



## The Rematch: Yale, Princeton to face off in Ivy showdown



The Bulldogs host the Tigers in Payne Whitney Friday night, their first matchup since Princeton knocked Yale out of the Ivy Tournament at the end of last season. / **Yale Athletics**

BY BEN RAAB  
STAFF REPORTER

Ten months ago, Princeton players hoisted the Ivy League trophy as Yale walked back to their buses, their NCAA tournament hopes shattered. On Friday, the men's basketball teams face off again.

For the Bulldogs, the matchup is more than a chance for vengeance. Both Yale (13-6, 4-0 Ivy) and Princeton (15-2, 3-1 Ivy) are once again conference frontrunners and could very likely face each other in the Ivy Tournament Finals for the third consecutive season.

"There's no extra motivation," wrote James Jones, head coach of the Yale team, ahead of the matchup. "Winning each game and another Ivy Championship is motivation enough."

On paper, Princeton would appear the more formidable team. However, ahead of Friday night, it's the Bulldogs who enter with momentum. Jones's squad has hit their stride after a slow start, winning eight of their last nine games and riding a six-game winning streak. In each of their four Ivy League matchups, they've won by a double-digit margin.

The Tigers began the season hotter than any team in the nation, winning their first nine games, and after the beginning of conference play sat at 12-1. But, a closer-than-expected win against Columbia and a 15-point blowout loss to Cornell on Saturday have blemished a once spotless resume.

Still, Princeton will challenge Yale, particularly on defense. Even on their home court, the Elis will

have to bring their best to come away with the win.

### Tiger offense vs Bulldog defense

Yale's dominance over the first four games of Ivy play has been, in large part, due to its reinvigorated defense. As a team, the Bulldogs are allowing fewer offensive rebounds and making it harder for opposing teams to find open shots.

The Princeton offense, though — ranking 31st in the country according to Ken Pomeroy offensive efficiency ratings — will be Yale's biggest test yet. Their offense thrives on quick ball movement, constant motion and dangerous outside shooting. Almost 40 percent of the Tigers' total points come from three-pointers, which ranks 19th highest in the country.

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## Yale professors donated almost exclusively to Democrats in 2023

BY BEN RAAB  
STAFF REPORTER

Nearly 100 percent of the money Yale professors donated to political campaigns went to Democrats in 2023.

The News analyzed over 5,000 Federal Elections Committee filings from 2023 with Yale University listed as an employer, 3,041 of which were professors. Professors donated a total of roughly \$127,000, of which 98.4 percent went to Democratic candidates and groups.

"This year is not a normal election — the future of our democracy and perhaps the planet is on the line," Barry Nalebuff, a Yale School of Management professor who donated \$25,000 to the Biden Victory Fund, wrote the News.

In total, approximately 93 percent of total contributions by Yale employees went to Demo-

crats. Professors accounted for about two-thirds of the roughly \$200,000 contributed by Yale employees. Among non-professor employees — a group that includes a broad range of employees, such as lab directors, hospitality workers and police — approximately 85 percent of contributions went to Democratic candidates and groups.

This year's data are in line with trends from previous years, according to data from [opensecrets.org](https://www.opensecrets.org). The last time more than 10 percent of total faculty contributions went to Republicans was over 20 years ago, in 2002.

The figures reported by the News are likely lower than the actual figures due to FEC disclosure rules, which do not require contributions aggregating over \$200 to identify the contributor's employer. Some professors may

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## State legislature to propose legacy admissions ban, Yale signals opposition

BY JOSIE REICH  
STAFF REPORTER

The Connecticut legislature's Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee will raise a bill in its legislative session beginning next week that would ban legacy admissions at both public and private colleges in the state.

Yale opposed a similar bill — HB 5034 — in 2022. In a recent email to the News, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid Jeremiah Quinlan reiterated his concern about the autonomy of universities and the efficacy of banning legacy preference.

"I am against legislation that interferes with a university's freedom to set its own admissions policies," Quinlan wrote. "Yale College has become much more diverse over the past ten years ... without changes to other admissions policies and priorities," he added, pointing to Yale's efforts this year to update its selection process.

Quinlan cited increases in the diversity of the first-year class in the past decade of a 130-percent increase in the number of Pell-eligible students, a 115-percent increase in the number of first-generation students and a 96-percent increase in the number of students of color.

Public and private colleges alike vehemently opposed the 2022 bill, and it died in the House chamber. But since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the use of affirmative action in college admissions this summer, Connecticut lawmakers have warmed to the idea of influencing college admissions through legislation.

"I think that the argument to ban legacy admissions is much stronger after the Supreme Court decision," Senator Derek Slap, co-chair of the committee, said. "A lot of members of the committee are very interested in this topic and fairness in college admissions."

The University of Connecticut, the largest college in the state, opposed the bill two years ago despite already having done away with considering legacy status

in their own admissions process. It cited concerns that any government-level regulation of college admissions would be a slippery slope. The university told CT Insider last week that this time around, they would be "neutral" on the proposal.

In 2022, Quinlan expressed in written testimony about the previously proposed bill that he does not believe a statewide ban on legacy admissions is the right way to increase accessibility. He argued that while universities could consider whether to bar legacy preference at their own institutions, a state restriction may set precedent for "other intrusions on academic freedom."

"Even without [legacy] preference, students with more resources will still have an advantage in college admissions, just as they have an advantage in securing a good job and in many other aspects of daily life. Instead, the state should support schools in their efforts to identify, recruit, and graduate low-income and first-generation students," Quinlan wrote. "Yale has already realized a dramatic increase in the representation of these students on our campus in the past decade, without eliminating other admissions preferences."

Slap and committee co-chair Rep. Gregory Haddad will together co-author the new bill. Slap and Haddad, as well as fellow committee Democrats Rep. Dominique Johnson and Rep. Hector Arzeno, all told the News that they would heavily weigh the testimonies of the universities or university-affiliated groups in their decisions.

"Everything's on the table in terms of what the outcome is," Haddad said. "It's only fair for us to listen to everybody as we consider legislation."

Johnson said that she is especially interested in the opinions of Yale affinity groups for alumni of color and Slap added that he hopes to hear testimony during the bill hearings from current Yale undergraduates and student groups.

The new bill will be proposed in a higher education committee that saw large-scale turnover

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## Inside the coalition pressing local officials for a Gaza ceasefire resolution



A two-month effort to lobby the Board of Alders for a ceasefire resolution, uniting New Haven groups and Yale students, has met opposition from some Jewish residents. / **Mia Cortés Castro, Contributing Photographer**

BY ETHAN WOLIN  
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As pro-Palestine activists continue to protest in New Haven's streets for an end to Israel's military campaign in Gaza, a parallel effort is underway behind the scenes, aiming to persuade local elected officials to pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire.

An informal coalition of New Haven groups and Yale students has taken shape to lobby the Board of Alders to officially denounce the ongoing Israel-Hamas war. Since drafting and proposing the resolution in November, activists have called

and met with alders — including Board President Tyisha Walker-Myers, who has yet to assign the item to a committee for consideration but said she plans to do so.

Chloe Miller LAW '25, an organizer of the effort, said that its goal is to "elevate the voices of everyday New Haveners who we believe largely support this position."

Proponents of the resolution hope it would send a signal to elected officials in Washington, especially members of Connecticut's congressional delegation, who have not joined calls for a ceasefire. But others, including some Jewish New Haveners,

say the resolution falls outside the Board of Alders' proper role and threatens to worsen local tensions over a divisive issue.

Pro-ceasefire organizers have also focused attention on Mayor Justin Elicker, whose approval is required to enact legislative measures unless at least 20 of the 30 alders override a veto. Elicker's only press release about the war, issued on Oct. 12, drew criticism from pro-Palestine activists.

In a statement to the News on Thursday, Elicker did not say whether he would support the proposed resolution. He reaffirmed his support for

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THIS DAY IN YALE HISTORY, 1961. The administration announced their intention to seal documents in the cornerstone of Morse College. The only way for future students to read these relics from the past, however, is if Morse College is destroyed.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### 02.01: Let's Go Bulldogs

To the Editor,

Please be advised that I have been a Yale basketball fan for over 50 years. I have seen the likes of Rick Kaminsky, Butch Graves, Jim Morgan and many more. I currently cover Yale for Ivy Hoops Online and am the color commentator for some Yale games on WYBC. Yale has an excellent team this year. A team that outplayed Kansas for 30 minutes in December. So does Princeton, a Sweet 16 team last season after defeating Ari-

THIS COULD BE THE FIRST MEN'S 2-BID IVY IN HISTORY.

zona and Missouri and also losing to Yale twice during the season. The 2 Ivy powers play at JLA on February 2 at 7 pm and this could be the first men's 2-bid Ivy in history. It would be a shame if

Yale fans in the community and more importantly Yale students don't turn out and cheer on the Bulldogs and make the building loud and Cameron North, in what is the most significant college basketball game of the night and perhaps of the entire Ivy season.

Thanks. Richard Kent

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PRADZ SAPRE

## The unbearable lightness of being busy

There are few states of existence more natural for the average Yale student than the state of "busyness." Whether it is week seven, three or one of the semester, the most innocuous inquiries about a Yale student's well-being will often invite such answers as "so busy," "unbelievably stressed" and "so unbelievably encumbered by the crushing weight of the cosmos — symbolized by a math PSET." Even Atlas seems to pale in comparison to some STEM majors.

BUT BEHIND SELF-DESCRIPTIONS OF RUNNING FROM MEETING TO MEETING, THE LANGUAGE OF OBLIGATION AND OVERCOMMITMENT AND THE CORPORATE SENSE OF YOUR LIFE BEING "OVERSCHEDULED," LURK THE CONNOTATION THAT THE THINGS WE DO HERE ARE A BURDEN...

I'm convinced that some students lie in wait on Prospect and Wall Street, deliberately contorting their faces into expressions of defeat to solicit such unwitting questions as "How are you?" from a simple-minded passerby. They need little more than the twitch of an eyebrow to release the low, guttural moan they've been holding in, one whose length, they avow, is proportional to their prolonged academic suffering. Next, they launch into vivid descriptions of their laundry list of academic and non-academic obligations. By this point, the passerby is nowhere to be found, having jumped into a bush and hidden beneath a canopy of leaves or slipped away after the third repetition of the phrase "the grind."

My penchant for satire aside, much campus discourse at Yale is saturated with the language of busyness. Students perennially complain about being spread too thin and are as burdened by their readings as they are by their rehearsals, by pieces of poetry they hope to publish, by deliberations for sorority rush, by lab research and by their weekly radio shows.

Admittedly, there is much truth in this complaint of "busyness." I would be remiss not to admit that Yale students are both fastidious and widely talented, and they take their aca-

demic and extracurricular obligations equally seriously. It is one of the things that inspires me most about my classmates. It is also true that a constant striving for excellence in all realms can be exhausting.

But behind self-descriptions of running from meeting to meeting, the language of obligation and overcommitment and the corporate sense of your life being "overscheduled," lurk the connotation that the things we do here are a burden, and the pursuit of knowledge and the self-edification of extracurriculars is cumbersome, a daily chore.

As a second-semester senior, I often dwell on what I will miss about this school when I graduate — the abundance of friendships, Tuesday-night horror movies, weekend retreats, the morning we spent sitting by the lake talking about climbing trees, drunken Wenzels, cocktail discourse, all the dancing, roast beef toast and the sheer strangeness of it all. Not much has changed since my first day on campus. I have always been a creature of nostalgia. Only recently have I begun to reflect on the joys of being a student. Never again will it be my responsibility to sit and bask in dazzling ideas, to think about corporal politics and zombification, peroxidases in the abstract, mimesis and Alyosha Karamazov and Proust.

A majority of us will enter desk jobs as soon as we graduate. I will leave invectives about consulting to the idealists and those with fewer conflicts of interest. But whether you want to be a scribe, a journalist, a paralegal or a banker, the marketing director of an NGO or a PhD student, you will spend much of your day sitting at the same desk in the same office building, endlessly typing away at a laptop. Even if you find the most existentially fulfilling job in the world and are paid to contemplate scintillating, stirring ideas, your daily life will never be as varied as it is today. You will never again be an economist and a historian, a biologist and a literary critic over the course of a single day; your daily routine will never again span four buildings and 14 dining halls. We move from campus to cubicle. It is the way of life.

Even the luxury of being "stressed" by a cappella elections, the need to socially engineer your improv group's retreat activities, hours of writing and editing and writing for your college newspaper, three-hour-long presentations detailing the story of your life to people you've come to love and who love you back — all these stressors shall diminish in time, variety and in the joy they provide. If one of these activities remains in your life after college, it will probably do so at the expense of the rest.

This is not to proclaim that life after college is dystopian or that graduation marks your entry into the unending drudgery of late-

stage capitalism, with the only respite being the dwindling possibility of love — assuming it, too, does not become commodified by the time we are in our mid-twenties. In some ways, life after college might be freer, easier. We might have our weekends to ourselves. The work day might end when the work day ends. And yet, it will never again be college. It is not my hope to invalidate the experience of busyness, but simply to reframe it.

Like Tomáš in Milan Kundera's "The Unbearable Lightness of Being," we must grapple with the absence of any Nietzschean eternal recurrence or recurrence at all. Once our time at Yale is up, it is up forever. There is no way to get back these years or hope they will persist ad infinitum; thus the "lightness" of being that Kundera describes. Without the "heaviness" of our choices reverberating through time for all eternity, we are forced to appreciate how ephemeral our Yale years are, and we are compelled to find new ways to imbue our choices with gravity and meaning. It is an unwavering commitment to the things we do, in spite of their impermanence, that can serve this function.

YOU WILL NEVER AGAIN BE AN ECONOMIST AND A HISTORIAN, A BIOLOGIST AND A LITERARY CRITIC OVER THE COURSE OF A SINGLE DAY. YOUR DAILY ROUTINE WILL NEVER AGAIN SPAN FOUR BUILDINGS AND 14 DINING HALLS. WE MOVE FROM CAMPUS TO CUBICLE.

