Spirits with former Mexican President Zedillo at newly refurbished Davies Mansion

Join Yale alumni friends from around the region early this spring at the newly renovated Belfa House for a glass of wine with former Mexican President and new Yale Director of the Center for the Study of Globalization, Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon. This promises to be a wonderful early evening for both the mind and the senses, as we hear from former President Zedillo in the setting of this beautiful and Davies mansion. Come learn from President Zedillo about the challenges and successes of his presidency, the goals of the new Yale Center for the Study of Globalization and the history and beauty of the mansion. Mr. Zedillo is renowned for his successful economic and educational reforms as well as his role in international and development economics. The Belfa house, originally owned by John Davieus, an industrialist and partner in the Wilkesbarre Building Company, recently underwent a $5.5 million renovation after an early 1990s fire. The first 75 people who sign up will be among the earliest visitors to the renovated beauty. Flyers will be sent once the March 4 event date is fixed. See you there.

by John Brudistill

Yale Club of New Haven Young Alumni Update

For the Young Alumni Committee, 2003 will begin with a bang on Thursday, January 16 at 7:30pm at 7 Yocks. This night, the committee will host its second wine tasting in Sixth Square. Stephen Blum, an attorney by day and wine guru by night, will indulge the attendees in a selection of different types of Australian wines. Tickets for this event are $45. If you are interested in attending, RSVP to yca@yalealumni.yale.edu by Tuesday, January 16.

For the balance of 2003, the Young Alumni Committee plans to hold a happy hour or wine tasting each month. Though not on a regular basis, this is a wonderful way to meet old friends and new ones. The committee has decided to hold a happy hour in late November. Also in the works is a happy hour at the Olive Place Club, which would allow young alumni members to gain access to Yale private clubs through a Yale Club event. On the wine tasting front, Shenkin has a number of good ideas for future wine tastings and we certainly welcome suggestions. We would love to bring together a core of wine tasting devotees who, over the course of the year, get much closer to being able to intelligently select a fine wine from a long list.

As these events are scheduled, we will keep you posted.

by Jennifer McClelland

Message from the President

Why isn’t Yale known as a center for adult education? Why can’t the educational process be a life-long one? Why can’t Yale advocate a vibrant living experience for its active, “empty nest” alumni and elderly faculty? Why can’t Yale’s alumni take advantage of the incredible faculty at the University?

Many of the questions have been answered favorably. Reunions and events at Yale are open to the public. Alumni and alumni programs now and in the future will offer the events and programs that are offered. Yale has made great strides in making a limited number of events available to alumni through the internet.

but what we need most is a community of alumni interested in continuing a Yale experience during their lifetime, and established in an inviting environment in New Haven.

A community can best be formed by the creation of a Yale alumni village. Located at a University-owned condominium site, the Village Center would be available to alumni age 55 and older, and faculty of a similar age, all of whom seek collegiality and social interaction. It would be a community created by a passion for an active life and designed to optimize the best of Yale and New Haven. Similar projects have attracted alumni from all over the country, serving as a magnet to move alumni back to their university services.

What would such a community bring to Yale and New Haven? It would generate income to the city and benefit our own group of motivated alumni to New Haven. The residents would comprise the school and faculty community. They could serve as a pool of talent to tutor and mentor students in the school system. The community would attract a group of highly educated people, happy to participate in the wonderful cultural tradition of Yale and New Haven. Alumni could look forward to “coming home” to reunions and events formed of Yale alumni and an active and vibrant community.

Where could the Yale Alumni Village be located? Ideally, near the existing campus, but that location may not be practical. A survey of similar projects at other universities indicates that returning alumni want walking trails, gardens and other amenities in their active community. Those features may be difficult to attain adjacent to Yale, where vacant land is at a premium and Yale may have other immediate priorities. But there are several other locations in New Haven, close to Yale, that would lend themselves to a serene and desirable setting. These locations could reach the main campus by a shuttle bus ride.

They are doing it at the University of Michigan, Penn State, Cornell and Stanford.

why not at Yale?

Edward Gordon ’64

Bye
Annual Hockey Night
Saturday, February 1, 2003

You are cordially invited to the Yale Club of New Haven’s Annual Hockey Night for the clash between the Yale men’s hockey team and its Ivy league and ECAC rivals from Dartmouth.

Dinner: 5:30 P.M. Hockey Game: 7:00 P.M.

Please call the Yale Club at 432-4435 for more information.

Family Basketball Evening
Saturday, March 1, 2003

All Yale Club members, spouses, children, significant others, and friends are invited to attend the Fourth Annual Family Basketball Evening.

5:00 P.M. Light buffet dinner
6:00 P.M. Yale Basketball Coach James Jones will join us with a scouting report about tonight’s Yale-Penn game and take questions.
7:00 P.M. Tip-off of the Yale-Penn varsity basketball game

Please call the Yale Club at 432-4435 for more information.
The Yale Book Club Award Winners’02

The Yale Club of New Haven, Fermore and Phyllis Seton, and Hard-square Seniors welcomed the 2002 Yale Club Book Award winners and their families to 14th Street, New Haven, on October 21st. This year’s event is underwritten by proceeds from the Yale Club Book Award Endowment Trust, established at the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven. The event was attended by over 300 people, including Yale faculty, staff, and students. The winners were selected based on their outstanding personal character and intellectual promise.

After the awards, guests enjoyed a panel discussion on student life from a local perspective. footage of local students was shown, followed by a question and answer session with members of the Yale administration.

Each winner was presented with a book by a local author selected and presented by a current student.

Most award winners and their families took the opportunity to accompany two guides from the admissions office on a one-hour tour of the campus on a lovely fall day. The guides could be found on the campus, and many were invited to a question and answer session with Maria Landesman, Assistant Director of Admissions.

Many accepted the offer to remain for lunch in the college dining hall at the end of the formal program. Several students who had not seriously considered Yale before the event expressed interest in applying. The winners were invited to visit the campus and to meet current students. A great number of families thanked Club members for the wonderful day.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of this year’s Yale Club Book Award event, in particular to Thomas Meier and Tim Berlinski, who deserve much of the credit for making the event so smooth. It was a pleasure to host. I look forward to honoring a new group of wonderful young people next October.

by Alaina Piramo-Theocharis
Yale Club Monthly Luncheons

The Yale Club will continue its series of lectures on American Foreign Policy during the spring semester. Monthly luncheons will present an array of outstanding faculty with international expertise.

On February 4, Professor Paul Bracken will speak on Weapons of Mass Destruction. He holds a joint appointment as a professor of Political Science and Professor of Management at the Yale School of Management. Professor Bracken is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the International Institute for Strategic Studies. His most recent article, which appeared in Foreign Affairs, was entitled "The Second Nuclear Age."

The March speaker will be Michael Auslin, an Assistant Professor at the Department of History. Professor Auslin will discuss United States Grand Strategy: China, Japan and the Pacific Rim. He is a Fulbright and Japan Foundation Scholar, teaching a popular undergraduate course in Japanese history. He has recently been awarded a prestigious Smith Richardson Fellowship for independent research and study during the coming academic year. Professor Auslin is associated with the International Security Studies program at Yale.

In April, Amy Habeck, an Associate Professor in the History Department, will address the Yale Club luncheon. Professor Habeck is currently teaching an undergraduate course in United States Military History. A member of the International Security Studies faculty at Yale, Professor Habeck has studied, written and lectured during the last three years, on Islam. She delivered a stirring lecture on that subject to a group of alumni at a tercentennial lecture. Professor Habeck will speak to the Yale Club on The Rise of Radical Islam.

All luncheons will be held at the New Haven lawn Club.