

Doxxing truck arrives at Yale

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Nov. 16 – On Thursday, Nov. 16, a “doxxing truck” with a three-sided digital billboard made its way to Yale’s campus, displaying the photos and names of Yale students under a banner reading “Yale’s Leading Antisemites.” The truck appeared on campus as early as 11:55 a.m. outside Atticus Bookstore Cafe on Chapel Street and was last seen around 3:50 p.m. on Broadway.

The truck, which is sponsored by the conservative group Accuracy in Media, is a part of the group’s “Campus Accountability Campaign.” At least six students’ names and faces were displayed on the billboards in an effort to dox — a public shaming tactic by which an unauthorized individual spreads someone else’s personal information.

The appearance of the doxxing truck comes amid increasing student safety concerns and social tensions at college campuses across the country due to the Israel-Hamas war.

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The truck was spotted in multiple locations across Yale’s campus. / Yale Daily News

Jews for Ceasefire holds demonstration



Approximately 100 community members gathered on Beinecke Plaza. / Kaitlyn Pohly, Contributing Photographer

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Nov. 16 – Ever since war formally broke out between Israel and Hamas, Danya Dubrow-Compaine ’25 has been overcome with emotion. Scrolling through recent headlines, she said, has felt like a “freight train” that she could not stop.

“In addition to just feelings of overwhelming grief, I’ve also just felt an overwhelming sense of coming up short and not doing enough,” Dubrow-Compaine told the News.

With other Jewish students on campus, Dubrow-Compaine organized the student group “Jews for Ceasefire,” which led an event on Beinecke Plaza on the afternoon of Nov. 16.

At the event, over 100 community members sat outside Schwarzman Center to sing Israeli songs and prayers. The songs included Lo Yisa Goy, Olam Chesed Yibaneh and Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu, and organizers distributed QR codes that linked to the prayers and songs, along with Jews for Ceasefire’s statement.

On Oct. 7, Hamas launched a surprise attack on Israel, killing at least 1,200 people in Israel and taking more than 230 hostages, per Israel’s Foreign Ministry. Israel responded with a formal declaration of war against Hamas, airstrikes and a ground invasion of Gaza, killing more

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Pro-Palestine students protest SOM panel

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Nov. 15 – On Wednesday, pro-Palestinian students gathered in front of Yale’s School of Management building during a Middle East peace panel organized by the School to protest the absence of Palestinian voices and to call for a ceasefire in Gaza amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas war.

The SOM hosted the dialogue, titled “Arab and Israeli Ambassadors’ Perspectives: Yale Middle East Peace Dialogue,” with Israeli ambassador Michael Herzog, United Arab Emirates ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba and former White House Senior Advisor Jared Kushner, all of whom joined the panel through Zoom. The talk focused on cultivating peaceful Israeli-Palestinian relations and rebuilding Gaza after the war.

The conversation at the SOM opened with an interfaith prayer for peace led by Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf and Rabbi Herbert Brockman.

The event was organized by Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, Senior Associate Dean for Leadership Studies and professor in Management Practice at the SOM.

“The idea was to talk about peace, and how to build bridges after this savage war,” Yale World Fellow and panel attendee Tamim Saad, who is Israeli, wrote to the News. “I felt really included. The message was really how we can get together after this war and work

together to rebuild Gaza and also to rebuild trust in the region.”

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Saad explained that he appreciated the diversity of perspectives at the event, especially when the talk opened up to questions from the attendees.

Roshni Mohandas GRD ’24, another attendee, estimated that hundreds of people attended the panel and that the open discussion with the questions felt “very respectful.”

“I think the purpose of the whole event was to create dialogue,” Mohandas told the News. “And I think all sides and everybody was represented. We had every voice heard on

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Yale students in ‘March for Israel’ rally

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Nov. 14 – A group of over 40 Yale students joined hundreds of thousands of people at the National Mall for a “March for Israel” rally on Tuesday afternoon.

The march, organized in part by the Jewish Federations of North America, aimed to show solidarity with Israel, denounce antisemitism and call for the release of the more than 230 hostages currently held by Hamas.

“I came here to show support, but also to feel supported,” Jesse Bross ’26 told the News. “To be part of such a large gathering of Jews, it’s powerful, it’s comforting to see so many people standing for Israel and demanding the release of the hostages.”

Yalies woke up starting at 4 a.m to make the six-hour drive to Washington, D.C.

Danielle Frankel ’26 said that the early wake-up and long trip were “definitely” worth making.

“There’s strength in numbers, and I felt a responsibility to come and express my solidar-

ity with Israel,” she said. “Our college campus can feel isolating, but seeing the large turnout was a reminder that as Jews, we stand together.”

The Yale trip and student delegation at the rally were organized by Slifka Center Rabbi Jason Rubenstein and Social Justice and Arts Fellow and Engagement Coordinator Aviva Green. Transportation to and from D.C. was provided for students by the Slifka Center for Jewish Life.

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Dance group boosts fundraiser for ‘Palestinian anarchist fighters’



Ballet Folklórico displayed a QR code linking to an Instagram post with a Venmo handle, since deactivated, to support self-described “Palestinian anarchist fighters.” / Yale Daily News

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Nov. 13 – During at least two of Ballet Folklórico Mexicano de Yale’s three fall showcase performances this past weekend, the dance group included a QR code labeled

“Support Palestine” on its on-stage projection screen, alongside a separate QR code for the show’s program. The “Support Palestine” QR code directed audience members to a three-slide Instagram post by the

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THIS DAY IN YALE HISTORY, 1994. Students and homeless New Haven residents spend the night on Cross Campus Lawn as part of a sleepout sponsored by Yale’s Hunger and Homelessness Action Project.

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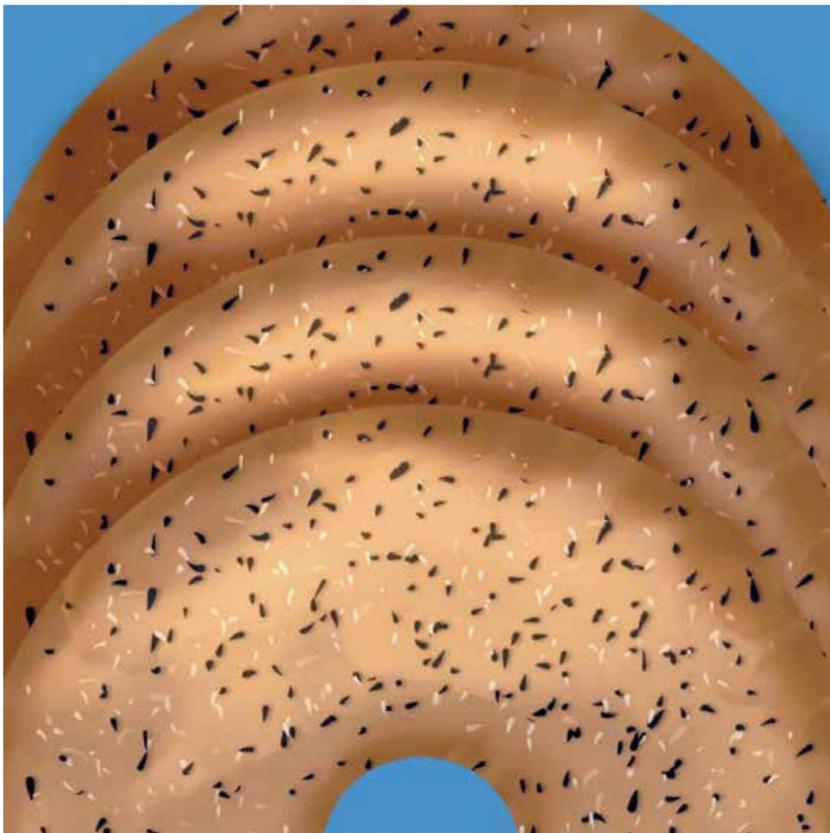
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OPINION

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Ramaswamy is calling to end birthright citizenship

Recently, Republican presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy LAW '13 has been making headlines for his position on birthright citizenship or, more accurately, his call to end it. Though his claims are as unreasonable as they are unconstitutional, and affect countless rightful citizens in the United States, I am specifically concerned for the future of Puerto Ricans if he continues to promote this dangerous ideology.

IT SEEMS AS THOUGH RAMASWAMY IS NOT INTERESTED IN FOSTERING PRO-AMERICAN IDEALS AS PRESIDENT, BUT RATHER MINIMIZING THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS ON THE CONTINENT, THE SAME RIGHTS THAT ALLOW HIM TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

Birthright citizenship, a policy defended by the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, is at the very center of American principles. Ramaswamy claims that a child born in the United States whose parents immigrated illegally should not be beneficiaries of birthright citizenship and should return to their country of origin along with their parents. Ramaswamy takes this unconstitutional proposal one step further, stating to CNN that even sixth generation Americans shouldn't enjoy the privilege of citizenship or voting unless earned through the passing of a civics test or military service at 18-years of age.

Ramaswamy's intentions stem from the belief that most Americans don't appreciate the freedoms that come with being an U.S. citizen. His plan, however, wouldn't amend this way of thinking, but put intense pressure on households to access rights that should be granted to them as members of American society. Indeed, he disregards those who might not have the time to study for an examination as they juggle school, a job, or aid their parents in day-to-day household chores. Rather than opting to expand curriculums to include

and improve classes that cover civics, Ramaswamy leaves the responsibility completely on the student, stripping their constitutional right to citizenship if they do not pass. Hence, 18-year-old high school students who don't pass the test and are on the verge of attending college or joining the workforce are forced to either enlist in the military or live without equal rights.

Additionally, Ramaswamy's proposal implies a tiered citizenship system. As a Puerto Rican, I can't help but notice the immediate red flags that arise, specifically considering the historic treatment of Puerto Ricans as second-class citizens. Puerto Ricans cannot vote in the U.S. presidential election, though we are just as directly affected by U.S. government policies as continental U.S. citizens. In a recent example, the Supreme Court ruled in 2022 that Puerto Ricans don't qualify for Supplemental Security Income, a safety-net program that provides cash assistance to older, disabled or blind Americans who have very low incomes. Would Ramaswamy's system exclude continental U.S. citizens from programs like these? What does that mean for Puerto Rican's already subpar representation as U.S. citizens?

It is important to note how these policies aren't likely to be enacted — at least not as efficiently as Ramaswamy hopes. However, it is troubling that a candidate that is showing such rapid increase in the polls is able to present such extreme, anti-American ideals. Ramaswamy himself is a child of immigrants and though his mother is a lawful citizen, his father is not, making Ramaswamy a beneficiary of birthright citizenship. From this standpoint, it seems as though he is not interested in fostering pro-American ideals as president, but rather minimizing the rights of others on the continent, the same rights that allow him to run for president in the first place.

Though I can understand the logic behind American youth civics education, it must not come at the expense of the very ideals that education is meant to instill. There are better ways to tackle the issues Ramaswamy is observing, but creating further divisions among Americans doesn't begin to solve any of them. In his sweeping initiative to outright dismantle birthright citizenship, Ramaswamy goes against the very ideals that founded America while also calling into question what society will look like for those who do not have the resources to earn their citizenship, or, in the case of Puerto Ricans, are already treated as second-class in the eyes of the law.

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DEWEES: On the Yale Free Press

I was surprised when I learned that the Yale Free Press had an Editor in chief. With its off-putting images produced by artificial intelligence, haphazard layout and thoughtless regurgitation of right-wing sound-bites, a flip through the "Free Speech Edition" feels more like my uncle's Facebook feed than a print publication of serious political thought.

The most recent print edition of the magazine, published on Oct. 24, begins with an article from the Editor in Chief. The introductory column says that YFP covers topics other outlets do not and require "nuance and complexity" to understand. After reading the Yale Free Press, however, I found little nuance and even less complexity.

One article complains about the awkwardness of pronoun-sharing during class introductions at the beginning of each semester. The author says the act of sharing his pronouns goes against his religious, philosophical, linguistic and scientific beliefs. "I sit waiting to be marginalized for my religious beliefs," he writes. I promise you, it's not that deep. Choosing to share your pronouns is literally the easiest thing we can all do to build an inclusive community. Choosing not to share your pronouns is senselessly contrarian and downright unnecessary.