Let us revel in the lightness of being, even in the lightness of being busy. Bask in the chaos, the abundance, the diversity of things you do here. Find joy in the long, guttural moans and the cosmic burden of the 300-word reading responses. You will miss them someday.

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## FROM THE FRONT

*"Rita: Why would anyone wanna steal a Groundhog? Larry: I can think of a couple of reasons, Pervert."*  
'GROUNDHOG DAY' MOVIE

## CT legislature set to propose a legacy admissions ban, Yale opposed

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last year. Thirty-two percent of the committee's members -- seven of the total 22 -- were elected for the first time in 2023, including Johnson and Arzeno. These seven members were not part of the legislature when the first bill to ban legacy admissions was proposed and affirmative action has been overturned throughout their time in office.

"In the legislature, you can never assume that just because something passed before or didn't pass that people are going to take the same direction," Slap said of the new face of the legislature.

The upcoming bill comes as several other states have also begun to discuss bans on legacy preference.

On Jan. 23, the Virginia state Senate unanimously passed a bill that would ban legacy admissions at public universities only. The

bill will soon face a vote on the House floor, and if passed, will be brought to Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin to sign into law. Legislators in New York, Pennsylvania, California and Massachusetts have discussed or presented similar bills.

Haddad speculated that Yale, while resistant to government regulation, might be more likely to end legacy admissions on its own terms.

"They would probably prefer to do it themselves and to be told by the legislature to end [legacy preference]," he said.

University President Peter Salovey revealed at a panel in October that Yale opened a self-review of its use of legacy preference. He said that Yale's deliberations were focusing on whether the use of legacy preference was hampering the University's ability to diversify its applicant pool.

In July, the Department of Education also opened a probe into legacy admissions, responding to a federal complaint alleging that Harvard is violating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by favoring white applicants.

The next legislative session will begin on Feb. 7.

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The Connecticut state legislature is set to propose a ban on legacy preference for both public and private universities, which would be first in the nation if passed. / Tim Tai, Senior Photographer

## Bulldogs to face off against Tigers in Ivy showdown at home Friday night

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"Princeton's offense has been at its best this season when they've been able to make individual plays, and from that draw help and kick out for open 3's," Jones wrote. "We have to contain the ball, and contest the 3 point line."

Yale struggled to contest the three-point line against Princeton last year, allowing them to hit 32 of 76 threes -- 42.1 percent -- across three separate matchups.

The Elis have struggled to defend the long ball at times this season, allowing over 40 percent from three in losses to Weber

State, Rhode Island and Kansas. Since the start of Ivy play, though, Yale has brought its opponents' three-point percentage down to 29.7 percent, from 34.5 percent on the season as a whole.

They'll need to be stingy on the perimeter to keep the Tigers in their cage on Friday night.

**Unlocking Mahoney and Poulakidas**

Yale's defining feature on offense is its versatility. With four of its five starters averaging more than 10 points per game, and guard August Mahoney '24, 9.2ppg, not far behind, the Bulldogs are a

tricky offense to prepare against because they can score in a variety of ways. This season, five different Yale players have recorded over a 20-point performance.

But one thing is for certain: Yale's offense is far more dangerous when its sharpshooting guard duo, Mahoney and John Poulakidas '25, are able to find open shots.

The Bulldogs have an average point differential of 14.2 in games where the two combine for more than five made threes.

Unlocking space for Mahoney and Poulakidas to shoot is key for Yale against stronger competition like Princeton, who have the personnel

to stifle the Bulldogs' other primary scoring threats like forward Danny Wolf '26 and guard Bez Mbeng '25.

**Matchups to watch**

Mbeng, the reigning Ivy League Defensive Player of the Year, will have a tough task ahead of him in Princeton point guard Xaivian Lee.

The Tigers offense runs through Lee, a sophomore who leads the league in scoring with 17.7 points per game and has multiple 30-point performances on the season.

Another matchup to watch will be Yale's Tom Wolf against Princeton's Caden Pierce. Pierce, a 6'7" sophomore, averages 14.6

ppg and 9.4 rebounds, second only in the Ivy League to Wolf, at 9.6 rebounds. Wolf will have a key role in keeping Pierce and the Tigers off the offensive boards and limiting opportunities for second-chance points.

Winning these matchups will be key to Yale's success Friday night. And pleasing the home crowd, which is likely to be sold out for "white-out night."

Tip-off will be at 7 p.m. in John J. Lee Amphitheater.

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# NEWS

*"The groundhog is like most other prophets; it delivers its prediction and then disappears."*  
 BILL VAUGHN AMERICAN WRITER

## Presidential search report shows student opinions on free speech, diversity, mental health

BY BENJAMIN HERNANDEZ  
 STAFF REPORTER

Throughout its presidential search process, the University has solicited community input through listening sessions for faculty, students and alumni, interviews and a survey conducted by a Student Advisory Council.

Although senior University trustee Joshua Bekenstein '80, who leads the selection process, shared "a few of the consistent themes" that emerged from the community input in a Monday morning email, the full report — compiled by the Student Advisory Council, or SAC — was not released.

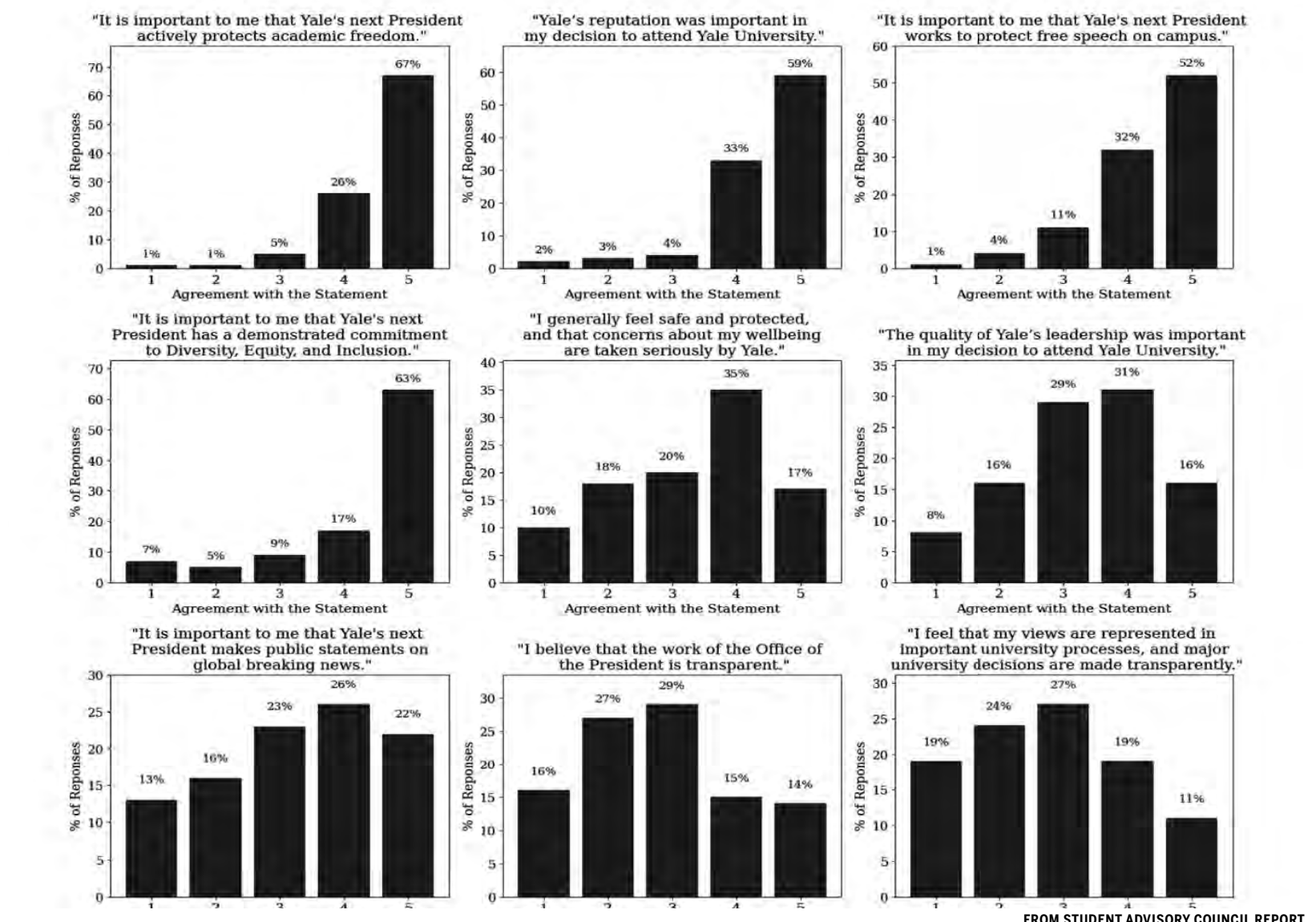
The News obtained the full internal report.

The full SAC report that the News obtained discusses topics not explicitly mentioned in Bekenstein's Monday email, including free speech and academic freedom on campus, student mental health and diversity, equity and inclusion. According to the report, its results were finalized one week ago and a preliminary version was compiled by Nov. 20 and shared with the search committee on Dec. 8.

Bekenstein's email is the first public update that the committee has released in three months since its last email to the Yale community on Oct. 23.

Bekenstein wrote that although the task of synthesizing the large amount of "thoughtful and insightful responses" the Search Committee received is "impossible," the committee found "consistent themes" from the results of the SAC's survey and the over 2,000 faculty, students, alumni and staff who chimed in through listening sessions, interviews and individual messages sent to the search committee. The email summarized these themes in a list of seven broad points.

The SAC, tasked with collecting input on the qualities and characteristics that students look for in University President Peter Salovey's successor, is the first of its kind in a Yale presidential search. The SAC was announced by the Search Committee following widespread student demand for a student voice in the search and, according to the report, is modeled after a "similar" student advisory committee at Harvard University.



The News obtained a copy of the complete SAC report, finalized last week, which was summarized in an email sent to the Yale community by Senior Trustee of the Yale Corporation.

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The SAC's 21-page report lists six "personal qualities" students want the search to prioritize and

a list of "university-wide challenges students find most pressing." Among those are student mental health, maintaining a diverse student body and addressing climate change.

The SAC report concludes with a list of 585 responses submitted as potential questions that the Search Committee could ask candidates.

The University did not immediately respond to requests for com-

ment Monday evening.

There are 12 elected students on the Student Advisory Committee with four representatives from Yale College, four graduate students and four students from the professional schools. The presidents of the GSA, GPSS and YCC serve as members ex-officio.

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View the full report online:



## Corporation remains silent on presidential search, vetting process

BY BENJAMIN HERNANDEZ  
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This Wednesday will mark five months since the Yale Corporation — the University's 16-member board of trustees — officially began its search for Yale's 24th president. Although the Search Committee emailed several progress updates to the Yale community throughout the opening weeks of the search, it has now been over three months since the last such update.

Amid national scrutiny surrounding presidential conduct and qualifications at several of Yale's peer institutions, the Corporation has yet to comment on how it plans to vet its next leader, nor has it divulged qualities and characteristics it may be seeking.

Less than two months into Yale's last presidential search — which culminated in the appointment of current University President Peter Salovey — the Search Committee released a set of nine characteristics that it would look for in the next president. No similar list has been made available during the current search process.

On Nov. 30, the News reached out to the University spokesperson to inquire about any updates in the search process. The News has reached out to University officials again at least ten times since then — with no direct response — inquiring about how controversies at peer universities, including the public resignations of Harvard University president Claudine Gay and University of Pennsylvania president Liz Magill '88, could impact Yale's own search process, but the University declined to comment. Similarly, University officials declined to offer specifics about the vetting process for potential candidates, which may be especially pertinent given the plagiarism allegations raised against Gay during her final weeks in office.

The searches that led to Salovey's appointment and to the appointment of former Yale president Richard Levin took 65 days and 10 months, respectively. Salovey's appointment was expedited, in part, due to two simultaneous presidential searches at peer



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In light of toppled leadership at Harvard and Penn — and after months of silence — Yale's Presidential Search Committee has refused to disclose where it stands in its process.

institutions — namely, Princeton University and Dartmouth College. Yale is now joined by three other elite universities seeking new presidents; still, the process seems to be moving slower than last time.

"The search committee will benefit greatly from a robust and inclusive process," Corporation senior trustee Joshua Bekenstein '80, who is leading the search committee for Salovey's successor, wrote in his Aug. 31 email. "It is of the utmost importance that we actively seek input from the Yale community, and the trustees are fully committed to engaging with students, faculty, staff, and alumni."

In September, the Yale College Council, the Graduate Student Assembly and the Graduate and Professional Student Senate drafted a resolution calling for students to be formally incorporated into the Search Committee. Following student demand, the Search Committee announced the incorporation of a Student Advisory Council to the search process that would include four students each who are undergraduates, graduates and professional students. The SAC was tasked with gathering input from students across the University, hosting listening sessions and soliciting responses to an anonymous feedback form.

Yalies and external experts in education have also called for diversity at the institution's top post. Of its 23 presidents, Yale has never been led by a person of color. And except for Hanna Holborn Gray, who served as acting president following the resignation of Kingman Brewster Jr. '41, the University has also never had a woman at the helm.

Former dean of Harvard College Harry Lewis previously told the Harvard Crimson that transparency was not considered a top priority in collegiate presidential searches because it could increase the possibility of name leaks.

He added that a wholly transparent process might cause some high-profile candidates to refuse consideration to prevent facing issues "at their home institutions or the institution that they're now leading."

"A fully-transparent process, where everybody knows who all the candidates are, will have very quickly a very small pool," Lewis told the Crimson.

