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President's Message



Dear Fellow Members of the Yale Club of the Suncoast,

It is my pleasure to welcome you back for the 2018-19 season of the Yale Club of the Suncoast. I especially want to welcome our new members. I am delighted that you have joined our Club and I look forward to getting to know each of you in the coming year.

Our year is off to a great start! Many members enjoyed reconnecting with fellow Yalies at our Welcome Back reception on October 28th on a delightful evening at the Sarasota Yacht Club. In addition, our group was delighted and amused by our first luncheon speaker in November, Joseph Volpe, Executive Director of the Sarasota Ballet (and formerly General Manager of the Metropolitan Opera from 1990-2006).

There is so much to look forward to this coming season. Our program includes something for everyone, featuring lectures and programs on music, politics, the arts, science, history and health. Susan McManus, Professor of Political Science at University of South Florida will be our speaker on 11 December to explain our recent mid-term elections.

In January our Club welcomes a group of young opera singers from the Sarasota Opera to serenade us with a few short arias. If you have not had this small group experience in the past, I know you will be moved and delighted. It is truly a joy!

I am pleased that so many of our members are now using our yaleclubofthesuncoast.org website on a regular basis to renew membership and to register for events. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Elizabeth Spahn, our Administrative Director, if you have any questions about using the website.

Our December meeting will be hosted by our Vice President, Rick Lannamann, as I will be out of town. I want to wish everyone a happy and holy holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

*Warmest best wishes,
Elaine Gustafson, MSN '86
President*

During the Offseason (June – October)

YCS 2018 Book Awards

Each year during May/June, members of our Alumni Schools Committee (ASC) present book awards to juniors at local high schools who are selected by their school for having demonstrated high academic achievement, participated in extra-curricular and community activities and exhibited outstanding personal character and intellectual promise.

In addition to the presentation of the Book Awards at the local schools, this year we again sponsored a luncheon at the Stoneybrook Country Club in Sarasota on Father's Day, June 17th, where each of the 21 outstanding Yale Book Award recipients who had received a copy of *The Yale Book of Quotations* was recognized. There was a good turnout (38) including students, parents, and club members. Before and during the presentations we discussed competitive college admissions, financial aid, and especially Yale's strengths.

Club members in attendance included Oliver Janney, Elizabeth Spahn, Peter French, and Alumni School Committee director Patrick Whelan.

- Patrick Whelan '88



Yale Sports Triumphs

Yale Crew Repeats as National Champion at IRA & Beats Harvard (Again!)



IRA (National Championship) Grand Final

Order	Entry	Result
1	YALE	6:01.648
2	WASHINGTON	6:04.337
3	CALIFORNIA	6:08.911
4	HARVARD	6:10.717
5	PRINCETON	6:11.161
6	BROWN	6:14.272

[From the coach] Our last two competitions of the season were successful. The varsity repeated as National Champions at the IRA. The JV took bronze, and the 3V finished fourth. The following Saturday on the Thames in New London, the varsity retained the Sexton Cup with a convincing win over Harvard. The JV won as well. The 3V finished a length behind their Harvard counterparts and the 4V won, the Friday night prior, over the Harvard combies.

By any measure the past four years have been remarkable. 4 Varsity Eastern Sprints wins, the last 2 years the squad has won the Rowe Cup (strongest overall team performance) At the IRA a silver medal in 2016, a gold in 2017 and a gold medal in 2018. For those of you that predate IRA participation, that regatta is our National Championships. The record in New London is equally impressive. The varsity eight set the course record in 2015, Harvard sank in 2016, the varsity won in 2017 and 2018.

Yale Women's Crew Have Great Year: Best in Ivies



[From the coach] The 2018 NCAA Championship in Sarasota Florida was like no other!

