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An Open Letter to Yale Club Members

By Tom Wheeler '58, President

It is with deep appreciation and gratitude that we announce the retirement of our superb Executive Secretary, Carol Hunt, effective December 31, 2004. Carol has been exceptional in performing all kinds of tasks for our club since the mid 1980's and I know you will join me in thanking and congratulating Carol on a job well done. At the Holiday Party on December 13, we will appropriately honor Carol and her husband Jay.

We hope you will find this season's activities interesting and stimulating. The highlight will be a reception and talk by Yale President, Rick Levin, at the Pelican Marsh Country Club on March 8. It should be a unique opportunity to obtain a special perspective on Yale from its leader, who is considered to be an outstanding president.

Another significant Yale representative will be Jock Reynolds, Director of the Yale Art Gallery, who will speak on February 16. He is rapidly making this resource the best in the country. Tom Beckett, Director of Athletics, will speak March 23 on intercollegiate and intramural athletics, the role of exercise and fitness on the campus, the athletic facilities, and how all these add to the Yale experience. On January 10, Miles Collier, a Yale graduate, will open his private car museum to members for a reception and tour to benefit our scholarship fund. The Collier Car Museum is one of the largest, most acclaimed private collections in the world.

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*Back row: Ted Gault '54 MDiv, Tom Mackelfresh '51, Bob Bennett '44, Pete Broadbent '47E, Dick Harris '54, Ken Bruce '53E, Frank Moore '55, Jay Powers '64, Jay Gelinas, faculty, Bob Hattemer '53E
Front row: Bob Wenzel '53E, Sam Cooley '53, Tom Wheeler '58, Scott Herstin '69, Torrey Foster '56*

Members Meet for Annual Meeting at Naples Yacht Club

The 39th Annual Meeting of The Yale Club of Southwest Florida was held on Thursday, November 11 at the Naples Yacht Club. Thirty-one Members were in attendance to hear reports of last year's activities, learn about plans for the coming season, and to elect Trustees for the 2005 year. President Tom Wheeler '58 presided over the meeting. The Rev. Ted Gault '54 MDiv gave the invocation. The minutes of last year's Annual Meeting were accepted as presented.

President Wheeler thanked all the Trustees, Officers, and Members for their support and dedication to the activities of the Club. He highlighted some of the up-coming programs, especially the forthcoming visit of Yale President Rick Levin in March of 2005.

Committee reports were received from Activities (Jay Gelinas, Faculty), Alumni Schools (Tom Mackelfresh '51), Endowment (Bob Wenzel '53), Membership (Scott Herstin '69), Sponsorships (Bob Bennett '44), and Ft. Myers Region (Ted Gault '54 MDiv). The Members approved a minor change in the Endowment Fund Management Policy Statement, deleting a purpose of the Fund to loan money to students. This change was requested by the AYA.

Treasurer Torrey Foster '56 gave the financial report and handed out copies of the year's results. He noted that the Club is in excellent financial condition, and the Operating Fund bank account had a balance at the end of the fiscal year (September 30) of \$7,563. The Endowment Fund had a balance of \$80,433.

Tom Wheeler presented the AYA Outstanding Service Award to Pete Broadbent '47E for meritorious service to the Club over many years.

The Nominating Committee chaired by Bob Wenzel submitted a slate of Trustees for election to the Board for a term of one year. All current Trustees and new Trustee, Jay Powers '64, were elected by acclamation.

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Trustee Profile



Carol Hunt, Executive Secretary

Carol Hunt has been the Executive Secretary of The Yale Club for a longer period than most of our members can remember. Although she was not active with the Club at its beginning, she became our Executive Secretary in 1984 when Rev. Richard Mapes '49, '52BD was President. He was the Pastor of the Naples United Church of Christ at that time and asked Carol, a parishioner at the church, to help the Yale Club with some of its clerical and financial matters. And so a twenty year association developed. And with Carol's help and service to the Club, it grew from fewer than fifty members in 1984 to almost 200 members in 2004.

Carol and her husband, Jay, moved to Naples in 1977 from Eliot, Maine where they lived while working at Pease Air force Base near Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Jay was a career Air Force pharmacist and eventually retired to move to Naples. When asked why they moved to Naples, Carol replied "because of the warm weather."

Carol has degrees from Virginia Southern in business administration, and started her career in Washington, D.C. with the Department of Agriculture. She had assignments which took her to the White House in some special capacities. Later she moved to Beltsville, Maryland in the Biological Control Section of the Department of Agriculture for testing against anthrax attacks.