Last week, the News published a list of five key questions about Yale's presidential search in light of recent turmoil at peer universities.

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## NEWS

“I fell in love with you on Valentine’s day, Emilie, but I need more than just seven minutes.”

LYNN PAINTER, THE DO-OVER

## New Haven Climate Movement holds rally in front of City Hall

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This past Friday, members of the New Haven community gathered in front of City Hall to protest the city’s lack of urgency in reducing emissions and local air pollution.

The New Haven Climate Movement led the rally, demanding that the city hire staff to accelerate the move away from a car-centered transportation system, provide free bus passes for New Haven youth, electrify all bus fleets and create school programs that support cleaner transportation alternatives.

“Pollutants from cars, buses, trains, airplanes and many more forms of transportation act as the number one player in causing climate change,” Suprya Sakar, a member of the New Haven Climate Movement Youth Action Team, announced to the crowd. “As oil-filled cars fill up the streets, millions of people living within marginalized communities suffer from the consequences of such harmful pollutants.”

The event was also organized to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. and his peaceful political protests. Members of the New Haven Climate Movement gave credit to Dr. King for his work in paving the way for others to hold organized protests.

The event also celebrated Transportation Equity Day and the United Nations’ new International Clean Energy Day, which was the same day as the rally.

“We dream of a public transportation system that is equitable and accessible, where all New Haveners, especially low-in-



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The New Haven Climate Movement Youth Action Team organized a protest the city’s lack of clean transportation options.

come students, have access to free bus passes, safe bike lanes and other forms of public and low-carbon transportation,” said Sophia Rivkin, another member of the New Haven Climate Movement.

The two advocates also announced their dreams for the New Haven government to serve its citizens over institutions, for a pollution-reducing transportation system, for the hiring of a city transportation planner and

for the electrification of both city and school buses.

They emphasized that these dreams could become reality and encouraged attendees of the event to demand immediate action from the New Haven government.

The New Haven Climate Movement also hosted various speakers from other organizations to share their dreams for the New Haven transportation system.

“What I truly dream of is a place where no student has to ride a yellow bus anymore because they have a safe way to get to school, whether that’s walking, biking or taking a city bus,” Joshua Glaab, president of the New Haven Bike Club and member of the New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation.

According to Glaab, the bike infrastructure in New Haven does not match that the bike was invented in the Elm City.

The rally also heard from Alex Rodriguez, the environmental justice specialist for Save the Sound, an organization that leads environmental action across the Long Island Sound region.

Rodriguez told the crowd that asthma, caused by extreme air pollution, is the leading cause of absenteeism in Connecticut public schools. He encouraged participants at the rally to demand complete electrification of cars and buses in Connecticut by 2040.

The rally concluded by sharing some of the dreams residents of New Haven had submitted to the New Haven Climate Movement for the future of transportation. These dreams included an effective and reliable transportation system and a focus on train and bus infrastructure for low income communities.

The patent for the modern bicycle was filed in New Haven in 1866.

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## L.L. Bean to leave Broadway in February

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L.L. Bean, a staple of Broadway, will be leaving the city in mid-February in a move that marks the closing of a second Connecticut store for the chain in a three-year period.

The company closed their outlet in Orange, Conn., in 2019 but still has stores in South Windsor and Danbury.

The decision, which was announced earlier this year, aims to help the company optimize its customer service and general operations.

“This decision comes as we evolve the size and concept of our stores to best serve customers going forward,” reads L.L. Bean’s

statement to the News. “While it is difficult to close a location, we are undertaking the closure with great care for our employees and with the knowledge we can continue to serve Connecticut customers,” referencing their online and other stores.

James Sinclair, a music director who lives in the city, was shocked by the decision, considering L.L. Bean had outlasted competitors in the area, including Patagonia, which closed in 2022.

“It seemed like a perfect fit here. And they drove out to businesses that were somewhat parallel,” Sinclair said.

Other patrons were not surprised by L.L. Bean’s departure as a result of the franchise’s limited

availability and lack of merchandise variation at the outlet.

Sylvia Van Sinderin, another patron, found the franchise’s limited focus challenging and described difficulty finding clothing from L.L. Bean’s website.

“Well, the store was never big enough. With a very limited focus and a lot of the things that I usually get from L.L. Bean weren’t available here anyway,” Van Sinderin said. “But I do miss being able to pop in and they were good. If they didn’t have a pair of shoes in stock you can just get on your computer. But I’ll miss the in-person service. It’s always been good service here.”

She also highlighted the lack of non-student centric items

and clothing.

Others shared similar sentiments, including Savannah Eastler ’26.

Broadway’s L.L. Bean didn’t quite capture “the spirit” of the chain, according to Eastler, who cited its small space and location on Broadway. “I think that maybe you can’t be half an L.L. Bean and that was sort of half an L.L. Bean. If you’re not ginormous and in the middle of the woods and you also don’t have like three stories and sell fishing poles, you’re not a real L.L. Bean.”

A future tenant for 272 Elm St. has not been selected, but there are a few businesses vying for the space.

David DelVecchio, a director of real estate and asset management for Yale, highlighted the potential for another fashion retailer occupying

the building. According to him, this business could be open later this year.

Van Sinderin hopes that the new tenant is a business that lasts, especially after the past few years’ series of closures.

“I just want someone who’s committed. Maybe not a chain because ... it’s really easy to go online and just shop there unless you’re looking for something unique,” Sinderin said. “And it’s just kind of fun to go shopping the old way.”

L.L. Bean’s New Haven location opened in August 2018.

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## NEWS

*"We can all escape from whatever dilemma we're in by adopting the correct attitude."*

MICHAEL FAUST, AUTHOR

## Construction trends show city efforts to revitalize waterfronts

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Over the past five years, six New Haven developments have cropped up along coastlines and riverbanks, representing a recent trend in city efforts to revitalize its waterfronts.

Historically, New Haven's proximity to the water served a largely economic purpose, facilitating the movement of commercial goods in and out of the harbor. However, recent developments including the effects of climate change and the call for more housing in the city have led city representatives to rethink the significance and use of the city's coastlines.

"As our value for the water and the waterfront has changed over the decades, we've realized that there are different and perhaps more valuable uses for that land," explained Laura Brown, executive director of the City Plan Department.

Changing attitudes have manifested in several construction projects that seek to revitalize the city's connection to the water. The largest of these projects is the Long Wharf Responsible Growth Plan, an ongoing construction plan that envisions the development of five waterfront neighborhoods in the Long Wharf area linked together by a park and walkway.

The construction at Long Wharf seeks to foster connectivity between city residents and the coastline while also boosting economic growth. Brown explained that the construction will facilitate access to the shoreline and help foster a communal appreciation for the waterfront. Additionally, commercial developments will attract more residents to Long Wharf, fueling the economic vitality of businesses already present in the area, including the Long Wharf food trucks.

In partnership with Fusco Corp., a construction management company, the plan also entails the construction of a 500-unit residential complex that will help to address



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Several waterside developments, including construction at Long Wharf along with new cycling trails and housing complexes, underscore broader city efforts to revive the city's waterfronts.

the need for additional housing in the city.

New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker explained how recent regulations regarding water pollution have improved the cleanliness of waterways, increasing the desirability of residing in waterfront neighborhoods.

"There's been more interest in beautifying cities and embracing cities as a source of residential housing that was not the focus 40 or 50 years ago," Elicker said.

In addition to bolstering community and financial development in the Long Wharf sector, the plan will prioritize coastal resiliency in response to climate change. City Engineer Giovanni Zinn explained that the coastal location of Long Wharf made the area susceptible to flooding.

In accordance with the Long Wharf Responsible Growth

Plan, the city has built over 200 bioswales in the downtown area that will address this threat, facilitating drainage and thus reducing the potential for flooding.

According to Zinn, much of the remaining construction outlined in the plan is set to begin in 2024.

"It is our responsibility not only to do something that's resilient and responsible from a climate perspective but also serves all the needs of residents... needs for jobs, for education, for opportunity," Zinn said.

Other construction projects throughout the city similarly look to revitalize the city's waterfronts and facilitate movement between the waterfront and the city center.

Brown discussed the recent opening of Hotel Marcel, which is located in the Long Wharf district and includes a view of the water-

front. The Hotel, which was originally built in 1970 as the headquarters of the Armstrong Rubber Company, repurposes historic brutalist architecture to draw people to the New Haven waterfront.

According to Brown, development in New Haven has largely occurred in the form of "redevelopment" — in other words, maximizing the use of space in previously developed areas.

Additionally, the city is looking to install a new bicycle and walking trail in partnership with the Shoreline Greenway Trail initiative, which includes building a 25-mile corridor that runs from East Haven to Madison. The city is also looking to expand the Mill River Trail, which will link different areas of the city while improving public access to the waterfront.

These developments also highlight a shift away from constructions that have historically cut off public access to the city's waterfront. According to Brown, urban renewal decisions in the 1950s and 60s led to the construction of the Route 34 highway which ran through the city and cut off neighborhoods from the shoreline. Ongoing efforts such as the Downtown Crossing initiative, Brown said, will seek to reverse these impacts, transforming Route 34 into a system of urban boulevards reconnecting New Haven neighborhoods.

These waterfront developments are not limited to the coastline — riverfront developments similarly seek to make use of existing waterways within the city.

One such effort includes the ongoing construction of a 10,000-square-foot commercial-industrial building at the former site of the Bigelow Boiler Co. on River Street.

Elicker said that he views River Street as a "major opportunity" for the city to "embrace the waterfront and connect people to it again," and emphasized his belief that the city should focus on residential development in the area in addition to industrial development.

Ongoing construction at 500 Blake St. in Westville is expected to provide 129 additional units of market-rate housing. Melissa Agron, a principal architect working on the project, explained that the project seeks to revitalize access to the neighboring West River through the construction of a multi-use riverside pathway.

Elicker described reconnecting with the waterfront as a "broader pattern" that characterizes recent constructions in New Haven.

"There's been a realization by many cities that the waterfront is a very important asset," Elicker said.

The Long Wharf Development Plan was first adopted in 2019.

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## Faculty and administration raise alarm on grade inflation, 'no plans' to change grading policy

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Recent reporting by the News revealed a decade of previously unpublished grading data. All but one of the eight faculty members and administrators interviewed by the News expressed concerns about rising grade inflation.

The data showed a spike in grade inflation during the 2020-21 school year, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Three years later, grade inflation at Yale has yet to return to its pre-pandemic rate.

"Grade inflation is a problem in that it undermines our ability to recognize true excellence," Edward Rugemer, director of undergraduate studies for history, wrote the News. "But I do not think this is a Yale problem alone. At present, the History Department is not taking any measures to reduce grade inflation."

Yale's report indicates that, in 2020-21, the percentage of Yale College A-range grades — including A's and A-'s — rose from 72.95 to 81.97 percent, while the mean GPA rose from 3.64 to 3.74. By the 2022-23 school year, these figures stand at 78.97 and 3.70 percent, respectively. A recent story by The Harvard Crimson indicates that 79 percent of grades awarded at Harvard College in 2020-21 fell in the A range.

Data on Yale's grading distribution have not been available in over a decade prior to the November report, which was sent to the News with the permission of Dean of Yale College Pericles Lewis in the interest of "promot[ing] transparency."

Lewis did not respond to a request for comment, but Senior Associate Dean of Strategic Initiatives and Communications Paul McKinley confirmed that there are "no changes planned to address grade compression this year."

Professor Meg Urry, chair of Yale's FAS senate, said that grade inflation is not a topic the senate has discussed, adding that she does

not think it would rise to a more "prominent level."

But Shelly Kagan, a professor of philosophy known for being a "difficult grader," told the News about his concerns with "grade compression."

Kagan explained that unlike price inflation, which is countered by steadily raising prices, grading has an upper bound, with nowhere to go above A. Yale does not use A+, although Kagan speculated on the possibility of introducing it.

"That leads to grade compression, where A's no longer impart any genuinely useful information, whether to the students or to others who might look at the transcripts," Kagan said. "That is very unfortunate."

Kagan added that it "never ceases to surprise" him how Yale students and fellow faculty members view grades below A's as bad, despite how Yale defines a B as "good."

Although the grading report indicated a shift in grade inflation with the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kagan speculates that it has existed since the 1960s.

He explained that grade inflation is self-reinforcing, becoming more prevalent as more and more professors give out A's to avoid disappointing students.

"The more A's are handed out, the more disappointed students are to not receive an A," Kagan told the News.

Yale attempted to combat grade inflation in 2013, when then-Yale College Dean Mary Miller created an "Ad Hoc Committee on Grading" to address climbing mean GPAs. Two of the committee's proposals passed, one allowing department chairs to see an annual report of the previous year's grade distributions for all departments, and the other an annual departmental meeting to discuss grading practices, with chairs reporting these discussions to the Dean of Yale College.

But the other two committee recommendations, which proposed a change from letter grades



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In response to a grading report obtained by the News in November, professors in various departments spoke about the causes of rising grades, potential solutions and how grade inflation may affect Yale academics moving forward.

to numerical grades and the establishment of non-mandatory grading guidelines, were rejected by Yale's faculty.

"If this upward trend does not cease, grades will continue to lose meaning both internally and externally; our entire academic endeavor is in jeopardy," Miller wrote in a spring 2014 report. "Even as we continue discussions in Yale College, I ask you to take steps immediately to be sure that grades rise no further."

At the time, the most up-to-date data indicated that 62 percent of grades awarded to Yale College students in spring 2012 fell in the A-range.

Stefanie Markovits, director of undergraduate studies for English, attributed the rise in grade inflation to increased opportunities for students to submit drafts and

revisions. Many hardworking students, who previously would have received B+'s, she said, now receive an A-.

"The papers are better for the work they put in, and I think they have learned a lot in the process," Markovitz said. "So I personally am happy to live with this particular part of the 'inflation,' whatever feelings I have about the rest of it."