At Yale, you have the freedom to say or to refuse to say your pronouns, but you should expect to get weird looks for doing the latter. Weird looks are not an infringement on your freedom of expression. We're all big kids here.

The author proposes a solution to his awkwardness problem — he says Yale should institute policies "preventing seminar and discussion leaders from requesting the pronouns of students publicly." So, since it's so awkward that he has to refuse to share his pronouns, professors should be banned from asking him. The Editor in Chief wrote that we are all students capable of "grappling with contentious topics with maturity." Clearly, that is not true for all of us. Thank you, Yale Free Press,

for remaining steadfast in your commitment to free speech.

Ideas like these are enabled by extensive conservative echo chambers. No religious text will tell you not to say "he/him" on the first day of class. But Ben Shapiro or Matt Walsh or Michael Knowles will.

It's precisely organizations like the Yale Free Press — organizations which purport to stand for the freedom of speech and the diversity of viewpoints — that only seem to highlight one type of thinking. Only one article in this edition of the Yale Free Press does not include a barrage of conservative talking points, instead arguing Yale students should just be more open about their beliefs. That piece was published anonymously.

WEIRD LOOKS ARE NOT AN INFRINGEMENT ON YOUR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. WE'RE ALL BIG KIDS HERE.

The magazine is funded by The Collegiate Network, which purports itself to be a non-partisan educational organization. The Collegiate Network is part of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, which has the stated purpose of allowing students to "explore intellectual conservatism." The organization started in the early 1950s when the organization noticed a "gaping void" in higher education.

The website even reads: "Progressive ideas were in vogue; conservative ones were ignored or attacked. (Sound familiar?)"

Take a moment to think about what conservative ideas were in the early 1950s, when Brown v. Board of Education was decided and segregation persisted across the South-

ern United States. This organization was created to defend the ideas of conservatives on college campuses in the 1950s. This is the organization that funds the Yale Free Press.

The faux-intellectual-diversity problem is not unique to the Yale Free Press, however. The Buckley Institute, with the mission of promoting "Intellectual diversity and freedom of speech" at Yale, has fallen short of this goal during my time at Yale. My first year, they brought Ted Cruz to speak. My sophomore year, Mike Pompeo. This year, they invited Ben Carson. A scroll through past speakers shows that true engagement with progressive ideas is few and far between.

I attended a Buckley Institute event on Oct. 5 titled "The State of K-12 Education in America," with three panelists. I naively expected this to be a nuanced conversation about education with some disagreement between the panelists. Instead, all three speakers spouted classic conservative talking points on topics like school choice, vouchers and Critical Race Theory. That is not intellectual diversity.

Organizations like the Yale Free Press and The Buckley Institute seem much more interested in promoting conservative thought than real, pressing free speech issues. Will any Yale Free Press writers express concern over students afraid to speak on the Israel-Hamas war for fear of being doxxed? Over how often sexual assault goes unreported for fear of retaliation? Or about the teachers in Florida living through persistent attacks on their speech? Instead, we're still talking about pronouns in 2023. Give me a break. From the Buckley Society to the Yale Free Press, organizations promenading as "free speech" champions tend to act as soundboards for sloppy bigotry.

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Beyond the limelight — a conversation with Ann Iyonu

"Leave people better than you met them."

Seated before an intimate group at a Wednesday evening college tea, between discussions of democratic survival and civil war, Ann Iyonu offers this piece of her mother's advice that hits us like a quiet revelation, startling in its clarity.

As the executive director of the Goodluck Jonathan Foundation, Ann's work involves high-level mediation during democratic emergencies to prevent violent conflicts and protect democratic integrity across the African continent. It was therefore moving to hear Ann talk about such complex work with her refreshing moral clarity, to imagine that democracy's most fraught moments can be navigated with the core intention of leaving people better than you met them. And indeed, isn't one of the fundamental hopes of democracy that it should leave us better than it meets us? That it should not merely meet our needs and aspirations, but insist that they are important enough to be the founding principle of government?

It is tempting to think that this simple hope might be met with simple solutions. Ann's experience shows us differently. Democracy, she tells us, "is not rocket science, but it's not easy." Over the course of the conversation, Ann navigates a host of democratic dilemmas, drawing out the connections between jihadist terrorism, Russia and China's external influence and domestic electoral interference. Boko Haram largely recruits impoverished young people; Ann reminds us that when a democratic state fails in its basic obligations to its citizens, someone else will step in. Groups like Wagner help nondemocratic leaders resist the threat of jihadist terrorism, but also commit atrocities against civilians. Russia and China's influence further complicates Ann's work by

destroying democratic actors' ability to stop domestic leaders when they move to undermine democracy. If, for example, Russia and China undercut regional bodies' sanctions on undemocratic regimes, then these sanctions lose their sting.

One dilemma is particularly striking. In Ann's work, she often sees elections that suffer from real problems: voter suppression and intimidation, candidate disqualification and sometimes outright electoral fraud. But the opposition's natural refusal to accept such a defeat can quickly lead to democratic catastrophe. Elections that spiral into civil wars not only destroy any remnant of democracy, but also leave deep scars. It is a kind of violence that Ann believes "you wouldn't wish upon your worst enemy." Thus, the dilemma presents itself: how do you encourage people to accept the results of an individual election they know was unfair for the sake of democracy as a whole? Ann responds, "What choice do you have? If you burn your country down, what will you lead?" In these moments, you can either let your home go up in flames, or you can have a country and try to salvage its democracy later.

Underlying all these interconnected dilemmas is a global crisis of democracy: how can we convince people to see the importance of democracy when so many democracies do not leave them better off, when they fail to meet their basic needs, fail to deliver on the promise of representation? Ann is well

aware that "if people aren't seeing the dividends of democracy, all our work will go down the drain." Here, the radical simplicity of "Leave people better than you met them" cuts to the heart of an endlessly complicated world. In the face of intractable dilemmas, democracy needs to first look inward before it can combat the forces that strive for its downfall,

whether Russia or Boko Haram. It is hard to ask citizens to leave democracy better off when it does not do the same for them.

In practical terms, how can we go about improving democracy in a meaningful way? In my personal conversations with Ann, she has offered a characteristically refreshing response, which she repeats at this evening's tea. When asked about her work, Ann insists that, unlike the political figures she advises, she is not "in the limelight" — and that this is the best place for her to be. Ann shows us that it is not always the leader, but instead the people the leader listens to, that determine the fate of democracy and those who live within it.

I wouldn't say that Ann is outside of the limelight: she directs an important foundation, she works with powerful people and she was there that evening delivering a talk at an immensely influential academic institution. Instead, she works beyond the limelight. There is a common notion (a notion that is especially entrenched within Yale's campus) that we achieve the most only when the most people know about our work. The big moments of Ann's career — the moments where crisis is averted, where political figures' minds are changed — are facilitated not by trying to occupy the limelight herself, but by working beyond it. Moments that attract the public eye are not born of a vacuum, but are the culmination of countless small interactions and personal relationships that play out offstage — and it is offstage that these moments' true effects are felt once the public spectacle subsides. There, beyond the limelight, are all of us who are better off from knowing Ann.

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FROM THE FRONT

"Gentlemen, you are now going out to play football against Harvard. Never again in your whole life will you do anything so important."
T. A. D. JONES, CLASS OF 1908, YALE FOOTBALL COACH

Dance group boosts fundraiser for 'Palestinian anarchist fighters' during shows

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account @desolacol.colectiva, with a title slide that reads "Collection of resources to aid Palestine." The second slide listed donation information for four groups — the Middle East Children's Alliance, Palestine Children's Relief Fund, Medical Aid for Palestinians and Gaza Mutual Aid Collective. The third and final slide is a graphic with the heading "Support Palestinian anarchist fighters."

The last slide listed a Venmo handle — which, as of Monday night, appears to no longer exist — and also tags another Instagram account called @abolishtheusa. That account features a handful of posts from this month showing support for Fauda, a self-described "anarchist movement in Palestine" that the account says associates itself with Hamas, which the United States recognizes as a terrorist group. According to the account, a Fauda member in an interview described the organization as one of "15 anti-Zionist resistance groups in Palestine" — specifically including Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Kitabal-Aqsa — that are "all together" and "follow the same goal."

In an email sent to Ballet Folklórico members yesterday at 4:14 p.m., the co-presidents wrote that they made the decision to include the QR code hours before the first show "without consulting the board or membership," which they called a "substantial oversight." They apologized to members who were "unwillingly and unknowingly aligned" with the statements.

"We realize this post brought considerable damage to the Jewish community," Ballet Folklórico's four co-presidents wrote in the email. "We should have been more prudent with our choice of platform and should have looked beyond the resources provided on the second slide and noted the damaging material on the third. We would also like to emphasize that we condemn antisemitism as well as any form of violence committed against any community. Our rash decision did not appropriately reflect the values we wish to represent. Although we stand behind efforts to aid and bring attention to this crisis, linking this post was a grave error."

In the Monday email, the presidents cautioned members to make their personal social media

accounts private and untag Yale Folklórico in any posts, as part of "preventive measures" aimed at supporting members' safety.

The "Floreciendo" fall showcase took place in the Morse/Stiles Crescent Theatre and aimed to celebrate Mexican culture through the art of dance, according to the event's YaleConnect page. One show took place on Friday, Nov. 10 and the other two on Saturday, Nov. 11, with 210 people registered to attend across all three shows.

The dance group is a Yale student organization that strives to preserve traditional Mexican dances, according to its listing on the Yale College Arts website.

The News reached out to five Ballet Folklórico members and 16 registered attendees on Monday night. One individual declined to comment and 18 did not immediately respond.

The co-presidents held an emergency meeting on Monday night with all Ballet Folklórico members. The News, seeking to attend the meeting, reached out to the co-presidents; the presidents stressed that the meeting was not open to the public and meant for Ballet Folklórico members only.

This comes as the ongoing Israel-Hamas war has led to increasing

tensions and student fears of personal safety on college campuses.

On Oct. 7, Hamas launched a surprise attack against Israel, killing at least 1,200 people in Israel and taking more than 230 hostages, according to Israel's Foreign Ministry as reported by the Washington Post. Israel responded with a formal declaration of war, airstrikes and a ground invasion of Gaza, killing more than 11,180 people in Gaza from Oct. 7 to Nov. 10 and displacing more than two-thirds of the population, the Post reported according to figures from the Hamas-run Health Ministry in Gaza and from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. United Nations officials have called Israel's attacks "horrific crimes" and "collective punishment" in violation of international law.

Gavin Guerrette '25, an attendee at the Saturday 6 p.m. show and co-editor-in-chief of the Yale Daily News Magazine, said that an individual came out before the show to promote "direct relief to Palestinian families" and describe the post linked in the QR code.

Guerrette said that he thought a "key part" of this presentation was a call to audiences to be informed about the Israel-Hamas war,

"independently of their request for funding."

Guerrette believed these actions to be "an earnest attempt" to support Palestinian families and civilians.

"All I'd be willing to say here is that it was an attempt to provide information to people and an attempt to provide a means of supporting people who they view to be in a humanitarian crisis," said Guerrette. "If incidentally, they linked to something which is, quote unquote, 'loosely affiliated' with Hamas, I don't think it's by any direct malicious effort."

In their Monday email, the Ballet Folklórico co-presidents said they had removed the portion of the YouTube livestream that included the QR code and are in conversation with La Casa Cultural administration to navigate through the situation. They also said that they will seek input from the board and membership before making public statements in the future.

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Yale student delegation heads to Washington for 'March for Israel' rally



The Slifka Center for Jewish Life sent a delegation of over 40 students to the "March for Israel" in the nation's capital. / Ben Raab, Contributing Photographer

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Ministry in Gaza and from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Organizers planned Tuesday's rally in response to critics of Israel and to urge American politicians to continue supporting Israel amid growing calls for a ceasefire, the New York Times reported.

Yesterday's demonstration came just over a week after a large pro-Palestinian protest in Washington, during which thousands opposed Israel's bombardment of Gaza and demanded a ceasefire.

Speakers at Tuesday's demonstration included American politicians — such as U.S. Senate majority leader Chuck Schumer — Israeli politicians, Jewish activists, performance groups, political commentators, families of hostages, Christian and Muslim activists and Jewish college students. Israeli President Isaac Herzog spoke remotely from Jerusalem.

