin-Williams Brasil in Sao Paulo. Thereafter, Torrey was promoted to Vice President & General Manager of the International Division of Sherwin-Williams. In addition, he subsequently managed international divisions for other major companies.

Torrey moved to Naples in 1995 when his banker wife, Georgie, was offered a position with Key Bank to start private banking in Southwest Florida. He states that 'he was packed the next day' and fully retired.

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Annual Holiday Party Held at U.S. Trust

U. S. Trust again provided their community room for our annual Holiday Party on December 10th to the delight of seventy members and their guests. The event was ably chaired and hosted by Scott Herstin '69 with assistance from Terry Upson '60 and Jay Gelinas. This cocktail party benefits the Club's Endowment Fund and raised several hundred dollars.

Santa Claus made his usual appearance with his special redition of "Twas the Night Before Christmas".

Our thanks go to Jim Johanssen, president of U. S. Trust, and Scott Herstin '69 for arranging for our use of their community room.

Fort Myers Activities

By Ted Gault '54 MDiv

A number of the Lee County members of the Club have been gathering for a drop-in luncheon at the Royal Palm Yacht Club in downtown Fort Myers on the fourth Thursday of most months. Reminders are sent by e-mail and those wishing to attend are asked to make reservations with Ted Gault '54MDiv at esgault@aol. com or 481-9631.

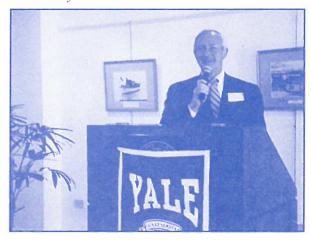
A reception was hosted by the Northern Trust Bank for Ivy League alumni/ae on January 23rd at the bank's College Parkway branch. A number of Yalies attended.

On Friday, February 20th, the Lee County members hosted a Wine and Cheese party which was attended by 38. Northern Trust graciously supplied the venue and Ted and Carol Gault hosted the party. Star of the evening was Dr. Frank Moore '55 who presented a selection of his masterful photographs of Martha's Vineyard and was allowed to depart only after promising a follow-up show at some not-too-distant future date. We were pleased to welcome several hardy souls who braved the traffic to come up from Naples.

Don't Miss the Semi-Annual Trustees Meeting to be Held April 8th at the Collier Athletic Club 12:00 P.M.

Richard Brodhead, Dean of Yale College, Opens Speakers Series

After 40 years at Yale, Brodhead becomes president of Duke University"



Dean Brodhead opened the 2004 Yale Club Speaker Series. Northern Trust Company sponsored the luncheon on February 9th at the bank's Fifth Avenue branch. President Tom Wheeler '58 welcomed over 75 Club members and guests and thanked Northern Trust for their support and hospitality for the event. Scott Alexander, Vice President and Manager of the branch, was recognized as the Club's host.

Dick Brodhead is a graduate of Phillips Andover Academy class of 1964, and was graduated from Yale in 1968. He earned his PhD in economics at Yale in 1972. Following a delicious lunch, Brodhead highlighted what was going on at Yale.

He first commented on Yale becoming even more attractive to high school students as over 20,000 have applied for admission this year for 1,400 places. This compares to 17,500 last year.

A major effort of the University was to review the undergraduate curriculum. Brodhead pointed out that the review committee was in complete agreement for the changes to be made. It was felt that international experience was important for students to understand the international dimension of world matters. Thus, more opportunities were created for study abroad, as well as increasing acceptance of students from other countries. Further, the offerings for science studies were broadened for both the serious science student as well as others studying the humanities.

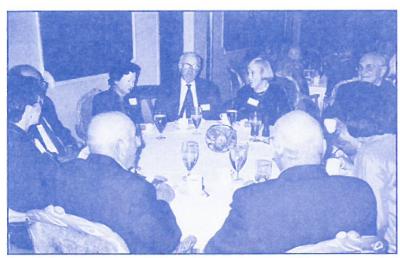
Referring to class offerings, Brodhead noted that over 1,800 classes are now offered to students compared with maybe 400 in the 1960's when he was an undergraduate student. However, less freedom needs to be given to students in choices of studies, in spite of the arguments favoring more freedom in the case of students who need time for exploration.

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SEEN AT YALE CLUB ACTIVITIES...



The 2004 Yale Whiffenpoofs



Yalies enjoying the Whiffenpoofs



Dick Bennett '44 introduces the Whiffs.



Sue Moore, Scott Herstin '69, and Frank Moore '55

Whiffenpoofs Sing Two Concerts in Naples

Dinner Concerts brings back memories of "To the tables down at Mory's"

The Yale Whiffenpoofs, the oldest collegiate *a cappella* group in America, entertained two dinner groups in January. At the Vineyards Country Club on January 9th, they sang for 90 members and their guests. The next night at the Royal Poinciana Golf Club, 400 persons were assembled for the dinner concert.

Blending a professional commitment to quality music with a touch of comic relief with story telling, the 2004 *Whiffs* continued the tradition of gentlemen songsters so well known at Yale.

Fourteen Yale seniors make up the group and were hosted by Yale Club families for their two day visit to Naples. Upon leaving for concerts on the East coast, they were heard to say how much fun they had here exploring Southwest Florida with their host families.



