



# YALE CLUB OF GAINESVILLE NEWSLETTER



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Yale Club of Gainesville, P.O. Box 12105, Gainesville, FL 32604



**A Literary Spring Brunch**  
**Sunday, April 13, 2003**  
**11:30 – 1:30**

**Dick and Becky Howard's**  
**2423 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Terrace-Gainesville**  
Directions: From NW 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. North on  
24<sup>th</sup> St to end. Right on 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. 1 block.  
Left on 23<sup>rd</sup> Terr. – 3<sup>rd</sup> house on Right.

**Club provides coffee, tea & champagne.**  
**Members bring egg dishes, sausage, waffle**  
**toppings, breads, pastries, grits, cheese, fruit**

### LITERARY CHARACTERS

Come in costume or bring an artifact for  
the "guess who" contest

RSVP 376-2040 To Worth Auxier  
By Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>  
With How Many People & What Dishes?  
Five Dollar Donation-Annual Dues Accepted

### What Happened This Fall

**November 9th:** Shrimp Fest  
and Annual Meeting at **Worth**  
and **Sandy's** home. Music  
by **Kanapaha!**

**November thru February:**  
Club members interviewed 18  
students applying to Yale.

**March 11th:** Yale Professor  
**Paul Bracken** talked to us on  
"Iraq, No. Korea and WMD."

**March 15th:** Tour of Florida  
Museum of Natural History  
"ranges" collections.

### What's Coming Up This Spring

**April and May:** Book Awards!  
Alumni donors present *Yale*  
*Shakespeare's* to outstanding  
area tenth graders.

**April 13th:** Literary Spring  
Brunch at **Dick and Becky**  
**Howard's** home.

\*\*\*\* FLASH! \*\*\*\*

Our Yale Club is featured in April's  
*Yale Alumni Magazine* in the  
"News from Alumni House" section!



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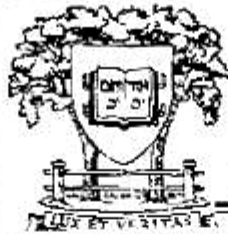
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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Fall and winter once again were good times for the Yale Club of Gainesville. The **Fall Yale Shrimp Fest** featured delicious New Orleans style dishes and all the shrimp you could eat! The weather was clear and cool at the Prairie home of **Worth Auxier** and **Sandy Burnett**. We all enjoyed the lovely sounds of the **Kanapaha** trio. It was a most pleasant evening. Our brief annual meeting was held to review the previous years' activities, and to elect **Skip Adams** for another term as Club Secretary. **Arnall Downs** continued as Vice President, and **Worth** as Treasurer. This team, along with our Board of Directors, makes planning for AYA events both easy and enjoyable. Thank you.

On March 11th, we met at the Matheson Museum in Gainesville to hear **Professor Paul Bracken** speak on the subject of nuclear weapons proliferation. All who attended agreed that this Yale Night Talk was most interesting and enlightening. Our New Haven AYA contact person reports that **Professor Bracken** is one of Yale's most appreciated speakers.

Then, on March 15th, we were treated to a private tour of the Florida State Museum of Natural History by **Professor S. David Webb**. We were permitted to view fossils and other special artifacts being worked on and collected in the "ranges" of the Museum, off-limits to most visitors. This special event was put together by our own **Mel Fried**.

Be sure to make your reservations right away for the annual **Spring Brunch** on April 13th at the home of **Dick and Becky Howard**. This year's theme is *A Literary Brunch*. Come in costume or bring an item which represents a favorite author, book or book character. As always, we'll try to make a contest of this, and will have prizes for categories of interest.

**Worth Auxier** and **Janice Gold** are heading up this year's **Yale Book Awards**. We invite you to donate (\$35) and/or present a book award at a local high school to encourage today's best students to consider Yale tomorrow. It really is a rewarding experience. Won't you consider participating?

Always you are welcome to contribute ideas, make comments or suggestions, and especially to become involved in your local **Yale Club of Gainesville**. I just returned from a week in New Haven, and the school still looks wonderful - even in winter! Keep the tradition alive.

PS: Thanks once again to **Bill Rios** for providing the postage which brings you this newsletter!

## Yale Book Awards Planned for Spring



Every spring, members of the Yale Club of Gainesville present copies of *The Yale Shakespeare* to north central Florida high school sophomores. These students are nominated by their faculties and counselors as exhibiting "outstanding personal character and intellectual promise." Last year, fourteen area students were awarded this special recognition.

The Yale Book Award program seeks to identify students early in their high school years so that promising students are encouraged to maintain high goals and to expand their horizons. Yale alumni recognize over 450 young people worldwide each year.

