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## President's Message

*By Sam Cooley '53, President*

Greetings from cold and snowy Connecticut where we have returned for the Holidays and other fall activities. As I looked at the 10 degree reading on our outdoor thermometer this morning I questioned our sanity in ever leaving Naples.

Please note the upcoming events listed in the Bulldog. Of particular note is the lecture series graciously hosted by Northern Trust. The series will be the primary fund raiser to benefit our scholarship fund and deserves the support of us all. We are particularly pleased that Paul Steiger '64, the Executive editor of the Wall Street Journal, will be with us. His career in journalism has been outstanding, and he is sure to be a most interesting speaker. Professor Gary Brewer will talk to us about "Global Warming Post Kyoto," a most thought provoking and challenging subject. Don't miss these events.

Dick Bennett has secured excellent seats at the Naples Dinner Theater for a performance of *La Cage aux Folles*. This will be a fun evening so sign up promptly when you receive the invitation as places will be limited.

Please be on the look-out for new members. Our continuing vitality depends on our membership which all alumni (or alumnae) of any school, parents and current students are cordially asked to join. If you have friends or associates who are not members, tell them of our many benefits, and ask Jeri or Richard Malloy '94 MPPM, our membership Vice President, to send them an application.

I am looking forward to seeing you again in January.



## Members Meet for Annual Meeting at The Club at Pelican Bay

*Sam Cooley '53 elected new Club President; Trustee Board expanded.*

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Yale Club of Southwest Florida was held on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at The Club at Pelican Bay. Thirty-five 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 2006 year. President Tom Wheeler '58 presided over the meeting. Rev. Ted Gault '54 MDiv gave the invocation. With a loud vote of approval, the reading of the minutes of last year's meeting was waived, and the minutes were accepted as filed with the Secretary.

President Wheeler thanked all the Trustees, Officers and Members for their support and dedication to the activities of the Club. Committee reports were received from various vice presidents. Tom Mackelfresh '51, V.P. of Alumni Schools Committee, reported that there were 30 applicants to the Class of 2009 from southwest Florida. Two were admitted, Katherine Hagemann from Naples High School and Stefan Schropp from Ft. Myers High School. The Club gave out 12 book awards to juniors at selected schools this past year. Mackelfresh also reported that the new Director of Admissions at Yale is Jeffrey Brenzel, formerly Executive Director of the AYA.

Bob Wenzel '53, V.P. Endowment, reported on the Club's Endowment Fund and noted that the Fund had a balance of \$109,623 invested in various mutual funds at Northern Trust Co.

Richard Molloy '94 MPPM, Chairman of the Membership Committee, gave a report on the current membership drive for the Club. As of the meeting date 155 members had renewed their membership, 42 current members had not yet renewed, and the Club has 5 new members. A telephone committee was organized to call those who had not yet renewed. (At press time, 198 members had joined.)

Bob Bennett '44, V.P. Sponsors, reported that Sun Trust is the sponsor of the fall HYP Economic Seminar to be held at the Naples Beach Hotel.

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## Trustee Profile



### Jay Gelinas, Faculty

Jay was born in Weymouth, Massachusetts in 1931 and was subsequently raised in Connecticut. Branford was his home until 2001, when he and his wife, Jeanne, became permanent residents of Naples.

Jay graduated from Hand High School in Madison, Connecticut in 1949 and then served three years in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean War. Upon his discharge he attended and graduated from Stonehill College in 1957 and subsequently received his degree in Dental Medicine from Tufts University in 1961. He completed a one year residency in oral surgery at Yale School of Medicine in 1962 and was on the faculty of the Yale Medical School until his retirement in 1999.

He was a member of the American Dental Association, Connecticut State Dental Association and served as Vice President of the Shoreline Dental Society in the 70's.

Jay and Jeanne together have four children and eleven grandchildren. He enjoys golf, swimming, reading, traditional jazz and theater. He and Jeanne plan to travel extensively in the years to come.

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He also noted that Blauch & Associates has renewed its sponsorship of the Club's member directory.

The Fort Myers Area report was presented by Ted Gault '54 MDiv. In addition to the monthly luncheons at the Royal Palm Yacht Club, the group enjoyed three special occasions this past year. Northern Trust sponsored an Ivy League reception. Professor Gary Brewer of the Yale School of Management gave a talk on the topic *Bridging the Business-Environment Gap: Preparing Future Leaders*. And finally, a wine and cheese party was held at the home of Ted and Carol Gault with a slide presentation by Frank Moore '55, a fellow member and noted nature photographer.