Terry Upson '60, Arlynn Upson, Tom Wheeler '58 and Jeanne Gelinas



Doris and Tom Mackelfresh '51 with Christina Fez-Barringten

Barbara Scovil, Miriam Sample, Joe Sample '45, and Sam Scovil '45S



Torrey Foster '56, Georgie Foster, and Scott Alexander with Dean Brodhead

Brodhead Luncheon



Robin and Tom Wheeler '58 welcome the Richard Brodheads to Naples.

Fort Myers Luncheon



Tom Wheeler '58 and Ted Gault' 54MDiv



Torrey Foster '56 and Ted Gault '54MDiv



Barie Fez-Barringten '68M.Arch and his wife, Christina



Stephen Colgate '57, Sue Moore, and Frank Moore '55



Porter Goss '60 and Tom Wheeler '58



Pete Broadbent '47E and Bertha Bennett



Nancy and Tom Mackelfresh '51

Porter Goss Luncheon



Terry Upson '60, Porter Goss '60, and Bob Bennett '44



Special Seating for the Yale Club ...

Performance of "Gigi" Naples Dinner Theater April 6, 2004

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Torrey has been active and held leadership roles in a variety of charitable and civic organizations, including officer and director positions in the Masters & Johnson Institute, Junior Achievement, the Career Initiatives Center, Yale Alumni Associations in St. Louis, Cleveland and Naples; and most recently, the American Red Cross, Classic Chamber Concerts, Greater Naples Leadership, and the American Cancer Society. He is also an active coordinator of the boat program at The Conservancy, as well as a boat captain and naturalist. Torrey says that his emotional stability is better served in the volunteer community than on the golf course.

He has been active in Yale Club affairs since his move to Naples and has been a trustee, vice president of Activities, and recently finished his term as president. He now serves as treasurer and managing editor of *The Tropical Bulldog*.

Torrey is married to the former Georgia Wright Pierpont; they have four children and seven grandchildren.

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Brodhead pointed out that there was compromise in the decision on required courses. Some subjects are so fundamental as not to be ignored. These were writing and quantitative reasoning. Students are required to take courses involving these core matters.

Several issues were raised. One related to that of teaching assistants' role with undergraduates. Brodhead cited the fact that fewer than 7% of the TA's are involved in teaching. Finally back to the subject of internationalism, Brodhead said that only 7% of the undergraduate body is from countries outside of North America.

Referring to his new job as President of Duke, Brodhead noted that the university is about the same size as Yale in numbers of students and number of schools.

Club Endowment Fund Giving Sets New Record for 2003

Contributions to the Yale Club of Southwest Florida endowment Fund reached an all time high of \$6,755 in calendar year 2003, up from \$6,050 in 2002. Bob Wenzel'53E, V.P. Endowment, reports that nearly half of our members (74) made financial contributions, more than the previous year. "We are very pleased with the numbers and the response to our Endowment Fund appeals, and we are continually looking for avenues to generate new contributions to support this effort," he said.

Currently, our Endowment Fund is used principally to provide scholarship awards for Yale students from Southwest Florida. Because the Club is a 501(c)(3) organization, all contributions are tax-deductible. To receive a copy of the Club's *Guide to Planned Giving* which outlines various ways of contributing, call Bob Wenzel at (239) 591-1690.

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2nd Annual HYP Dinner Dance Draws Enthusiastic Alumni

Vineyards Country Club & Jordan Ross Orchestra Entertain the Guests

The Harvard, Yale and Princeton (HYP) clubs joined together once again for a dinner dance to benefit each club's scholarship fund on February 10th. Held at the Vineyards Country Club for the 2nd year in a row, the evening was considered a most enjoyable event by those who attended. Following cocktails in the grand lobby, a delicious prime rib or pompano dinner was served as the guests danced to the music of Jordan Ross and his orchestra.

Eighty-eight members of the three clubs contributed at least \$100 to their respective scholarship funds as Sponsors for the dance. The Yale Club had 28 members as sponsors.

Special entertainment was provided by alumni of the clubs singing old college songs. The Yale contingent admitted they needed more practice before the next event.

Yale Club Member Starts His Own Website

Barie Fez-Barringten '68M.Arch and his wife, Christina, have developed their own website (www.bariefez-barringten.com) to share their life experiences and artwork. Barie was born in 1937 in New York, attended Christopher Columbus High School, and received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Pratt Institute. After a year of extensive travel throughout Europe, he returned to the U.S. to continue his studies and received his Masters degree in architecture from Yale.

Christina was born in Leipzig, Germany and came to New York to study philosophy. She soon discovered the powerful and inspiring movement of modern art in New York City and came to know people like Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg and Roy Lichtenstine. She decided to use her artistic talent and changed her career to studying fine art at both the Art Students League and School of Visual Arts.

On their website you will find interesting discussions of their careers and samples of their artwork. "Who knows, perhaps others might be likewise inspired to design and build their own", says Barie.

The HYP Clubs Are Grateful For All of the Dinner Dance Sponsors Listed Below:

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Mar 8, 2004	Paul Bracken, Professor of Management & Political Science	Northern Trust Co. Park Shore Office	Tom Wheeler
Mar II, 2004	Coach Siedlecki Luncheon	Royal Poinciana Golf Club	Pete Broadbent
Apr 4, 2004	Ivy League Picnic	Naples Beach Hotel	John Helmsderfer
Apr 6, 2004	Naples Dinner Theater - "Gigi"	Naples Dinner Theater	Dick Bennett
Apr 8, 2004	Monthly Luncheon, Semi-annual Trustees Meeting	Collier Athletic Club	Tom Wheeler

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