Alumni always enjoy making these presentations during school recognition ceremonies, and find it well worth the effort to both help honor a promising young scholar and to promote Yale University to a future generation. A modest investment of time and money returns immediate and ongoing rewards.

If you wish to participate in this special program by donating a book and/or presenting an award, contact **Worth Auxier** or **Janice Gold**. We need your help!

## Yale Night with Professor Paul Bracken

Yale's **Prof. Paul Bracken**, leading expert in global corporate strategy and national security, spoke to 22 alumni and friends at the Matheson Museum on "Iraq, North Korea and Weapons of Mass Destruction." He focused on how the US got to our current tense international situation.

Since the end of the Cold War, US policy has been deterrence and arms control, building coalitions with "responsible" nations (US, Britain, France, USSR, China) to limit WMD. In exchange, some 100 "non-responsible" nations promised not to develop nuclear weapons. This strategy worked for 25 years until India tested a nuclear bomb, followed in rapid succession by a Pakistani test, long-range missile firings by North Korea and Iran, and nuclear stockpiling by Israel and China.

This situation, coupled with UN failures in Rwanda and Serbia, and current terrorist threats, showed nuclear non-proliferation treaties were not working and the probability of war was increasing. So the US adopted the Doctrine of Pre-emption, militarily going after the threats to our security before they strike us first. The downside of Pre-emption is the fear it has raised in North Korea.

**Prof. Bracken** says the ineffectiveness of arms control, the UN and NATO has consigned them to irrelevancy. Some nations are threatened by Pre-emption. There is no broad strategic policy after Iraq. All of this cries out for new US policy and international institutions to guide us through the minefield of international tensions. A thought-provoking and sobering talk.

## NOTES

### Arnall Downs Resigns as Vice-president

Eight years ago **Arnall** restarted a moribund Yale Club and it is testimony to her persistence that it thrives today. She created and set the standard for our newsletter, gave us ideas for many of our themed social events, has given and awarded Yale Book Awards each year and has been a motivating force for many. She taught us how to run a tight ship. We thank her for her energy and dedication. The board will miss her.

### Tour of the Museum of Natural history "ranges"

Ten alumni and friends met for a brown bag lunch and tales of faraway places in the Dickenson Hall courtyard before setting off on a tour of the inner sanctum of the ranges. Guided by geologist, paleontologist and archeologist **S. David Webb**, the group got an in-depth look at UF's formidable collection of fossils, artifacts and maps of discovery.

### Banner Year

Eighteen North Central Florida students completed applications to Yale, the greatest number in recent years. Thanks to **Worth Auxier, Dick Howard, Art Kalman, Joe Paolillo, Mark Tanner** and **Celia Yapita**, all of whom helped with interviews.

The quality of this year's applicants was exceptionally high. As usual, most came from Buchholz High and Eastside's IB Program, with some from surrounding small towns. Our Yale Book Award Program appears to be attracting more applicants.



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## Shrimp Festival Best-of-all

On a perfect fall afternoon we gathered under moss-draped live oaks, got reacquainted and ate our overfill of shrimp and complementary side dishes. Hosts **Worth Auxier**, **Sandy Burnett** and a herd of goats welcomed 27 Yale Alumni and families to their home overlooking Paynes Prairie. We had shrimp scampi, shrimp jumbalaya, shrimp with rice, oriental shrimp and shrimp just plain — it was a Forrest Gump kind of a day. And while we talked, ate and drank mimosas, we listened to the delightful Celtic music of Gainesville's "Kanapaha"



During dessert, **President Jim Peoples** conducted a mercifully short annual meeting at which **Skip Adams** was unanimously re-elected Secretary for the next two years. Then we held the judging of our members' most collectible plates. **Worth Auxier** was awarded a mug for the oldest, his grandmother's childhood dinner plate, circa 1880's. The title of most historical was shared by **Shelley Melvin's** limited edition, numbered, Quimper plate commemorating the bicentennial of the French Revolution (1789-1989), and **Steve Gold's** Morys plate with authentic emblem. The prize for most humorous went to **Janice Gold** for eight-year-old daughter **Jesse's** signed, decoupage fish-on-turquoise, homemade plate; and most unusual was **Jim and Joyce People's** elaborately embossed paten, won by their son for demonstrable dancing skills in the Scottish Highland Games at Grandfather's Mountain.

When AYA received a copy of our Fall Newsletter and learned of our planned Shrimp Fest and Collector Plate Contest, they asked for an article about it and our other themed social events to share with other Yale clubs. Look for it in the April issue of the Yale Alumni Magazine! We're making history here. Join us at our next event and help us make more.