Right from the start, weather was the focus, as tropical storm Alberto lingered off the tip of Florida. A heavy rain storm with strong wind gusts hit the regatta venue Thursday evening damaging our racing shells causing the next 30 hours to become a blur. We arrived at the venue Friday morning for the heats only to find damage to both our 1V and 2V eights, rendering the 1V un-rowable. Yes! The boats were tied down on low boys just like every other team at the venue. Luckily we have the best boatman in the country, Joel Furtek '90. With the help of the boatmen Joe Pipia from Ohio State and Brad Woodrick of Central Florida, Joel was able to have the 1V back in action by Friday afternoon! The racing schedule was compressed to finish Saturday afternoon rather than Sunday morning to avoid the pending arrival of Alberto. Everyone raced at least three times and some four in 30 hours.

NCAA Women's Rowing has become incredibly deep, competitive and politically complex. The NCAA Championship brings together 22 teams, 11 through automatic qualifiers (league champions) and 11 at-large teams to comprise a field of 22, roughly 16 fast teams with the balance (6) weaker teams from slower conferences. Heats are top 2 to the AB semi, 3 through 6 to the Rep which takes top 2 of 7 to the AB semi the rest go to the CD semi. The semis are top 3 to the grand and 4 through 6 to the petite. The heats are usually 3 deep while the semis tend to be 5 or even 6 deep. It is amazing racing.

YWC finished 8th as a team making us the top Ivy League team at the NCAA for the second year in a row.

Yale Wins First NCAA Lacrosse Championship

After 47 years, Yale has ended the men's lacrosse season as the best team in the country. The Bulldogs' 17th win of the season ended nearly a half-century of waiting as Yale managed to take down a powerhouse in Duke, topping the Blue Devils 13-11 at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts to win the 2018 NCAA DI Men's Lacrosse Championship.



Women's Volleyball Bulldogs Win Sixth Ivy Title in Eight Years



Summer Luncheons

Each year on the second Tuesday of the summer months (June through October) all YCS members and their guests are welcomed to the Yale Club table in Marina Jack's second floor for an opportunity to relax among friends and enjoy a nice lunch and some great conversation. This year was no exception. If you have never attended and are in town over the summer months, please remember to stop by, chill and catch up.

Yale Class of 1963 Sets & Breaks Reunion Records for 55th

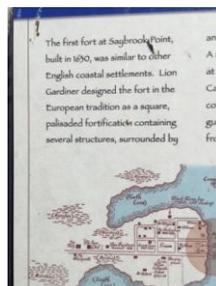
First, the 55th Reunion was a Free Reunion. All food, drink, and lodging in Branford College were entirely free of charge to all classmates and guests. This was made possible through Class dues and contributions to the Reunion Expense Reserve by hundreds of classmates. This was the first time that any Yale class has self-funded a free reunion in this manner.

Second, Y63's 55th Reunion broke -- shattered -- all the records for a 55th reunion. The attendance of 307 classmates was 123 more than the largest number of classmates that had ever attended a 55th reunion. Finally, 39.9% of the Class attended the 55th Reunion, demolishing the prior record of 28.6%. *[Editors Note: YCS members Weldon Rogers and Jay Rixse are members of Yale Class of 1963]*

Birthplace of Yale College Revisited

(Brian & Susan's summer in Old Saybrook)

In 1939 my maternal grandfather built a beachfront home in Old Saybrook, CT. While I have passed by the landmark of Yale College's birthplace countless times, I have never investigated it until this past summer when Susan and I ventured north to visit family and walk, walk, and more walk in preparation for my hip replacement operation. Old Saybrook is the confluence of the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound. We often stay at the magnificent Inn at Saybrook Point - which is owned by a Yale graduate. The first fort at Saybrook Point was designed and built by Lion Gardiner. It served as a defense for the settlers against the constantly warring Pequot Indians. Its cannons were well positioned to guard against attack from either upriver or from Long Island Sound.