Naples is not the only tropical environment they lived in. They spent some time in Puerto Rico while attached to the Air Force.

When the Hunts moved to Naples in 1977, Carol became associated with the National Park Service and work on environmental matters connected to the Big Cypress Preserve. It was from that job that she fully retired from professional employment, only to become the most professional alumni club executive secretary in southwest Florida. Many Ivy League club presidents have tried to recruit her to no avail to work for their clubs as well.

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Finally, in New Business, President Wheeler pointed out that Carol Hunt will be retiring in December as our Executive Secretary. Carol will be recognized at the annual Holiday Party to be held at the Wheelers' home on December 13. Our new Executive Secretary, Carrie Kerskie, will also be present.

Following the Annual Meeting of Members, the Trustees unanimously elected the following Officers:

Tom Wheeler '58	President
Samuel P. Cooley '53	President-Elect
Jay Gelinis, Faculty	V.P. Activities
Tom Mackelfresh '51	V.P. Alumni School Committee
Terry Upson '60	V.P. AYA
Scott Herstin '69	V.P. Membership
Bob Wenzel '53E	V.P. Endowment
Bob Bennett '44	V.P. Sponsors
Ted Gault '54 MDiv	V.P. Ft. Myers Region
Torrey Foster '56	Secretary & Treasurer

Pelican Bay Club New Site for Monthly Luncheon

The new location for the Club's monthly luncheon is a private room at The Club – Pelican Bay. The inaugural lunch was on October 14, and 16 members and spouses attended and enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch. The price is still \$15. Some announcements were made about future activities of the Club. There was general agreement that we have found a very pleasant site for our monthly luncheons courtesy of Dick Griffith '51, our sponsoring member at the Pelican Bay Club. So check it out, and bring your spouse or other guest.

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The Holiday Party, Fort Myers' events, Ivy League Picnic and "Cabaret" at the Naples Dinner Theatre round out our program. We also have a surprise or two, such as lunch on January 17 at the Vineyards with former Attorney General, Richard Thornburgh.

Finally, you can help us. Our membership has grown to 197 but still has not broken 200 consistently. Based on new input from the Harvard and Princeton clubs, a reasonable goal would be 225 – a net minimum of 10 new members over the next 2 1/2 years. You are our best prospectors, so please contact Scott Herstin, Membership Chairman, at 566-8400 or any of our officers or Trustees with names of Yalies who are not members. At \$40, it is a steal!

Thank you again for your interest and support.

Membership Report

By Scott Herstin '69, V.P. Membership

As reported in April at the Trustees' meeting, when the 2004 Membership Directory was published it contained 180 names. Since then, we have added a net of 15 to bring the total up to 195. Here is a comparison with previous years:

1998	189
1999	179
2000	199
2001	202
2002	196
2003	189
2004	195

In short, we have been on a plateau for many years now. We are trailing the Princeton and Harvard Clubs by a wide margin, and we are open to suggestions as to how we might add new members. It may be time for a wider mailing using the list from New Haven. Tom Wheeler and I did a mailing and calls to 52 names last year which resulted in about six new members. In my opinion, a mailing is not worthwhile unless followed up with a phone call, and for this we will need volunteers. Given the strength of our programs, including President Levin's visit, we certainly have a very good story to tell.

Membership renewals were mailed two weeks ago, and I urge everyone to respond quickly. We will be making the usual follow up calls to the laggards in late December and hope to have the 2005 Directory out by the end of January.

We are without a corporate sponsor for the Directory for the third year in a row. The cost is about \$1,200 and if anyone knows a possible underwriter, please let me know. Otherwise, it comes right out of our kitty.

I am pleased that so many of you have referred new members to me during the last year. Keep it up, please!

Consider the Yale Club Endowment Fund in Your Year-End Planning

By Bob Wenzel '53E, V.P. Endowment

As the tax year-end approaches, a gift of marketable securities to the Yale Club of Southwest Florida Endowment Fund will not only benefit your Club, it may also help improve your own tax situation.

If you have marketable securities that have grown substantially in value, the tax laws allow you to make an important gift at a low after-tax cost. A lifetime gift of appreciated securities generally qualifies not only for the income tax deduction associated with all lifetime charitable gifts, but it also avoids the long-term capital gains on your paper profit.

Donating appreciated securities is a way of diversifying portfolios with concentrations in low-cost securities. However, if appreciated securities are given to a qualified charitable organization, there is no tax on the gain, and the total value of the securities gift is counted as part of your charitable deduction. The Yale Club is a 501(c)(3) qualified charitable organization.

