



7 DIRECTORS ELECTED at ANNUAL MEETING

Directors elect officers for 2007-08 Additional Officer positions available to volunteers

At the Annual Meeting held during the luncheon on April 19 the Membership elected seven Directors. Arthur W. Engelhard '52G was elected to a one-year term ending in 2008; D. Richard (Dick) Smith '54 was elected to a two-year term ending in 2009; and five members were elected to a three year term



Immediate Past President, Dr. Peter French, 61 MA/69 PhD, congratulates newly elected Club President, Brian Kelly, '61

ending in 2010: Daniel C. Conway '60G,

Peter L. French '61MA '69PhD, Mark Hamilton '53E, Roland A. Kopp '59E, and Dyer S. Wadsworth '59.

Directors with unexpired terms, continuing to serve are: term ending in 2008: William A. Doyle '44, Brian Thomas Kelly '61, Ronald Levin '58, Henry (Harry) C. Riley '54; term ending in 2009: Betty F. Griggs '50MFA, Oliver J. Janney '67, Frank N. Samponaro '62, and Elizabeth Troutman Hon W ('39)

The first business of the Directors at their April meeting was to elect officers for next year, with the list headed by Brian Thomas Kelly '61 (Director) as our new President. Oliver J. Janney '67 (Director) will serve as both Vice President and Secretary and in addition will be Manager of a team

of Luncheon Coordinators who are responsible for the monthly luncheon reservations and check-in table activities. Named to this team of Luncheon Coordinators are seven Directors: Bill Doyle, Ron Levin, Ed Williams, Dan Conway, Arthur Engelhard, Mark Hamilton, and Dick Smith. Oliver Janney welcomes the assistance of any member who

might like to join the team; participation is a great way to become more familiar at linking the names and faces of members. Ed Williams will continue to assist Oliver with the secretarial duties as Assistant Secretary and Ex-Officio Director.

Ernest (Mike) Lasche '91MBA will continue as Treasurer and Ex-Officio Director in a re-structured role that places primary emphasis on the traditional financial nature of the job. This is accomplished by relieving him of the luncheon accounting activities that now will be assumed by Oliver's team, as described above, and by directing the membership database/roster functions and execution of communications to a new job that we have called Administrative Officer. David S. Phillips '03MBA was elected to this position and

he also has agreed to continue as Assistant Chair of the Alumni Schools Committee.



HARRY RILEY CONDUCTS ELECTION

The important work of the Alumni Schools Committee will continue to be led by S. Wesley (Wes) Finer '52. (Ex-Officio Director) Wes organizes the Book Award Program that recognizes scholarly achievements by students of local high schools, recruits members to interview applicants for the freshman Yale class, represents Yale at school college fairs and promotes Yale with guidance counselors. Every year he needs members to interview at least thirty five to forty high school applicants to Yale; it is a very rewarding way to serve Yale and the young people of our community; if you are interested give Wes a call.

Dyer S. Wadsworth '59 (Director) will be our primary direct link to the University as AYA Representative, serving a three-year term and as such will spend several days each year at the University being up-dated on its plans and activities and their effect on the alumni and alumni clubs such as ours. This contact also is the primary one for arranging a speaker to come from New Haven to address our Club.

Beverly Wadsworth Hon will continue her outstanding work as Chair of the Membership/Hospitality Committee and will again be ably assisted by Betty F. Griggs '50MFA (Director) as Assistant Chair, Membership/Hospitality. These ladies are the primary contact for the Membership Directory so if you have any changes, including new e-mail addresses, please let them know.

The excellent bluELines that we all enjoy is the work of Elizabeth (Liz) Troutman Hon Life W (Director) as Newsletter Editor. She will continue in this role and will be assisted by Gilbert (Gil) Waters '47 as Newsletter Associate.

In accordance with the By-laws of the Club, each of the above named officers will serve for one year after which time they are eligible for reelection.