Chants of "never again," "bring them home" and "Am Yisrael Chai" — in English, "the people of Israel live" — arose between speakers, and signs with "Free Palestine from Hamas," "end antisemitism," "We stand with Israel," appeared in the crowd, as did pictures of Hamas-held hostages.

Among the group of speakers was also CNN commentator Van Jones, who was met with cheers from the crowd when he expressed his support for Israel but with erupting chants of "No ceasefire" when he called for an end to Israel's bombing of Gaza.

The only counter-demonstration held near the rally that the News witnessed was by a group of Neturei Karta Orthodox Jews, who opposed

the existence of a Jewish state before the arrival of the Messiah.

"1, 2, 3, 4, Zionism no more," and "down, down the state of Israel," they chanted.

Uri Cohen, Executive Director of the Slifka Center, expressed pride that so many Yale students were able to make the trip.

"This is a critical time in Jewish history, and everyone needs to do their part to help make the future better than the present," he said. "For some, gathering with 200,000 fellow Jews and allies is a meaningful contribution to the effort. I'm glad Slifka Center has been able to facilitate this experience alongside so many others during this difficult time."

New Haven delegations

Beyond the Yale delegation, the New Haven Jewish Federation also sent a group of over 100 people to the march on Tuesday morning. The federation chartered two full buses, with a full waitlist of others in the community eager to attend, Rabbi Josh Pernick, director of Jewish life and community relations at the federation, told the News.

The group consisted of people across the New Haven Jewish community, ranging from active synagogue members to less religious attendees troubled by the war and activity they viewed as antisemitic.

"We are certainly seeing a spike in antisemitic activity [since Oct. 7]," Pernick told the News, citing the recent vandalism of Rep. DeLauro's campaign office. "People are seeing these tragedies and wanting to get involved and speak out. This was an opportunity many in our community saw to get together, to do

something meaningful, and engage in important conversations."

During the rally, Yale students, joined by the New Haven delegations, chanted and listened to several speakers as they stood among hundreds of thousands gathered in front of the Capitol building.

Speakers call out Yale, other universities

Natan Sharansky, a Soviet-Israeli human rights activist and former chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, condemned Yale and other elite universities for fostering hateful rhetoric.

"[At] Harvard, Yale, Penn and Columbia, students have cheered this modern pogrom," he said. "All those places that are supposed to be the bastion of light and wisdom. They speak about justice and they're ready to welcome the killing of babies, the rape of our girls."

The University did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In the wake of these developments, student groups at Yale and other campuses have held organized demonstrations to call for a ceasefire and recognize Palestinian suffering.

The American Defamation League has criticized groups at different universities for justifying Hamas' attacks as "resistance" or chanting alleged hate speech such as "intifada" and "from the river to the sea, Palestine shall be free."

"I'm convinced that a lot of these college students don't understand that's an explicit call for the extermination of the Jewish people in Israel," Mike Johnson, the House majority leader said of the "river to the sea" chant. "It is unaccept-

able for universities to allow Hamas apologists to assault and accost Jewish students on campus."

Michael Herzog, Israeli ambassador to the United States and the older brother of Israeli President Isaac Herzog, stated that Jewish students are being "assaulted and silenced on college campuses."

Antisemitism and Islamophobia on campuses and beyond

Since Hamas' terrorist attack on Oct. 7 and its ongoing war against Israel, there has been a significant rise in antisemitism across the United States by nearly 400 percent, per a report by the Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism. There has also been an "unprecedented" spike in Islamophobia and anti-Arab sentiment, a 216 percent increase, according to a report by the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

College campuses have been no exception.

At Cornell University, a student — who has now been arrested — posted on an anonymous school Greek life platform at the end of October that he was going to "shoot up 104 West," the school's kosher dining hall. Later, posts from the same author threatened to "stab" and "slit the throat" of any Jewish male on campus. At Ohio State, two Jewish students were reportedly assaulted in an alleged hate crime. The facade of the school's Jewish Center was later vandalized.

On Oct. 11, a "doxxing truck" emblazoned with the faces and names of students dubbed "leading anti semites" made its debut at Harvard University's Cambridge campus. A similar truck visited Columbia University's campus in New York City on

Oct. 25, with a more recent appearance on Nov. 1. These public doxxing campaigns exposed mostly Black and brown people, some of whom are undocumented, Teen Vogue reported on Oct. 27 based on interviews with two Harvard students.

At Yale, the ongoing war has led to increasing tensions and student fears of personal safety.

In a Nov. 7 Wall Street Journal opinion column, two Jewish alleged that they had been barred from attending a "Gaza Under Siege" event that was co-sponsored by multiple Yale academic departments. In response to the column, Nick Gaede Jr. '61 told the News that he pulled his donations to the University — a decision he explained in a Nov. 12 letter in the Wall Street Journal.

In Grace Hopper College, a student claimed responsibility for writing "Death to Palestine" on an entryway whiteboard on Oct. 9.

To combat both antisemitism and Islamophobia, the U.S. Department of Education announced new steps on Nov. 14, specifically focused on college campuses. These include funding school safety efforts by the funding from the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act and "specialized resources designed to help educators, students, parents, and community members keep students safe from antisemitism, Islamophobia, and related forms of discrimination."

The National Mall in Washington, D.C. was first planned in 1791.

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FROM THE FRONT

"A whale-ship was my Yale College and my Harvard."
HERMAN MELVILLE "MOBY DICK"

SOM hosts Middle East peace dialogue, students protest lack of Palestinian presence



A panel held at Yale's School of Management drew backlash. / Courtesy of Yale Palestine Solidarity group

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the table. So I think that was a very good start to have these dialogues in academic institutions."

After the talk, around 80 professors from across Yale's different schools joined theologians and leaders for a multicultural lunch aimed at further open discussion. Among those who attended the lunch were former Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo and Iranian-American journalist Roya Hakakian.

Imam Rauf told the News that he thought the event was "very valuable" and "informative." He explained that he appreciated the different perspectives brought up during lunch as well, including Hakakian's comments on the need to include Iran in discussions surrounding peace in the Middle East.

The absence of formal Palestinian representation on the panel, however, led the Yale Palestine Solidarity coalition to organize a protest in response to the talk.

"Yale's decision to support Arab-Israeli normalization by platforming these panelists without a single Palestinian voice is reprehensible and dishonest, especially in this moment of unprecedented Israeli devastation in Gaza," the Yale Palestine Solidarity coalition wrote in a press release statement emailed to the News. "The people of Connecticut will not tolerate the role of Yale or the United States in these ongoing war crimes."

The protestors held signs in front of the SOM building with statements such as "end the occupation, stop the genocide" and "ceasefire now." Their faces were covered with face masks and

some of them wore traditional Palestinian scarves.

They handed out flyers titled "No peace without justice: it is not a peace dialogue without Palestinians," demanding that Yale take a stance against Israel's attacks in Gaza and divest from all arms manufacturers.

During a walkout of over 100 students on Oct. 25, student protestors called on the University to divest from arms manufacturers, such as Lockheed Martin. Following the walkout, University President Peter Salovey told the News that the University's Advisory Committee on Investor Responsibility is considering revisiting its policy regarding investments in weapon manufacturing and retail.

After yesterday's panel and protest, the Yale Palestine Solidarity coalition posted about the group's demonstration on its Instagram page.

"We reject Yale's decision to platform Arab-Israeli normalization

efforts during Israel's ongoing devastation of Gaza and attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank," the Yale Palestine Solidarity coalition wrote in an Instagram caption on Nov. 15.

In a Nov. 15 email to the News, Sonnenfeld wrote that the event's attendees included people from all over the world, including Palestinians, Emiratis, Kuwaitis and Iraqis, who came prepared to ask questions during the open discussion. Sonnenfeld also noted the presence of UAE ambassador Al Otaiba, who was on the panel, as "one of the most influential voices in the Arab world."

He added that the SOM had invited the Palestinian representative to the United Nations but did not get a response back.

In their press statement, the Yale Palestine Solidarity coalition criticized the presence of Al Otaiba as a voice for Palestinians, stating that the UAE maintains a close diplomatic

relationship with Israel "while sidestepping the question of Palestinian self-determination."

"People can protest efforts towards Mideast peace, if they want - to do so outside - but, inside we wanted to learn what we can do [to] advance regional harmony, justice, and prosperity," Sonnenfeld wrote in a Nov. 15 email to the News. "In this non-political educational event, [we] learned from Israeli and Arab government voices. This should not be Yale's final event on the region but just one step following the lead of many of our students. Hopefully a future one would be convenient for the Palestinian representative to the UN."

The School of Management was founded in 1976.

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Jews for Ceasefire holds demonstration outside of Schwarzman Center

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than 11,180 people in Gaza from Oct. 7 to Nov. 10 and displacing more than two-thirds of the population, the Post reported, citing figures from the Hamas-run Health Ministry in Gaza and from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

In the statement read to the crowd during Thursday's demonstration, the group called on the University to divest from all companies involved in weapons manufacturing. The group also called on Yale to protect student organizing on campus, citing the suspension of student groups at Brandeis University and Columbia University.

"We are witnessing the suppression of pro-Palestinian speech across the United States, and we are troubled by the censorship of chapters of Students for Justice in Pales-

tine and Jewish Voice for Peace on campuses including Brandeis and Columbia," the statement read.

Student ceasefire efforts come amid national calls for a ceasefire. On Wednesday evening, U.S. Capitol police officers had to evacuate the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington after approximately 150 protesters gathered to demand a ceasefire in Gaza, according to Reuters. That same day, 24 members of Congress penned a public letter calling on the Biden-Harris Administration to support a bilateral ceasefire in Gaza in order "to protect the one million children living there."

Yale currently does not invest in weapons retailers in accordance with the Investments Office's Ethical Investment Policy, but these regulations do not apply to weapons manufacturing. The group's statement says they are "concerned"

that the University is financing the "killing of civilians through its investments in companies associated with the Israeli military."

"Yale adopted a formal divestment policy that requires Yale to divest from retail outlets that market and sell assault weapons to the general public," University spokesperson Karen Peart wrote to the News. "The Advisory Committee on Investor Responsibility is studying whether there are grounds to revisit the policy under the university's ethical investment framework."

The group also called on Representative Rosa DeLauro to sign the Ceasefire Now Resolution, which urges the U.S. to call for a de-escalation of the conflict and ceasefire as well as facilitate access to humanitarian aid in Gaza. DeLauro's office did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The event was not attended only by Jewish students. Other

non-Jewish students were also in attendance — a partnership that Charlie Nevins '25, one of the main organizers, found "powerful."

"We really wanted this event to be for everyone," Nevins told the News. "Obviously, it's led by Jews, but I think our Jewish values say that 'every life is meaningful, every life should be protected.' That's something that I think everyone can get behind."

Prior to the gathering, the group did not notify the University of their actions, per the organizers.

Instead, the group categorized their demands and the event as a "first step."

"The group is hoping to continue organizing beyond this," Ella Goldblum '24, one of the main organizers, told the News. "We are looking to collaborate with a lot of other groups on campus [that] are doing the research surrounding endowment justice."

These groups include the Endowment Justice Coalition and the Racial Capitalism and Carceral State Working Group, which is a part of Yale's graduate schools.

Yale's Jews for Ceasefire, according to its organizers, has also been in communication with students at other universities — namely Harvard, Columbia and Brown — that have hosted similar events in recent weeks.

"We've been trying to do stuff in tandem [with these groups] so that our message has a bigger impact," Dubrow-Compaine explained.

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Doxxing truck comes to Yale, displays names and photos of students

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"I am a Navajo and Jewish woman who is committed to liberation for all people, including my own communities," a graduate student who appeared on the truck wrote to the News, on the condition of anonymity due to personal safety concerns. "I am proud to be Jewish, just as I am proud to be Navajo. It is deeply unsettling and violent that Jewish students are being doxxed and called antisemitic."

The student did not know of the doxxing truck until the News reached out for comment.

