



TWO SPEAKERS ON RINGLING EXHIBIT OF YALE DRAWINGS AND PRINTS

For the opening luncheon of the new season, the Club was fortunate to have two speakers who in tandem brought a message of how Yale shares its treasures with the world. Suzanne Boorsch (sp?), Curator of Drawings and Prints at the Yale Art Gallery, and Joanna Weber, MA '89, Curator at the Ringling Museum, presented the story of how the Yale collection being shown at the Museum was arranged for touring of the United States and came to Sarasota.



Joanna Weber, MA '89

The drawings and prints – “the quiet art form” – lumbering a total of eighty-five-- were selected from among several thousand pieces in the Yale collection. The historical period represented extends over four centuries, from the later part of the fifteenth to the mid-nineteenth century. Each print is by a different artist with the last in the chronology chosen to demarcate a point where modernism began to emerge in Paris. The decision to assemble and tour this collection was inspired by the fact that the Yale Art Museum has aged notably since its construction in 1953. Extensive renovation was required. Rather than archive all these works for several years, the University

decided to exhibit the treasures of New Haven around the country. A modernist exhibit has begun in Los Angeles, and the old master works is opening in Sarasota. Both will return to Yale in the spring of 2008 to insure that a generation of students will not have



Suzanne Boorsch

completed its studies without access to Yale’s rich storehouse of art. Until then, Yale has chosen to share with the nation. The appetite to see this exhibition was whetted by Suzanne in her description of the care that attended the selection of each piece in the exhibition and the global research done to make the entire exhibit come alive. The drawings were individually prepared in terms of appropriate matting and framing, and the process of readying the exhibit for transport is an art from in and of itself. To be properly displayed in the West Gallery of the Museum a background environment had to be created. The optimum color is appropriately Yale blue, a point to be noted by alumni if lost on the large majority who will see the exhibit. None however, will be unaware of the legacy that Yale is sharing with the country. The Club was fortunate to have this comprehensive insight into preparation of a shared gift, an

Yale Prints, cont'd

awareness made greater by the shared passion and commitments that Susanna and Joanna bring to their craft.

Peter French

December Speaker Is John Stoltzfus

John Stoltzfus Director, Senior Market Strategist, Investment



Strategies Group, Global Wealth & Investment Management will be our speaker on December 14th.

As Senior Market Strategist, John's responsibilities include monitoring the global markets, developing tactical investment strategies and creating tactical strategy products and tools for use by Associates serving the institutional and high-net-worth clients of the Private Bank and BAI. John is a contributor to publications of the strategy team, including Capital Market Outlook, Investment Perspectives and The Closing Bell. He meets with and presents market strategy themes and

viewpoints to clients and internal groups.

John has been a member of the investment community for over twenty years. Prior to joining BACAP in September of 2003, he worked at Morgan Stanley for seven and half years in a number of roles including Manager of International Equity Marketing and Team Leader of the Northeast U.S. Regions, with responsibility for developing strategic portfolio solutions for the firm's Financial Advisors and Private Wealth Advisors working with institutions and high-net-worth clients. He is a graduate of Colgate University.

ANNIVERSARY GALA

On the evening of Saturday, February 3, 2007, a gala dinner will take place at the Sarasota Yacht Club to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Yale Club of The Suncoast. The festivities will include a sing-along featuring many of the Yale songs we remember so fondly, as well as awards, prizes, and a few surprises. There will also be an interesting presentation comparing Yale then (1957) and now (2007). Please plan to attend this celebration of a major milestone in the history of our club. Further details about what promises to be an evening of fun and nostalgia will be available in December. Frank Samponara

Treasurer's Report

Welcome back members for the 2006-07 season. As of October 20, 80 of our 147 members have renewed or joined us for the first time.

So far, our 80 2006-07 members have contributed \$1065 to the Book Awards/ASC fund. We would especially like to recognize the contribution of Harry Riley who gave the largest donation of \$160 to this worthy cause.

One interesting phenomenon of our renewing members is that 39 of them, almost 50%, have opted to receive club communications by email only. Not only does this make for faster communication but it saves the club money in postage and printing.

Finally, at last count, fully 58 of our members have decided to attend the November 4 special event on the Yale Art Collection at Ringling Museum.