About 200 yards inland is a lovely hedge-enclosed plot of land with a 5-ton boulder with a bronze commemorative plaque citing the birthplace of today's Yale College. In 1701 The Connecticut Assembly passed an Act "wherein Youth may be instructed in the Arts and Sciences who (through) the blessing of Almighty God may be fitted for (public) employment both in Church & Civil State." Yale's founders envisioned training necessary to develop the Connecticut Colony's next generation of religious and political leaders. The plot is part of a 10 acre parcel of land deeded by Nathaniel Lynde to the Collegiate School (later Yale College). It is now owned and maintained by Yale and rests at the northwest corner of the Cypress Cemetery. Within the cemetery are many of the founding families of Saybrook and the Connecticut Colony.



Reverend Abraham Pierson was the school's first Rector and Lynde was its Treasurer. After considerable political squabbles among the Connecticut Assembly the school was moved in 1716 to its permanent residence in New Haven. A couple of interesting footnotes: in 1933 Saybrook College was established in honor of Yale's birthplace, the banner identifying Yale College is the same banner that is used by the Town of Old Saybrook as its municipal flag and seal, and quite appropriately Brian Thomas Kelly was/is a proud member of Saybrook College!

- Brian Kelly '61

Fall 2018 Club Events

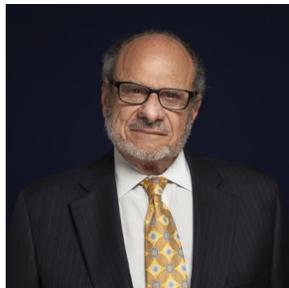
Welcome Back Party

This year's Party, held at the Sarasota Yacht Club on October 28th, doubled as a celebration of the Club's 61st Anniversary. Here are some pictures of the good times shared by all.



Speaker: Joseph Volpe, Sarasota Ballet

November 13, 2018



Joe Volpe, Executive Director of the Sarasota Ballet, joined us for lunch at the Sarasota Yacht Club on November 13th. His topic: "My Life in the Arts."

Volpe, who began his career as an apprentice carpenter at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, eventually rose to be General Manager of the Met, running the largest performing arts organization in the world from 1990 to 2006. Using archival film footage, Volpe presented some of the challenges he faced over his years at the Met. He mentioned that one key to his success was keeping Luciano Pavarotti and Placido Domingo under contract for multiple performances each season so as to encourage season subscriptions.

Volpe retired from the Met in 2006 and moved to Sarasota but continued to keep involved both in an arts consulting practice and by teaching at NYU's Stern School of Business. Perhaps influenced by his current wife, Jean, a former ballerina, Volpe joined the board of the Sarasota Ballet and ultimately was persuaded to take over as Executive Director in 2016. Enthusiastic about the Company and its Director, Iain Webb, Volpe talked about what hard work his job was, given he didn't have the large staff he enjoyed at the Met. He talked about the challenges of finding financial support. He noted that, while Sarasota is a generous community for the arts, it is much smaller than other communities supporting comparably distinguished companies (opera, orchestra, ballet, theater, etc). He suggested that trying to create stand-alone venues for each will be financially impossible.

He encouraged all to enjoy and support the Sarasota Ballet.

- Rick Lannamann '69

Upcoming Club Events Mark your calendars

Fourth annual Theater Weekend in Sarasota, February 8-10, 2019, with Professor Murray Biggs

Please join me [Prof Biggs], or join me again, for a weekend of first-class theater on Florida's winter suncoast. This program of three recent plays is designed for anyone interested in high-quality theater around the country. We expect a party of about 30.