The timing of your gift of appreciated securities is important. The value of the stocks for purposes of income tax deduction is determined by the value of the securities on the day the gift is actually made. In the case of actively traded securities, the value is the mean between the highest and lowest quoted sales price on the day of the gift.

For information on how you can make a gift of securities to the Yale Club Endowment Fund, or for a copy of the Yale Club of Southwest Florida Guide to Planned Giving, contact Bob Wenzel, V.P. Endowment at (239) 591-1690 or via E-mail at REWMSWMD@aol.com.

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All Yale Club presidents have found Carol to be extremely pleasant, flexible and with a wonderful ability to "keep things together." We wish Carol every joy and happiness in her retirement from the Yale Club, knowing full well that she will continue her community volunteer interests in new capacities.



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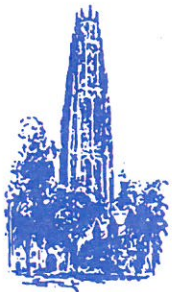
Seen at Yale Club Activities...



Bob Wenzel '53E, Tom Mackelfresh '51, Tom Wheeler '58 and Torrey Foster '56



Sam Cooley '53 and Tom Wheeler '58



Annual Meeting



Herb Sleeper, Faculty, Scott Herstin '69, Doris and Tom Mackelfresh '51, and Jim Carthaus '62



Tom Mackelfresh '51 with Tom Wheeler '58, and Torrey Foster '56



Frank Moore '55



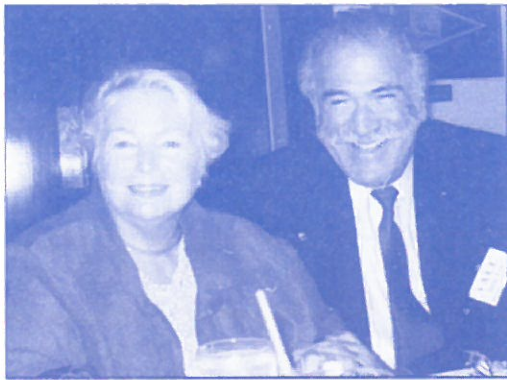
Jay Gelinas, Faculty, reporting



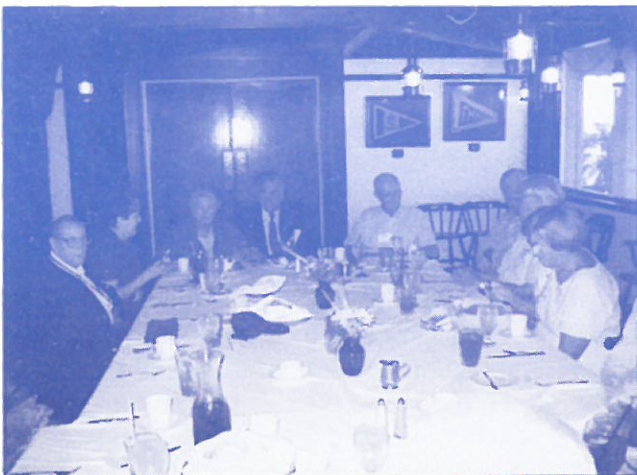
Pete Broadbent '47E and Tom Wheeler '58



**Football
Game**



**Fort Myers
November
Luncheon**



Alumni Schools Committee Report

By Tom Mackelfresh '51, V.P. Alumni School Committee

The activities of the Alumni School Committee are now almost becoming routine. In the spring our hopes are for "Admits" to the incoming freshman class. There were 17 local students who applied to Yale. Of that number, two received admittance to the Yale class of 2008. Of the two, one accepted, David Mixter from the Community School of Naples, and he is now at Yale.

In the late spring, our attention is directed to the Yale Book Award program that recognizes talented juniors from select area high schools. This year we presented the book "Benjamin Franklin" to ten schools in Collier and Lee Counties. These awards take place in May, and we have had problems covering every school as many of our members head north or are otherwise busy. We will make improvements next year. In addition, there are now two more high schools in Collier County. This program offers an opportunity for our members to become involved with a local Yale activity, and I will be asking some of you to participate.

At this time we are into our interviewing process. Yale Admissions advises us by email of the names of the applicants, and we can get right to doing an interview without waiting for the paper work of the past. Our reports are sent to Yale via the Internet, and they have the information very quickly. So far, there are 10 applicants, 7 are for early action, and they are equally divided between Collier and Lee Counties.