The recent conflict and rising tensions surround the Israel-Hamas war, which formally began on Oct. 8 after Hamas launched a surprise attack on Israel the previous day, killing at least 1,200 people in Israel and taking more than 230 hostages, per Israel's Foreign Ministry. Israel responded with a formal declaration of war against Hamas, airstrikes and a ground invasion of Gaza, killing more than 11,180 people in Gaza from Oct. 7 to Nov. 10 and displacing more than two-thirds of the population, the Post reported, citing figures from the Hamas-run Health Ministry in Gaza and from the United

Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Five out of the six students who the News could confirm appeared on the truck were graduate students of color. According to reporting by Teen Vogue based on interviews with two Harvard students, the trucks mostly target Black and Brown students.

The truck also appeared outside the Watson Center on Sachem Street at roughly 3:05 p.m. and was near Pauli Murray College on Prospect Street at 3:30 p.m. By roughly 3:45 p.m., the truck was on Broadway; its

electronic billboard turned off by approximately 4:45 p.m.

Similar doxxing trucks have appeared at other Ivy League universities, including Harvard University on Oct. 11 and Columbia University on Oct. 25. A student at Columbia filed a lawsuit against Accuracy in Media on Monday.

On Nov. 16, while the doxxing truck was on campus in New Haven, AIM announced its Yale campaign on X, formerly known as Twitter, writing that "our Campus Accountability Campaign is at @Yale today to highlight the rampant antisemitism from radical 'scholars' on campus!"

The link in the post leads to a website calling for students to petition the University to "take a stand against the antisemites on campus who issued a statement blaming Israel for the actions of terrorists." AIM's post does not explain which "statement" it is referring to.

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NEWS

“Look at Rory. Rory is dressed in Yale colors.” “
Why can’t you be like Rory?”
RICHARD AND EMILY GILMORE GILMORE GIRLS

Advocates, opponents discuss medical aid-in-dying legislation in Connecticut

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Medical aid-in-dying was a hot-button issue in Connecticut’s last legislative session. A recent forum discussed the policy, with an eye toward 2024.

On Nov. 14, the Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics hosted a community forum in Marsh Lecture Hall and on Zoom to discuss Connecticut’s Bill on medical aid-in-dying, or MAID. Over 260 people attended in person or on Zoom. Panelists Stephen Latham, director of Yale’s Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics, Thaddeus Pope, bioethicist and professor at the Mitchell Hamline School of Law and Jules Good, a disability justice activist and policy analyst, provided insight about MAID from various angles including national trends, international and ethical trends and opposition.

After the event, the News spoke with Joan Cavanagh, an advocate against MAID, who criticized the panel for its lack of viewpoint diversity.

The forum opened with remarks from Connecticut State Representative Josh Elliot who emphasized the importance of listening to advocates from every side of the issue.

“What we should be getting from this process is the strongest bill possible that protects people who are at deficits within the medical community, but also supports people who are looking to ensure that they have self-determination when it comes to their bodily autonomy,” Elliot said.

Elliot was one of the lead sponsors during the 2023 Connecticut General Assembly supporting a bill that would have legalized MAID in Connecticut if passed. This bill made it farther than ever before in the House, advancing out of the Public Health Committee, but failed to advance out of the Judiciary Committee.

Each speaker on the panel had 15 minutes to outline their positions on MAID, followed by a question and answer section with questions from the audience.

The first speaker, Thaddeus Pope, a law professor and bioethicist began by providing listeners with general data about MAID.

In the failed Connecticut legislation, in order to qualify for

MAID, the patient would have to be 21 years old, have decisional capacity and be diagnosed with a terminal illness. The patient also would have to be the one to administer the lethal prescription.

ist and policy analyst, joined over Zoom with an opposing viewpoint. Good described the dangers of instituting MAID, which they call assisted suicide.

“In a healthcare system with so

MAID of irremediable suffering to the proposed Connecticut bill’s stricter standard of being terminally ill — meaning that person is already dying.

Latham also addressed common

and online audiences. Questions ranged from comparing MAID to other end-of-life options such as euthanasia and palliative sedation to concerns about potential loopholes or issues the Connecticut bill may pose.

After the forum ended, Brittany Fleck, an in-person attendee, told the News she was surprised by the level of debate.

“I was not expecting it [the forum] to be political at all,” Fleck said. She added that the discussion was “riveting” but that she didn’t expect it to be “as intense.”

Joan Cavanagh, a member of Progressives Against Medical Assisted Suicide, said that she was disappointed the forum had two speakers in support of MAID and only one opposed.

She shared emails with the News showing that Bruce initially agreed to have one speaker from Second Thoughts CT and one from Progressives Against Medical Assisted Suicide on the panel as well but withdrew the offer on Oct. 11.

“At that point, it became even clearer that this was mainly a discussion to talk about how to make the bill “better” or more “acceptable” and thus more likely to pass, not the objective educational forum that was being claimed,” Cavanagh told the News.

When asked about the viewpoints of the forum’s speakers, Bruce disagreed with the characterization of the event as pro-MAID. She said the three speakers were chosen so that Pope could speak on national trends, Latham on international trends and ethics and Good as an opposition figure.

Panelists demonstrated open-mindedness to one another’s line of thinking. For instance, all panelists agreed that some kind of training — credentials, certification requirements or a training program — would help ensure the safe use of MAID.

In 1994, Oregon approved Measure 16, a Death with Dignity Act ballot initiative, becoming the first U.S. state to legalize medical aid-in-dying.

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Over 260 people attended the forum, where panelists outlined medical aid-in-dying statistics, benefits and opposition.

Patients would have to pass multiple rounds of screening with a prescribing physician, a consulting and a mental health physician. Even after going through this meticulous process, Pope said, an estimated third of the patients would ultimately choose not to take the lethal prescriptions.

Advocates for MAID argue that it provides “death with dignity,” Pope explained. With this logic, he explained, as the burden of terminally ill patients’ lives outweighs the benefits, they want to avoid excessive suffering by giving patients the agency to control the timing and manner of their deaths.

Jules Good, a disabled activ-

many clear barriers for marginalized peoples, a policy of assisted suicide is inherently dangerous,” Good said. “Not being able to afford care, not being able to access care, should not be reasons that people are choosing to end their lives prematurely.”

Good said they believe that normalizing assisted suicide allows a broken healthcare system to “escape culpability for its systemic failures” leading to many people ending their lives unnecessarily.

Latham said he prefers the term physician-assisted suicide and echoed many concerns that Good raised about the practice. He began by comparing Belgium and the Netherlands’ standard for

concerns applicable to Connecticut that he said many people had regarding the passing of MAID in Oregon, the first state to legalize the practice. He explained that many people worried that MAID would incentivize the healthcare system to provide low-quality care to people with low income in Oregon, thereby eliminating “inconvenient patients.”

“Exactly the opposite happened,” Latham said. “The people that used these programs were overwhelmingly insured, white and educated.”

After the panelists spoke for their allotted 15 minutes, organizer Lori Bruce facilitated a Q&A session for panelists to answer questions from the live

Hamilton Society talks Russia-Ukraine War’s impact on Asia

BY ADAM WALKER
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On Tuesday evening, the Yale chapter of the Alexander Hamilton Society hosted an event to discuss the effects of the war in Ukraine on Asian geopolitics.

The talk, titled “Ripples to the Pacific: How Ukraine Affects Geopolitics in Asia,” took place in William Harkness Hall. The speaker at the event was Vance Serchuk LAW ’09, executive director of the global investment firm KKR Global Institute. During the event, Serchuk examined the potential repercussions of the war on conflicts in Asia.

On Feb. 24, 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine, escalating the Russo-Ukrainian War that started in 2014 when Russian troops occupied Crimea and parts of Donbas. Despite calls for a ceasefire in Ukraine, fighting has continued, leading to thousands of casualties and the displacement of civilians.

“The Alexander Hamilton Society (AHS) is excited to host KKR’s Vance Serchuk because of his ability to connect two regions that have increasingly come to define U.S. foreign policy: the Indo-Pacific and Eastern Europe, specifically Ukraine,” Axel de Vernou ’25, co-president of the AHS, wrote to the News. “Mr. Serchuk will be able to provide students with an overview of what developments in Ukraine signal for American foreign and defense policy in the Indo-Pacific.”

He added that Serchuk’s connection to both geopolitics and finance — two subjects that, according to Vernou, are often studied separately — allowed the AHS to reach more students.

At the event, Serchuk first addressed the impacts of the war on Euro-Atlantic security.

“The impact has been transformative,” Serchuk said. “The world that we find ourselves in today versus the world that existed [before the war] are obvious and transparent.”

Serchuk said that since the war, there has been a significant expansion of territory incorporated into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, marked by the inclusion of both Finland and Sweden. He also spoke about a growing awareness of Europe’s reliance on Russian gas.

He said that since the war first started, numerous changes have unfolded in the Euro-Atlantic region economically, politically and militarily. Serchuk contended that the historical repercussions of the war might be most prominently felt in its effects on Indo-Pacific geopolitics.

“The impact of the Indo-Pacific and the geopolitics there may prove to be even more consequential than this war,” he said.

Serchuk expressed his curiosity about how the United States and its allies will draw lessons from the war, particularly concerning the power dynamics between the People’s Republic of China and Taiwan.

He emphasized that the war demonstrated the perils of economic dependence, drawing parallels with the European reliance on Russian gas and suggesting that comparable dynamics might exist between China and Taiwan.

“If it wasn’t such a smart thing for us to depend on Russian gas, maybe we should take a look at our other dependencies in other countries with revisionist geopolitical ambitions,” Serchuk explained.

He noted that discussions in the United States regarding critical minerals and pharmaceuticals dependence on other nations



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Vance Serchuk LAW ’09 addressed the ramifications of the Russia-Ukraine war in Asia during an Alexander Hamilton Society event.

have “accelerated” since the start of the war.

Serchuk concluded the talk by warning the United States and its allies that they need to be careful about the power imbalance in the Indo-Pacific region and emphasizing the need to understand the significance of the war.

“Supporting Ukraine’s fight for freedom, through military support and economic policy, is essential to a free and open Indo-Pacific, and indeed, for a free world,” Abe Baker-Butler ’25, co-president of the AHS, wrote to the News. “At AHS, we bring together renowned practitioners with diverse perspectives

for high-level foreign policy discussion with students. We launch our members into careers in foreign policy and national security.”

Ukraine is the second largest country in Europe by total area.

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NEWS

"The Game picks us up each November and holds us for two hours...all of us, homeward bound, sense that we are different yet still the same. It is magic." ROGER ANGELL HARVARD '42

Af-Am House window shattered, Yale police investigating

BY COLLYN ROBINSON
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On Monday night between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., a window was shattered at the Afro-American Cultural Center.

A small group of students were sitting in the Founder's Room inside The House when the incident occurred on Nov. 13. Af-Am House Director Timeica Bethel '11 notified House staff in an email on Nov. 15 and called it a "possible hate crime." The News interviewed two students who said they witnessed the event.

Alanah Armstead '24 said that some of the group of students in the room were working on problem sets, while others were taking a call before they heard the window shatter.

"We heard a loud bang; it was like seven people in the room, and we tried to see if something had like fallen over or got knocked down, and we didn't see anything," Armstead told the News.

Armstead said that a couple of minutes later, she saw two men, one in a green hoodie and the other in a white hoodie, behind The House.

The men, according to Armstead, were walking down the alleyway toward Park Street shortly after the shattering of the window.

"Everyone knows that The House is a space for Black students and staff, and Black students and staff are always here," Audrey Leak '24 said. "So any kind of damage to The House could be [to] possibly hurt Black students or staff."

Leak and Armstead said the group of students present during the incident became nervous about their safety and decided to go home shortly after.

The News obtained an email sent to the Af-Am House staff on Nov. 15 at 10:41 a.m. issued by Bethel, with the subject line "potential hate crime." It outlined the events that occurred on Nov. 13, the possibility that it was a hate crime and measures put in place to keep students safe at The House.



On Nov. 13, a group of students in the Afro-American Cultural Center heard a window being shattered in the back of The House.

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"Given the positionality of The House as a space that celebrates Black culture, it is possible that this was a hate crime," Bethel wrote in the email. "Nothing about The House or our programming of late has been particularly controversial, so it's unclear why this incident happened. In the name of full transparency, it is possible that this is the result of a resident group recently posting on social media that The House will be holding a fundraiser for Palestine at the tailgate this weekend."