YC Welcomes New Members

We would like to welcome new members Murray ('53 Ph. D.) and Hannah ('49 BM) Friedman and Elwood Suereth ('58E). While she is certainly not new to the club, we would also like to especially recognize our newest honorary member, as per the Board's unanimous springtime commendation, Beverley Wadsworth, Membership/Hospitality Chair. Mike Lasche

Alumni Schools Committee Report

On Saturday, September 9, 2006 I had the opportunity to attend an Alumni Schools Committee (ASC) workshop at Yale University organized by the Admissions office. It was my first time back in New Haven since returning to Florida from Connecticut in 2004. I

welcomed the respite from the stifling humidity of late summer that I've grown accustomed to here in Sarasota. What was surely a quiet campus just a week earlier, was bustling with the activity of students moving in, getting reacquainted with each other, and preparing for the Fall semester.

The workshop began with an update on Yale admissions by Admissions Dean Jeffrey Brenzel '75, who was appointed to that position in 2005 after serving as executive director of the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) since 1997. Dean Brenzel discussed the challenge that today's applicants face in seeking admission to one of the nation's most prestigious universities. For example, in 1974 the acceptance rate was 27%, 30 years later in

2004 it had dropped to 16%. And for the most recently admitted Class of 2010, the acceptance rate has plummeted to less than 9%! Likewise, the yield increased from 58% in 1974 to 66% in 2004, and has continued to climb to 71% for the Class of 2010. With acceptance rates declining, the



David Phillips, Asst. Alumni Schools Committee Chair

number of applications increasing, the work of ASC interviewers has only grown in its importance in the admissions process

We next heard from Jeremiah Quinlan, Director of Outreach on the new "Admitted Students' web site" which has become a hugely successful tool for yielding the freshman class. The site offers students the ability to interact with

each other, current Yale students, and even admissions and financial aid officers through email, message boards, instant messenger and blogs. Other functions of the site revolve around profiles, a Facebook, and a Matchmaker that puts the admitted class in touch with current Yale students with similar interests.

But what really interested ASC members most was the ability to download Yale-themed wallpaper and ringtones to one's cell phones, which elicited a request that they be made available to Alumni. It was estimated that among the 1,800 admitted students of the Class of 2010, a combined 124,000 hours or almost 14 years was spent using this site.

We were then taken on a bus tour of New Haven in which we saw first-hand the urban revitalization that is taking place. Yale has been an active partner in this development and is the largest payer of real estate taxes in the city, redeveloping much of its 210,000 sq. ft. of retail space, 61,000 sq. ft. of office space and apartment units. A recent trend has been the conversion of downtown office space into luxury apartments for

Drop-In Luncheons Bridge the Summer Months

Wes Finer, Jack Kahn and Ed Williams begin the June Drop-in Luncheon in high good humor.



Yet more laughter in July as Pres. Peter French, Roland Kopp, and V.P. Brian Kelly share a story.

The August Luncheon brings a laugh with Wes and Noah Gentele.



At last, September brings a slightly more serious chat by Mike Lasche and David Phillips at a Drop-in lunch.



Dr. Philip Levy

Dr. Philip Levy will address the Club on the topic “The Archeology of George Washington’s Boyhood Home” on November 16th. Dr. Levy received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in American History from SUNY Empire State College in Ithaca, NY and his Ph.D. from William and Mary. He is Assistant Professor in the Department of History of the University of South Florida.

Steeped in American History and fascinated by the results of his research into the childhood home of Washington, Philip Levy was named Principal Investigator for the Mary Parsons Foundation, George Washington’s Fredericksburg Foundation to support the research and excavation of Ferry Farm. Washington’s family moved to Ferry farm in Stafford County, VA, in 1738, when he was 6 years old.

As interesting as this subject is, equally interesting is the list of awards Dr. Levy has received. Among them are

Virginia Hog Calling Champion, Albemarle County; Old Time Fiddle and Old Time Band at the Galax Old Fiddlers Convention, Galax, VA; and Grayson Co. Fiddlers’ Convention, Elk Creek, VA. It is clearly evident that Philip Levy is a man of many and varied talents.

ASC Report

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young professionals and empty nesters who are deciding that they prefer the excitement of residential life downtown to the suburbs. Other projects include Temple Square, a mixed-use development consisting of a brand-new cinema and 44 luxury apartments, the relocation of the Long Wharf Theatre to the Ninth Square district next to the demolished New Haven Coliseum, the new IKEA, and the Broadway revitalization which is home to national retailers Urban Outfitters and J. Crew, just to name a few of the many ongoing redevelopment efforts. Often Yale’s location in New Haven has been considered a detriment. Today, however, there is clearly a New Haven renaissance and the University hopes that we participate in sharing this story.