Any member who wishes to become involved in the internal workings of the Club is encouraged to seek out Brian Kelly, President, and make known your interest. There are two backup officer positions that we actively are seeking to fill, namely Assistant Treasurer (purely financial) and Assistant Administrative Officer. The Assistant Treasurer role would involve assisting Mike Lasche in keeping the books (less than 100 entries a year), logging deposits, paying bills, reconciling bank statements, assisting with budget preparation, monthly financial reports. The Assistant Administrative Officer role would be to assist Dave Phillips in setting up the membership roster after receipt of annual dues, maintenance of this database (simple computer program), collection and depositing of dues and Book Award payments, submission of member listings to Luncheon Coordinators, e-mail luncheon communication and luncheon postcard communication (electronically through the post offices' Net Post program), email publication of Newsletter etc. If you have any interest, make a call to Mike or David who can describe the duties more fully.

Harry Riley

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Before you go off for the summer and hopefully before the last luncheon on the 17th of May, you will send Peter French (french@sar.usf.edu) YOUR Yale memory for our 50th Club Anniversary Album. There are now more than 20 "memories" submitted. We need a richer array of images from days on campus.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sons, Daughters and loved ones of Eli Yale! As your newly elected President of the Yale Club of the Suncoast I would like to call your attention to several important developments which require your support. These include:

Member Questionnaire - We have a unique opportunity to share our Yale confraternity among ourselves and hopefully with our area's young students. As a step forward I ask you to participate in the YCS Member Questionnaire enclosed in this edition of Blue-Lines. Your input is vital to the improvement of your Club and your YCS experience. If you would like to send additional comments, please feel free to e-mail me at: bt1000@aol.com I appreciate very much your taking a few moments to benefit all of us.

YCS Summer Drop-In Luncheons - Once again we will hold our summer casual luncheons at Marina Jack's bayfront second floor dining room on the 3rd Thursday of our summer months (June 21st, July 19th, August 16th and September 20th). The luncheon selections available are varied and quite reasonable and include excellent salads, sandwiches, catch of the day, and various lunch plates. The table conversation is always lively and the camaraderie is the best! We ask that you call the luncheon coordinator a few days in advance for reservation help. Bill Doyle will handle the 6/21 and 7/19 events and Ron Levin (rdlevin@att.net)

Thank you, Fellow Blues, for your attention and may you and yours have a healthful and memorable summer

will arrange the 8/16 and 9/20 luncheons (billdoyle@comcast.net). We look forward to seeing you at Marina Jack's!

YCS Executive Committee - In an effort to streamline some decision-making I asked the 21 member Board to approve the appointment of an Executive Committee. I explained that this would supplement not supplant the wisdom of our outstanding Board members. Members of the Committee would include: Peter French, immediate past YCS President, YCS member of the Ivy League Board; Oliver Janney, current and past YCS Secretary, present Vice President; Mike Lasche, current and past Treasurer, recipient of the AYA Service Award, and co-architect of the Club's management systems; Dyer Wadsworth, past YCS President and AYA Club representative and myself as President. The Board unanimously approved the establishment of the Executive Committee. The Committee addressed the critical issue of speakers for our '07/'08 season at its first meeting.

Save the Date - March 29, 2008 - On this date we are planning a **Sunset on the Bay** party with hosts Dyer and Bev Wadsworth at their lovely bayfront home. We all look forward to a very festive evening and lots of food, fun, entertainment and spectacular views for Yalies and their friends. More details about this very special event will be forthcoming as the event arrangements are developed . . .



Relaxed fun at last year's Summer Drop-ins

YALE WELL REPRESENTED AT COUNTY COLLEGE FAIRS

I have had the opportunity during the most recent college admissions season to represent Yale College at a number of college fairs in Sarasota County. College fairs are an excellent way for high school students to gather information related to their list of potential colleges as well as gain exposure to schools they hadn't previously considered.

The first college fair of the season was the annual College Night held in September at Roberts Arena. Wes Finer and I braved the elements of a severe late Summer thunderstorm that knocked out the facility's electricity more than once. High school students proved resourceful by using their cellphone LCDs as makeshift candles while we waited for the lights to come on.