Bethel wrote that the fundraiser was not authorized by The House and that she contacted the leaders of the group to remove the flyer.

Bethel declined to comment further on the incident when reached by the News Wednesday afternoon, as she said she is not allowed to comment on ongoing police investigations.

The News reached out to the Yale Police Department the night of Tuesday, Nov. 14, regarding the incident.

"YPD was contacted by the leadership at the house, and offi-

cers responded to initiate a report regarding a vandalism complaint," YPD Chief Anthony Campbell wrote to the News.

Campbell later told the News in the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 15 that the YPD was continuing to work on the investigation into the incident.

"I've reviewed the report within the last hour, and we're actively reaching out to witnesses provided by the original complainant," Campbell wrote. "Gathering their infor-

mation will significantly impact the direction of our investigation."

He encouraged anyone with information regarding the incident to contact the Yale Police Department at 203-432-4400, adding that individuals can opt to remain unnamed in a report or utilize the LiveSafe app to report any information anonymously.

The Afro-American Cultural Center was established in 1969.

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Yale College receives second-largest ever early application pool

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Over 7,800 prospective members of the class of 2028 submitted early applications to Yale College, representing the second-largest cohort of early action applicants in Yale's history. The applicants will be the first to be evaluated since the fall of affirmative action this past summer.

The 7,866 single-choice early action, or SCEA, applications received this year represent an increase of about 1 percent over last year's 7,744 applicants, according to Mark Dunn '07, senior associate director for outreach and recruitment at the Office of Undergraduate admissions. Only the class of 2025 submitted more early applications, with a record-high 7,939 applicants.

"As always, the size of the applicant pool is far less meaningful than its academic strength and diversity along many dimensions," Dunn wrote in an email to the News. "Our holistic review process is revealing those aspects of the applicant pool over the next four weeks."

Yale's early applications, which are part of the SCEA program, are due on Nov. 1. SCEA applications are non-binding, but students may not seek admission to any other private, domestic institution in the early round — though they are free to apply to public American colleges, any rolling admissions programs or to any schools abroad.

On Dec. 15, the admissions office will release its early action decisions. Applications may be rejected, accepted or deferred until the regular decision cycle.

Admissions officers are reading this year's cohort of early applications amid many institutional and national changes to the college admissions landscape. For the first time this year, admissions officers will not have access to students' self-reported race when evaluating them for admission.

Last year, the admissions office shared that the early applicant pool for the class of 2027 marked a 6 percent increase in students who identify as a member of an underrepresented racial or ethnic group. This information will not be available this year, as the admissions office is not doing any aggregate



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The 7,866 students who applied to join the class of 2028 will be the first cohort evaluated since the Supreme Court declared race-conscious admissions unconstitutional.

counting of the cohort by applicants' self-reported race and ethnicity, according to Dunn.

Dunn told the News that the admissions office is able to track and report information about other demographics, like where applicants are from. Continuing on past trends, both international applicants and first-generation college student applicants saw disproportionate growth, according to Dunn.

Dunn shared several metrics about changes in the applicant pool demographics over the past five years. Since the class of 2023 applied five years ago, the total number of EA applicants has increased by 30 percent. Within applicant pools, the number of first-generation applicants has increased by more than 100 percent, and the number of international applicants has increased by more than 150 percent. Compared to last year, the number of international applicants has increased by 6 percent and the num-

ber of first-generation applicants has increased by 3 percent.

To comply with the Supreme Court's decision against race-conscious admissions this summer, the University announced policy changes to its application process.

"Our priorities today remain unchanged from June: fully complying with the law, continuing to support a diverse and inclusive community, and maintaining a world-class admissions process that considers each applicant as an individual," Jeremiah Quinlan, Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid, wrote in a September email. "We are confident we can preserve these priorities going forward."

One example of such an effort was the hiring of two new full-time admissions officers, who began at the admissions office in October. These two new officers focus exclusively on outreach and are not involved in the application reading process, according to Moira Poe, Senior Associate

Director of Strategic Priorities at the admissions office.

Their employment will allow the office to continue its outreach to organizations and potential students, even during the height of application reading season, and given that they will not be reading applications, they may have access to racial demographic data, unlike other admissions officers.

"These roles will ensure that we are not only connecting to students and families, but also providing information and assistance to those supporting a student through their educational trajectory," Poe wrote in an email to the News. "We want to ensure that talented students from all backgrounds will continue to consider Yale as a college option."

The admissions office detailed that it would implement "extensive" new training for admissions officers on how to evaluate applications without access to a student's self-identified race.

In addition to being the first cohort to be evaluated race-blind, this year's pool of early applicants may also be the last to apply under a test-optional policy. The University first implemented a test-optional admissions model in 2020 for students seeking admission to the class of 2025. Each year since, the admissions office has renewed the test-optional model for 1-year terms.

The University hopes to announce its long-term testing policy in early 2024, Dunn told the News, which will first affect next year's applicants — most of whom will be from the high school class of 2025, seeking admission to the Yale College class of 2029.

Last year, Yale College offered admission to 776 early action applicants.

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Four Yale seniors win 2024 Rhodes Scholarships

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After hours of anticipation at the Gleacher Center in Chicago, Illinois, Madison Hahamy '24 received the good news: she had been named one of the two Rhodes Scholars in her district in Illinois.

When she learned she had won, Hahamy immediately ran to the bathroom, with a pair of heels in hand and shoes untied, to change into her heels and celebrate.

Hahamy — a former reporter for the News — is one of five Yale students to be awarded with a 2024 Rhodes Scholarship. Come fall, she will join Jackie Testamark '24, the other American winner, Iman Iftikhar '23, and Victoria Kipngetch '24, two international recipients and Nyasha Mukonoweshuro, a 2023-2024 Henry Fellow, at Oxford. The five women are among 62 students globally to receive this year's Rhodes Scholarship.

"I ran outside [of the New York Public Library] as soon as I could because my parents had come into Manhattan with me and took their day off," Testamark said. "So it was my parents, my sister and I [locked] in a group hug outside the library right after I found out."

The Rhodes Scholarship provides funding for two or three years at Oxford University. This year's Yale recipients have academic interests ranging from journalism to social sciences, history and art.

Rhodes Scholars are elected on the basis of criteria established in the will of Cecil Rhodes, the scholarship's benefactor. Such criteria include academic excellence, ambition for social impact, collaborative aptitude and a promise of leadership. This year was also the first the Rhodes Trust returned to in-person interviews following the COVID-19 pandemic.

"They inspire us already with their accomplishments, but even more by their values-based leadership and selfless ambitions to improve their communities and the world," Ramona L. Doyle, American Secretary of the Rhodes Trust, wrote in a press release announcing the American winners.

Nyasha Mukonoweshuro, an international student who is taking graduate coursework at Yale

as a 2023-2024 Henry Fellow, also received a Rhodes Scholarship this year. She recently graduated from Loughborough University and hopes to pursue a B.A. in jurisprudence at Oxford.

Iman Iftikhar

After a 15-hour flight to her interview in Islamabad, Pakistan, Iftikhar was relieved and overwhelmed when she was told she had won the scholarship.

She felt she was not only carrying her personal hopes and dreams, but also those of the ten other finalists in her constituency, who, she believes, deserved the award equally.

"First thing that I felt was relief, but I also felt overwhelmed," Iftikhar said. "I felt the responsibility that comes with winning such a big award; particularly also because everybody that I had met at the interviews was amazing and an incredible person."

At Yale, Iftikhar is a history and philosophy double major. Her thesis focuses on the intellectual lineage of the Pashtun Tahaffuz Movement, a human rights movement in Pakistan born out of the war on terror.

At Oxford, she plans on pursuing a two year master's program studying intellectual history or political theory followed by a second master's degree in South Asian studies.

Madison Hahamy

Hahamy, who is an English major, previously served as a staff reporter for the News and a senior editor for The New Journal at Yale. She is pursuing a certificate in human rights at Oxford and plans on studying the theory and history of antisemitism. Thus, she will complete her first master's in refugee and forced migration studies, followed by another master's in English from 1900 to present.

This semester, she is doing a human rights capstone project and an English independent study. She is examining the ways in which journalism and human rights both complement and contradict each other — or in her words "how journalism helps and harms people" to understand how journalism can improve in the future.

"I'm thinking of using the first degree as a way to gain understanding of antisemitism and then the second degree as a way to study how literature and journalism have both portrayed antisemitism," she said.

Jackie Testamark

Testamark, a classical civilizations and history double major, plans to study the history of art and visual culture at Oxford. Specifically, she hopes to examine the advent of museums and the imperial acquisition of artworks and artifacts from across the globe. She aims to work with curators to build a decolonial museum that recontextualizes the objects and puts them in a more global and holistic context.

Testamark plans to focus her studies on the heyday of Western imperialism from the 15th through 18th centuries.

"I want to examine the legacy of classicism in that period and the value that people put on this Greco Roman education," she told the News.

Victoria Kipngetch

For Kipngetch, who is from Kenya, her Yale coursework has tried to interrogate Africa's role in the world, particularly in relation to an emerging multipolar order — a system in which multiple states have similar levels of power.

For her first master's degree, she plans to study global governments and diplomacy, especially regarding other rising and middle powers, to understand what Kenya can learn from them. She wants to follow it with a master's in public policy and translate those theories into tangible policy and actionable strategy for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kenya as a diplomat.

Nyasha Mukonoweshuro

Mukonoweshuro graduated from Loughborough University this year with first class honors. Following her graduation, she received the Henry Fellowship to study at Yale. The Henry Fellowship provides financial support for one student from the U.K. to conduct one year of graduate work at the University. As a Henry Fellow, Mukonoweshuro is taking classes in the Department

of Political Science and at the Yale Law School.

Her academic interests lie in the areas of human rights, international law and transitional justice. At Oxford, she hopes to receive a B.A. in jurisprudence and go on to pursue a legal career.

Path to the Rhodes

Students interested in studying at Oxford as Rhodes Scholars start their journeys in the spring of their junior year, when the Office of Fellowships

tion, they are then invited to interview in their home district.

The Yale Office of Fellowships supports Rhodes hopefuls as they follow the application process. While the office is not allowed to help applicants craft their applications, they offer other kinds of resources to help them prepare, according to Emma Rose, director of the Fellowships office. The office helps students select recommenders and stages mock interviews for finalists, Rose told the News.

According to Rose, the Rhodes



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Four Yalies will attend Oxford University to continue their graduate studies under the famed Rhodes Scholarship, awarded to approximately a hundred students worldwide.

offers workshops and information sessions about the fellowships available for study in the UK and Ireland. Throughout the summer, they offer individual advising for those students considering applying for fellowships such as the Rhodes, according to Emma Rose, Director of the Office of Fellowships at Yale.

American Yalies then submit applications via the Student Grants Database to outline their intentions for studying at Oxford in order to gain the University's endorsement for the scholarship. Applicants are then interviewed by the Yale campus committee for endorsement. Those selected by the committee go through to the national competition, in which nominees from across America compete within 16 U.S. districts. Students from outside of the U.S. may apply for the Global Rhodes or the Rhodes specific to their country of origin, which have slightly different deadlines.

If an applicant who was endorsed by Yale is selected as a finalist in the national compe-

scholarship is unique among the fellowships offered by the University because it allows recipients to study among a community of distinguished scholars dedicated to creating a positive social impact — what Rose calls a "life-changing" opportunity.

"We are so delighted that these exceptional students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in their chosen field of study as Rhodes Scholars at Oxford University," Rose wrote in an email to the News. "We wish them congrats on the excellent and well-deserved outcome of all their dedication and hard work. We also would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people across the University who were involved in supporting and endorsing Yale's finalists this year."

The first Rhodes Scholarships were awarded in 1902.

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YHHAP organizers frustrated with Yale Hospitality monetary discrepancies

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This week, Yale students can opt in to donate their meal swipes to fight hunger and homelessness in New Haven — but the value of these meal swipes being donated may not be as high as students think.

The Yale Hunger and Homelessness Action Project's semesterly fast is returning to convert Yalies' meal swipes into monetary donations for local organizations and other YHHAP initiatives. On the day of the fast, participating students forgo their dining hall meals. Yale Hospitality then directs the monetary value of the meal swipes to YHHAP. The donation period runs from Nov. 6 to Nov. 16, and the fast will take place on Nov. 17.