She added that, as DUS, her approach has been to remind colleagues at regular intervals to only give A grades to the strongest students, rather than those who are capable and hard-working but not extraordinary.

Michael Surry Schlabs, the DUS of Architecture, said that grade inflation routinely comes up in faculty meetings, and that most faculty members would

like to see GPAs return to a pre-pandemic level, at least. But he expressed skepticism at this possibility.

"Until college GPA stops being a major concern in employee hiring and grad school admissions decisions, I don't know how we solve this, short of ditching A-F grades altogether, in favor of more personalized evaluation methods," Schlabs said. "That wouldn't be a bad thing, in my opinion, but it does sound like an awful lot of work."

Professors have the option to fill out an end-of-term report for students who do "truly exceptional work."

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## NEWS

*“One swallow maketh not summer; nor one woodcock a winter.”*

WILLIAM CAMDEN ENGLISH ANTIQUARIAN AND HISTORIAN

## Admin preps new space for Middle Eastern, North African students

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In December, University President Peter Salovey promised a “more plentiful and fully dedicated space” for Middle Eastern and North African students — the lack of which has long been a source of student outcry.

Following the models of the current four cultural houses — the Afro-American Cultural Center, the Asian American Cultural Center, the Native American Cultural Center and La Casa Cultural — MENA students will have its own dedicated space, peer liaisons and an assistant director, per Senior Associate Dean of Strategic Initiatives and Communications Paul McKinley.

Salovey’s public commitment to establish a MENA space is the culmination of Yale College Council lobbying and student group organizing, dating back to at least 2018. In the spring of 2022, the AACC dedicated a room on its third floor to MENA students, which since has hosted affiliated student organizations, such as the MENA Students Association, Arab Students Association, Persian Students at Yale and Yale Armenian Network.

In September, the inaugural AACC-MENA peer liaisons spoke with the News about the difficulty of keeping track of the racial demographics and identifying their PLees. McKinley wrote that the new space will have its own peer liaisons, independent of the AACC.

Following Salovey’s announcement, AACC Dean Joliana Yee was put in charge of a search this month for the MENA Assistant Director in preparation for hiring someone in time for the upcoming fall semester, according to a written statement by McKinley. Furthermore, McKinley

told the News that Yee has already reached out to the current AACC-MENA peer liaisons for input on qualities for the candidate.

“Since starting my tenure at Yale in 2018, the AACC and the other cultural centers have always been supportive of MENA-identified students in their efforts to have increased programming and resources to celebrate their distinct cultures and histories,” Yee wrote to the News.

Zahra Yarali ’24, co-head AACC Peer Liaison and the first MENA-identifying PL at the AACC, also expressed appreciation for Yee’s efforts to incorporate students’ opinions in the process.

Yarali wrote that Yee asked for her general input when drafting the job description.

“That’s one way I appreciated how intentional she’s being about including students throughout the hiring process,” Yarali said.

Although unable to provide any prospective addresses of a potential MENA cultural space, McKinley, wrote to the News that they “expect to have a suite of rooms for the MENA space not far from the AACC,” which will “replace the existing space in the AACC and provide additional functions such as a kitchen.”

In order to fund this space, McKinley added that a current priority is determining the size of Yale College’s MENA community. However, because of the limitations of the United States Census — which only has options for “white,” “Black,” “American Indian or Alaska Native,” “Asian” and “Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander” — students have not had any opportunity to identify as MENA formally in the University’s system, and the admissions office and Student Information Services do not recognize MENA status. As a result, McKinley

wrote to the News that the YCDO will be working with student groups to help identify students across the broad range of countries and cultural and socio-religious identities that the MENA label includes.

This problem of not being able to formally track MENA students has proven difficult for the AACC-MENA peer liaisons, who did not have an official way of identifying their potential PLees at the beginning of the year, unlike other cultural centers, who receive lists of their potential students.

Similar to the AACC, the Af-Am House has also affiliated with and provided support for various MENA student organizations, such as the Arab Student Association and Yale Muslim Students Association. In response to Salovey’s announcement of the MENA space, Af-Am House Dean Timeica Bethel told the News that she imagines that The Af-Am House’s involvement with MENA communities will continue.

“I envision the House collaborating on programming and events with the MENA cultural house, just as we do with the other cultural centers and affinity spaces on campus,” Bethel wrote to the News.

Salovey’s announcement creating the new MENA space came amid student concerns about safety amid the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza and the resulting campus tensions.

Palestinian and Muslim students expressed safety concerns following the shooting of three Palestinian students in Vermont. Concerns also grew in October when messages declaring “Death to Palestine” were written on a Grace Hopper College whiteboard, and in November when at least 15 students had their personal information displayed on “doxxing trucks” that drove through New Haven.



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Administrators told the News that MENA students will have dedicated spaces, peer liaisons and an assistant director hired by the fall semester.

On Oct. 7, Hamas launched a surprise attack against Israel, killing 1,200 people and taking more than 250 hostages, according to Israel’s Foreign Ministry. Israel then launched a full military offensive in Gaza, and as of Jan. 26, has killed at least 26,000 Palestinians in Gaza, according to the Gaza Health Ministry.

Also in Salovey’s December announcement, titled “Against Hatred,” were steps to combat antisemitism and Islamophobia on Yale’s campus, including two standing committees on Jewish life and MENA and Muslim life. Salovey further promised permanent security at the Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life and noted one incident of physical confrontation on campus against a student wearing a keffiyeh.

In addition to the MENA space, the announcement pledged to hire a second Muslim chaplain, although none has yet been hired. In December, Yale’s chapter of the Muslim Students Association called on the University to hire additional staff to support Muslim life at Yale, such as a female assistant Muslim chaplain and more Muslim mental health counselors.

Yale’s first cultural center, the Afro-American Cultural Center, was established in 1969.

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## Administration to extend FroCos’ full room and board coverage indefinitely



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In June, the Yale College Dean’s Office announced a one-time FroCo pay increase to cover the full cost of room and board for the current class of counselors, while committing to review its pre-existing FroCo pay scheme.

BY TRISTAN HERNANDEZ  
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With the hiring process for the 2024-25 cohort of first-year counselors now in motion, the University told the News that it will extend the full room and board coverage it offered to this year’s class of counselors to future classes, too.

The University provided the current class of FroCos with a one-time pay increase after the cohort sent a petition with over 600 signatures to the administration over the summer. The counselors had begun petitioning for higher wages in March 2023, and Dean of Student Affairs Hannah Peck announced in June that their compensation would include full room and board. However, increased compensation was not explicitly guaranteed to future FroCos in Peck’s initial announcement.

room and board, which will continue with the next generations of counselors,” Associate Dean of Residential College Life Ferentz Lafargue, who is now in charge of the FroCo program, wrote to the News.

In their initial petition last year, FroCos demanded higher wages to cover all living costs and also sought more communication and transparency from administrators regarding major policy decisions. After FroCos raised concerns during their first training session, Peck told the counselors that the administration would conduct an assessment of the FroCo program structure and compensation and keep the counselors informed about its progress. In April 2023, after seeing the “unusually large” size of the class of 2027, FroCos received a pay increase of about a thousand dollars. Then, in June, Peck emailed incoming FroCos to tell

gram in the future — and what wages would therefore be appropriate.

Lafargue wrote that the review is continuing through the spring semester, and administration “is still gathering information from the counselors,” so it can “provide them with the best support and hear their ideas for developing the program.”

But current Branford College FroCo Matthew Merritt ’24, one of four FroCos who served on a “FroCo Role Discussion group” with several College administrators, feels that the group’s meetings yielded “no actionable steps” and that there has been “little impetus to meaningfully change aspects of the FroCo role.”

He pointed out that at other institutions, such as Tufts University, resident assistants are provided a yearly stipend in addition to full room and board coverage.

“We’re not asking for the FroCo

amounts comparable to FroCo-like employees at our peer institutions.”

For the 2023-24 school year, Yale’s room and board cost is \$19,180. For counselors on full financial aid, “compensation is treated as job earnings with respect to financial aid awards,” according to the 2023-24 FroCo contract. Excess funds are given to counselors as a refund from the University — so whatever the difference between what a FroCo owes Yale, under the terms of their financial aid award, and what they earn as a FroCo is given to them through a check. Students on full financial aid, therefore, receive as pay the full value of Yale’s room and board, or \$19,180 this year.

Prior to the current class of FroCos, counselors were paid a stipend that varied by residential college. Counselors in Timothy Dwight College earned \$10,800, while FroCos

Merritt said that full room and board compensation “went a long way in helping this year’s FroCo class” and granted him financial support that “greatly expanded” his opportunities.

Pia Baldwin Edwards ’25, who applied to be a FroCo, wrote to the News that full room and board compensation was a “great incentive to get FroCos to apply,” especially for students whose families may struggle to pay for Yale’s tuition.

“I want to be a FroCo because I am an older sibling and think I would be a good mentor/enjoy being a mentor for first years, whose shoes I have been in,” Baldwin Edwards wrote. “Another big part of my desire to be a FroCo is definitely the room and board compensation, which would help my family out a lot.”

Yale’s first-year counselor pro-

## SPORTS

## Elis earn hard-fought victory



They will square off against the Union Garnet Chargers on Friday and then RPI on Saturday.

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into the best versions of ourselves to give us the best chance towards the end of the season.”

Another clear positive was the Bulldogs’ ability to limit a high-powered Quinnipiac power play. Although the Bobcats had four-man advantages, they weren’t able to cash in on a single one of them.

The following night, the Bulldogs squared off against a Sacred Heart team that fell to UConn in the other semi-final matchup. Although the Pioneers jumped out to a 1-0 lead, David Andreychuk’s ’27 third tuck of the year evened the score at the tail end of the first period. Just twenty-two seconds into the second period, Briggs Gammill ’25 put the Elis ahead when he capitalized on a defensive turnover by the Pioneers and fired a shot that trickled past their netminder.

Later, with just over thirteen minutes to go in the third, Tanaka-Campbell scored an absolute beauty. Not only did it turn out to be the game-winner, but it was also the sophomore forward’s first collegiate goal. He picked up the puck in the neutral zone, skated down the

wing, took one step to the middle and fired a laser through the SHU D-man that zipped right past their goaltender. For Tanaka-Campbell, this was a very special moment in his young NCAA career.

“Like every first goal, it’s something that you only live through once and this time around, it couldn’t have come at a better time,” he said. “You only get to play so many games in a Yale jersey, which means every game is extremely important. To be able to help our team to a win is one of the best feelings.”

However, in his correspondence with the News, Tanaka-Campbell revealed that this goal was much more meaningful than just a first collegiate tally.

“It was a milestone, of course, but I also took it as a way to thank all of my teammates and close people in my life for supporting me throughout my time at Yale,” he said. “I have been battling a lot of mental health issues and continue to do so today, and sometimes the road has been extremely tough to get through. The only thing I can say is that it’s thanks to everyone, especially my family and teammates, for being incredibly supportive of me that I am where I am

today, and this goal meant a lot for me as a way to express my gratitude to them.”

In the Saturday victory over Sacred Heart, Jack Stark also played a critical role, once again standing on his head. After coming off of a 35-save performance against the Bobcats, Stark stopped another 35 against the Pioneers. With Coach Allain increasingly leaning on the young goaltender, mindset and preparation have proven to be pivotal.

“Playing back-to-back is definitely tough, but I try to approach it as an opportunity and a challenge to better myself as a goalie,” said Stark. “It also helps going into games knowing how hardworking and defensively sound our team is. As far as adjusting to the NCAA schedule our strength coach Alex Mowatt-Larsen has been invaluable to helping me and our other freshmen adjust smoothly to college hockey.”

Stark, Tanaka-Campbell and the Bulldogs will return to Ingalls for two home games this weekend. They will square off against the Union Garnet Chargers on Friday and then RPI on Saturday.

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## Bulldogs look forward to Princeton game

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court, the result of each team’s aggression. At the end of the third, however, Harvard came out on top, 43-42.

The fourth quarter, what would be the end of a hard-fought battle, saw the Crimson jump out to a 6-point lead. They maintained this lead throughout the period, holding Yale to only ten points. Nyla McGill ’25 went 4-for-5 on the free throw line, while Thybulle and McDonald shot 1.000 for free throws. After Harvard point guard and team scoring leader Harmoni Turner called a timeout, the game dwindled to its final moments. A layup by Clark and a success-

ful steal from McGill brought the Bulldogs within four points at 45 seconds to go, but they could not capitalize. The game ended 61-52, the Crimson trumping the Blue and White.

Head coach Dalila Eshe told Yale Athletics that her team performed well, but could not finish the game.

“We executed a lot better,” she said. “We played a fantastic three quarters, but only shot 7.7 percent in the fourth.”

The Bulldogs will travel to New Jersey to face the Princeton Tigers (15-3, 6-0 Ivy) at 7 p.m. this Friday, Feb. 2 to continue Ivy play.

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YALE ATHLETICS

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## Runners stay strong for consecutive races

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han wrote to the News. “It gave our athletes a great opportunity to compete in the same building that will be host to the indoor NCAA Championships in March.”

On the men’s side of events, the sprinters started the day with some strong showings. Simon Jupp ’25 led the charge in the 400m, breaking the 50-second barrier with a 49.87-second finish, and Colin Quinn ’25 did the same in the 500m, taking second place overall with a Yale all-time top 10 finish of 1:03.29. Additionally, Jacob Kao ’25 and Kit Colson ’25 both placed second in their heat in the 200m, with Kao breaking the 22-second barrier at 21.99 and Colson clocking in not far off at 22.33.

In the field events, captain Matt Appel ’24 finished third in the weight throw with a 19.13m hurl, and in the relays, Kao, Quinn, Andrew Farr ’26 and Aaron Miller ’25 teamed up for a 3:14.30 finish, nearly cracking Yale’s all-time top 10 list.