In February, Wes and I participated in the College Night organized at Venice high school. This was the first time either of us had attended this event. The majority of the students came from south Sarasota schools such as Pine View, Riverview, and Venice high.

And most recently in March, Ed Williams and I participated in the first annual Ivy League College Fair held at New College. The event distinguished itself from the other events by selectively inviting above-average students, (via high school guidance departments) who would have interest in and be qualified to attend the Ivy League and the "Seven Sister" colleges. There were

approximately a dozen schools represented and was attended by over 150 students. Given the event's success, it is sure to be reprised in 2008.

These events provide valuable opportunities for us to help area students expand their college search beyond the border of Florida. If you are interested in participating in a future college fair, please contact me or Wes Finer, the Chair of the Alumni Schools Committee. David Phillips

Yale Club of the Suncoast Welcomes New Members!

We are very pleased that 13 new members have joined our Yale Club of the

Steven, '58, and Ann Feinstein; Saul, '43S, and Miriam Frankel; David, '69, and Joyce Gleason; Henry, '49, and Robin Hatch; John, '52, and Theresa Johnson; Richard, '68LLB, and Marilyn Kessler; Marvin, '52LLB, and Betty Morse; Marsha Roth, '88MBA and Peter Roth, '61; Nadine Smith, '84 and her husband John D. Long; Elwood "Skip" Suereth, '58E; Joanna, '83, and Mark Weber; and Edward, '59LLB, and Mary Lou Winnick. These new members bring our total Club membership to 144. It's been a pleasure to meet most of our new members at this season's Club events, and we hope to meet the other new members very soon.

To all our Club members, please be alert to any new Yale people whom you meet through friends or at social events. We have found that many



Membership Chair, Beverley Wadsworth on the job

Suncoast this season (summer 2006-spring 2007). We want to give each new member a warm and enthusiastic welcome to the Club. Our new members are:

Yale people living in our area are not listed in the alumni list that Yale University sends us. The Club benefits greatly from referrals, and we have a

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significant number of members who came to us by referral from other Club members. A special thank you to those members who have recommended our Club to their Yale acquaintances!

Beverley Wadsworth
Membership Chair

A NOTE ON TRANSITION

The annual meeting marked the completion of my two years as President of the Club and the installation of my good friend Brian Kelly as your new President. The luncheon did not offer a chance to adequately thank all the members of the Board who have contributed to insuring your Yale Club remains strong and active.



Dr. Peter French is “InFocus” as he ends his Presidency on a high note

During the past two years, the Club has undergone a great deal of change that may not have been fully apparent but has resulted in operations that better position the Club for the long term future. Those changes are the result of the hard work of the Board where ideas have been fully discussed and consensus achieved among people who often have firm views firmly held. We are all the beneficiaries of this active effort by the Board. Consider the following changes:

- Replacement of pay-as-you-go financing from an escrow account system.
- A reserve fund for longer term needs.

- Better use of e-mail for measurable cost savings.
- A BluELines that appears in color and on-line.
- Relocation of luncheon site to meet member suggestions.
- An improved management system for better operation of luncheon meetings.
- An improved system for continuity of leadership to insure the Club functions smoothly year-to-year.

Personally, I realized early on in my tenure as President that this time would be characterized has neither a simple sustaining of activities or notable growth. The loss of the vice-president, treasurer and ASC chair in the fall of 2005 established a need for planning in a time of transition to insure the longer term needs of the Club would be met.

For all their good efforts, I want to express profound thanks to Roland Kopp, Michael Lasche, Harry Riley, Dyer Wadsworth, Bev Wadsworth, Oliver Janney, Brian Kelly, Liz Troutman, Ron Levin, Gil Waters, Bill Doyle, Wes Finer, Dave Philips, Frank Samponaro, Betty Griggs, and Ed Williams.

It has been an honor to be invited to serve. I only regret that we have not been able to build the membership to even greater numbers, but I must invite special attention to the unfailing efforts of Bev Wadsworth whose diligence in finding potential members and welcoming presence has insured that our numbers remain stable. As a continuing Board member, I look forward to working on this challenge of membership development in the coming year

Now, I wish everyone a good summer!

