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## Spring Trustees Meeting Receives Reports, Makes Plans for Coming Year

*Many suggestions received for next season activities*

The semi-annual meeting of the Trustees was held after the monthly luncheon at The Club at Pelican Bay on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Sixteen Trustees and several other members were in attendance for a review of past activities and a discussion of future plans.

President Wheeler '58 reviewed the past season activities and thanked everyone for their support and participation in making the year's events enjoyable. Of particular note was the reception for President Levin held at the Pelican Marsh Golf Club. The Collier Car Collection was a special event that raised significant money for our Endowment Fund, primarily for scholarship purposes. Speakers Dick Thornburgh, Jock Reynolds, and Tom Beckett were well received. And the Naples Dinner Theater production of *Cabaret* was a big hit with Yale Club members. Ideas for future speakers were sought and the names of Senator Nelson and Connie Mack came up.

In connection with events for the 2005-2006 season, a sponsor had not been identified for the HYP financial seminar. The Welcome Back Party will be graciously hosted by Tom and Robin Wheeler. It is the Yale Club's turn to chair the Harvard/Yale game television broadcast, and the Holiday party will be held at the home of Joe and Leslie Fogg. A number of Yale University speakers were identified including Professors Luong and Kennedy. Luong is Director of International Security Studies. In addition, speakers will be invited from time to time to the monthly luncheons, including another slide show by our Trustee Frank Moore '55. It was pointed out that speakers should not be scheduled during the two weeks of Easter which is a very busy time for many of our members. *Continued on page 3*



## Yale President Levin Visits Naples

*Levin is 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. 110 alumni and friends assembled at the Pelican Marsh Golf Club for cocktails and his presentation on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

It was clear from Levin's remarks that Yale's campus renovation continues in a spectacular fashion with not only remodeled colleges but also new science buildings. The Class of 1954 made a substantial contribution from its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion gift to these new buildings.

Levin commented on Yale's strategy to make a major effort in the renovation of downtown New Haven. The city has made a remarkable turnaround, in part due to Yale's large financial contributions and investment in downtown development. He noted that the revitalization of the city has helped enormously in the university's recruiting efforts. And further, biotechnology firms have found a very hospitable environment in which to do business and develop relationships with Yale's science departments.

Levin then spoke of the academic front with its two themes of science and international. Heavy recruiting is going on in the biology and engineering departments. Life sciences have ratcheted up, and he felt that chemistry and engineering will follow. 75% of Yale's students do not major in the sciences, but need exposure to them. Introductory courses in the sciences are now a part of the curriculum.

Yale is now being internationalized according to Levin. The world is changing due in no minor way by access to the Internet. Lives of students will be global. The university is bringing in students from abroad in greater numbers, and students are being offered opportunities for study abroad. *Continued on page 3*

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## ENDOWMENT/ SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Bob Wenzel '53E

One year ago at our annual April Trustees meeting, I announced that our Endowment/Scholarship Fund was at an all-time high of \$76,192 and up from the previous year. I am pleased to report this year that our Fund is again at an all-time high of just over \$100,000!

We are indebted to 84 members who contributed nearly \$15,000 to the Yale Club of Southwest Florida in our fiscal year which began October 1, 2004 and runs through September 30, 2005. These contributions were included with our 2005 Dues, with our major fundraisers, The Tour of the Collier Collection and the Northern Trust Lecture Series, with a gift of stock from one member, and even from a corporation matching grant. We are indebted to all of you who have contributed thus far, and, since our year is not yet over, we are ever hopeful.

The main purpose of the Yale Club Endowment Fund is to provide financial aid to worthy Yale students from this area, a tradition that we have been following faithfully since 1994.

This year, the Trustees approved a gift of \$5,000 to Yale. Thanks to all of you who have helped our Club and in turn helped Yale.

In this regard, we enclose with this issue of the *Tropical Bulldog* a copy of our Guide to Planned Giving which has been revised to reflect our new address and telephone number. It may inspire you to consider a tax-deductible gift that will benefit both you and your Club.



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## Trustee Profile



### Scott Herstin '69

Scott came to Naples in February of 1998 and within days had been recruited by Bob Wenzel '53 E to join the Yale Club and help out with membership duties. Scott will relinquish the Vice President Membership title late this year after a five year run.

Six months after graduating from Yale College in 1969, Scott started his investment management career in Boston where he remained for thirty years. He was employed by The Boston Company, Pell Rudman & Co. and Berents & Hess Capital Management. He was a member of the Yale Club of Boston, and he fondly remembers the late Bart Giamatti addressing a crowd of 400 Yalies at the Harvard Club within months of becoming President of the University. Scott had studied comparative literature under Professor Giamatti as a sophomore.

Since Scott's arrival in Naples he has been a portfolio manager at U. S. Trust Co. He has been a director of the Naples Art Association for six years and had captained three American Cancer Society Relay for Life teams. He is a graduate of the Greater Naples Leadership Masters program and a member of Naples United Church of Christ.