The weekend is a 48-hour theatrical immersion starting at 4 pm on Friday 8th and ending after a group review of the Sunday matinee. It begins with round-the room introductions and then my preface to the evening play, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* at Florida Studio Theatre, half a mile from our downtown hotel. A group dinner is included at the hotel. Saturday morning, 9:30-11:30, is given to a group review of our first performance, followed by my lead-in to *A Doll's House, Part 2*, the American playwright Lucas Hnath's clever imagining of a "sequel" to Henrik Ibsen's original of 1879. We'll see this on Saturday evening at the Asolo Repertory Theatre, just across the street from the historic Ringling Museum and 3.5 miles from downtown. Sunday morning, 9:30-11:30, begins with a group review of Saturday's performance and ends with my introduction to our Sunday afternoon event, also at the Asolo Theatre. This will be Lynn Nottage's *Sweat*, the 2017 Pulitzer Prizewinner based on the very contemporary experience of a Pennsylvania town impoverished by the loss of heavy industry. An optional lunch will be offered at the elegant Muse restaurant within the Ringling Museum. For convenience as well as charm, we're located once again at the Indigo, a small "boutique" hotel across the street from the Van Wezel. The charge for the program, including single room occupancy, is \$1,310. For double occupancy it is discounted to \$1,035 per person. For those not requiring hotel accommodation, the cost is \$760 per person. (Theater tickets will be discounted for those with subscriptions to any of our theaters.) These are total prices. Included are:

- Friday and Saturday night hotel as needed
- Saturday and Sunday breakfast for hotel guests; light refreshments at meetings
- Friday dinner
- Scripts of all plays, for reading in advance
- Three introductory lectures by Professor Biggs
- Tickets to three plays
- Lively group discussion, seminar style
- A visit from an actor in, or director of, one of our productions

A non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person secures a place on the program, first come first served, with balance due by December 15. Cancellation not later than January 4 will earn a refund of 50% of the total cost. After January 4 no refund is possible. The deposit itself is not returnable. Checks should be made out to Educational Theater Weekends and mailed to 36 Morse St, Hamden, CT 06517 (attn. Lita Wright). All payments will be acknowledged by email. Questions to murray.biggs@yale.edu; tel. 203-9976493. *Murray Biggs Special Lecturer in English and Theater Studies, Yale Educational Travel*

Miscellany

Message from Yale President Salovey

September 26, 2018

To the Yale Community,

As you may know, the Department of Justice and the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education are investigating whether Yale's

undergraduate admissions policies improperly discriminate on the basis of race, particularly in regard to Asian-American applicants. This investigation takes place in the context of legal challenges at other universities aimed at overturning Supreme Court precedent permitting the consideration of race in college admissions. I write now to state unequivocally that Yale does not discriminate in admissions against Asian Americans or any other racial or ethnic group, to share information about our undergraduate admissions practices, and to affirm our unwavering commitment to diversity as a pillar of this university.

One goal of Yale's admissions process—forged through decades of experience and review—is to create a vibrant and varied academic community in which our students interact with people of different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. Because our pool of applicants is extraordinarily strong, we are able to create this community while upholding the highest standards of academic achievement. Yale College could fill its entire entering class several times over with applicants who reach the 99th percentile in standardized testing and who have perfect high school grade point averages, but we do not base admission on such numbers alone. Rather, we look at the whole person when selecting whom to admit among the many thousands of highly qualified applicants. We take into consideration a multitude of factors, including their academic achievement, interests, demonstrated leadership, background, success in taking maximum advantage of their secondary school and community resources, and the likelihood that they will contribute to the Yale community and the world. This whole-person approach to admissions complies fully with all legal requirements and has been endorsed repeatedly by the Supreme Court.

Yale's policies have resulted in an outstanding and increasingly diverse student body. The incoming Class of 2022 set several new admissions records. Eighteen percent of first-year students are the first in their families to attend a four-year college. One in five members of the Class of 2022 receives federal Pell Grants for low-income students. We are proud that first-year enrollment among students receiving Pell Grants has nearly doubled over the past six years, and first-year enrollment among first-generation college students has increased more than 75 percent during the same time.

The creation of a diverse academic community has not come at the expense of applicants of any racial or ethnic background. For example, over the past fifteen years, the number of Asian Americans has grown from less than 14 percent of the incoming first-year class to 21.7 percent in the Class of 2022.