Tom Wheeler presented the AYA Outstanding Service Award to Torrey Foster '56, and commented on his many contributions to the Club over the years. This was the second time Foster received the award.

The Nominated Committee chaired by Bob Wenzel '53 submitted a slate of Trustees for election to the Board for a term of one year. All current Trustees, excepting Scott Herstin who did not stand for reelection, and two new Trustees, Jim Brown '56 and Bill Carpenter '54 were elected by acclamation.

In new business, Torrey Foster presented a replica of the President's Cup to Tom Wheeler in recognition of his leadership as Club President the past two years. It was pointed out by Foster that Wheeler had taken the Club to new heights in his stewardship these two years. There was a rousing applause by the members. Following the Annual Meeting of Members, the Trustees unanimously elected the following officers for 2006:

Sam P. Cooley '53	President
Jay Gelinas, Faculty	V.P. Activities
Tom Mackelfresh '51	V.P. Alumni Schools Comm.
Terry Upson '60	V.P. AYA
Richard Molloy '94MPPM	V.P. Membership
Bob Wenzel '53	V.P. Endowment
Bob Bennett '44	V.P. Sponsors
Ted Gault '54 MDiv	V.P. Ft. Myers Region
Torrey Foster '56	Secretary & Treasurer

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## Yale Club of Southwest Florida Alumni School Committee Report

By Tom Mackelfresh '51

As previously reported, there were 30 applicants to the class of 2009 from our area schools that include both Lee and Collier Counties. This was a record. Of those applying, two were admitted and are presently freshmen at Yale. They are Katherine Hagemann from Naples High School and Stefan Schropp from Fort Myers High School.

The applicants were interviewed by Michael Reilly '89 and Rebecca Totaro '93 MAR in Fort Myers and Joseph Fogg III '68 and Tom Mackelfresh '51 in Naples. Interviewing is an interesting process as you get to see first-hand the type of student who is applying to Yale. In general, the applicants are outstanding kids but there are some who are overreaching for admission to Yale. In those cases, it is the responsibility of the interviewer to so state on his or her report. It saves a lot of time for the reader in the admission department.

We gave out 12 book awards to selected schools this May. The book was titled "Doctor Doolittle's Dilemma" and dealt with communication with animals. It was written by a Yale professor. I hope that next year there will be a larger selection. The club should consider how many schools should be offered the book award. If so we will need a number of book presenters to cover our area.

We had Scott Herstin and yours truly at the Collier College Night at Golden Gate High School in September. We did not participate in the Fort Myers program. In the past, Fort Myers has had poor attendance of the students and we have felt that it was not productive. We will examine this next fall and hope that we can interest our members in manning a Yale table.

Yale has a new director of admissions. He is Jeffery Brenzel, formerly of the AYA. We also have a new representative for southwest Florida and he is Jose Roman. We were to meet at Naples High School on October 21 but school was canceled and I had evacuated because of "Wilma."

The storm did not slow down applications. We currently have five interviews scheduled or completed as of this moment. Four are for early action and one is for regular admission.

The statement "the many come but few are chosen" still applies to admission to Yale. I hope that 2006 will see an increase of freshmen from southwest Florida.

## Former Trustee and Valued Member Ken Abernathy Dies

*Was active for many years in a variety of civic and community organizations*



The greater Naples community lost a committed volunteer on the death of Ken Abernathy '58. He succumbed October 24th of this year to lung cancer. He was 71. He had been admitted to the hospital two weeks prior to his passing with back pain and was subsequently diagnosed with cancer that had already metastasized, according to his son, Ken Jr.

A retired U. S. Navy attorney achieving the rank of Captain, Ken was born in Lexington, Kentucky. He graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1955 and received his law degree from Yale in 1958. He was a resident of Park Shore for many years and served on the Naples Planning Advisory Board and ran for Naples City Council in 1997.

Ken was active in civic and community affairs and during his retirement he had been a member of and held leadership roles in many organizations including the Naples/Collier County Beach Renourishment Committee, the Naples Better Government Committee, Naples Presidents Council, The Conservancy, Gulf Shore Condominium Association, Park Shore Association, Collier County Historical Society, Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, Naples Art Association, and the Collier County Republican Executive Committee. In addition to having been a Trustee of The Yale Club, he had been a member of the board of directors of Naples Council of the U.S. Navy League, The Forum Club, The Naples Players, The Botanical Garden, and the David Lawrence Center.