"Participating in the YHHAP Fast is the easiest way for busy Yale students to give back to New Haven in a meaningful way," said Paul Douglass '26, who co-coordinates the YHHAP Fast.

Students can sign up for the fast through Yale Hub by navigating to the "Dining" tab, selecting the YHHAP option and opting in. At the end of the donation period, Yale Hospitality grants the total value of the donated meal swipes to YHHAP, which then distributes the funds to its partner organizations.

Student organizers, however, told the News that they have encountered a roadblock with Yale Hospitality in raising money.

Last fall, Yale Hospitality exchanged \$10,087.38 for 1,277 sign-ups, working out to \$7.90 per student, or \$2.63 per meal swipe, according to Douglass. The values of dining hall meal swipes vary, with the minimum value being \$5.50 for continental breakfast and the maximum value being \$17 for dinner, according to reporting by the News last month. These values, organizers pointed out, fall

far above the per-meal amount Yale Hospitality gives YHHAP.

In interviews with the News, YHHAP organizers expressed frustration with the discrepancy between Yale Hospitality's per-meal donations through the fast and the price of students' meal swipes through Yale's meal plans.

According to Nikhe Braimah '25, co-director of YHHAP, the organization has tried to negotiate a higher amount for Yale Hospitality to reimburse with each meal swipe. Thus far, he said, those negotiations have failed.

"[The \$7.90] includes all the meal swipes for the entire day being taken away," Braimah said. "But we know that monetary value doesn't line up. For example, at the Bow Wow, you get 10 [dollars] just for lunch rather than [\$7.90] for all three meal swipes or the whole day. In the past, we've tried to work with Yale Hospitality to see where that discrepancy is coming from. Unfortunately, we haven't been successful yet."

According to Jocelyn Ra '22, who also co-coordinates YHHAP Fast, part of the discrepancy between the standard meal prices and Yale Hospitality's donations is due to residual labor costs, as Yale Hospitality employees still work on the day of the fast.

Ra also noted that YHHAP Fast organizers previously attempted to negotiate higher donation prices due to the rising rates that students pay for meal plans.

For example, in 2019, Yale's boarding cost, which is equivalent to the price of the Full Meal Plan, was \$7,200 a year, or \$3,600 per semester. This academic year, the full meal plan costs \$4,140 per semester, a cost increase of 15 percent. Between 2019 and 2023, Yale Hospitality raised the amount donated per fast swipe from \$7.44 to \$7.90, an increase of 6.18 percent over four years.

"We initially also wanted to enter negotiations because of inflation and given the rising meal prices that Yale students have to pay," Ra said. "[Yale Hospitality] said that it was going to be a 6 percent increase every year, but when we did the math, it was not 6 percent [per year]."

In spring 2022, Yale Hospitality donated \$7.70 per student signup, whereas in fall 2022, they donated \$7.90 per student. A 6 percent increase would have constituted \$8.26 per student in fall 2022.

In a March email written from a Yale Hospitality administrator to a former YHHAP Fast coordinator, which was obtained by the News, Yale Hospitality claimed there was a 6 percent increase in donation prices between the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years. Similar claims were made in an email sent to YHHAP organizers in the fall of 2022, which the News also obtained.

"While we don't provide specific calculations on a per-meal basis, we have done our best to make sure that this is a fair assessment and we did give a significant increase of 6% per meal last year, resulting in a larger donation than in previous years," a Yale Hospitality administrator wrote the email from March.

Douglass and Ra expressed frustration with what they alleged was stalled communications and a lack of transparency from Yale Hospitality.

Yale Hospitality did not respond to requests to set up a meeting with the coordinators until the YHHAP leaders asked Dwight Hall administrators to intercede, per Douglass.

Ra said that transparency is especially important for nonprofit fundraisers such as YHHAP Fast.

"When we get blocked by [administrative challenges], that makes it very hard for us to be transparent with the rest of the Yale body in general," Ra said. "It

devalues our efforts to try to make sure that [donors] know exactly step-by-step where their money is going towards, and it also devalues [donors'] intentions as well to try to help New Haven in general, which is something that everybody who partakes in the YHHAP Fast wants to do."

Douglass expressed his hope to expand the fast in years to come. His long-term goal, he said, is for Yale Hospitality to donate meal swipes that students do not use on other days of the year.

Meal swipes — aside from bonus meals — do not roll over between semesters or years, leaving many students already paying for more food than they eat, he explained. Points roll over between only the fall and spring semesters.

"The fast is right now just one day a semester, but I'm sure everyone's had the experience of thinking, 'I didn't use my meal swipe today, I wish I could do something with it,'" Douglass said. "So we want to expand. The tricky thing is working with Yale Hospitality, and obviously, if we were to expand the fast they would have to expand the amount that they donate."

Ra also said that leaders from the Muslim Students Association and the Slifka Center for Jewish Life have separately reached out about the possibility of donating their unused meal swipes during religious fasts to YHHAP. Negotiations with Yale Hospitality on this idea "didn't progress," she explained, saying that the coordinators hope to make this idea a reality in the near future.

Christelle Ramos, Yale Hospitality's Senior Manager, declined to comment for this story.

"Even though [the initiatives to expand the fast] didn't work out, I think it was very encouraging just hearing that people wanted to use their entire capac-

ity as a Yale student to increase the amount of impact that we could have on New Haven," Ra said. "That's a really uplifting thing to hear."

This year, YHAAP is donating to organizations including the Sunrise Cafe, New Reach, the New Haven Inner-City Enrichment Center and Project Access. These organizations work with New Haven residents affected by homelessness and food insecurity, with some running pantry services while others provide access to medical care. YHHAP partnered with these organizations for the first time during its fast last spring.

Aside from nonprofit organizations, YHHAP also partners with local businesses, including the Claire's Corner Copia, Haven Hot Chicken, Juice Box and Yorkside Pizza to provide direct monetary donations to the initiative or discounts to participating students.

According to Arushi Dogra '24, co-director of YHHAP, while the Dwight Hall service group has long-standing relationships with nonprofits in New Haven, organizers determine partners for the fast on a semesterly basis.

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HARVARD STUDENTS, 2004

Yale team awarded \$5 million from Energy Department to fight climate change

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A new Yale initiative backed by the U.S. Department of Energy has its sights set on studying natural ways to remove carbon emissions from the atmosphere — and scaling those processes up to fight climate change.

Led by researchers at the Yale Center for Natural Carbon Capture and the Yale School of the Environment, the project also hopes to develop tools to measure the effectiveness of natural carbon capture methods, which researchers believe is crucial for addressing the issue of climate change.

The project’s funding comes from a \$5 million grant as part of the DOE’s Earthshot Initiative, an agency-led effort to increase decarbonization and help the United States reach its goal of a net-zero carbon economy by 2050.

“There’s no time to sit around and twiddle our thumbs,” said David Bercovici, the Frederick William Beinecke Professor of Earth & Planetary Sciences and co-director of the YNCC. “This project is really connecting the models for soils and enhanced weathering to rivers and estuaries and all the way to oceans.”

In 2010, the United Nations agreed that global warming caused by greenhouse gases needs to be contained to below a 2 degrees Celsius increase from temperature levels before the industrial revolution. If the global temperature rises to 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, scientists warn that heatwaves, drought, extreme weather and rising sea levels could cause mass-extinction events.

However, according to Matthew Eisaman, a professor of Earth and Planetary Studies and a researcher at the Yale Center for Natural Carbon Capture, efforts to mitigate climate change by reducing carbon dioxide emissions are not enough.

“We need billions of tons of direct removal of carbon dioxide from the air in the next coming decades,” he said.

Eisaman, who is on the Yale research team for the study, said the project’s goal is to create models to examine how carbon flows

through natural systems: from the soil, to rivers and eventually to the ocean. The modeling could inform how natural methods of carbon removal, such as enhanced mineral weathering and ocean alka-

CO₂ and are harmful for animal and plant life, the researchers said. Bicarbonate entering the oceans can decrease its acidity and increase the amount of CO₂ that they can absorb from the atmosphere.

Models play a “key role” in verifying how much carbon dioxide has been removed from the atmosphere through methods such as enhanced rock weathering or ocean alkalinity enhancement, said Eisaman.

emphasized the urgency of the climate crisis. The YNCC must create multi-pronged solutions, to seek ways to capture carbon on land, in farms and the ocean, he said.



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Yale School of the Environment researchers will examine the impact of natural carbon-capture methods on global warming.

lity enhancement, can be used on a larger scale.

Enhanced mineral weathering relies on using natural rock weathering to draw carbon out of the atmosphere. When rain falls, raindrops mix with carbon dioxide and form an acid that weathers silicate rocks — which make up the majority of the Earth’s crust — and create bicarbonate ions. These bicarbonate ions then wash into soil and rivers.

The chemically-basic bicarbonate runoff from this process can also help de-acidify the ocean, which is a large sink for carbon dioxide on Earth. Acidic oceans absorb less

Projects like that of the Yale team can help scientists understand the cycles through which carbon dioxide is drawn out of the atmosphere: how it moves through the soil into waterways and what chemical reactions occur during the process.

“There is the need to track the flow of this carbon to its long term storage in the ocean as there are processes that can lead to ‘leakage’ or the loss of the captured CO₂ during transport,” wrote study leader Peter Raymond, senior associate dean of research at YSE, in an email to the News.

They can also help scientists to find new ways to accelerate the process of natural carbon capture.

“[These models] are something that’s needed if these approaches are going to scale to the billions of tons per year that we need,” Eisaman said.

Created in 2021, and co-directed by YSE professors David Bercovici and Liza Comita, the Yale Center for Natural Carbon Capture supports research projects that tackle climate change — solutions that range from the ocean floor to local farms.

Calling for collaboration between researchers, Bercovici

According to Bercovici, carbon capture solutions are only one facet of climate change, and other measures must be pursued, including eliminating dependence on fossil fuels and becoming a renewable economy.

“Carbon capture is not the panacea that’s gonna solve it. There’s no way, the problem is way too big. We have to be doing everything,” Bercovici said.

The DOE’s Carbon Negative Shot was announced on Nov. 5, 2021.

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Yale researchers awarded \$7 million to study opioid use disorder

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Content warning: This column contains references to intimate partner violence.

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A new Yale-led project seeks to study treatment retention for women facing intimate partner violence and opioid use disorder.

In October, Tami Sullivan, a psychiatry professor, and Jennifer Edelman, a professor in social and behavioral sciences, won a \$7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health and National Institute on Drug Abuse. With this grant, the team, alongside Dawn Johnson, a professor in counseling psychology from Akron University, will research how well women who have experienced intimate partner violence and suffered post-traumatic stress disorder retain treatment for medication for opioid use disorder, or MOUD.

“We know that PTSD symptoms are common among women who experienced intimate partner violence, we know that half of the women who are in treatment are experiencing partner violence,” Sullivan said. “If we can address PTSD symptoms, we have a better shot at keeping women in care and supporting their involvement in their care.”

Treatment retention refers to the percentage of people who continue to seek care for their addiction. In their study, the researchers hope to study a stepped-care treatment model in which patients initially

receive the least resource-intensive treatment, only later getting specialist treatment if necessary. With this new model, the team aims to encourage more women to choose to pursue care.

According to Sullivan, the stepped-care model will have multiple treatment levels. First, women who have experienced IPV will receive basic MOUD treatment at a substance abuse rehabilitation center.

Sullivan noted patients may have to come to the clinic every day to receive medication. Because this process requires substantial commitment, Sullivan said that external factors sometimes prevent patients from completing the process.

If patients need more rigorous treatment, they will be “stepped” up to present-centered therapy, or PCT+, a form of psychotherapy for patients with post-traumatic stress disorder. PCT+ typically takes eight weeks, and administrators do not need to be master’s-level trained. For Sullivan, this will allow more clinics to integrate higher-level therapy options into their treatments.

If patients still show significant markers for PTSD, the next step is a therapy-based treatment called HOPE. Johnson developed HOPE, which stands for Helping to Overcome PTSD through Empowerment, in 2020. As opposed to PCT+, HOPE is delivered by a master’s-level trained service provider with specific training in partner violence.