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Below: Smiling Mt. Holyoke greeters share a moment with Suzanne Janney at the check-in station at the March 22nd Yale/Mt. Holyoke luncheon meeting



Above:
As tables filled, conversation and laughter filled the pleasant dining area of the Sarasota Yacht Club

Right:
Suzanne Janney, President, Mt. Holyoke Club, brightens the joint luncheon



Above:
New member of the Yale club of the Suncoast John Johnson, '52, speaks with Oliver Janney as the dining room fills to capacity



Left:
Noel McCarthy and New YC members, Mary Lou and Edward Winnick, find a welcome among friends



left
Serena Hicks, jJjunior, Dr. Henry Porter, Founder of the Westcoast School for Human Development, Gerald Law II, Sophomore



right
Diane McFarlin, Publisher of The Sarasota Herald Tribune, Dyer Wadsworth, Bob Semple, assistant Editor of The New York Times



left
YCS new members Marilyn and Richard Smith, meet and greet with outstretched hands.

SEMPLER FORECASTS THE FUTURE OF NEWSPAPERS

Robert B. Semple, Jr., Yale '59, Assistant Editor and Chief Editorial Writer of The New York Times, addressed a well-attended luncheon meeting of the Yale Club of the Suncoast on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at the Sarasota Yacht Club. His topic was, "Are Newspapers Obsolete: The Changing Media Landscape." That evening, Bob repeated his talk to a capacity audience at the new USF auditorium north of the Ringling Museum.

Bob joined the Times in 1963, and said he has had "a good run" in the newspaper business. He wonders if his son, Kirk—whose by-line from Baghdad frequently appears on Page One of the Times—will have similar good fortune. Bob thinks so, but also thinks there will be important differences.

Forty years ago, when Bob was desk editor on weekends, a grizzled veteran reporter named Jack Raymond advised him, "Young man, there is still time to turn back." Jack believed newspapers would soon die out; there would be an electronic machine at the checkout counters of grocery stores that would print a 15-page news digest. In the next 40 years, the best newspapers, led by the Times, tried to prove Jack wrong: More sections were added, such as home, arts and science, and more editors hired. The Sulzbergers, controlling owners of the Times, poured money into the paper, even during the 1970s. Back then, New York City was essentially bankrupt and the stock market valued the Times at only \$6 million. In the early 1990s, still more sections were added and—gasp—some of the pictures began to be printed in color! The new features were high quality and saved the business.



Bob Semple, Assistant Editor and Chief Editorial Writer of The New York Times

Today, half of the Times' newspapers are sold outside of New York City and the stock market values the enterprise at \$7 billion. So far, Jack seems to have been wrong.

But now the pendulum is swinging back, pushed by two forces. One is the long-term decline in newspaper readership. The other is the digital revolution. Restraining these forces is the desire of

the remaining readers—whose number is still to be determined—for the gathering and dissemination of news by people who hold high standards.

The decline is illustrated by a few statistics. In 1980, 53% of American adults read a newspaper daily. By 2000, it was down to 38%. From 64 million subscribers in 1984, we are down to 45 million. Where have the others

gone? Not to TV networks, which have also experienced declines. Some have died; some have lost faith in the integrity of newspapers; and some think newspapers are too middle-of-the-road, and have migrated to Fox News or other extremes. (Politically, the country has become more sharply polarized.) The end result is that about one-third of readers have simply vaporized in the last 20 years.

The internet's digital revolution is here to stay, despite its problems. Today, one-quarter of Americans get most of their news over the internet, patronizing CNN, Road Runner and other websites. Many advertisers, who have always provided about 70% of revenues for newspapers of every size and place, have deserted newspapers. Classified ads are especially hard-hit. The Times

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PROF. RUSSETT: CAUSES OF WAR AND TERRORISM

Bruce Russett, Yale's Dean Acheson Professor of International Relations, addressed an overflow luncheon gathering at the Sarasota Yacht Club on March 22, 2007. The large Yale Club audience was augmented by some fifty Mt. Holyoke Club attendees.