In October, Lester Johnson of the Admissions Department visited Florida and stopped at the Canterbury School in Fort Myers for a presentation. I attended the event, and it was well done. Lester said that Yale expects to receive over 20,000 applications this year. He also stopped at the Community School for an informal session.

I am sure that you would like to know some of the statistics concerning the incoming freshman class. The students come from all 50 states and 70 foreign countries. There are 5300 undergraduates, 50% of whom are women, 30% are minorities, 9% are foreign, 57% come from public schools, and 43% come from private or parochial schools. 95% of the total ranked in the top tenth of their graduating class. There were 19,674 applicants in 2004. 1,950 students were offered admissions which is a 9.9% rate. The median SAT score was 750 for both verbal and math. The median ACT score was 33.

Lastly, I want to thank Mike Reilly '89 for his interviewing service in Fort Myers. I want to thank Scott Herstin '69 for his help at Collier College Night in September. We were kept very busy talking to students from all over our area.



AYA Assembly Report

By Terry Upson '60, AYA Representative

AYA Assembly LXIV was held at Yale from November 11-13, 2004. The title of the Assembly was "The New Yale: A Decade of Extraordinary Progress." As the title indicates, the theme was a review of the last 10 years at Yale under President Levin's regime, concluding with an address by Rick Levin outlining his goals for the next decade. Throughout the Assembly, the delegates expressed great satisfaction over what has been accomplished under Levin's leadership.

The Assembly began with an address by Assembly Chairman Kenneth Berman '74 who gave an overview of the program as well as some statistics on today's applicants to Yale. Quality is very high with 20 applicants for every space. The observation was made that most, if not all, of the delegates present probably would not be accepted to Yale today, which is a sign that the University is doing its job well.

Delegates then broke into three track groups: Construction and Renovation at Yale; Yale and New Haven; and Yale and the World. In the morning, I attended the Yale and New Haven track which began with an address by Vice President and Director of New Haven Affairs Bruce Alexander '65. Bruce is a former real estate developer who is leading the University's efforts to invest in and help renew the City of New Haven. Projects range from the purchase and renovation of 16 properties in the historic district adjacent to the old campus on Chapel and College streets from the Resolution Trust Company to the conversion of a number of abandoned factories into downtown, high-end residential apartments. Many of these projects were funded through a combination of private, state, and federal grants, in addition to Yale's involvement. Following Alexander's remarks, we were given an eye-opening bus tour of the renaissance taking place both downtown and in New Haven's neighborhoods. It is very obvious that today's New Haven is strong and revitalized.

In the afternoon, I attended the track on Construction and Renovation at Yale which was chaired by Pamela Delphenich, the University Planner. She described the many projects undertaken at Yale over the past decade and plans for new construction and renovation, illustrated with a number of slides. We then broke up into smaller assigned groups for walking tours. My tour was of the "Swing Dormitory" which was constructed at the commencement of the University's College Renovation Program to accommodate the entire population of each college as it is reconstructed. Yale justifies the cost of this new facility as less expensive than alternative housing, and it allows the university 15 months to renovate a college,

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June through September the following year. All college amenities are provided in this facility with the exception of food services which are provided by the University Commons. Upon completion of the College Renovation Program, the facility will be used as housing for the Graduate School.

The afternoon ended with a plenary session at the newly renovated Sprague Hall. The session, "A Ten Year Retrospective" was presented by a panel consisting of Linda Lorimer, Yale Vice President and Secretary; Peter Salovey, New Dean of Yale College; and Roland Betts, the new Senior Fellow of the Corporation. Peter Salovey led off by describing the increases in financial aid, the improvements in the Graduate School (of which he was dean prior to taking his current position), the increased competition for admission, the new science facilities, the changes in the Yale college curriculum following the Broadhead Report, and the increase in the Graduate School faculty that will free up these exceptional scholars to teach undergraduate classes.

Linda Lorimer described improvements in the arts (drama, art, architecture, and music) both in the faculty and facilities; the adoption of a new nursing Doctoral program; the renovation of the Divinity School and recruitment of new faculty and administration there; the improvements in diversity in both the student body and faculty, although there continues to be a problem with the recruitment of more African American faculty; and the increase in financial aid which is up 97% in the last 10 years.

Finally, Roland Betts described how the Corporation operates and advised that the University will undertake a new capital campaign, during which the major emphasis will be improvement of facilities, faculty and reputation of the School of Management and the resolution of problems at the Medical School.