“I think this meet, like every other meet, gave us more insights into what we need to do as a team to be more successful,” captain Matt Appel wrote to the News. “Overall I’m satisfied with the performances we put up this

week with the understanding that there is always more work to do. I do want to draw special attention to the men’s 4x4, who ran a great time with fantastic individual efforts on all four legs and beat Arizona’s 4x4 team and took a meet W.”

On the women’s side of events, Lucija Grd ’27 kicked things off for the Bulldogs, picking things up right where they left off. She finished with an 8.64-second clocking in the 60m hurdles, putting her right outside of her own school record set last week. Kyra Pretre ’24 and Claire Archer ’26 kept the pace up in the mile, taking first and second place with 4:52.83 and 4:53.82 efforts, respectively. Hebe Chadwick ’27 also set a PR in the 3000m with a 9:41.32 effort that placed her fifth. Among other strong performers were the Guerrier twins, with Gloria ’27 taking fourth at 55.86 in the 400m and Victoria ’27 taking second at 1:15.67 in the 500m. Fellow first-year Kalista Villatoro ’27 took fourth in the 800m with a finish of 2:13.10.

While most of the Bulldogs were in Boston, a few of their teammates, including Sean Kay ’24, Kenan Pala ’26 and Varun Oberai ’25, traveled to Columbia’s Dr. Sander Invitational

Columbia Challenge, where Kay and Pala established PR’s and all three finished within the top eight of 19 runners.

Yale looks to continue to build upon strong performances next weekend when they return to Boston for the second of three straight weeks to compete at both Harvard’s Crimson Elite and Boston University’s Bruce Leane Scarlet and White Invitational.

“We continue to focus on improving Heps through getting our athletes the training and experience they need,” head coach David Shoehalter wrote to the News. “This weekend, most of the team will head to Boston University, but we’re sending the men’s throwers to Harvard where they’ll benefit from better facilities. Additionally, after two straight weekends of competition, the women’s middle and long distance squads will take the weekend off to rest.”

After Friday, Feb. 2 at Harvard’s Crimson Elite and Saturday, Feb. 3 at Boston University’s Scarlet and White Invitational, the team will head back to BU for a two-day meet on Friday, Feb. 9 through Saturday, Feb. 10 for the David Hemery Valentine Invitational.

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YALE ATHLETICS

The team will head back to BU for a two-day meet for the David Hemery Valentine Invitational.

## Yalies excited to face Union College

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a game to St. Lawrence. “He is an elite skater.”

Since 2004, Yale has met RPI 36 times, leading the series 23-13. The Bulldogs are currently on a two-game winning streak and have won 12 of their past 13 contests.

Yale most recently faced RPI on Jan. 5 this year, when the Elis secured a 2-1 victory. In the middle of the second period, Chen earned Yale its first point when he split four defenders entering the offensive zone to fire a shot from the slot.

The Engineers answered back 16:11 into the third period when Rensselaer defenseman Jimmy Goffredo scored off an assist by forwards John Beaton and Ryan Brushett. 40 seconds later, however, Wooding passed to defenseman Ryan Conroy ’24, who shot the puck past RPI goalkeeper Brett Miller for the game-winner.

“I think that [last weekend’s] game was great for my confidence individually but for our team as a whole as well,” Stark said. “Knowing that as a group we have what it takes to go toe-to-toe with one of the best teams in the country gives us a lot of confidence as we head into the final stretch of the season.”

Last weekend, Union faced RPI in the 2024 Capital District Mayor’s Cup, logging a 5-3 win over the Engi-

neers. The Garnet Chargers dominated the game with a 31-25 lead in shots, as well as a 5-1 lead in power plays, one of which resulted in a goal by Union forward Ville Immonen in the third period.

Union defenseman Cullen Ferguson led the game in points, with a goal and two assists, and Union forward Josh Nixon had two assists. Union goalkeeper Kyle Chauvette made 22 saves during the contest.

RPI was able to secure the lead early in the second period, after a goal by forward Tyler Hotson in the first period and Brushett in the second. In an effort to regain their lead later in the second period, after Union scored twice in five minutes, RPI forward Dovar Tinling added the Engineers’ final goal of the night.

Playing in front of a goalkeeper with a .948 save percentage for the month of January, the Elis are ready to face their next two opponents and add two more wins to their record.

“Overall improvement as a team defensively is a factor [in our successes] as well,” Allain said. “Hockey is the ultimate team sport.”

On both Friday and Saturday, the puck is slated to drop at 7:00 p.m., and each game will be streamed live on ESPN+.

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# THROUGH THE LENS



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# SCITECH

*“This is one time where television really fails to capture the true excitement of a large squirrel predicting the weather.”*

PHIL CONNORS PROTAGONIST OF GROUNDHOG DAY

## CubeSat continues work on student-built satellite set to launch into outer space

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After a decade-long project, the Yale Undergraduate Aerospace Association, or YUAA, is gearing up to launch a satellite into outer space in the coming year.

Through their CubeSat project, YUAA aims to send a device called a cosmic ray detector aboard a NASA rocket into orbit around the Earth. Though the initiative began in 2015, it has faced delays — most recently, one of their computers catching fire — which has bumped their target completion date from winter 2024 to 2025.

Still, CubeSat co-leads Rome Thorstenson '25 and Matilda Vary '25 are hopeful that the decade-long effort will soon bear fruit. Since the program's start, two full “generations” of students have graduated, Thorstenson said. When he joined the group as a first year, he was brand new to the field.

“It's been a really rewarding experience to go from complete beginner... to then helping others learn those skills,” Thorstenson said. “It's really cool to work on code that will be run in space, on a satellite — to just take a moment to sit back and appreciate that.”

CubeSats are a class of cost-efficient, miniature cube-shaped satellites: the standard dimensions are 10 by 10 by 10 centimeters. The Yale CubeSat will carry a cosmic ray detector,

also being built by the team, which will gather data on particles streaming into Earth's atmosphere from the sun and distant galaxies.

To fund their space-bound project, CubeSat receives funding from YUAA, which in turn received \$13,000 from the School of Engineering & Applied Science this year to distribute across all four of YUAA's projects — CubeSat included. The project also receives funding from a variety of sponsors, including the Yale Science and Engineering Association and the NASA Connecticut Space Grant Consortium.

Once finished, the satellite will be handed off to NASA and then put on a rocket. The team estimates that it should remain in orbit for roughly nine months.

Getting involved in CubeSat doesn't require any background in aerospace. As a result, onboarding — in which recruits are taught what they need to know to contribute effectively — is extensive and critical, said Vary, who heads the mechanical division of the project.

But as a student group that meets on Saturdays, learning to build a satellite is still largely informal. For Ava Schwarz '27, who recently joined the hardware team designing the cosmic ray detector, older mentors are a key part of the learning process.

“A very significant part of the process is learning from older students who are able to take the knowledge that they've [gained]

through trial and error and teach it to you,” said Schwarz.

According to Thorstenson, the data gathered by the cosmic ray detector could help other satellites avoid hazards. For example, in a region above the Atlantic Ocean called the South Atlantic Anomaly, he explained, intense magnetic radiation can interfere with electrical equipment on board satellites.

As the CubeSat satellite spirals around the planet and passes through those high-risk regions, the team plans to collect data on where cosmic radiation is most intense — and most dangerous. They don't, however, yet have a plan to send their data to partner organizations.

“A bunch of cosmic rays flying around can cause bit-flips [and] other problems,” said Thorstenson. “So it's very useful to know where the danger zones are.”

For Vary, the CubeSat project's purpose is more than just scientific. While the data the cosmic ray detector will collect is scientifically important, she said she believes that launching a Yale-created satellite could be a milestone for the University's engineering community.

“I think it's important to realize [that] the scientific object of this satellite is very interesting and will provide data that hasn't necessarily been provided before, but ... really, the idea of this is to get a Yale-created satellite into space [and] prove that a not-

so-large engineering program is capable of doing this,” Vary said.

However, the initiative has faced technical issues, which have delayed the expected launch date by nearly a year.

Right before the team left for winter break, the onboard computer caught fire, Vary said. “That's a huge component and essentially is like the brain of our operation,” Vary said.

While she said that the project was probably not on track to finish this December, it was likely that the CubeSat project would have been completed by this coming June. But, due to the onboard computer's combustion, she estimated that the team was set back by at least a semester.

Fires are not the only obstacle that the CubeSat team has faced. Unlike other university CubeSat teams, the Yale team challenged themselves to code all the system's software from scratch, without downloading any pre-written software packages, Thorstenson said.

While Thorstenson highlighted the team's bottom-up approach to developing the system's software as a unique hallmark of the program, the labor-intensive approach has created extra burdens for the software team.

“There's a lot of software to write,” Vary added.

To address those software challenges, the CubeSat project partnered with the Yale Computer Society to recruit develop-

ers and volunteers among Yale programmers. As a result, they aim to achieve a hand-off to NASA as soon as possible.

Despite setbacks, Schwarz pointed out that the CubeSat project gives students vital hands-on experience in the field of aerospace engineering.

“I think it's a very valuable opportunity for engineering majors and majors in other disciplines interested in getting a tangible, real-life application of the stuff that they learn in class,” she said. “It's also a really great preparation for getting a real job in one of these fields because you learn how to collaborate not only with people who do the same thing as you but with people who work on other parts of the project.”

Though their anticipated launch date is still on the horizon, the culmination of ten years of work has sparked excitement among the CubeSat team, Schwarz added. She anticipates that completing the project and watching it fly into space will be “intensely tangible.”

“All of us would love nothing more than to see a launch,” Schwarz said. “The project is super engaging... but it's made even greater by the fact that you know that everything you touch will one day see outer space.”

The CubeSat team conducted a “cold test” of the satellite at the Wright Lab in 2022.

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## Yale's Housing and Health Equity Lab tackles homelessness through a scientific lens

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Danya Keene and her team are on a mission to improve health care for unhoused people.

Based out of the Yale School of Public Health, the Housing and Health Equity Lab has explored the effects of housing disparities and homelessness on people's health since its founding in 2020. Her team aims to get a deeper understanding of how access to housing affects health outcomes and develops solutions to address the health issues arising from inadequate housing access.

Since then, the lab has used a combination of data analysis and interviews with community members to develop evidence-based solutions that increase housing access and equity. Keene, an associate professor for public health, noted that her lab also hopes to improve collaboration between researchers while creating a training ground for students interested in the social determinants of health.

“Our mission is to conduct research that is actionable towards the goal of advancing housing and health justice,” Keene wrote in an email to the News.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic moved much of the lab's meetings and research online, Keene has been able to expand her research team beyond Yale. Now, her trainees include students at Columbia University, Ohio State University, Emory University and other institutions.

These collaborations, she said, have strengthened the lab's ability to investigate a wide range of issues related to housing and health. Some of her team's ongoing projects explore the effects of evictions on mental and physical health and how the wait time for rental subsidies affects diabetes management.

“If you have spent most of your money on rent, you probably do not have enough left to buy enough food, fill prescriptions or pay utilities,” wrote Penelope Schlesinger, the lab's manager and program administrator, in an email to the News. “There is a critical need for more affordable housing, [so] it's critical to continue to explore the ways housing shapes health.”

### Systemic health inequities

Whitney Denary, a lab member and doctorate candidate in social and behavioral sciences, noted that one of the lab's research goals is to contextualize how racially discriminatory housing policies, such as redlining, have produced disparities in housing access — and lead to harmful health consequences.

As a result of these systemic practices, she explained, communities of color have a lower likelihood of home ownership and experience housing insecurity at a higher rate.

“In the 1930s, the Homeowner's Association provided land in areas that aren't good to people of color and provided them with higher mortgage rates,” Denary told the News. “People who weren't able to buy housing at that time may go down the line of renting, which reduces generational wealth and ability to use money.”

Additionally, redlining reduced public investment in marginalized communities, Denary added, leading to a broad scarcity of social infrastructure and resources in low-income communities. Combined, those impacts of historical housing inequities have produced poor health outcomes for low-income communities.

“The communities that were redlined don't necessarily have parks, or libraries, or all of these really important community assets that then can push families and neighborhoods to ultimately have successful health,” Denary said.

More recently, homelessness in Connecticut has risen over the past two years, following nearly a decade of declining rates. After 2021, Connecticut saw a 13-percent spike in statewide homelessness rates, according to a publicly available point-in-time count by the organization Advancing CT Together.

According to their latest available data in January 2023, there were over 3,000 individuals experiencing homelessness in the state — a nearly three percent increase from the year prior. While the number of individuals experiencing chronic homelessness remained the same, the report found a seven percent increase in the number of youth experiencing homelessness in the state.

As the Executive Director of New Haven's Housing Authority, Karen DuBois-Walton '89, has

helped many of those individuals and families find affordable housing throughout her career. Her experience mirrors some of the Housing and Health Equity Lab's key findings: regardless of the cause, housing instability exacerbates health issues.

“It's harder to stay connected with a treatment, it's harder to keep up with a good health regimen, it's harder to get access to healthy food, it's hard to keep up with your medication,” DuBois-Walton said. “In the absence of stable housing, all of those things become more challenging.”

Housing and health are also a two-way street, she added, since health challenges can often cause housing insecurities, as well. Some health issues create obstacles to keeping a job, earning a consistent income, and paying rent on time, DuBois-Walton said.

### Chronic conditions, ‘pure stress’

For individuals with chronic diseases, the financial uncertainty and food instability individuals experience while homeless can make managing their illness a daunting endeavor.

Unhoused patients with diabetes, for example, are often unable to use the medication insulin, since the drug requires long-term refrigeration, Denary said. Without a home, patients also might not have access to safe spaces to check their blood sugar or effectively maintain dietary restrictions doctors recommend for diabetes management.

Even for patients without diabetes, tenuous housing conditions can make it difficult for individuals to access nutritious, regular food sources. In 2023, Denary led a study that found that tenants in rental assistance programs were less likely to experience food insecurity. Those tenants also consumed more daily cups of fruits and vegetables than those not covered by the programs.

