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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 Betts 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 old 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 known for his successful economic and education reforms as well as his role in international and development economics. The Betts house, originally owned by John Davies, an industrialist and partner in the Winchester Repeating Rifle Company, recently underwent a \$3.2 million renovation after an early 1990's fire. The first 75 people who sign up will be among the earliest visitors to this renovated beauty. Flyers will be sent once the March or April date is fixed. See you there!

by Nan Birdwhistell

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 Tycoon's. That night, the committee will host its second wine tasting in Ninth Square. Stephen Liu, an attorney by day and wine guru by night, will indulge the attendees in a tasting of different types of Australian Shiraz. Tickets for this event are \$15; if you are interested in attending, RSVP to ycnb@pantheon.yale.edu by Tuesday, January 14.

For the balance of 2003, the Young Alumni Committee plans to hold a happy hour or wine tasting each month. Though Hot Tomato's is a wonderful watering hole, as demonstrated again at the November happy hour, word is there are a few places in New Haven that have remained undiscovered by most alumni because of their connection to private clubs. Kuma has it, for instance, that Mory's has added a pub. The Young Alumni committee is especially keen on investigating it - not to mention its spirits - during an upcoming happy hour. Also in the works is a happy hour at the Quinnetiac Club, which would allow young Alumni members to gain access to this private club through a Yale Club event. On the wine tasting front, Stephen 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 McTiernan H.

Message from the President

Why not? Why can't Yale be 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 older faculty? Why can't Yale's alumni take advantage of the incredible faculty at the University?

Many of the questions have been answered favorably. Innumerable lectures at Yale are open to the public. Alumni and alumni spouses can audit many of the undergraduate courses that are offered. AYA has made great strides in making a limited number of courses 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 in a University encouraged condominium setting, the Yale Alumni Village would be available to alumni, age 55 and over, and faculty of a similar age, all of whom seek collegiality and intellectual stimulation. It would be a community marked 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 environs.

What would such a community bring to Yale and New Haven? It would generate talent to the City and bring a new core of motivated alumni to New Haven. The residents would infuse fresh blood into the arts and community boards. They could serve as a pool of talent to tutor and mentor children in the school system. The community would attract a group of highly educated people, eager to participate in the wonderful cultural tradition of Yale and New Haven. Alumni could look forward to "coming home" to renew the friendships formed at Yale in an active and exciting 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 communities. 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, some owned by Yale, that would lend themselves to a bucolic and desirable setting. Those locations could reach the main campus by a short shuttle bus ride.

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

Why not at Yale?

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**Annual Hockey Night
Saturday, February 1, 2003**



via sports hubcity

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**



via sports hubcity

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.

Yale Book Club Award Winners '02

The Yale Club of New Haven, Fenmore and Phyllis Seton, and Handsome Dan welcomed the 2002 Yale Club/Seton Book Award winners and their families to Davenport College on October 22nd. This yearly event is underwritten by proceeds from the Yale/Seton Book Awards Endowed Fund, established at the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven by Fenmore S. Seton '58 and his wife Phyllis T. Seton. Thirty-eight local high school seniors, chosen last spring by their schools, were honored for their outstanding personal character and intellectual promise. The Setons presented two books or videos to each student, one selected as a personal keepsake, the other for the school library.

After the awards, guests enjoyed a panel discussion on student life from a local perspective. Four Yale Club scholars-sophomores Michael Apuzzo, Katie Stevens, Ashish Varsai and Yan Yang regaled the audience with anecdotes on life at Yale and the benefits of attending school close to home. Gary Haller, master of HF where two of the students reside, spoke on the residential college system and presented alternative insights on a number of topics which the students had covered. Former Yale parent Dennis Provo, parent of Matt who is now a Yale admissions officer, rounded out the panel, describing life as a parent of a nearby student.

Next 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 guidance counselors in attendance were invited to remain for a question and answer session with Marcia 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; for some this was their first visit to the campus. A great number of families thanked Club members for a wonderful day.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of this year's Yale Club/Seton Book Award event, in particular to Theresa Mesler and Tim Bertaccini, who deserve much of the credit for making the event run so smoothly. It was a pleasure to host. I look forward to honoring a new group of wonderful young people next October.

by Elaine Piraino-Rolevoet



Fenmore and Phyllis Seton are surrounded by local high school seniors who were honored as the 2002 Yale Club/Seton Book Award winners.

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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, Mary 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 Islamism. 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.