Yale Club President Peter French introduced the speaker, who came to us through the Yale alumni Office. Peter called attention to the change in the social sciences in about 1960. It coincided with the end of the European colonial system in Africa and elsewhere, and it relied on the growing power of computers to handle statistical analysis of historical data.



Bruce Russett, Yale's Dean Acheson Professor of International Relations addresses the joint Yale - Mt. Holyoke meeting

Dr. Russett was a leader in integrating the new ideas of world order into scholastic precedents, and combining classical erudition with modern empirical techniques.

Dr. Russett's topic was "From Cold War to Global Terrorism." He began by asking, "Since the end of the Cold War some 17 years ago, how warlike or peaceful is the world; is the level of violence lower, about the same, or increased?" Most of the audience raised their hands to say "increased"; many said "the same"; and about three (including one contrarian who speculated that the answer to the question was going to be provocative) voted for "lower". Dr. Russett then showed a series of graphs covering the years 1900 to 2005 which showed that civil wars are down, wars between states are down, and the individual

risk of death in battle is down: a long and peaceful era by historical standards. Dr. Russett then focused on the number of deaths by terrorism. It has been somewhat high since the 9/11/01 World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks, but only about 2,000 since then, and without Iraq the totals are way down. Bathtubs in the United States currently cause more deaths than world terrorism.

Dr. Russett then turned to the questions of whether armed conflict will increase or not, and why. His model is Kant's Perpetual Peace (1795). Kant wondered how to identify and strengthen conditions for peace without establishing a tyranny. He believed it is possible to make devils act like angels by making it in their interest to do so. His

There were three elements: (1)

democracy, (2) commercial trading free of undue restrictions, and (3) international organizations and internationally recognized laws. Dr. Russett then demonstrated how, in the main, these elements of peace have been strengthening in the world, particularly after World War II.

Among Dr. Russett's numerous factual demonstrations, he presented evidence about Kant's three concepts: (a) Democracies are peaceful towards each other and they usually avoid long and costly wars. He also observed that a typical democracy will win 90% of the wars that it initiates. (b) A high level of foreign trade as a percentage of a country's GNP will dampen its lust for battle. (c) Where the members are sovereign states, international organizations can have a calming effect on international disputes. This

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has bought several major websites, including about.com and monster.com, to participate in the revolution. It has also followed the Wall Street Journal in requiring viewers of its on-line edition to subscribe and pay an annual fee (\$50) for certain content, columnist and archives; 250,000 have subscribed. But these and other internet measures so far only contribute 10% of the Times' \$3 billion total annual revenue.

Internet rivals to traditional news organizations have no reporters, no news desks and no editors, even though they have 35 million readers. A lot of the blogosphere (the abode of web-logs) is useless as news, analysis or a basis for discourse in a civilized society. (Bob's Yale classmate Judge Richard Posner is an exception, being amusing, literate and informed.) Though some claim that the internet provides "a richness of citizens' voices", Bob thinks that in the main it is "a lot of drivel, even more amateurish than the Sunday morning talk shows." Newspapering is a craft, above a trade but not quite a profession. Publishers and editors care about standards. They provide checks and balances to reporters. Bloggers have no such supervision; 24 million of them create anarchy.

Will people get tired of blogs and gravitate back to newspaper products? Bob thinks that they will, and that even if the newspapers die, the news organizations will not.

Questions, both at the Yale Club and at the USF talks, brought up the failures of major news organizations, particularly the Times. The Judith Miller pre-war reports from Iraq about the presence of weapons of mass destruction, mentioned by both audiences, reflect an inherent weakness in the system of reporters, fact-checkers and editors. A reporter from a remote location is almost the first and last line of defense: if a report from Indonesia, for example, is apparently credible, it is hard for an editor to check it independently. The Jason Blair episode, in which Blair—using an untraceable cell phone—filed stories from New York about vivid facts claimed to have been observed in West Virginia, was mentioned by the USF audience. But even with such weaknesses, Bob firmly believes that the Fourth Estate, established and long defended by