However, Keene said, it is often not enough that unhoused individuals try to keep a healthy diet. The body's response to the stress of experiencing homelessness itself can be damaging, leading to post-traumatic stress symptoms and an increased rate of emergency department visits among unhoused people, her research has found.

Particularly for individuals with chronic diseases like diabetes that require careful dietary

regulations, those chronic stress factors can have damaging biological effects, even if patients try to eat as recommended by their doctors.

“Even if individuals that deal with housing insecurities eat healthy food and try to stay healthy, the pure stress of their housing situation leads to a release of hormones that cause blood sugar levels to rise,” Keene told the News.

Mark Colville, a New Haven-based housing activist, highlighted some of those cascading stressors that unhoused people face. Individuals who are evicted and lose their jobs are left unable to pay for rent, forcing many into overcrowded shelters, he said.

“However, most shelters will kick out individuals in the morning and leave them stranded on the streets,” added Colville.

Colville said he has also come across scenarios where homelessness has exposed individuals to health and sanitation risks. He described his experience working with a woman who experienced unhygienic and environmentally hazardous conditions while unhoused.

“When she was living under the bridge, there were rats everywhere,” Colville told the News. “She knows that she was consuming rat waste in her food and that she was using her inhaler [for asthma].”

### Blending research and activism

For Keene, a major component of her lab's work entails advocating for practical policy interventions that combat crises at the intersection of housing and healthcare.

In 2021, she published an editorial in the CT Mirror that urged the state legislature to pass laws that ensure universal access to legal counsel when faced with eviction, based on the lab's findings that evictions are linked with increases in maternal depression, climbing rates of sexually transmitted infections and worse child health outcomes, Keene said.

Members of the lab have also submitted testimony that describes how raising rent can lead to higher rates of homelessness among low-income families, Denary said. Denary's testimony encouraged the legislature to implement a stable rent cap in the state and regulations against owners raising rent when new tenants arrive.

DuBois-Walton said she believes that there is a critical need for research that highlights the connections between housing and health to inform policymakers about the far-reaching consequences of homelessness.

Given how widespread the impacts of stable housing are, she said, it is economically favorable to keep people in stable housing, instead of disrupting their education, employment and health.

“My hope is that housing researchers and health researchers will continue to keep that kind of research in front of policymakers so that we don't just do it in a moment of crisis, like [COVID-19],” DuBois-Walton said. “It's a basic human rights measure that everybody deserves.”

Moving forward, Keene said she aims to increase awareness about housing and healthcare research by participating in conferences nationwide. She also said she hopes the lab can establish a support network for students interested in the research field, especially among students who have experienced housing insecurities.

Meanwhile, Keene also said she is planning to increase the lab's engagement with groups that advocate for improved housing access — like tenant organizations, housing activists and legislators—to bridge the gap between research and policy.

“I think if we continue to have good research that shows [housing] is what is good for human development and for human wellbeing, it will get policymakers...to invest in those areas,” DuBois-Walton said.

But for Keene, public health recommendations are only the first step.

“We're identifying the health impacts of an unmet housing need, and we're not going to address through public health interventions; the only way to address that is through housing,” Keene said.

As of Jan. 15, there were over 800 unhoused people in Connecticut, 177 of whom were in the New Haven area, according to the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness.

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## ARTS

*"We can all escape from whatever dilemma we're in by adopting the correct attitude. It's a tough lesson, but to learn it is to gain the means to transcend ordinary life."*

MICHAEL FAUST, NIETZSCHE: THE GOD OF GROUNDHOG DAY

## Haejin Park explores childhood memories and womanhood through color

BY JANE PARK  
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When Haejin Park ART '25 wants to access her memories, she travels to the 'mind palace' of her grandmother's home. The past appears in images that flicker across on a TV screen -- what Park calls "memory video."

Since then, the theme of memory has been recurrent in her strikingly vibrant watercolors. The News sat down with Park to discuss her upbringing, recent works and goals as an artist. Before coming to the Yale School of Art, Park had worked extensively as an editorial illustrator, creating watercolor illustrations for the New York Times and Vice News. Now, as a first year MFA student, Park said she hopes to renegotiate the terms of memory, seeking to remember moments of personal trauma and excavate moments of the past -- even those that no longer exist. In particular, Park remembers Munhwa-dong, a village where she lived with her grandparents until age five.

"This mind palace is where I'm from," Park said. "Now, that village is gone. Like the whole village is gone. It's getting redeveloped, where most of the land will become apartments. I don't have a photo of it. My mom went there, and she also decided to not take a photo of it because it wasn't what we remember. But it stays in my memory, in a mind palace."

posed to invoke the imagery of an outstretched arm. Whenever someone enters or leaves through the door, the string is pulled out of the hole on the rectangular pedestal and drags across the floor.

When Park turned five years old, her family, along with her newly-born brother, finally reunited and collectively moved to Seoul.

### "Teddy Bear Hospitals: Season 6, Episode 1"

Park, as well as her family, is no stranger to goodbyes. Throughout her early childhood and adolescence, Park's family moved more than twenty times. At the heart of these relocations was money: the family moved when they did not have enough money or when they suddenly had more.

Then, when Park was 15, she moved across the Pacific Ocean, with her mother and brother, to Los Angeles. There, she confronted the difficulties of adjusting to an American school system, while facing interruptions in her education due to visa-related issues.

On the eve of her senior prom, after recently being accepted into Rhode Island School of Design, Park experienced a psychotic break, she said. She said the exact cause of the breakdown is still unknown. Perhaps it was the rift with her best friend, high levels of stress running in her family or the huge shifts caused by the move to America, she said.



COURTESY OF PAT GARCIA ART '24

Book with the cover of "Teddy Bear Hospital". Watercolor on paper, string, painted blue tapes.

words. In Park's case, she can see colors at the thought of certain individuals and memories.

As a person walked past during the interview, Park said that the person emanated a pale shade of blue.

"For me, color is a mother," said Park. "We all drink water and we produce color. I am a watercolor, on paper. I draw with my tears. I drink water, I paint with water, I make blood when I make period

These jubilant and almost youthful elements may seem jarring to the viewer, considering the darker source material that has inspired the piece.

Yet, the simultaneity of cuteness and spookiness is one that Park associates with the experiences of being a Korean woman in America.

"(The anime-inspired eyes) are not just cute," Park said. "It's cute but a little scary. There's some-

work is especially apparent in her use of color, said Cruz.

"It's just really wonderful how Haejin is using color and the vibrancy to display womanhood, to display emotions, to display aboutness, our beings and what it means to be just like consciously alive in this world," said Cruz. "Haejin has really found a wonderful language to communicate all these questions that we're pondering ourselves, in a way that is fun. And as someone who is just constantly seeking out play, I have fun playing and exploring within Haejin's work."

According to Ryan Brooks, Park's partner, her current work centers her identity and emotions, in ways her past commissioned pieces did not. Incorporating her personal narrative in her art has been the key to "unlocking so much growth," said Brooks.

Park noted the intense emotional attachment she feels for her works. Following the performance of the door opening in "Mom don't go," she said she "could not stop crying."

"Her work is about this relationship with color to paper," said Brooks. "A lot of her work, I think, is using these mediums to talk about her experience, both externally as a Korean woman and internally in processing complex trauma. This process is almost like a gradual uncovering, if you will. By exploring more into the work, she can use this process as a way to unpack things that have maybe been packed away in her memory."

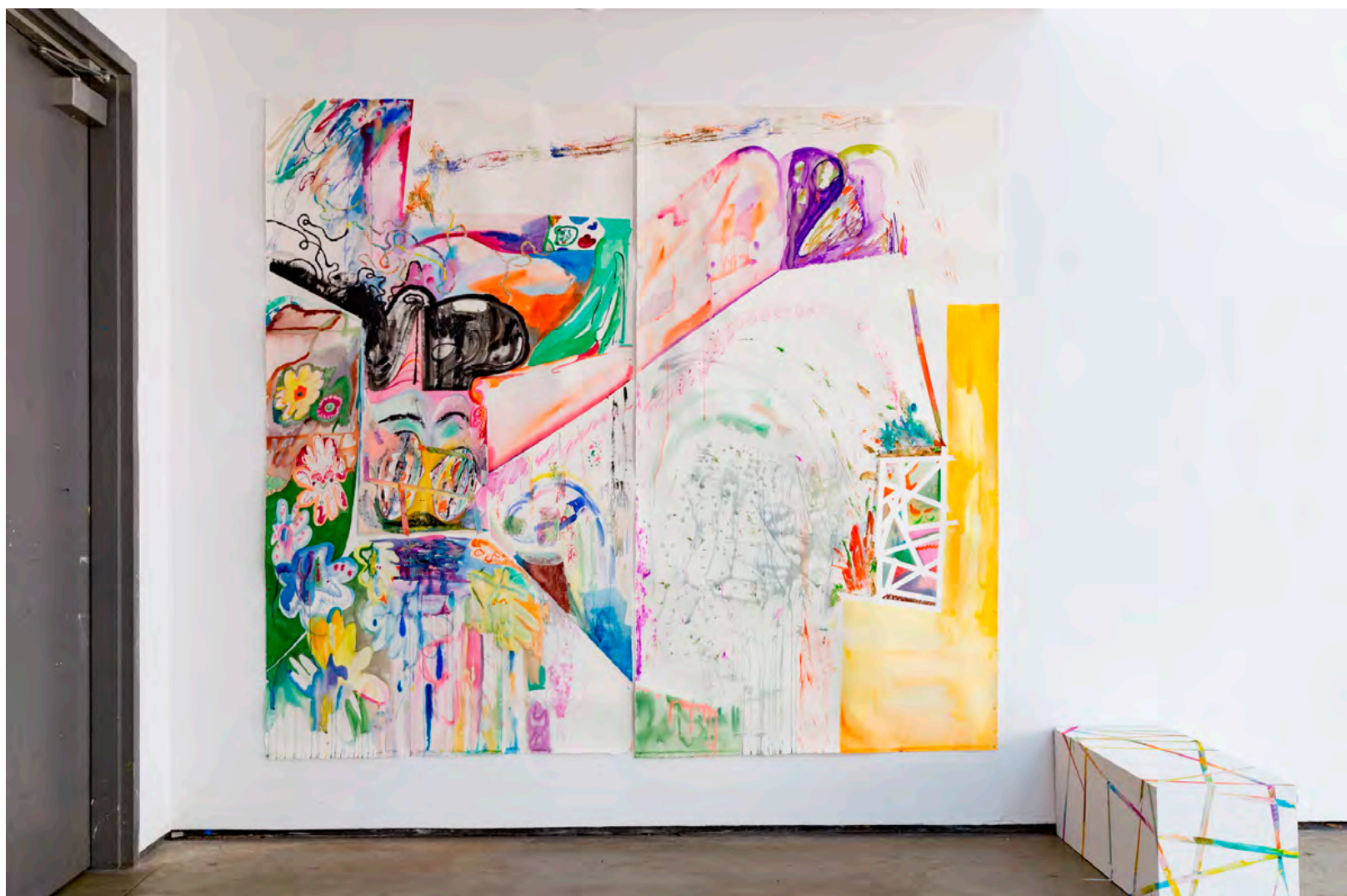
Considering the many times Park has moved around and begun anew, it may come as no surprise that Park envisions herself taking on new challenges around the world.

Particularly, she said, she wants to attend the Venice Biennale -- an annual international cultural exhibition -- 10 years from now.

"I would invite all my family from Korea and show Italy to them and eat tomato spaghetti with some red pepper flakes on top and strawberry wine with the bubble water," Park said. "Probably feeling happy but planning what's next?"

In 2021, Haejin was selected as a finalist in the Bologna Children's Book Fair.

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COURTESY OF PAT GARCIA ART '24

"엄마 가지마" (Mom Don't Go). Watercolor on paper, door, pedestal, painted blue tapes.

### "Mom don't leave"

Park recalled her childhood growing up in what she described as a poor, rural neighborhood in Cheonan, a city 50 miles south of Seoul. To seek better economic prospects, both of Park's parents worked in Seoul -- traveling for an hour and a half from their home. While they worked and lived in the city during the weekdays, Park stayed at her grandparents' house who looked after her.

At times, Park was separated from her parents for at least seven, and sometimes up to 14 days. The memory of her parents saying goodbye and leaving for work at the end of every weekend has lingered as a form of trauma for Park, she said.

"The scene that I'm telling you is like, I'm in the doorway and she's leaving. She's saying 'Bye, I'll be back.'" said Park. "My dad has already left, he leaves first and he's a couple steps away from the door."

Recently showcased in the Yale School of Art's first-year exhibition, Park's work "엄마 가지마 (Mom Don't Go)" depicts this memory of her mother's departure through a multi-faceted installation that involves a watercolor painting, painted blue tapes, a pedestal and a door.

A thin string is tied to the handle of the door and draws out to the surface a white rectangle -- which, according to Park, is sup-

Regardless of the cause, the memories of this psychotic breakdown have prominently influenced and motivated Park's work. In particular, the three weeks following the incident have served as the backdrop to her book, which was also displayed at the thesis exhibition, "Teddy Bear Hospitals, Season 6, Episode 1".

"I found myself returning to the memories in mental illness, in what happened during that three weeks of intense breakdown," Park said. "The book is about what happened on the first day. That's when I, again, separated with my mom, because I'm in the hospital, and my mom is at home. And I'm here, but she can only visit me for like an hour, and she has to leave."

### Cute and spooky: Haejin's colorful world

When there were no children's books at her grandparents' house or when high-schooler Park was still learning to adjust to the English language, she turned to color. However, Park's relationship with hues and shades is a bit more complicated than that of other artists.