Scott is the proud father of two daughters, one a recent Vanderbilt University graduate, the other a junior at Georgetown University. In addition to his Yale B.A. (American Studies), Scott holds a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School. In 2003, Scott was awarded the Yale Club's AYA Outstanding Service Award.

In his spare time he enjoys travel, cooking, wine and good conversation.

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## Busy Year for Alumni Schools Committee

By Tom Mackelfresh '51

The Alumni Schools Committee has had a busy April due to the Yale Book Awards presentations. First we had to select a book from a short list from the AYA. The book selected was "Doctor Doolittle's Dilemma" by a Yale professor of linguistics. I read a couple of chapters and the book is heady but fairly easily read. If I can do it anyone can.

The next project is to contact the 12 schools where we give out the books. This is usually an interesting project as the person that ran it last year is either transferred to another school or someone new has the job. That exercise takes about two weeks to sort out the who, the date, and time of the awards presentation, then we can ask the guidance department to select one of their brightest juniors for the award and that usually takes some more time.

When it is finally in order I can get the books to Ted Gault in Lee County for the 6 schools there.

Ted in turn gets the books to one of our alumni to make the presentation. At this writing I do not have the names of the presenters that he enlisted, other than himself.

In Collier County we gave 6 books to the schools that have produced candidates for Yale. I have been helped out by Pete Broadbent '47E, John Sanders '87, Gene Stillman '46, and John Kaplick. Actually the awards ceremonies are interesting but sometimes they can be rather long. Most schools try to have the book awards first so we can excuse ourselves early in the program. A new person at Naples High School had the book awards dead last so it was a two hour ordeal.

The books are in the hands of the presenters, and I can visit New Hampshire with no worries. We have a lull in our activities until "College Night" in Collier County in the early fall. Happy summer and thanks to all my helpers.

### Trustees Meeting, *Continued from page 1*

After a brief discussion, the Trustees voted down any involvement with an HYP Dinner Dance.

Treasurer Foster '56 handed out copies of the six month financial report, highlighted significant items in the report and stated that the general operating account had a balance of \$ 15,227 and the Endowment Fund had a balance of \$101,792 both as of March 31, 2005.

Foster reported on the costs involved with the Tropical Bulldog. Each issue costs approximately \$500 and the printing price is going up. The Trustees voted in favor of keeping the newsletter as a valuable communication tool with our members.

Scott Herstin '69 reported on Membership activities and noted that the new directory has 196 names for members. Bob Bennett '44 was thanked for securing Glen Blauch, CLU as a \$ 1,000 sponsor for the directory.

Jay Gelinis thanked everyone for their support in all the activities. Terry Upson '60 reported that the next AYA assembly will be held this coming fall. Ted Gault '54 MDiv reported on the increasing level of activities at the Ft. Myers branch of the Club.

Tom Mackelfresh '51 reported that 2 students were accepted in early action, many great applicants from the area didn't get in, and the Club is again involved in book awards this spring. Bob Wenzel '53 reported that the Endowment Fund received \$14,500 from 84 members, including a major gift of \$7,000 from Chet Hawley '44E. The Trustees approved sending \$ 5,000 to Yale for scholarships purposes.

### President Levin, *Continued from page 1*

One in twelve students is now from overseas, whereas it used to be 1 in 20. 8% of the juniors take a year abroad and Levin wants to increase that number by focusing on summer intern programs.

In connection with financial aid, Levin pointed out that the university has blind admission and financial aid follows where needed. However, it is not well understood to attract the best students. Yale is now following Harvard in giving a free ride to students whose family income is under \$40,000.

The School of Medicine has always been strong in good science work and research, and it is now being strengthened in its clinical services.

In response to questions Levin pointed out that volunteerism at Yale exceeds 40% of the student body. There are now improved relations with employee unions. In response to questions about athletics, he pointed out that Payne Whitney gym has been renovated and is getting extraordinary use. Tom Beckett, Director of Athletics has been an excellent "transformational" leader. Under him, Yale has won one championship in football and basketball. Yale has many very good sport teams, and there are 35 varsity sport teams. And finally in response to a question about faculty political persuasions, Levin did say that 85% of the faculty is probably democrats, but that New Haven itself is a very democratic city.

The meeting closed with very warm applause for Yale's leader.



## Speaker Series Concludes with Presentation by Director of Athletics

*Tom Beckett talks about athletics at Yale, the Ivy League, and state universities*

Tom Beckett, Director of Athletics at Yale, concluded the Club's speaker series on March 23<sup>rd</sup> with a talk on athletics at Yale and how it compares to other universities around the country. He began his comments by noting that a member of our Yale Club who swam as a member of Yale's world record 400 meter relay team in 1942 had mistakenly not received his varsity Y, the symbol of varsity recognition and participation. Bob Bennett '44 was presented with the traditional white sweater with the large blue Y.

As a part of his formal remarks, Beckett pointed out that athletics can be treated as entertainment or as a part of the academic education of the student. Yale, the Ivy League schools and many other private and public institutions have chosen to treat athletics as an integral part of the educational experience. Average SAT's at Yale are 1480 (740 math and 740 verbal). Male athletes at Yale SAT's are 1390 and female athletes are 1420, both higher than at Harvard and Princeton noted Beckett. 900 students wear Yale uniforms in athletic competition.