Diversity along many different dimensions strengthens Yale's community of learning. As part of our mission to "educate aspiring leaders worldwide who serve all sectors of society," we strive to recruit and retain students, faculty,

and staff from all backgrounds and to empower them to pursue their intellectual and professional goals. In our judgment as educators, based on experience with admissions policies at Yale dating back over fifty years—and in my own judgment and experience as a psychologist, professor, and former dean of Yale College—a diverse student body and faculty greatly enhances students’ academic experiences and maximizes their future success. By bringing people of different backgrounds, talents, and perspectives together, we prepare our students for a complex and dynamic world.

I want to assure you that while Yale will cooperate fully with the inquiries conducted by the federal government, we also will vigorously defend our ability to create a diverse and excellent academic community.

Sincerely,

Peter Salovey
President and Chris Argyris Professor of Psychology
Yale University

**Yale’s William Nordhaus, Class of 1963
Wins 2018 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences**

October 8, 2018



William Nordhaus '63 B.A., '72 M.A., Sterling Professor of Economics at Yale University and the world’s leading economist on climate change, has been awarded the 2018 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences for “integrating climate change into long-run macroeconomic analysis.”

“I am honored to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics for work on environmental economics,” Nordhaus said. “But even more, I am grateful for the intellectual environment at Yale that taught me as a student, nurtured me as a teacher and scholar, and allowed the freedom to devote my life to one of the critical emerging issues of humanity.”

Nordhaus shared the prize with Paul Romer, professor of economics at New York University's Leonard N. Stern School of Business.

Nordhaus' research has focused on economic growth and natural resources, the economics of climate change, and resource constraints on economic growth. Since the 1970s, he has developed economic approaches to global warming, including the construction of integrated economic and scientific models (the DICE and RICE models) to determine the efficient path for coping with climate change. These models are widely used today in research on studies of climate-change economics and policies. He has also studied wage and price behavior, health economics, augmented national accounting, the political business cycle, productivity, and the "new economy."



"This is fitting recognition of William Nordhaus' work on the economics of climate change," said Yale University President Peter Salovey. "Yale is absolutely thrilled to have one of our most distinguished faculty — who is also one of our most distinguished alumni — receive this great honor."

Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Nordhaus completed his undergraduate work at Yale in 1963 and received his Ph.D. in economics in 1967 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He joined the Yale faculty in 1967 and in 2001 became a Sterling Professor of Economics — the highest honor given to a Yale faculty member. He is also a professor in Yale's School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

From 1977 to 1979, Nordhaus was a member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers; from 1986 to 1988, he was provost of Yale University. He has served on several committees of the National Academy of Sciences on topics including climate change, environmental accounting, risk, and the role of the tax system in climate change.

His 1996 study of the economic history of lighting back to Babylonian times found that the measurement of long-term economic growth has been significantly underestimated. He returned to Mesopotamian economics with a study of the costs of the U.S. war in Iraq, published in 2002 before the war began, projecting a total cost as high as \$2 trillion. He directs the "G-Econ project," which provides the first comprehensive measures of economic activity at a geophysical scale.

Nordhaus is current or past editor of several scientific journals and has authored many books, among them "Invention, Growth and Welfare, Is Growth Obsolete?"; "The Efficient Use of Energy Resources"; "Reforming Federal Regulation"; "Managing the Global Commons"; "Warming the World"; and (jointly with Paul Samuelson) the classic textbook "Economics," whose 19th edition was published in 2009. He is the author of two books published by Yale University Press: "A Question of Balance: Weighing the Options on Global Warming Policies," which was selected by

Choice magazine as an Outstanding Academic Title of 2008, and "[The Climate Casino: Risk, Uncertainty, and Economics for a Warming World](#)," which was published in 2013.

Nordhaus was the first chair of the Advisory Committee for the Bureau of Economic Analysis and of the American Economic Association Committee on Federal Statistics. In 2004 he was awarded the prize of "Distinguished Fellow" by the [American Economic Association](#) (AEA). He served as president of the AEA for 2014–2015 term.