The highlight of the day was the case studies exercise in which we were asked to review and discuss real applications as if we were admissions officers. In seeing the consistently strong transcripts and near perfect board scores, the difference between acceptance and rejection almost always comes down to subjective assessment of applicant essays, recommendations

and interview report. If you consider that one half of all applicants with perfect SAT scores are rejected you will recognize how valuable ASC interview reports are to the overall admissions process. The most asked question was what they look for in an applicant and the response included aspects of an application that communicate a “sense of community”, “sense of humor”, and “sense of self”. Of course they always need to field a football team and assemble an orchestra, so one takeaway is to have your children and grandchildren play an atypical instrument such as the bassoon or oboe, rather than the violin as there are always more than enough aspiring violinists.

After hearing a panel of speakers

discuss Yale’s strengths in the natural sciences and engineering, the evening concluded with dinner in the President’s Room of Woolsey Hall. It offered another chance to catch up with fellow alums to chat about careers, family and interests. The workshop was widely regarded a success and, given its oversubscription, I consider myself fortunate to have attended it.

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Electronic Voting Expert To Be Yale Club Guest Nov. 16

Dr. David Jefferson has been conducting research at the intersection of computing, the Internet, and public elections for well over a decade. He is one of the top experts in the U.S. on electronic voting systems, and serves as chair of the California secretary of state's Voting Technology Assessment



and Advisory Board, which provides technical advice on the security and reliability of election systems. He has also consulted with numerous agencies and states on the subject of voting security, including the

FEC and the Department of Defense.

In 1994, while working at Digital Equipment Corporation, he oversaw development of the California Election Server, the first Web server anywhere to provide voter information on candidates and issues, setting what was then a world traffic record of 1 million hits in a 24 hour period. In 1995 he developed the first online database of campaign finance information for the San Francisco municipal election of that year, and repeated it in 1998 for the California general election. These efforts played a large role in convincing California, and eventually most other states, to pass laws requiring campaign finance disclosure information to be filed electronically instead of on paper, and to be published on the Web.

In his day job, Dr. Jefferson is a computer scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where he does supercomputing research in scalable parallel operating systems and simulation. Before that he conducted Internet research in the laboratories of Digital Equipment Corporation and Compaq. From 1980 to 1994 he was a computer science professor, first at USC and then at UCLA. He is well known for the co-invention of the Time Warp method of parallel discrete event simulation. He also published research in operating systems, biological evolution, and artificial life.

Dr. Jefferson graduated from Yale in 1970 and is the elder son of Liz Troutman. He can be seen in the HBO documentary, *Hacking Democracy*, (the title speaks for itself) which will be shown daily, beginning November 2nd, and a number of times throughout the day on November 7th.

Yale vs. Harvard Game



On November 18th The most exciting game of the college year will be shown on large screens at the Manhattan Bar and Grill, 6727 Tamiami Trail, South. The game begins at 12 noon. Yes, we know it will be broadcast locally by WGN, Comcast channel 14, we can't imagine that you would rather watch it at home than to come out to shout for our own Bulldogs. It's simply not right to have more Harvards present than Yalies. All spouses and Yale-minded friends are welcome

Reception for 2006 Yale Book Award Recipients

On Saturday, June 17, the Club held a reception for our 2006 Book Award recipients at the Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club. A total of 36 People attended, including 10 of the recipients and their families and members of our Club. After a short period of socializing, Wes Finer welcomed the group and introduced President Peter French who talked about some of his experiences at Yale and encouraged the



TEN AWARD WINNING STUDENTS
ATTEND YALE CLUB RECEPTION

handled by the Stoneybrook staff and our thanks are due to Frank Samponaro for making the arrangements. Our guests really seemed to appreciate our Club's efforts, and we will try to do it again next year.

Wes Finer



WES FINER ADDRESSES YALE BOOK
AWARD RECIPIENTS AND PARENTS

students to seriously consider applying to Yale in the fall.

Wes then launched into a standard overview of Yale and its advantages and the kinds of things involved in applying to Yale. Several of our members added their thoughts to the presentation and answered questions from the audience. The entire event was extremely well-