Park said that her therapist had diagnosed her with synesthesia: a perceptual phenomenon that causes sensory cross-overs, according to Cleveland Clinic. In some instances, people with synesthesia see shapes when smelling certain scents or perceive tastes when looking at

art. And I am told always that this is never enough because I'm not painting on oil on canvas."

It is not merely incidental that Park describes color in gendered terms. While Park's work centers around memories and events that are specific to her personal history, she aims to tell a much larger story about, and for, Korean women.

Park addressed the intergenerational struggles of Korean women. In particular, she pointed to the internalization of misogyny, the Korean War's legacy of mental illness among women and the invisibility and silencing of Korean women throughout history.

"I asked my mother, 'Why didn't you like me more than my brother?' or 'Why did my grandmother cry when I was born?'" Park said. "When I asked her why, she said that it's because her mother also favored her brothers over her. There was a lot of mental illness because of the war. I also studied East Asian art history last semester [and], I learned about what it meant to be a Korean woman when there is no record. That made me think about motherhood, in the sense of mother country or mother language."

Even though Park's art carries weighty ghosts, her work is marked by vibrant drips of pink and orange, images of smiling faces hidden in flowers and huge "anime-inspired" eyes that return the viewer's curious gaze.

thing behind the eyes. There are a lot of scary, spooky things that happened in real life to me, that didn't happen to other people."

For Taína Cruz ART '25, the merit of Park's work comes from this very complexity and mystery. According to Cruz, she has found excitement in uncovering the multiple layers of Park's work, which she does not always fully understand or know how it was created. The complexity of Park's



COURTESY OF PAT GARCIA ART '24

The back and front cover of "Teddy Bear Hospital". Watercolor on paper, string, painted blue tapes.

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*"I feel like our team's chemistry has improved a ton since the start of the season. We still have even more room to grow but I'm super glad in how we have begun to rally behind one another and show a lot of improvement"*

AUGUST MAHONEY '24 YALE BASKETBALL CAPTAIN

## M HOCKEY: Strong showing at CT Ice Tournament

BY TOMMY GANNON  
STAFF REPORTER

The Yale men's hockey team (8-13-0, 5-9-0 ECAC) faced off in the fourth annual CT Ice tournament this past weekend at the XL Center in Hartford. In the two-round, four-game tournament, Yale dropped the semi-final on Friday night 1-0 to a seventh-ranked Quinnipiac team (17-6-2, 10-2-1 ECAC) but bounced back with a strong 3-2 victory over Sacred Heart (11-14-2, 11-7-1 Atlantic). After the weekend, Coach Keith Allain noted significant strides taken by this Bulldog team as the play-offs approach.

"Our team is better defensively than we were earlier in the year, as a result we are spending less time in our zone, allowing fewer scoring chances against and as a result we have the puck a little more so that we can be a threat offensively," Allain told the News. "The team commitment to defense will make us harder to play against as we head into the playoffs."

In the Friday tilt against Quinnipiac, the Bobcats were looking

to get back on track after dropping two ECAC away games last weekend. They came out flying and got on the board with seven minutes to go in the first period on a goal by first-year forward Mason Marcellus. However, their high-flying offense was shut out for the rest of the night by red-hot first-year netminder Jack Stark '27. The Bulldog goalie's 35-save performance kept the game tight for sixty minutes, a sharp contrast from Yale's last matchup with Quinnipiac earlier in the year. When Yale squared off against the Bobcats just over two months ago, they lost 5-2.

"The numbers speak for themselves," said forward Jojo Tanaka-Campbell '26. "We've closed the gap quite a lot compared to the beginning of the year and it's a testament to all the hard work everyone puts in every single day. Collectively, we put in so much work into shaping our team and it's really nice to see it paying off little by little. That being said, we still have a lot more to do and we will most definitely continue to develop

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YALE ATHLETICS

Yale shows tangible improvement as they follow up a close loss to a top-ranked Quinnipiac squad with a hard-fought victory against Sacred Heart.

## W BBALL: Elis suffer loss to Harvard at home



YALE ATHLETICS

The women's basketball team fell to the Harvard Crimson 61-52.

BY MEREDITH HENDERSON  
STAFF REPORTER

The Yale women's basketball team (4-14, 1-4 Ivy) continued the 2023-24 conference and season play with a home game against the Harvard Crimson (11-7, 4-1 Ivy).

The Bulldogs faced Harvard earlier in the season over the winter break, where a fatal first quarter determined the outcome, losing 73-54. Since that win, Harvard won two of their last three games, while Yale earned their first Ivy League win against Dartmouth (6-11, 0-5 Ivy) on Jan. 20.

The first quarter against the Crimson began with 6'3" post Brenna McDonald '24 winning the jump ball for Yale. Points

were sparse from there, with the first basket made coming from a jumper by McDonald at almost two minutes into the game. Numerous missed three-pointers on the Crimson side led to a point scarcity for the visitors until 7:06. The Bulldogs defense helped to limit the Crimson offense, with a block from Grace Thybulle '25 both leading to a Bulldog ball.

The second quarter started out all Yale, carried by momentum from Thybulle, McDonald and Jenna Clark '24, whose aggressive playing led to the Bulldogs 11 points to Harvard's 7 halfway through the period. Moreover, a huge steal and assist from Clark led to a three-pointer from Christen McCann

'25, who was subbed in just moments earlier. Perhaps the highlight of the quarter was a shot from Harvard that stayed put on the rim of the hoop, leading to a jump ball. Though the Bulldogs trailed 26-32 at the half, it was clear the momentum of John J. Lee Amphitheatre was on their side.

After the half, the first points on the board were once again courtesy of McDonald, aided by a pass from Clark. At 6:24, the Bulldogs tied the Crimson 34-34 after a long, arduous battle. This continued throughout the quarter in an alternating Navy-versus-Crimson fight, each retaliating against the other. Multiple players from both sides tumbled on the

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## T&F: First of back-to-back-to-back weekends in Boston



COURTESY OF RENA HEDEMAN

Yale's men's and women's T&F teams will split up between the Crimson Elite at Harvard and the Bruce LeHane Scarlet & White Invitational at Boston University.

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Last weekend, the majority of the Bulldogs kicked off their first of three straight weekends of competition in Boston, starting with University of Massachusetts Lowell's River Hawk Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 27, while a few men's distance runners headed to Columbia's Dr. Sander Invitational the day before on Friday, Jan. 26.

With no more team-scored indoor meets until the Ivy League Indoor Track & Field Championships in February, the Elis got a

taste of broader competition last weekend after having primarily faced Ivy League and other Connecticut opponents thus far. Among the teams Yale faced off against last week were Ivy League rivals University of Pennsylvania and Dartmouth College, west coasters Arizona and Stanford University, and northerners Toronto and Maine. They also got experience on a track that they hope to return to later this season.

"This weekend we went up to the North to the new Track at New Balance," women's coach Taryn Shee-

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## M HOCKEY: Prep for Union and RPI games

BY AMELIA LOWER  
STAFF REPORTER

The Yale men's ice hockey team (8-13-0, 5-9-0 ECAC) will return to Ingalls Rink this weekend to play two home games, the first on Friday against Union College (12-11-1, 5-6-1 ECAC) on Friday and the second versus Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (7-16-1, 3-7-1 ECAC) on Saturday.

After falling 1-0 to Quinnipiac in the first round of the CT Ice Tournament, the Bulldogs finished out the weekend on a high note, tallying a 3-2 win against Sacred Heart in the consolation round. The Elis will travel home to face two conference opponents, Union and RPI, this weekend on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 7:00 p.m., respectively.

"I think our win against Sacred Heart was fueled by our team's penalty kill, our ability to score timely goals and solid goaltending," head coach Keith Allain '80 said. "We need to build on those things against two tough opponents this weekend."

On Feb. 1, ECAC Hockey named Bulldog goalkeeper Jack Stark '27 the Bitcoin Rookie of the Month. Stark was named ECAC Rookie of the Week twice in a row - on Jan. 8 and Jan. 15 - making 334 saves throughout this season and earning a .905 save percentage.

Stark was also named to the Hockey Commissioners Association Tim Taylor Rookie of the Year "Watch List" on Feb. 1. The list includes 32 first-year NCAA men's hockey players, four of whom are goalies, that may receive the Tim Taylor Award for National Rookie of the Year at the end of the season.

"Jack has been very good for us in goal," Allain said. "Jack has done a nice job of giving the group that confidence, he has shown great poise in net for us."

The Yale men's ice hockey team has already met this weekend's opponents earlier this season, logging wins against both.

Since 2004, the Elis have faced Union 38 times. Union leads the series 19-15-4, but in the past seven games, Yale has seen five wins and two losses,

one of which was an OT shootout loss on Jan. 14.

In their last matchup on Jan. 6 this season, the Bulldogs edged the Garnet Chargers by two goals, securing a 4-2 win. At the start of the second period, forward Briggs Gammill '25 assisted forward David Chen '26 with the first goal of the night, which was answered back by Union twice in the third period.

In the final four minutes of the game, the Bulldogs tallied three goals to earn the win. Forward Niklas Allain '24 tipped in a shot by defenseman Connor Sullivan '25, and 51 seconds later, forward Teddy Wooding '24 tallied another point during a backdoor opportunity.

With less than two minutes remaining in the final period, forward Ian Carpentier '24 added Yale's fourth and final point with his empty net goal.

"Carp is a big driver for our offense, and I believe he is due for a big scoring outbreak," forward Will Dineen '25 told the News after the Bulldogs dropped

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ZOE BERG, SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

After a split weekend at the CT Ice tournament, the Elis are ready to face Union College this Friday and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on Saturday.

STAT OF THE WEEK

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SAVE PERCENTAGE FOR YALE MEN'S HOCKEY GOALIE JACK STARK '27, TOP IN THE ECAC.

## WEEKEND

//ZAHRA VIRANI

COMMONS  
CONTROVERSY

// BY PRADZ SAPRE

There are few things I like more about Yale than the roast beef toast at the Rostir station at Commons. Ever since it was introduced to me earlier in my senior year, it has become the sole object of my affection, the stuff of my most sensual dreams. It is the reason I get out of bed every morning. Some days, it is my only reason to smile. The weekends are difficult.

This description may seem concerning, implying a complete disregard for my liberal arts education or a Biblical scale of gluttony. But it is difficult to exaggerate how intensely enamored I am with that slab of soft, crusty bread.

Every weekday, waiting in queue at the Rostir station, I watch as the chef lathers the toast with syr-

upy, brown chutney, presses succulent strips of beef into its soft, porous innards and smears the plate with splatters of silky Toum. It is a smorgasbord of delight. By the time the clock strikes 12:30 p.m., thoughts of taxation, inflation and amortization that were being foisted upon me in a faraway classroom have been violently suffocated by a burgeoning lust. I am sucked into a gustatory reverie.

I am a hunter, wandering in a sweltering desert, oppressed by visions of the salty blood that will soon run down my lips, caress my neck and quench my thirst; I am a Homeric sailor, beckoned by a siren who promises me the carnal pleasures I crave. But recently, whispers have spread to every corner of campus, intimating the most disparate factions about the existence of this Ambrosia in leavened

form. The cat is out of the bag. And its prolonged confinement has made it rabid.

Things were already bad enough at Commons. Starting in the fall, what was once a steady lunchtime trickle into the rotunda had slowly become a deluge. It became impossible to make your way through the milling lunchtime crowds without kicking, elbowing and biting, without trampling over friends and loved ones. Stuck in the crushing mass for minutes at a time, one could not avoid prolonged, awkward eye contact with jilted loves, vindictive professors, and surly rivals...

Read more on B2.

# COMMONS CONTROVERSY



## Cont. from B1

Commons had acquired a distinctive stench, perennially bathed in the miasma of desperation, rage and contempt emerging from the pores of every Yale student facing the 12:50 p.m. lunch rush. In December, a friend said offhand to me, “Everybody and their mother ate at Commons this semester.” I’d be lying if I said the thought of mass matricide did not flicker through my mind.

There were few sights that filled me with more disgust. But when this was limited to Lotus and Pasta e Basta, this was something I could, at least, condone. On the days that academic obligations, or propriety, prevented me from bursting out of class at 12:48 p.m., shoving scrawny children onto the sidewalk, throwing babies out of their strollers, evading bikes, scooters and cars in my mad dash to Commons, I knew that I could still stroll to the front of the line

is often busier than Lotus and Pasta e Basta combined.

If you’re reading this, there’s a good chance that this is because of you. Wicked, grimy you with your grubby, unwashed hands, your Canada Goose and your eyes that narrow as you paw at my precious. I hate you. No, I loathe you. If roast beef is the stuff of my dreams, you are the stuff of my nightmares. No corner of my mental universe is safe from you, and for your desire for the thing I love most in the world. Because of you, the taste of beef on my tongue and lips is indefinitely delayed. I can countenance lingering on the verge of satisfaction, but even my patience has its limits.

When demand exceeds available supply, the weakest members of the market get priced out. When the world’s resources get depleted, it is the unfit that die first and en masse. I was made to eat Roast Beef toast every day. Can you say the same?

*The entrance to Rostir is now thronged by rivals, detractors and foes who block its entrance with their ungainly bulk.*

for that tangy Chimichurri Chicken. Even if the lines for Bolognese, the dumplings, and the pork were backed up more than the world’s most fibreless rectum, I would flow unimpeded to the front of the Rostir line. The golden few weeks after they introduced the beef, before its renown had spread Yale-wide, were by far the best of my life.

Those days are gone. The entrance to Rostir is now thronged by rivals, detractors and foes who block its entrance with their ungainly bulk. The serpentine queues in front of Rostir have begun to engulf their own tail in a frenzied ouroboros. By 12:55 p.m., Rostir

To those who frequent Rostir, consider this a warning that this be the last week of your bovine pursuits. If that doesn’t suffice, perhaps a word of caution will. Go back to Berkeley, Franklin or whatever swamp you crawled out of. Go back to your sewers, to your latrines, to your cesspools or to your drain pipes. Return to Tartarus, to Hades, to the frozen lake of Cocytus. I don’t really care where you go. Just get out of my way. Before I make you.

