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Yale Club Loses a Friend



Jeri Bush

January 5, 1947 – April 16, 2008

Jerilyn Helm Bush was born in Kittanning, Pennsylvania to the Hon. W. Stuart Helm and Geraldine Rearick Helm. She passed away with her loving family at her side after a courageous fight with colon cancer. Jeri, as she is known to many of us, graduated from Kittanning High School in 1964 and then Grove City College (PA) in 1968 with a degree in education. It was in college where she met her husband, Bob, and they later married in August of 1968. They moved to Ohio, first to Chillicothe and then to Waverly where Jeri began her teaching career in both elementary and middle school. Her service in teaching spanned from 1968 to 1999.

The Buses have two children, Shannon Rudnicki (Mike) and Rob Bush (Kate). Jeri was blessed with two grandchildren, Robert Lawrence Bush and Emma Beatrice Rudnicki who gave her great pleasure and immeasurable strength.

In 1999 Jeri and Bob retired from Waverly, Ohio and moved to Vanderbilt Country Club in Naples. Even in retirement she kept herself busy with several jobs, and together with Bob enjoyed various social activities and their new found friends in the community. She was an enthusiastic golfer.

To the good fortune of the Yale Club Jeri was discovered in our networking for a person to succeed Carol Hunt as Executive Secretary. She started working for us on March 1, 2005. Jeri made an indelible impression on all our members as fun-loving, kid of spirit, and very dedicated to her responsibilities with the Club. Jeri will be very much missed. However, also to our good fortune, her husband, Bob, has succeeded to the position now named Executive Administrator.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 13

Annual Meeting of Members

Nov. 22

"The Game"

Dec. 3

HYP Speaker Luncheon

Dec. 11

Holiday Party

Jan. 8

Speaker Luncheon

See back page for full calendar

President's Message

By Don Williams '53, President

Welcome to another season in Paradise! We have a busy and exciting schedule ahead (see Jay Gelinas's article on 2008-2009 activities) and hope that everyone's attendance at our events will help to keep our programs and mission in good shape during this difficult economic time.

At the present time, we have 185 members, 160 of whom are dues-paying. Widows, widowers, and honorary members do not pay dues. I am confident that there are a number of others qualified to be members who could be persuaded to join us. We would

especially welcome women and younger graduates as we seek to diversify our group. Please renew your membership promptly for this year, and encourage others to do likewise. A growing Yale Club will do wonders to help us sponsor our events and provide scholarship assistance to deserving Southwest Florida students.

In addition to attending our events, contributions to the Endowment Fund are a primary responsibility for all of us. Please give to the best of your ability this and every year so that our excellent record in supporting local stu-

dents can continue.

One encouraging aspect of our programs this year is an increased number of activities with Harvard and Princeton. In addition to the regular HYP financial seminar, we will be joining them in three other events: a speaker luncheon featuring soon-to-be state senator Gary Richter, a theatre night at the Phil, and a luncheon and guided tour of the Museum of Art.

I look forward to seeing all of you, and thank you for your participation.

Yale Club Has Great Season In Store

By Jay Gelinas, V.P. Activities

I hope all our returning members enjoyed a fine summer and have returned to Paradise in good health. Welcome home!

We think our scheduled events for 2008-09 should appeal to our members. In November we will have our Welcome Back Party at Hyde Park in Pelican Bay. Terry Upson and Adelaide Spanton have worked diligently to assure a pleasant evening. Members and wives are cordially invited. The date, Thursday, 11/6. See you there.

One Week later, November 13, we will hold our Annual Meeting and luncheon

at 11:30 A.M. at Pelican Bay club, followed by election of officers and trustees. Cost is \$20 per person.

Saturday November 22 the Harvard Club is the lead host of "The Game" closed circuit telecast at the Pelican Bay Club. Roman Sazonov is our representative on the committee. Hopefully the Blue will rule!