Nordhaus is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is on the research staff of the National Bureau of Economic Research and the [Cowles Foundation for Research at Yale](#) and has been a member and senior adviser of the Brookings Panel on Economic Activity, Washington, D.C., since 1972. He served as the chair of the Board of Directors of the Boston Federal Reserve Bank from 2014 to 2015.

He received the BBVA Foundation's 2017 Frontiers of Knowledge Award for his work on climate change.

Nordhaus lives in downtown New Haven with his wife, Barbara, an assistant clinical professor for social work at the Yale Child Study Center.

Yale President Salovey's Response to the University Science Strategy Committee's Report

November 27, 2018

To the Yale Community,

Two years ago, I wrote to you about the [academic priorities](#) we are developing for the years ahead. I noted that the sciences are fundamental to our mission of educating leaders and improving the world. To build on Yale's immeasurable contributions to research and education, the provost and I charged the University Science Strategy Committee (USSC) to identify the most promising opportunities for investment across the sciences. After 18 months of research, consultation, and deliberation, the committee provided its [report and recommendations](#) in June.

Over the last few months, I have considered carefully all the perspectives and suggestions I have received regarding the USSC report. I am grateful to those of you who submitted comments and suggestions in writing or in person at one of the town hall meetings. I write today to share my response to the USSC's recommendations and plans for their implementation.

The USSC's recommendations include areas where the university can build on existing strengths across disciplines, departments, and schools to discover new knowledge about the natural world, solve pressing technological and scientific challenges, seek new opportunities in education, and advance research. The committee identified five top-priority areas:

Integrative data science and its mathematical foundations touch nearly every aspect of our lives. At Yale, we will not only expand data science in its applications, benefiting research throughout our campus, but we will also advance fundamental research underlying data science.

Quantum science, engineering, and materials involve physics, applied physics, electrical engineering, computer science, materials science, chemistry, and related fields. Investments in this area will build on and augment Yale's leadership in fundamental quantum research with dramatic potential applications.

Neuroscience could produce revolutionary discoveries in areas ranging from human development to neurodegenerative diseases. Work in neuroscience takes place in many departments, programs, and schools across the university, and investment in this area will leverage a broad array of Yale's strengths.

Inflammation science is vital to understanding our immune system as well as the cause and role of inflammation in many chronic diseases, including arthritis, cancer, and multiple sclerosis. Yale researchers are working across basic, translational, and clinical sciences to understand inflammation—discovering knowledge that could lead to the prevention, treatment, and even cures for many diseases.

Environmental and evolutionary sciences address the threat to our local and global environment. Yale must respond to this challenge, and we are well positioned to do so. In addition to the committee's recommendations, the university should pursue a more ambitious multi-disciplinary goal by broadening this top-priority area to encompass research across the range of environmental issues. This would include "climate solutions," which the USSC recommends as an additional priority. Consolidating these areas will help connect Yale's cutting-edge programs in science and engineering to our strengths in business, law, policy, and medicine—ultimately, providing us opportunities to address critical global issues more broadly.

The committee also highlighted the importance of ongoing initiatives in computer science, cancer research, precision medicine, and regenerative medicine. I fully support building on our current trajectory in these areas.

In addition to these thoughtful recommendations, the committee's report includes suggestions for four cross-cutting investments—restructuring funding for graduate students, diversity throughout the STEM pipeline, instrumentation development, and core facilities—all of which I support. I would also like to emphasize the importance of providing additional resources, mentorship, and educational opportunities for our graduate students and post-doctoral researchers. We should do more to integrate and support these valuable members of our research enterprise.

It is important to note that the report does not recommend actions that would direct resources away from other areas. Many exciting STEM programs at Yale are not included in the report, and they will continue to thrive—leading their respective fields and educating students in the years ahead.

Based on the overwhelmingly positive response to the report, I am delighted to accept the USSC's recommendations. I am particularly excited to work with all of you to achieve our highest potential in the top five priority areas, which present opportunities for cross-disciplinary research and education. Our collective efforts will ultimately benefit and improve many more areas than those directly identified—and the university as a whole.