the Times and other responsible news organizations, must not be yielded to the

Dyer S. Wadsworth, '59

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tendency holds even if—like the International Coffee Council—the international organization has a modest charter. Additional statistical charts related (i) rankings on a scale of the degree of democracy of a government to its tendency towards warlike international strife, Dr. Russett tended to disagree. He said that overthrow of democratic institutions had resulted in the 1930s from the worldwide economic depression, but that such an effect was unlikely today. Specifically addressing the environment, Dr. Russett said that an environmental collapse could produce international conflicts, but that long-term environmental degradation was unlikely to have that effect. (In an April editorial in the New York Times, Bob Semple also discussed this possibility as an additional argument for regulation of greenhouse gases.)

Dyer S. Wadsworth

YCS PRESENTS FIRST LEADERSHIP AWARD



For readers of the recent Pelican Press article entitled "Future 'Vandy' student gets Yale Club stamp of approval" (by Rachel Brown Hackney), this may be old, half forgotten news. However, for Peter French and Roland Kopp, presenting the first

Yale Club of the Suncoast Outstanding Leadership Award in front of an audience of about 400 at Michael's on East will be a long remembered act. The recipient was Sean Topping, a Senior at Pine



Outstanding Leadership Award recipient Sean Topping

View School. He was selected on our behalf by PALS Partners in Education, an organization funded by the Education Foundation of Sarasota County for the purpose of enhancing educational opportunities for students.

The occasion was PALS' 27th Annual Recognition Breakfast where 28 awards were presented to student, adult and senior volunteers to recognize their outstanding contributions. Three monetary awards were featured and given to students; two \$500 scholarships and our first Yale Club Outstanding Leadership Award of \$250.

Sean was unable to attend the April 12 Breakfast because he was in Orlando participating in the Academic Olympics.

As a result, Peter French presented Sean's award certificate to his mother Debra, and a second presentation to Sean was made on April 23 by Roland Kopp. The latter was attended by Sean's parents, Dr. Gary Norris, Superintendent of Sarasota County Public Schools, and members of the PALS Board including Dr. George Mims, PALS Award Committee chairman.

Sean has distinguished himself with a long list of

accomplishments at Pine View. In addition to his many scholastic, service and honor society awards and achievements, Sean is an active volunteer and coordinator for the Special Olympics. He is also a defense attorney at the Sarasota County Teen Court and plays the Cello in the school orchestra. Most admirably, as class president for the past two years, he was a prime mover in orchestrating the senior class project, which contributed many hours of labor and raised over \$50,000 to build a Habitat for Humanity House.

In addition to being a first-time award, Peter French and Roland Kopp believe it should mark the beginning of a long term community service initiative with PALS that encourages and recognizes student accomplishments as leaders and good citizens. Combined with existing PALS' programs that recruit, train, motivate and

support over 9000 active volunteers serving public



R. Kopp, Sean and his parents, Dr. Norris and Dr. Mimms

schools in Sarasota County, our club's Leadership award can be expected to provide added educational value and a positive view of Yale that goes far beyond the few dollars involved.

Roland Kopp

YALE CLUB OF THE SUNCOAST

MEMBER PREFERENCES QUESTIONNAIRE

Please help the Club's officers to plan events that will meet the needs and desires of our members by completing and sending in this questionnaire.

I would like to attend events at the following times (Check all that apply):

- _____ Breakfast
- _____ Lunch
- _____ Late afternoon or early evening
- _____ Dinner

I prefer the following types of events (Check all that apply):

- _____ Luncheons with speakers on topics of interest
- _____ Social events
- _____ Other (specify) _____

I would like to have speakers at the monthly luncheons address the following topic(s):

How can we improve your Yale Club experience?

What do you suggest we do to increase Club membership?

I would be willing to participate in the following Club activities (Check all that apply):

- Luncheon Check-in**
- Organizing special events**
- Serving as Assistant Administrative Officer – Communications**
- Assisting on membership records**
- Assisting the Club's Treasurer on maintaining financial and bank account records**
- Other (specify) _____**

Please mail this survey to:

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