The HYP clubs have booked Gary Richter, candidate for the Senate, to speak at a luncheon on Wednesday, December 3rd at the Collier Athletic Club. Yale members are welcome.

The following week,

Robin and Tom Wheeler will again host our Holiday Party at their home in Port Royal. Anyone who has attended the Wheelers' previous events will need no encouragement to attend! This affair is truly a MUST. A great way to finish the year!

Our 1/8/09 luncheon will feature Barie Fez-Barrington who will share his experiences in the Middle East with us. This talk should give us all a greater insight regarding our friends and foes in that part of the world.

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Trustee Profile

Roman M. Sazonov '05 MA

Roman was born and raised in Moscow, Russia. After graduating from high school in 1995, Roman was admitted to the Moscow State Linguistic University. Although music was not Roman's strength, he formed the first University band, which continued far beyond Roman's time at the University. During Roman's sophomore year, he was offered an opportunity to be a Teaching Associate of the Russian language at Williams College, MA for a period of one year. It was Roman's first trip to the United States, and, in fact, abroad. Roman enjoyed the quiet, beautiful and academically challenging campus life at Williams as he taught Russian to the Williams students. Together with his students, Roman produced a short film, staged a play, and ran a weekly radio show to promote the Russian language study at the College.

Roman enjoyed his experience at Williams very much so he decided to transfer from his University in Moscow to Williams College and finish his education there. As a result, Roman transitioned from a faculty member to a student. Due to Roman's interest in ancient history Roman's major at Williams became the study of the Classical Civilizations, ancient languages, and archaeology. Roman's first hands-on experience of ancient cultures was when he pursued an eighteen month program at the University of Salamanca in Spain, where he became fluent in Spanish, participated in his first archaeological excavations, and traveled extensively throughout Europe.

Upon Roman's graduation from Williams College in 2001, Roman was hired by the Institute of Classical Archaeology at the University of Texas in Austin. After a series of excavations at an ancient site on the Crimean Peninsula in the Black Sea, the University was working on a book project, where Roman was instrumental in research and translation of the historical sources primarily in Russian. Once the project was over,

and the first ever publication in English about the Greco-Roman occupation of the Crimean peninsula and the birthplace of Russian Christianity was produced, Roman was admitted into a graduate program in Classical Art and Archaeology at Yale University. Roman fell in love with Yale and its multinational fellowship of scholars. If Roman could have Florida weather at Yale, he would have never moved. As Roman pursued the program at Yale, he led excavation teams to Spain, and traveled extensively in the Mediterranean. It was during those years that Roman developed a passion for travel photography which resulted in several contest awards and local publications. During



Roman M. Sazonov '05 MA

Roman's last year at Yale, he met his wonderful wife, Asia, and they got married at the Marquand Chapel with many Yale friends attending their wedding.

Upon Asia and Roman's graduation from Yale, they moved to Washington D.C. for Roman's internship with the History Channel's 'Digging for the Truth' and National Geographic Expeditions. Roman was involved in the research, story writing, translations, and on-site filming. Later that year, Roman and Asia left Washington due to family circumstances and moved to Fort Myers. Roman had always been interested in business, and the relocation presented him with new opportunities. He was hired as a Business Consultant for Apple Inc. and was involved in the opening of two Apple stores in Bonita Springs and Naples. Soon thereafter, Roman was hired by a major investment firm where he works now with a successful team of financial planners and investment advisors. Besides work, Roman and Asia enjoy the weather in Florida, like to travel, and are active in their church. One day, Roman is still dreaming of hosting a history and travel show, called 'Roaming with Roman'.

Executive Administrator Profile

Robert D. Bush

Robert "Bob" Bush was born and raised in Brackenridge, PA. Bob received a B.S in Business Administration from Grove City College in Grove City, PA. While at Grove City he met Jerilyn Ann Helm whom he married in 1968.