Peter Schiffer, vice provost for research and professor of applied physics and physics, will be working with colleagues across campus to plan and lead the implementation of the committee's recommendations. We are already enacting some of the recommended actions. For example, efforts are underway in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences to relieve part of the cost of graduate student support from research grants in the sciences and engineering.

We will be updating equipment in our core facilities, and we are planning fundraising efforts to further improve our infrastructure. Over the last five years, we have invested significantly in buildings and core facilities, including the Wright Laboratory; Greenberg Engineering Teaching Concourse; the teaching labs in the Sterling Chemistry Laboratory; West Campus science institutes; the Peabody Museum; the Magnetic Resonance Research Center; the Center for Research Computing; Lab for Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology; and others. These and our recent projects—constructing a new science building and creating programs and spaces for innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives—underscore Yale's focus on supporting our faculty, students, and staff in their work and studies.

The provost's office will provide more detailed information about next steps in the implementation process. In the meantime, I thank Scott Strobel and the other members of the USSC for the care and thought they put into their deliberations and for producing a report that will help us enhance Yale's contributions to STEM education and research. Their report is a vital component of our strategy in the sciences, one cornerstone of the academic priorities guiding Yale. I also thank our faculty, students, and staff for their suggestions and feedback. In the months ahead, I look forward to sharing with you our progress in realizing our academic priorities.

Sincerely,

Peter Salovey
President & Chris Argyris Professor of Psychology

Yale's Office of Career Strategy: Preferred Yale Partners Initiative
(Any interested YCS members: contact Julia Bourque directly)

Dear Elaine,

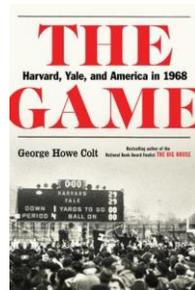
I hope this message finds you well. My name is Julia Bourque and I am a Senior Associate Director at the Office of Career Strategy at Yale. I advise Yale College students and students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences on career exploration and job/internship opportunities. I also work closely with international and domestic alumni and other partners on posting opportunities for Yale students.

I'm writing to share a new initiative from the Office of Career Strategy. We are updating our summer programming surrounding internships to create and encourage more flexibility for short-term professional experiences for students and employers. We are now referring to all our key employer partners (including alumni and other Yale-affiliated employers) as "Preferred Yale Partners". Preferred Yale Partners will be highly profiled in our employer database -- Yale Career Link -- and will be promoted directly to students in various newsletters and other platforms.

If you or a member of the Yale Club of Suncoast would like to learn more about posting an opportunity for Yale students as a Preferred Yale Partner, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'll be happy to schedule a call to speak further and answer any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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Yes, It Was 50 Years Ago: *The Game* (A Book Review)



(Scribner)

A spectacular Harvard-Yale football game that lifted spirits in the tragic year of 1968

By Jonathan Yardley | Book Review | Washington Post | 25 November 2018

http://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/a-spectacular-harvard-yale-football-game-that-lifted-spirits-in-the-tragic-year-of-1968/2018/11/21/9637b530-d2ee-11e8-b2d2-f397227b43fo_story.html?utm_term=.89481929c21a

When Harvard played Yale on Nov. 23, 1968, in historic old Harvard Stadium, the result certainly was not the greatest football game ever or the most important, but it was, as George Howe Colt writes in this compelling and affectionate account of it, “one of the most unbelievable football games” in the sport’s long history. Both teams came into it undefeated and tied for first place in the Ivy League, although Yale, a certifiable powerhouse, was a heavy favorite. Indeed, with 42 seconds remaining and Yale ahead 29-19, the outcome seemed inevitable. Instead, in 42 seconds that no one who was there ever will forget, Harvard miraculously scored 10 points. The headline in the next day’s Harvard Crimson — maybe the best sports headline ever written — read simply: “HARVARD BEATS YALE, 29-29.”