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# Rain, Rain, Go Away! Come Again An – NEVER!

// BY ANNA PAPAKIEK

I was on the phone with my mom last Saturday, and she asked what I was up to. I was standing on the corner of Chapel and York, waiting to cross the street. It was pouring rain outside and freezing cold. “Not much,” I replied. “Just getting drenched.” All she had to say to that was: “Welcome to New England!”

I wish that the rain and overcast skies would excuse themselves from New Haven. This past week in particular has been nothing but gloomy. A little sun wouldn’t hurt. Actually, it would help quite a bit.

I’m from the Midwest. While the weather and temperature can be pretty similar at times, I will say, the rain here is far worse. Maybe it’s because I spend so much time outside, walking from place to place, but I swear, it rains here... A LOT.

So, if you’re like me, and you’re looking for a way to make the rain go away (not really, but trying to make the most of it), I’ve got you covered – just not with an umbrella.

## Venture to a new café or try a new drink from your favorite place

Hanging out and working in a cozy environment, like a coffee shop, can make all of those gloomy feelings disappear. If you want your taste buds to sing while keeping yourself warm, may I suggest the French toast latte from Atticus? It’s a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day.



//ANNA CHAMBERLIN

## Have fun accessorizing

Who says that the rain has to dampen your style? Wear a cute raincoat and some rain boots, and use a fun patterned umbrella. If you have to leave your room, might as well leave in style. Don’t let the rain rain on your parade! Maybe you don’t have a cute pair of rainboots – yet – but you can always spend time online looking for the perfect shoes to make a splash in!

## Try a new workout

There are so many gyms on this campus that it’s worth checking them out! Walk on the treadmill. Run on the treadmill. Cycle. Use the elliptical. Maybe even give the rowing machine a chance. You’ll definitely be drenched from this one, but at least not from the rain!

## Listen to some music

This could be the perfect chance to listen to some new songs and artists that you have been wanting to check out. Might I suggest “Umbrella” by Rihanna or “It Will Rain” by Bruno Mars?

## Curl up in bed!

This type of weather is the perfect excuse to have a lazy day in. Stay in bed. Wear sweats. Watch a show. Read a book. Sleep. This one is easy. Maybe a little too easy...

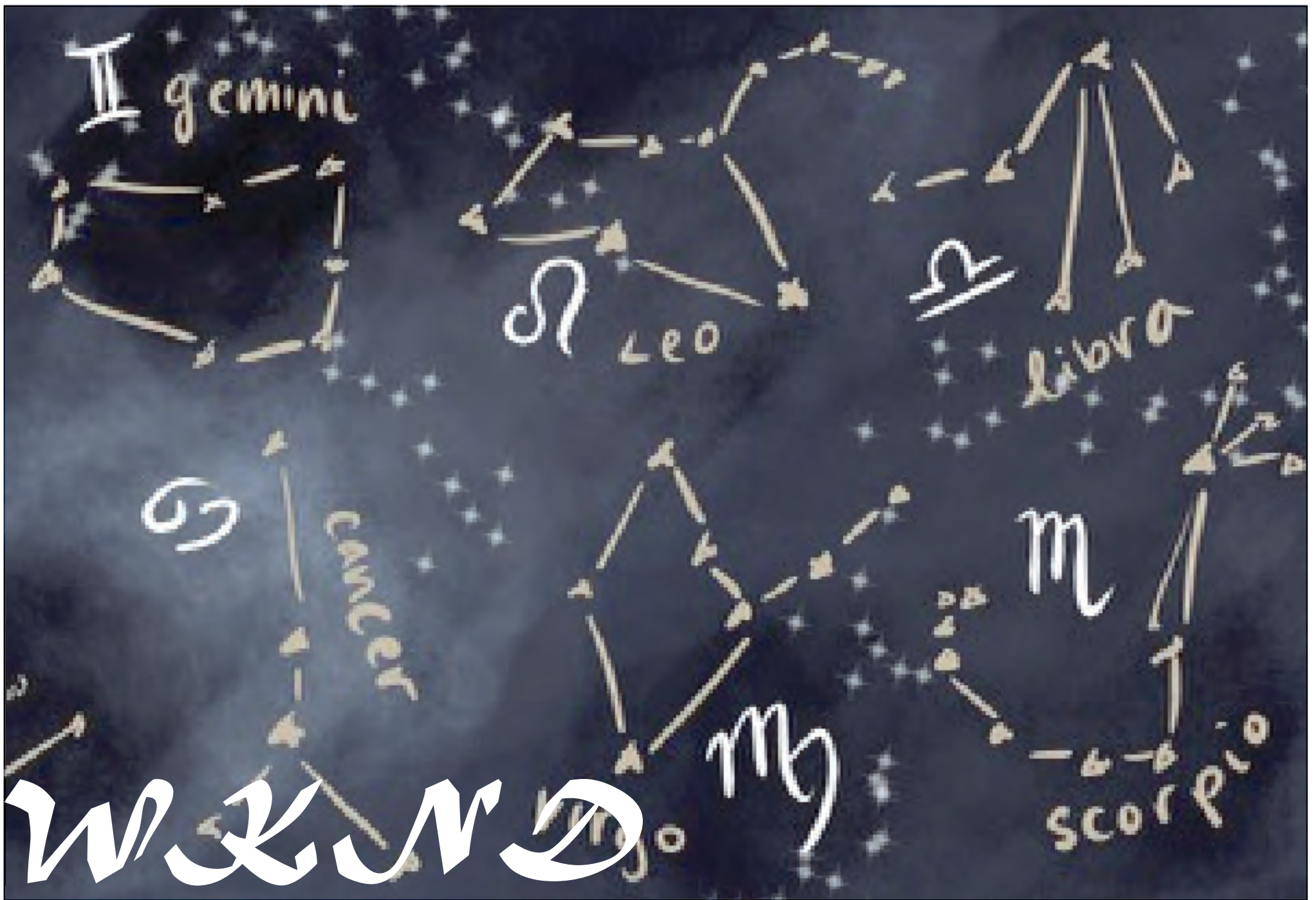
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Definitely try Rostir. At any costs.



WEEKEND STARS



// CLARISSA TAN

# WKN D horoscopes

// BY HANNAH KURCZESKI

**Aries**

Yes, you should get that tattoo. No, you shouldn't skip class to do it.

**Taurus**

Go touch some grass. Seriously, you need to leave your dorm. Your roommate called to complain. They need their alone time, too.

**Gemini**

You have a secret admirer, Gemini! Be open to the possibility of meeting new people – you never know what might happen!

**Cancer**

It's time you give your sneaky link an ultimatum: either you hard launch and make it official, or it's time to call it quits. You know you want something more, so don't waste your time with someone who doesn't.

**Leo**

You've been a busy bee, Leo, which is great! But you've started to lose touch with some of the most important people in your life. Don't let your workaholic attitude make you take them for granted.

**Virgo**

It's not worth it. You know exactly what I'm talking about, so take this as your warning: don't do it.

**Libra**

You spend so much time and energy trying to take care of other people, Libra. Don't forget to take time to care for yourself. And if other people start to take advantage of your good heart, then it's time to rethink the place they hold in your life.

**Scorpio**

Do you like them, or do you just like the idea of them? Think and reflect.

**Sagittarius**

You have been working hard towards your goals, and it's all paying off. Exciting new opportunities are coming your way!

Take time to be proud of what you've already accomplished, and grateful for everything and everyone who has helped you get there.

**Capricorn**

Been to class recently? No? That's what I thought ... Maybe you should fix that.

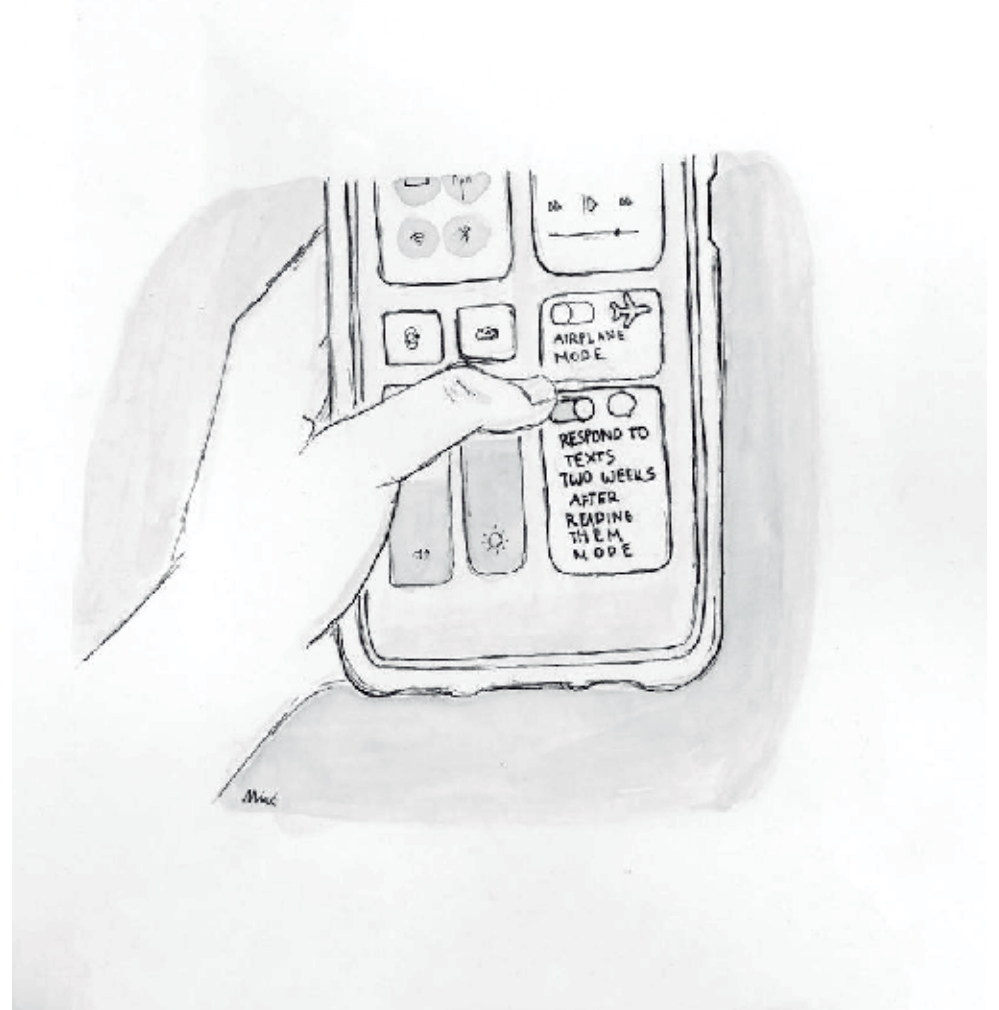
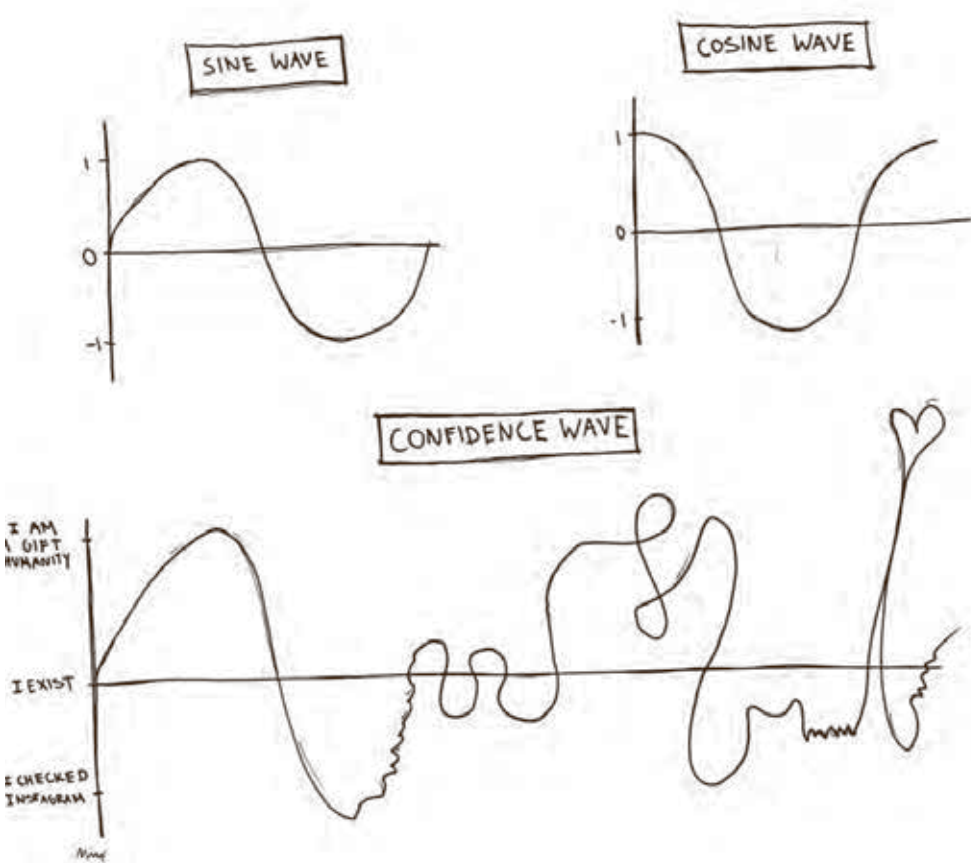
**Aquarius**

This is your season, Aquarius, so now is the time to be bold! Ask the hottie from section out on a date, or cold email that representative you've been too afraid to contact. No good can happen if you don't take a chance.

**Pisces**

Repeat after me: you are strong and independent, and you do not need anyone else to complete you. You are whole, exactly as you are.

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