Prior to his retirement in 1999, Bob held the position of Director of Procurement for the Portsmouth and the Paducah Uranium Enrichment Facilities in Portsmouth, Ohio. He worked at the facility for 32 years and held several positions of an administrative and management nature including Vice President of Business Operations where he was responsible for the finance, budget, purchasing, business computers, shipping and receiving and nuclear material control.

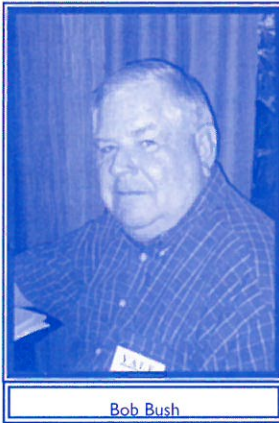
During his 32 years in Waverly, Ohio he was very active in community activities. He was Chairman of the United Way Campaign for Pike County Ohio, Board of Director and Vice President of the Atomic Employees Credit Union, a Director of the Waverly Chamber of Commerce, President of Trustees at

Grace United Methodist Church and Officer in the Waverly High Marching Band Boosters.

After retirement in 1999, Bob and Jerilyn moved to Naples and bought a home at the Vanderbilt Country Club. He immediately became involved in community activities and was the first President of the Vanderbilt Country Club Association, a position he held for six years. Bob is also a member of the Finance and Personnel Committees at the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church.

Bob has been blessed with two children, Shannon Bush Rudnicki and Robert Stuart Bush and two grandchildren, Emma Beatrice Rudnicki and Robert Lawrence Bush, all of whom reside in the Chicagoland area.

Bob enjoys all sports and plays golf 2-3 times a week. He is also a crazy Pittsburgh Steelers, Pirates and Penguins fan. He is looking forward to his new job as Executive Administrator of the Yale Club and hopes to bring some of the excitement and dedication Jerilyn brought to the job for the last three years.



Bob Bush

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Yale Club Widows to Meet

Adelaide Spanton is planning for the Yale Club widows to meet again this coming season. Various "get-togethers" include lunches, teas and dinners. Interested Yale widows should call Adelaide at (239) 592-5852 and express your interests and help



Yale Club Has Great Season In Store

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Another HYP event is scheduled for the production of *Mamma Mia* at the Philharmonic on Sunday, January 18th. Reception at 7:00 PM and show time at 8:00 PM. The price will be presented in future flyers!

President Don Williams will introduce the HYP Financial Seminar Tuesday January 27th at 5:00 PM at the Northern Trust Co. Speakers will be noted in future announcements.

The HYP Clubs will host a luncheon and guided tour of the Naples Museum of Art Tuesday February 10th at 12 PM. This should be an enlightening experience for all. Plan to attend. Norman Rockwell will be featured. Price is \$38 per person.

Sue and Frank Moore will present their annual slide show at the Pelican Bay luncheon Thursday, February 12th. The topic will be their recent adventures in Africa. The Moores' show is a highlight of

our year. Wives are welcome. Come and enjoy!

Our Yale Club Lecture Series will begin on Wednesday, February 25th at 5:00 PM. Our speaker will be Dr. Ian Shapiro, Yale Professor of Political Science and his topic is *Containment: Building a*



Strategy Against Global Terrorism. This is certainly a timely topic and we expect a large attendance at this event.

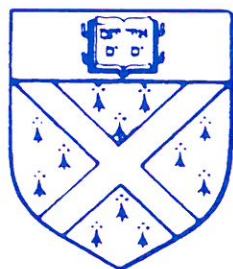
Football Coach Jack Siedlecki will speak on Thursday, March 12th. Pete Broadbent will chair the event and a

movie of Yale's entire football season will be shown. Go Bulldogs!!

The Northern Trust Co. will host our final Yale Club Lecture Thursday, March 19th. Our speaker will be Paul T. Anastas, Professor of Green Chemistry at Yale. His topic will concern our changing environment and its impact on the future of life on our planet. Surely a topic of interest to all! Time 5:00 PM.