That evening there was a buffet dinner at Commons for all delegates followed by a performance by the Yale Concert Band.

The following day, there were a number of breakout sessions devoted to strengthening clubs and classes through broader involvement of alumni. The morning ended with a plenary session presentation by Barry Nalebuff, Milton Steinbach Professor of Economics and Management at the Yale School of Management, based on his highly acclaimed book "Why Not? How to use Everyday Ingenuity to Solve Problems Big and Small." Assembly participants were encouraged to think out of the box and to visit Nalebuff's web site WHYNOT.com.

The highlight of the Assembly was an afternoon address by President Richard Levin. He received a warm reception and standing ovation from the delegates who

were clearly pleased with his tenure as president of the University. Dr. Levin laid out eight priorities for Yale over the next decade; (1) To strengthen Yale across the fields of science and technology through the completion of the new chemistry building, renovation of Sterling Labs for common use by all sciences, and the recruitment of new and larger science faculty. (2) The internationalization of the University by increasing the number of foreign students and their financial aid, continuing to develop study abroad, developing a joint venture with the University of Peking in Beijing, strengthening the international studies curriculum, and continuing to emphasize programs already underway such as the Yale Fellows Program. In short, to make Yale a truly global university where the normal expectation of every Yale College student should be to spend at least a summer abroad. (3) To reform and improve Yale College by fully implementing the Broadhead Report, making science understandable and taking full advantage of the talent at the professional schools (4 & 5) Single out the School of Management and the Medical School for significant strengthening, both of which have fallen in stature in recent years. (6) Elevating the arts to first class status by construction of a new theater, a new Art History Building and the renovation of three buildings for the Music School. (7) Increasing financial aid, particularly for the graduate and professional schools whose students now must fund too high a portion of their education with loans, causing huge debt loads when they leave school. This is particularly difficult for those students entering professions which are not high paying. (8) Finally, Yale must culturally transform the way the institution is managed. It lacks administration and financial systems and organization. In short, it must become a business. To accomplish this task, Dr. Levin persuaded John Pepper '60, former Chairman and CEO of Proctor and Gamble and Senior Fellow of the Yale Corporation, to become Vice President Finance and Administration. Levin called this the best hire of his tenure and noted that Pepper has already begun to improve the morale of Yale's 8,000 non-faculty employees by encouraging them to become more actively engaged in their jobs, more efficient and focused. Many of Yale's union problems can be solved by making Yale a great place to work, which is Levin (and Pepper's) ultimate goal.

All of the above will be financed by a new capital campaign to formally begin in 2006. Levin has already contacted Yale's major donors whose initial response has been very encouraging.

The session ended with the annual Yale Medal Reception and Dinner at the University Commons. The year's recipients were; Robert Barnes '71, Mark R. Dollhopf '77, Christopher A. Foster '54, Reverend Richard M. Mapes '49,'52 Div and David W. Wallace '48.

2004-2005 SEASON ACTIVITIES

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CHAIR
Dec 13, 2004	Holiday Party	Home of Tom ('58) & Robin Wheeler	Tom Wheeler
Jan 10, 2005	Scholarship Reception & Tour	Collier Automotive Collection	Don Williams
Jan 14, 2005	HYP Reception-Ft. Myers	Northern Trust – College Parkway	Ted Gault
Feb 16, 2005	Speaker Program-Jock Reynolds, Director, Yale Art Gallery	Northern Trust Co.	Sam Cooley
Mar 8, 2005	Yale President Richard Levin Reception	Pelican Marsh Country Club	Torrey Foster
Mar 23, 2005	Tom Beckett, Yale Director of Athletics	Northern Trust Co.	Ken Bruce
Apr 8, 2005	Naples Dinner Theater “Cabaret”	Naples Dinner Theater	Dick Bennett
Apr 14, 2005	Monthly Luncheon, Semi-annual Trustees Mtg.	The Club - Pelican Bay	Tom Wheeler
Apr. 2005	Ivy League Picnic	Naples Beach Hotel	Bob Hattemer
Apr. 2005	Frank Moore Bird Slide Presentation	TBA	Ted Gault

Naples Monthly Luncheons on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the The Club at Pelican Bay.

Reservations are mandatory by the preceding Tuesday – No exceptions.

Please call Bob Bennett at 239-352-0219 or e-mail: robertbennett3@comcast.net

Ft. Myers Monthly Luncheons on the 4th Thursday of the month (except Dec. on the 3rd Thursday) at the Royal Palm Yacht Club. Call Ted Gault for reservations (481-9631)

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