He will be greatly missed by the community and his friends in the Club, according to Bob Wenzel '53 and Torrey Foster '56, two friends who often lunched with Ken.

Ken leaves two sons (Franklin & his wife, Jean, Ken, Jr. & his wife, Toni) and a daughter (Laura & her husband, Darrell Burrow) He had been divorced for many years.

A memorial service was held at St. John's Episcopal Church on November 19<sup>th</sup>.



# A Report to the Class of 1949 on the AYA Assembly LXV November 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005

By Charlie Brookes '49E



This year's Assembly was very ably chaired by Michael Madison '83, a particularly good speaker. As usual, the AYA professional staff ran the overall program seamlessly in spite of its recent loss of leadership. The prior executive director, Jeff Brenzel '75 has been promoted to Dean of Admissions; the acting executive director is currently Carolyn Claflin. There were approximately three hundred delegates on hand.

I'm tempted to cut right to the chase and report on President Rick Levin's closing remarks on the final day of the Assembly. Last year, Rick dropped the first shoe in hinting at a major capital drive to be started in the future. This time he dropped the other by advising us to expect a major drive to be started in the fall of 2006. He would not give us a target amount but suggested it would be 50% bigger than anything that has gone before. I suspect, in classical fund raising style, the heavy hitters are being solicited right now and that when the campaign is officially announced at least half the money will be in hand. So fasten your seat belts, guys!

In a light hearted way, Rick addressed a New York Times article written earlier in the month entitled (more or less) "If they're so rich why are they asking for more?" which dealt with the monumental endowments of Harvard, Yale and a few other select universities. Rick pointed out that much of the current endowment is directed to old, time-honored fields, without room for current evolving studies in fields such as computer science and molecular biology (as examples.) He reviewed his programs such as strengthening the science and engineering departments and building leadership for the School of Management.

The endowment, incidentally, contributes about \$600 million to the University annually. A member from the audience asked Rick rather plaintively if there wasn't room in this vast spending program to build a couple of new residential colleges, particularly in view of the high turn away rate of would be students by the Admissions Office. Rick answered they would have to study this issue to see if the support facilities, libraries, labs, faculty, etc. were adequate to support a larger undergraduate population.

Altogether, the meeting with Levin was the high spot in the Assembly, as it usually is. Ironically, Levin is not a

particularly good public speaker but his speeches are full of meat, and his candor is refreshing.

But, back to the opening meeting which was held in Battell Chapel. The theme of this Assembly was "In After Years", addressing the underlying issue of whether Yale should be preparing its students for future careers i.e. the "trade school" agenda.

The first session, held in Battell, was a panel discussion led by four deans, the Yale College dean and those of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Drama, and Medicine. Great concern was expressed over the declining number of graduates electing to go to graduate schools of any type. This is now down to about 27% versus almost 50% ten years ago. Of great concern was time taken to complete a Ph.D. program, sometimes as long as nine years and seldom less than four or five.

Concern was expressed by the Dean of the School of Medicine who deplored the overriding influence of student loans on career choices. A majority of medical students graduate with debts as much as \$100,000. Few grads will elect lower paying fields such as family practice with such a debt hanging over them. This concern was seconded by the other deans, particularly in the School of Drama where the debt might be smaller (about \$35,000) but where the average starting pay might be as little as \$14,000. Many drama students have gone the way of establishing repertory theaters in small cities as a way of staying in the theater.

The Dean of Medicine pointed out some uniqueness in the school's program. No grades are given, and no rankings assigned. Students are required to do some original research and write a thesis as part of their requirements to earn a degree. The Dean of Arts and Sciences is requiring students to teach as part of their skill development in explaining complex phenomena.

This plenary session was followed by a breakout into three sections under the general heading of Career Services. We elected to go to one dealing with the schools of Law, Forestry and Environmental Studies, and Management. The speaker from the School of Law was a substitute for the listed speaker, and as luck would have it, turned out to be far and away the best, a very spirited young woman lawyer. In summary, each of the Schools has a small staff of people skilled in advising students on career options and who try to follow up on students in their first ten years after graduation.