Yale will host the Ivy League Picnic this year and Bob Hattemer is chairing the event. Please save Sunday, April 5th to attend our traditional season ending event. The entire Ivy League will be represented. Hope we can count on you too!!!

Our Semi-Annual Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9th at the Pelican Bay Club. This will finalize what I trust will be a stellar year for club activities.



Yale Club In Memoriam-2008

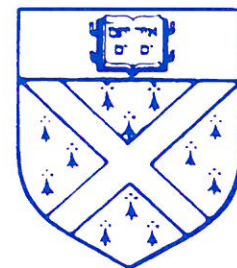
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Alumni Schools Committee Starts New Season

By Tom Mackelfresh '51, V.P. Alumni Schools

The Alumni Schools Committee is ready for the new season of interviews for Yale admissions. Our activities started on September 18th at the Golden Gate High School where the Collier County College Night took place. Scott Herstin and I manned a table where we represented Yale from 3:30 till 7:00 p.m. There were about 100 plus colleges represented.

The admissions department supplies us with hand out material about Yale and New Haven. We direct the students to look up the Yale web site as it contains a vast amount of information and also the application for admission. The process of manning the Yale table is almost non stop from the time the gym is opened to the students. All Collier students from both public and private schools are invited to attend College Night. We try to answer all the questions about Yale and their admissions requirements and I must admit it taxes our ability to let the students know how difficult it is to be admitted to Yale. Yale is looking for the very best and it is sometimes difficult to quantify the criteria in terms that a student might understand. We do our best.

Early in October we have been advised that there are applicants needing a personal interview. So far we have two, one from Bishop Verot in Fort Myers and one from the Community School of Naples. In the days ahead there will be many more. Of particular urgency will be the "early action" applicants as these interviews must be completed by December first.

It might be interesting to know some of the statistics of the class of 2012.

There were 22,817 applicants.

There were 1952 students admitted.

There were 1352 students that matriculated.

The balance of males and females is about even.

The SAT averages came out to 1500.

55.9 percent are on financial aid.

55.3 percent came from public schools.

Welcome Back Party 2008



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Welcome Back Party 2008



2008 - 2009 SEASON ACTIVITIES

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CHAIR
November 6, 2008	Welcome Back Party	Hyde Park	Terry Upson & Adelaide Spanton
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January 18, 2009	HYP Theater of <i>Mama Mia</i>	The Philharmonic	Jay Gelinias
January 27, 2009	HYP Financial Seminar	Northern Trust	Don Williams
February 10, 2009	HYP Lunch & Guided Tour	Naples Museum of Art	Jay Gelinias
February 12, 2009	Frank & Sue Moore African Slide Show	The Club at Pelican Bay	Jay Gelinias
February 25, 2009	Yale Club Lecture Series, <i>Dr. Ian Shapiro</i>	Northern Trust Community Rm.	Don Williams
March 12, 2009	Football Coach Siedlecki Luncheon	The Club at Pelican Bay	Pete Broadbent
March 19, 2009	Yale Club Lecture Series, <i>Paul T. Anastas</i>	Northern Trust Community Rm.	Don Williams
April 5, 2009	Ivy League Picnic	Naples Beach Hotel	Bob Hattemer
April 9, 2009	Semi-annual Trustees Mtg.	The Club at Pelican Bay	Don Williams

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

Reservations are mandatory by the preceding Tuesday—No exceptions.

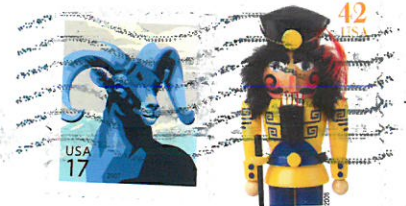
Please call Bob Bush (348-9476) or e-mail: shrubs99@hotmail.com

No Monthly Luncheon—Dec 11, 2008

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

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