Beckett referred to the Athletic Performance Record (APR) an evaluation system of colleges and universities in the U.S. 1,100 schools are evaluated in a variety of categories and Yale ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the country. Beckett predicted that some of the teams competing in the NCAA basketball tournament at the "sweet 16" level would have no graduates from the colleges. Yale has 14 women's teams that are nationally ranked.

Anticipating later questions, Beckett referred to the very disappointing season of the varsity football team (5-5). He noted that the Harvard game was especially embarrassing and the season was unacceptable in its result.

The varsity basketball team has had a very good five year record, and in spite of its sometimes average results, Beckett said that the team plays many very good teams outside the Ivy League.

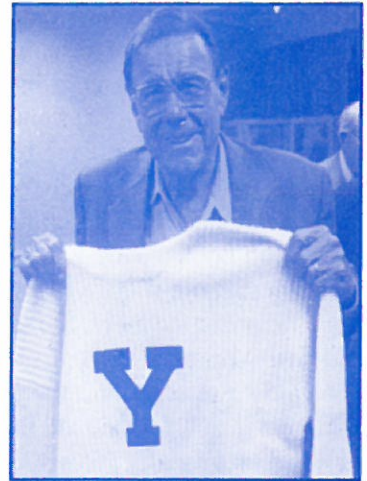
Moving from team records, Beckett focused on the \$75 million being spent on athletic facilities. He pointed out that President Levin has been a moving force in recognizing that athletics play an integral part of the educational experience. Between \$25 and \$27 million will be spent on refurbishing the Yale Bowl. The class of 1954, as a part of its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion gift to the university, has given \$10m toward the renovation of the Bowl.

Beckett pointed out that Yale ranks #3 in total results in the Ivy League behind Princeton and Harvard. He felt that there are no athletic program failures at Yale in contrast to schools like Columbia. There are 35 varsity teams at Yale. Varsity teams make up 15% of the undergraduate body and 70% of the students at Yale are involved in athletics. Beckett pointed out that great coaches attract very good athletes. Physical plant is also very important to student athletes.

Payne Whitney has been recently refurbished with \$30m spent on various aspects of the facility. The new fitness center averages 1,000 people a day. At Yale there are 18 men sports, 16 women sports and 2 mixed sports. The Yale golf course designed in 1926 is ranked the number one college golf course in the U.S.

No doubt that under the leadership of Tom Beckett athletics are doing well at Yale.

## Seen at Yale Club Activities...



*Bob Bennett '44*



*Robin and Tom Wheeler '58 with Trig Cooley*



*Sam Cooley '53 and Torrey Foster '56*



*Ginny Yoder, Richard Molloy '94MPPM, and Scott Herstin '69*



*Bette & John Aymar '60 with Bertha & Dick Bennett '52*



*Yalies and friends enjoying a performance of "Cabaret"*

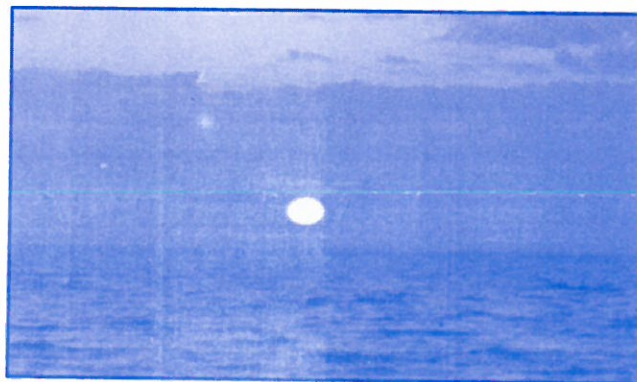


*Terry Upson '60, Georgie & Caroline Foster, and Arlynn Upson*

# Naples Dinner Theater



# Ivy League Picnic



## 2005-2006 SEASON ACTIVITIES

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CHAIR
Oct. 2005	HYP Financial Seminar	TBA	Bob Bennett
Nov. 7, 2005	Welcome Back Party	Home of Tom & Robin Wheeler	Tom Wheeler
Nov. 10, 2005	Annual Meeting of Members	Naples Yacht Club	Tom Wheeler
Nov. 19, 2005	"The Game"	Naples Beach Hotel	TBA
Dec. 12, 2005	Holiday Party	Home of Joe & Leslie Fogg	Tom Wheeler
Apr. 6, 2006	Naples Dinner Theater <i>La Cage aux Folles</i>	Naples Dinner Theater	Dick Bennett
Apr. 13, 2006	Semi-Annual Mtg. of Trustees	The Club at Pelican Bay	Sam Cooley
Apr. 23, 2006	Ivy League Picnic	Naples Beach Hotel	Bob Hattemer

**Naples Monthly Luncheons** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at The Club at Pelican Bay.

Reservations are mandatory by the preceding Tuesday – No exceptions.

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

*Have a safe and relaxing summer!*

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