I attended a luncheon at the Rose Alumni House aimed at delegates in their third and, presumably, last year to encourage them to run for the AYA Board of Governors. The process is somewhat involved. Nominations are sought from existing delegates, a committee of the present Board selects 11 or so of those nominated for the official ballot which is then distributed. Only delegates can vote in the actual election and seven are elected for three year terms. A commitment of four meetings a year is expected from those



elected.

After the luncheon we attended a small group session in which delegates talked about their own careers to reflect on the "pitfalls and challenges of entering this career field today" (a quote from the program.) We chose the session on Science, Engineering, and Biomedicine. My degree was in Chemical Engineering, and I worked all my life in the chemical industry. Three current students attended. I found it interesting that each student was from a Pacific Rim country. This sessions turned into as "good ole boy" type of bull session; enjoyable, but not proving much. It was held in the newly renovated Pierson College Master's living room. Quite beautiful, as is the college where I lived as an undergraduate.

The rest of the afternoon was devoted to a plenary session in which a Yale sociologist, Deborah Davis, presented a detailed discussion of studies on the impact of family wealth on the choices of fields of study and performance. I think she had a lot to offer, but her slides were so filled with detail that they couldn't be read by most of the audience. This has been a prior complaint of mine; Yale has magnificent presentation equipment (PowerPoint programs with powerful projectors) but many of the presenters don't seem to know how to effectively use these great tools and much of the discussion gets lost.

The dinner which followed was in the Commons and extremely well handled with excellent food and drink. Probably five hundred were on hand and we were happy to find Frank and Di Gibson in the crowd and join them for dinner. This was the annual Yale medal award meeting and was a sad reminder of last year's session where our own Rick Mapes was an honoree. Members of the Yale Club of Southwest Florida may remember that Rick was president of that club for a number of years.

Friday's program up to the finale of Rick Levin's closing address at the end of the afternoon was a series of small sessions of which we attended four. I'll briefly summarize these.

The most interesting was a discussion on investments presented by Seth Alexander, Director of Investment. He dwelt on the change in the endowment strategy exercised by Yale in developing its extraordinary growth record. The classical endowment investment mix used by most universities is 50% in US Stocks, 30% in Fixed income and 20% in all Other. Over the last 10 to 20 years, Yale has totally changed this mix to the point where stocks and fixed income total only 20% of the portfolio. The 80% in Other is in a wide variety of assets including hedge funds, real estate, venture capital programs, land and forestry programs. The actual choice of investments is done by outside fund managers, selected and retained on their track records.

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# A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

(Yale Club of Southwest Florida Version)



'Twas the night before Christmas, when all thru Naples,  
The Yalies were drinking as if at Mory's tables.  
Their glasses were raised in unison with care,  
With the hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

For our friend Abernathy a prayer was sung,  
knowing from high he approved of our fun.  
And Doris in her kerchief and Mackelfresh in his cap,  
Had just settled down for a winter's cat nap.

When down in Port Royal there arose such a clatter,  
Wheeler sprang from his pool to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window Harris flew like a flash;  
Climbed over wife, Dee Dee, and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the palms so bright,  
Gave the lustre of mid-day to everyone's delight.  
When what should appear to my wandering eyes,  
But a Bentley sleigh and a bunch of Yale neckties.

With Wenzel as the driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment he must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than Princetonians, his coursers they came,  
And Bob whistled and shouted, and called them by name.

"Now Bruce, now Williams, now Bennett and Brown,  
On Gault, on Hattermer, on Sleeper around town.  
To the pubs, and bars and restaurants of the city,  
Keep dashing and dashing until we're all quite giddy;"

So around the town the Yalies did drive,  
With a Bentley full of cheer, they were certainly high;  
And then in a twinkling, I heard them arrive,  
The dancing and prancing, boy could they fly;

As I headed for the shrimp, a glass in my hand,  
In walked the Yalies, drink and party was their plan;  
They were dressed like Ivy Leaguers, button-down shirts and rep ties,  
Terry Upson was the leader of all these guys;

They had a bundle of gifts to share with the group,  
Frank Moore, impatient, kept moving the troupe;  
These Yalies eyes how they twinkled, their dimples so merry,  
Their cheeks were like roses, their noses like cherries;

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The winks of their eyes, and how they held their head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.  
Ted Gault offered a prayer, all heads were bowed,  
Broadbent gave us history, a statement to the crowd.