Sullivan noted that many of these women have experienced significant emotional and mental degradation. For her, HOPE is unique because it centers empowerment as an effective method of recovery.

The team plans to collaborate with two Connecticut clinics and one in Massachusetts over the next six years to administer their new treatment. If the treatment proves successful, they plan to disseminate this program to other treatment centers. In this study,

women who choose to participate will be randomly selected to either receive only MOUD — the control group — or MOUD, PCT+ and HOPE, if needed.

“Our hope is that we will develop an effective, scalable, and sustainable treatment model via PCT+ and HOPE to promote retention in treatment with medications of opioid use disorder treatment for women experiencing PTSD symptoms due to intimate partner vio-

As the project progresses, the researchers hope to examine whether patient responses to this new form of treatment differ within racial and ethnic groups.

According to Brian Kiluk, a psychiatry professor at the School of Medicine and an expert in substance abuse disorders and cognitive behavioral therapy, many women are unable to get treatment for substance abuse or other mental health

a one-size-fits-all. Getting more tailored approaches moving forward will be more likely to have better outcomes.”

While this research targets specifically women with OUD who experience IPV, the team seeks to apply this method of multi-pronged treatment to other subgroups battling addiction.

Women in the study can receive treatment at opioid treatment



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The grant, which comes from the NIH and NIDA, will allow the researchers to study treatment retention.

Edelman wrote in an email to the News. “This is a population deeply in need of effective interventions and we are excited to have the opportunity to have wonderful partnerships with opioid use disorder treatment providers and domestic violence service providers to work together to fill this gap.”

difficulties due to a lack of resources. Ultimately, he hopes that research like this, along with other developments in treatment administration, can help more people receive the care they need.

“There needs to be more nuanced and targeted approaches,” Kiluk said. “It’s not

programs at the APT Foundation in New Haven, Liberation Programs in Bridgeport and Stanley Street Treatment and Resources in Fall River, Massachusetts.

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ARTS

"I have never felt the world go so silent... It was truly a magic moment for me. The confidence I took away from that one Game literally propelled me to believe I could play in the NFL."
ERIC JOHNSON '01 ON HIS WINNING TOUCHDOWN IN 1999, TIGHTEND

Student-run record label 1701 hosts launch concert

BY EMILY AIKENS
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1701 Records, Yale's only student-run record label, has returned eight years after its dissolution in 2015.

After a semester of recruiting musical talent, 1701 showcased six student artists during their launch concert on Nov. 11.

"I am just so happy we got to share all the work we have been doing with the rest of campus," Head of Label Affairs Jackson Downey '25 told the News. "We have been working on this for almost eight months now. It was so cool to see people as excited about our artists as we are."

1701 was founded in 2010 but dissolved when its original leadership team graduated. On Aug. 28, an Instagram post announced the group's return, and the label began recruiting student artists in early September.

According to the label's website, "1701 works to bring artists of all mediums together, source resources for musical artists, and provide professional experience to student artists and aspiring industry professionals." Their services, which are free for represented student artists, include management, creative direction, production, gig sourcing and funding.

On Oct. 16, the label announced that it would be representing six artists, all of whom performed at the launch concert. The official setlist included Lyle Griggs '25, Evie Kissinger '27, Seldom Street, Strictly Platonic, Khatumu and Zaida Rio '26. From this group, Griggs, Kissinger and Rio are solo artists, while the rest are bands.

1701 Events Director Tess Levy '25 emphasized how proud the label is of its artists' performances.

"Considering the fact that they joined the label just a few weeks ago, their ability to put together such complex and masterful



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Students packed the backyard of 107 Howe St. on Saturday night to hear six 1701-represented student bands perform at the label's launch concert.

arrangements of the music was really mind-blowing," she told the News. "I'm definitely not surprised given how consistent and committed each of them has been, but it was such a delight to share it with so many people."

The event was sponsored by local business Woody's Wings, located at 91 Church St. In between performances, students flocked to the food station to warm up with a selection of wings from the restaurant.

Guayaki Yerba Mate, a California-based tea brand, also sponsored the event. One of the drink options available to attendees was a Yerba Mate cocktail that included a mixture of the tea,

lemon juice and vodka. Though Luke Tyson '25 was initially skeptical of this combination, he told the News that it was "surprisingly good."

Towards the end of the lineup, a noise complaint from neighbors forced the label to relocate the event to 27 High St. From there, the artists continued their sets, adapting their performances for an acoustic setup.

Rio, who served as the concert's closing act, performed her entire set from the new location.

"Initially, it was really overwhelming, but after evaluating what musical equipment we were limited to and what we could sacrifice/keep for each song, the

entire 1701 team worked together to help make sure that my vision for my set was as close to what it could've been at 107 Howe St.," she wrote to the News. "Despite the chaos, the performance ended up being incredibly intimate, and I was just so grateful for all the people who relocated with us to keep the rally going."

Makda Assefa '26 told the News that the event provided a much-needed avenue to celebrate student bands and performing groups.

Downey emphasized the importance of continuing to showcase student voices.

"We have spent the last few months focusing on creating a performance space, and now

we're going to get going on music production and promotion for the next chapter of 1701," he told the News. "Be ready for some awesome single releases and maybe even an album or two."

For those who were unable to attend the event, several of 1701's student artists — including Zaida Rio and Strictly Platonic — have their songs available for streaming on Spotify.

Though auditions for fall 2023 have closed, 1701 plans to add new artists every semester.

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Berkeley College Orchestra's 'Serenade of Memory and Destiny'

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The Berkeley College Orchestra performed its show, "Serenade of Memory and Destiny," at the United Church on the Green.

The event, held on Sunday, Nov. 12, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., featured a program of classical pieces that explored themes of nostalgia, history and fate.

Under the baton of music director Nicole Lam '25, the orchestra — which consists of Yale undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and professional affiliates — worked together to make the night musically cohesive and harmonious. The concert started with Jean Sibelius' "Impromptu for Strings," before progressing to the "Weiner Serenade," inspired by Hungarian folk music.

"As this orchestra plays more and more together, the more cohesive they sound, the more fun they're having, the more they're blending into each other," Lam said. "And I really felt that these pieces are extremely challenging both as an ensemble and also just technically, and I think people put in the work [to] create a product that everybody feels really proud of."

Kincaid MacDonald '23, a player in the BCO, commented on the piece's complexity. He said that he thought the Verdi was technically the "hardest," noting that it required "the most skill" to play. He said that the Weiner, on the other hand, was the most musically difficult because "it has this different style" that is less common.

Another highlight of the evening was Giuseppe Verdi's "La Forza Del Destino," a composition that combined drama with more intricate orchestral arrangements to evoke a story about fate and the future. The title translates to "the force of destiny."

The concert's programming was inspired by Nicole Lam's own experience of music as a medium that transcends time — something that evokes past memories, present experiences and future aspirations, she said.

Joshua Chen '27, a clarinetist in the BCO, reflected on the



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At a concert this Sunday, the Berkeley College Orchestra played pieces by Verdi, Weiner and Sibelius at the United Church on the Green.

orchestra's preparation. "We had about a month to prepare for this concert, but it really came together in the last couple of weeks," he told the News.

Julieanna King '27, another BCO player, praised the selection of pieces, noting that the execution of the show required many "moving," independent parts to harmonize.

While this was the last concert for the BCO this semester, the orchestra has two shows planned for next semester.

In addition to planning a collaboration with the Yale Ballet Company for February and a double bronze concerto for next April, the BCO also has a smaller chamber concert planned for the

end of the semester, involving a subset of the whole orchestra.

The audience remarked positively on the selection of works at the concert. Mehran Sadeghi, father of BCO member Cyrus Sadeghi '27, appreciated the more abstract themes of the night.

The pieces that were put together catered to different moods

and were quite lovely," said audience member Elena Krapivina.

Founded in 1976, the Berkeley College Orchestra is Yale's oldest student-run orchestra.

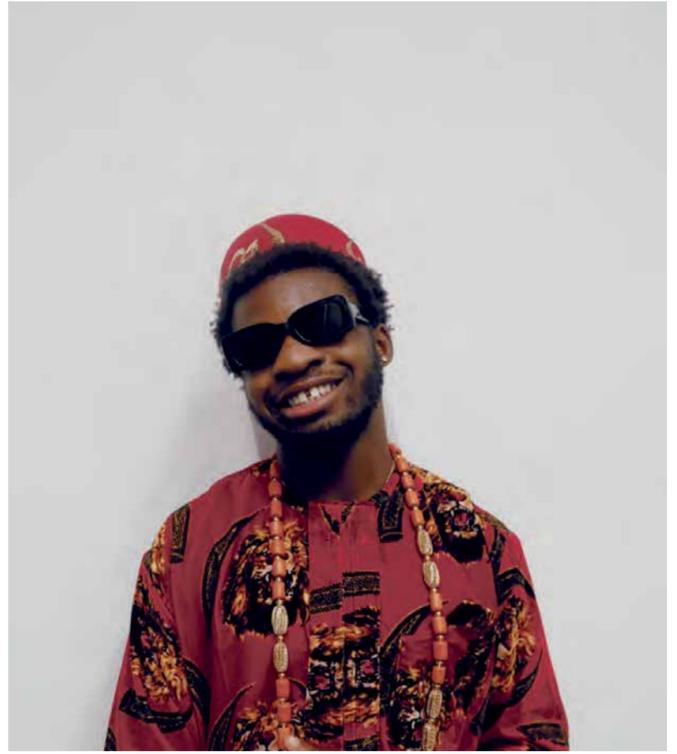
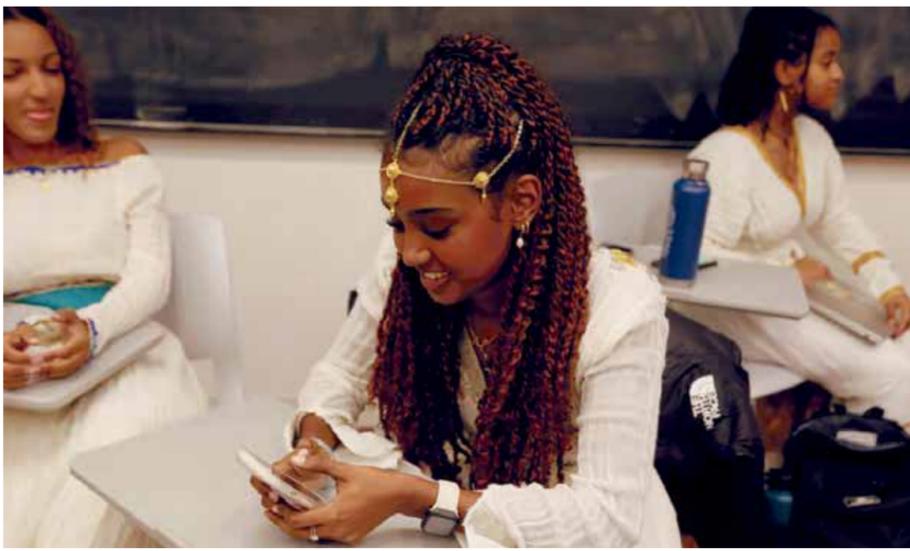
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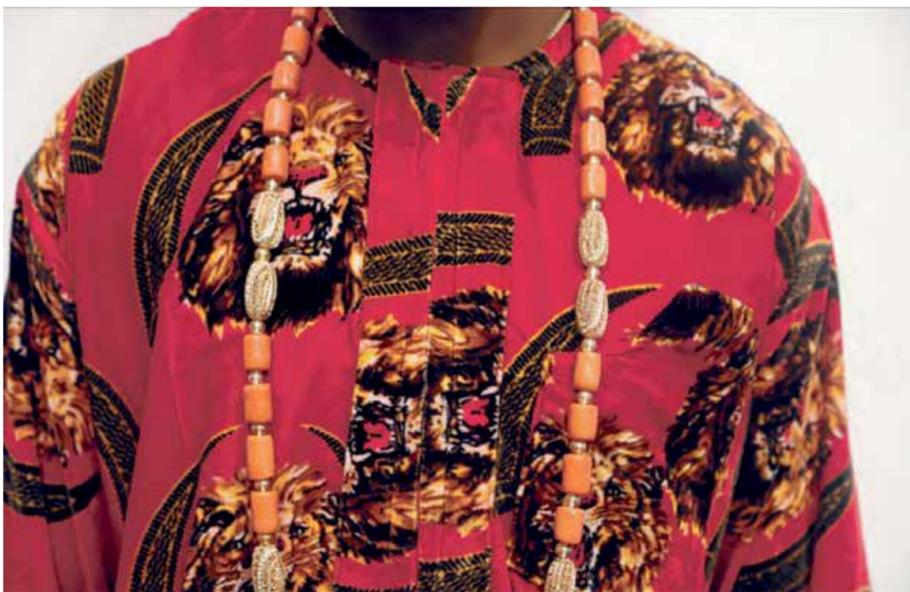


AFRICA WEEK PROGRAMMING

Yale African Students Association hosted Africa Week last week. Sityana Abdu followed the programming, particularly Nov. 6's Print Day and Nov. 11's Coronation events.