I know because I was there. Neither Harvard crimson nor Yale blue courses through my veins — I am an alumnus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — but I was at Harvard for the academic year 1968-69 on a Nieman Fellowship, awarded each year to a dozen American journalists in the hope that using the university’s vast resources may help them improve their professional skills. I studied American literature and biography, the first step in my long career as a book reviewer. I have often thought, though, that the best thing about that wonderful year

was the ticket the Nieman office gave me (and several others in my class) to The Game, as the annual matchup had long been known.

Fifty years have passed and my memories of that game are almost as vivid as they were when I walked home after its uproarious conclusion. Many other half-century anniversaries from 1968 coincide with that one: the assassinations of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, the dreadful Democratic National Convention in Chicago and, at Harvard itself, the trashing of Harvard Yard by student radicals and the police bust that routed them. It was a tough year, and Colt places the football game in that context, but as he writes:

“As time went on, it would be remembered as . . . a rare moment of grace in a tragic and turbulent year. At an intensely polarized time, in which the country seemed irrevocably divided — dove vs. hawk, black vs. white, young vs. old, student vs. administrator, hippie vs. hard hat — the tie between archrivals seemed a kind of truce. Indeed, the teams had unwittingly combined to create something like a work of art that would take its place in the iconography of the era.”

That’s placing a lot of thematic weight on a game between two schools whose teams were well below the best in the nation, but I think Colt is right. That afternoon was magical at a time when a bit of magic was badly needed. As it happens, Ivy League football was just about to vanish from the front pages of the national sporting universe, so the game was a last hurrah of sorts. It was played by young men of exceptional decency and determination, as Colt portrays them, most of whom were not WASP aristos of Ivy League cliché but sons of middle- and working-class families for whom Harvard and Yale were the first rungs on the ladder upward.

One by one, Colt portrays them in sympathetic and admiring terms: Brian Dowling, the Yale quarterback and captain, brilliantly gifted but “a throwback: a soft-spoken straight arrow who never sought the limelight, though it often sought him”; Vic Gatto, the Harvard running back and captain, all 5 feet 6 inches of him, “exceptionally strong, with a low center of gravity that made him hard to bring down”; Calvin Hill, Yale’s multitalented running back, “bigger and stronger than most linemen, yet faster than all but a few defensive backs,” soon to join the Dallas Cowboys as one of the most accomplished and respected players in the pro game; and Frank Champi, Harvard’s second-string quarterback, “a balding, bespectacled young man from the working-class Boston suburb of Everett, [who] was self-conscious and unobtrusive to the point of invisibility.”

But, as Colt then adds, “you didn’t notice him — until he threw a pass.” Champi’s right arm was a cannon, although he “had thrown only twelve passes for the varsity all year” when he was sent onto the field “with five minutes left in the [first] half and Harvard trailing by 22 points.” The starting quarterback, George Lalich, couldn’t get the team moving early in the second half, so John Yovicsin, Harvard’s coach, pulled him in favor of Champi. Champi got off to a slow start, but he came alive, and brought his teammates with him: Champi “had entered the kind of exalted state that Dowling seemed always to inhabit — the kind of state in which time seemed to slow down, the kind of state that a later generation of athletes would describe as being ‘in the zone,’ the kind of state Champi hadn’t been in since his senior year in high school. He would never be the charismatic type, but there was no doubt who was leading this team.”

As a Yale player put it many years later: “You just got the feeling that the universe had shifted somehow and that something significant — portentous — was taking place. Some kind of weird force that had descended upon the stadium.” Thus it was that, with no time left on the clock and Harvard down 29-21, Champi hit Gatto with a touchdown pass and then hit 6-foot-2 end Pete Varney for the game-tying two-point conversion. Pandemonium reigned, even in the press

box, where we Nieman Fellows had been given seats and where we violated the hoary rule of sports, "No cheering in the press box." Coming to the end of this terrific book, I felt like cheering all over again.

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