Dick Bennett was jolly, a former club president he,  
Joe Fogg hosted graciously us as maitre d'  
Leslie dressed in her elegant way,  
we knew this event was going to be gay.

Bernie Peck was engaged to protect us from trouble,  
Just so the judge would not fine us double.  
Now the party was in full force, all having a good time,  
The glasses full of gin with ice and a lime.

Herstin our banker was part of the tour,  
Goss our spook had everything secure.  
Thanks to the Fogs we enjoyed a good time,  
They do the hosting very well and fine.

So with bellies filled and all good cheer given,  
'Twas time for the Yalies to leave and be driven.  
Torrey Foster as St. Nick to the driver did beckon,  
To Wenzel he said "start your Bentley, I reckon."

Bob sprang to his antique, to his Yale team gave a call,  
And away the Yalies flew like spouses to the mall;  
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

## Annual Meeting of Members 2005





## AYA Report, *Continued from page 5*

The internal Yale professional staff is only about 20 in size, but they ride herd on the various outside managers and make changes as dictated by performance.

We followed this up with a session on Finance and Administration. This is a group with limited line functions, one of which is transportation. The University has about 5,000 parking spaces, barely enough to accommodate the needs of faculty, students and employees. As a consequence, this department runs a shuttle bus service on an around the clock basis, and works out schedules to relieve congestion. Another activity is consulting on publications to all schools and departments. Substantial cost savings have been effected. They also provide consulting services on information technology.

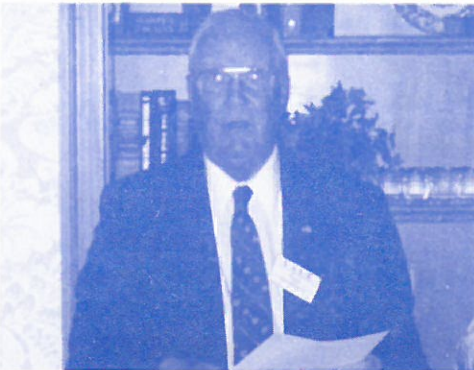
Two afternoon sessions dealt with alumni clubs. One discussed planning events to attract and retain members. It seems most clubs in large metropolitan areas strive to keep membership at 10% of the potential, which suggests our SW Florida Club is doing quite well. I think our penetration is over 30%. The other session discussed undergraduate internships sponsored by clubs to acquaint students from areas of the country where Yale is poorly represented. A group from Western Kentucky had done a great job in bringing a number of interns every year. I was told by a Chinese graduate at lunch that there were 24 of these so called "Bulldogs" in Beijing this last year.

Lunch for all was in Commons. The featured speaker was Linda Lorimer '77 JD Vice President and Secretary of the University. Linda is a polished and informative speaker but Commons is a tough place for speakers as the acoustics leave a lot to be desired. Linda would appear to be Levin's point person on Globalization and continues to press on this issue. A key thrust seems to be that every graduate should have an opportunity to study one year abroad. I'm not sure much of the older alumni share this need, but it's certainly going ahead.

The evening was devoted to the Athletic Associations annual dinner. In prior years the AYA gave away some tickets to delegates, but did not this year. The ticket price was \$125 per person, so Joan and I let it pass and found a very nice local restaurant.

We had an option of going to the Harvard game and tailgate lunch or the Peabody Museum where their outstanding new exhibit on Machu Pichu was on display. Having few warm clothes and a low tolerance for cold weather we elected the latter (especially having been to Machu Pichu last year.) We enjoyed a good show, nice lunch and watched the game on TV in a warm motel room.

In closing, I want to thank the Class for my three years as its delegate. It's been rewarding and stimulating. In the course of attending these meetings my wife, Joan, has developed a love affair with Yale and wants to go back to college there, but I don't think that's in the cards!!





## 2005-2006 SEASON ACTIVITIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>
Dec. 12, 2005	Holiday Party	Home of Joe & Leslie Fogg	Tom Wheeler
Feb. 21, 2006	Lecture Series Paul Steiger, Exec. Editor Wall Street Journal	Northern Trust	Jim Brown
Mar. 16, 2006	Lecture Series Prof. Gary Brewer Yale School of Forestry & SOM	Northern Trust	Don Williams
Apr. 6, 2006	<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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