Photos by Sityana Abdu





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MEN'S SOCCER: Bulldogs win Ivy League Tournament

BY JOAQUIN FERNANDEZ-DUQUE
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The Yale men's soccer team (10-5-3, 3-1-3 Ivy) defeated Brown University (5-5-8, 2-0-5 Ivy) with a final score of 2-1, winning the Ivy League Tournament.

After a dominant performance against Harvard University (5-5-7, 3-1-3) in the semi-finals, the Bulldogs continued to prove themselves in a final that was not as close as the ultimate scoreline suggests.

The team faced off against Harvard on Friday at Franklin Field in Philadelphia for a chance to make the championship game. The Bulldogs took charge of the game from the first whistle, registering a couple of shots in the opening five minutes. Roughly twenty minutes into the game, three shots in quick succession by Yale's Quannah Brayboy '25, Jonathan Seidman '25 and Eric Lagos '24 set the scene for what was to come.

In the 23rd minute, Sam Harshe '25 sent a ball into the box looking to find Lagos, Yale's biggest aerial threat. Lagos beat his defender to the ball, contorting his body in the air to head the ball into the top-left corner. The unsavable header from Yale's prolific finisher gave them a deserved 1-0 lead.

With no more goals in the first half, Yale went into the locker room with a narrow lead but firm control of the game. Yale's defense has been stellar as of late, and the first half of this monumental game was no different as they prevented Harvard from registering a single shot on target.

The Elis started the second half just as strong and were rewarded for their efforts just ten minutes later. After another onslaught of shots in the minutes prior, Lagos found himself once again heading a cross towards goal. This time, the Harvard goalie was able to save the shot and push the ball wide. The first save was not enough, however, as Brayboy was there to center the ball once again towards Lagos' head, who put it away for his second goal of the game.

Just three minutes later, Max Rogers '24 slotted a beautiful cross on the ground to meet Brayboy's back post run. Brayboy's shot was initially blocked by a sliding Harvard defender, but he was able to recover the rebound and push Yale's lead to 3-0.

Despite the comfortable lead, the Bulldogs were committed to their pre-game goal of putting on a 90-minute performance. In the 78th minute, Yasin Aly '25 beat his defender and took a shot from the top of the box. The shot was saved, but Harvard was once again unable to secure the ball and Jamie Orson '25 was there to capitalize on the second chance. He pushed the ball across the goal line to give Yale their fourth goal of the night.

The semi-final could not have gone better for the Bulldogs, as their historic victory over their rivals gave them confidence going into the championship game. Yale registered 18 shots to Harvard's six, with ten of them being on target. The offense and defense both had great performances, as the team scored a season-high four goals and secured their third clean sheet in a row.

Coach Kylie Stannard shared with the News that he was especially proud of how the team kept their composure despite a few early season losses.

"They came together and embraced their various roles in the team and bought in to the type of identity we need to be in order to best position ourselves for an Ivy League Championship," Stannard said.

With morale high, the Bulldogs awaited the result of the other semi-final between the University of Pennsylvania (7-3-6, 4-1-2 Ivy) and Brown University. The thrilling contest saw multiple comebacks, a bicycle kick goal, late game-tying goals, a penalty save in the last minute of overtime and an eventual victory for Brown in a penalty shootout. The Bear's underdog victory ended the tournament hosts' season and sent them to the championship game to face Yale.

The final, played at 1 p.m. on Sunday, saw the two lower seeds in the tournament face off for a title and the Ivy League's automatic bid to the NCAA Division 1 Tournament.

Yale started off the game strong, with early chances for the Bulldogs. Three minutes after kickoff, Lagos reminded everyone how much of a goalscoring threat he is in the box. His timing and positioning set him up to get a close-range shot that was saved by the Brown goalkeeper. Two minutes later, Rogers' cross to the back post gave Yale another oppor-



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The Yale men's soccer team trounced Harvard in the semi-final before defeating Brown in the tournament final.

tunity, but no one was there to convert the chance.

In the 12th minute, the team utilized Lagos as a hold-up striker. The striker settled a high ball given to him and crossed it into the box towards Brayboy, who was making the run in behind the defense. Brayboy made solid contact on the ball, but the shot was once again saved by Brown's goalie. Four minutes later, a strong shot by Seidman hit the post but was cleared out by Brown.

In the 32nd minute, a cross near Brown's goal forced their goalie to push the ball out, where TJ Presthus '25 headed the ball on target. Despite the Yale players' calls that the ball crossed the line, the apparent goal line save by the Brown goalie kept the game scoreless. The first half ended 0-0, but with Yale completely outperforming their opponents. The Bulldogs put up eleven shots, six of them on target, while Brown only managed a single shot. However, games are won by only one thing: goals. Yale needed to turn their consistent pressure into actual goals in the second half.

The Elis started the second half at full speed, with a seemingly pre-planned kick-off play earning them a shot and a corner right away. They kept the pressure high and continued to have the majority of goal-scoring chances, including a header by Orson that sailed just over the crossbar. Despite their struggles, Brown kept Yale's defense on their toes. In the 62nd minute, a shot from outside the box forced Yale goalie Chris Edwards '24 to make a diving save.

In the 66th minute, midfielder Ryan Cote '25 subbed in for the first time in a

game, a decision that would prove critical. Just two minutes later, a ball that was narrowly kept inbounds inside Brown's 18-yard box found Brayboy. He showed off his technical ability, settling the ball with his chest and flicking it over to Rogers before it even touched the ground. Rogers then played a short pass to Cote, who used his first touch to open his body and face the goal. A great left-footed shot towards the back post by the substitute gave Yale the 1-0 in the 68th minute.

Not long after, in the 72nd minute, Lagos' hard work paid off as he fought to win a ball played long. He outworked two defenders to progress the ball forward, forcing Brown's goalie to come out and get his hands on it, stopping the ball but not securing it. Even though the defender tracking back pushed Lagos to the ground, he was first to the loose ball. Without even getting up or facing the right way, he swung his leg to send the ball towards the goal. Brown's sprinting defender was not quick enough as he watched the ball roll its way towards the back post and into the side netting. Yale now had a 2-0 lead.

With Brown's reputation for late goals, the game was far from over. A Brown corner saw them get their closest chance of the game so far, as their player settled the ball within a couple yards of the goal and hit a very hard shot low at the first post. Despite the Bears' previous struggles to create offensive chances, Edwards was ready for action when it mattered, as he showed off his reflexes with a heroic save that kept Brown off the board.

Unfortunately, the subsequent corner, which was whipped into a crowded six-yard box, was headed

into the net by Harri Sprofera. The game was now 2-1 in the 76th minute. Despite Yale's dominant performance, Brown was a late goal away from tying the game – and with Brown having done exactly that in the semi-final against Penn, Yale fans were unable to relax until the final whistle.

The Bulldogs held off their opponents' attacking efforts for the remaining 14 minutes, proving themselves victorious after 90 minutes. After a blowout win against Harvard in the semi-finals and a dominant but narrow win against Brown in the final, the Yale men's soccer team was crowned Champions of the Ivy League Tournament.

"It's good to have all the hard work and sacrifice pay off," captain Jake Schaffer '24 told the News. "I'm proud of all 31 guys on the team for everything they have done this season."

The team will surely make some time to celebrate their victory before getting back to work, as their win extended their season by securing them a spot in the NCAA Division 1 Tournament. The single-elimination tournament will feature 48 teams competing for a national championship: 23 conference champions who earned automatic bids and 25 teams selected by the NCAA D1 Men's Soccer Committee. The Bulldogs first round matchup will be against Bryant University this Thursday, November 16th, at 6 p.m. in Rhode Island.

The first time the Yale men's soccer team qualified for the NCAA tournament was exactly 50 years ago in 1973.

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FENCING: Yale secures resounding victory at Vassar Open Invitational

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The Yale Fencing Team competed in the Vassar Open Invitational this weekend, accentuating their long-anticipated return to the piste. Both the men's and women's teams secured triumphant victories against their long list of competitors.

Last year, the women's team suffered a string of unfortunate injuries that debilitated their Ivy League Championship hopes. Following a high-powered 2027 recruiting class, the team has replenished their losses and returned better than ever.

Alexa Drovetsky '27, a first-year épée fencer, appeared ecstatic upon her late-night return to New Haven.

"Last year we sputtered because we had to forfeit almost half of our bouts near the end of the season," Drovetsky said. "But this is one of the best women's teams we've had in recent years – the Class of 2027 is simply incredible."

Under head coach Marat Israeli's instruction, the team continues to forge a tight-knit culture. According to Stephanie Cao '25, teammates invest a genuine interest in each other's lives, molding a family inside and outside of practices and game settings.

The fencing family can be traced back to the introduction of 'Cap-



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An overhauled roster and attitude could precipitate the best Yale women's fencing team seen in years.

tain's Practice' during the beginning of the 2023-24 season. These organized venues placed a higher emphasis on constructing camaraderie and unity within the team dynamic. Clear leadership would serve a critical role in guiding the team through the triumphs and disappointments of the arduous season.

The fruits of their commitment were clearly displayed at the Vassar Open Invitational.

Cao, a prominent saber on the women's team, captured the weekend's successes in three sim-

ple words. "We killed it," she told the News.

The Women's team competed against Vassar College, Hunter College, Stevens Institute of Technology, Wellesley College, Johns Hopkins University, Tufts University and Drew University. They suffered only one loss, falling 14-13 to the highly-ranked Cornell Bears.

The tight loss is no cause for alarm, but rather a fountain of hope for team morale.

Drovetsky, who has fenced Cornell competitors through several inter-

national tournaments, knew what to expect as she stepped on the piste. While the match did not turn in Yale's direction, Drovetsky did not fret about the underdogs' return to glory.

"We're not even in the coaches' ranking system, so we are the underdogs going into this year," she said to the News. "Next time a bout is going to flip in our direction and we'll take down Cornell."

The Men's team staged an equally valiant effort. They won each of their matches with relative ease.

Max Deisboeck '27, a walk-on saber fencer, emphasized the importance of the tournament in cultivating team confidence. They proved to themselves and their competition that they are a force to be reckoned with in the Ivy League.

Deisboeck's seamless integration into the team culture is a testament to the fencing family. Teammates treat Deisboeck with fairness and respect, no differently than his recruited counterparts.

"Coach Marat is trying to instill a disciplined and dedicated regimen to the team—coming to practice early and on time, putting 110 percent effort into practice, and making sure that effort comes out in the tournaments," he told the News. "As a walk-on, I'm trying to prove to my teammates that I possess the same discipline, commitment and intangibles as everyone else."

The fencing team awaits prominent tournaments at Penn State and other Ivy League institutions. They are equipped with the mental, physical and social tools to defy expectations and wreak havoc among America's top-tier fencing programs.

The men's and women's fencing teams are set to face Brandeis on Sunday, Dec. 3, in Waltham, Mass.

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STAT OF THE WEEK

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THE NUMBER OF PASSING TOUCHDOWNS NOLAN GROOMS '24 HAS THROWN THIS YEAR FOR THE BULLDOGS. THAT NUMBER RANKS FIRST IN THE IVY LEAGUE AND 13TH IN THE ENTIRE FCS.

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THE GAME

Special Issue



SPISSUE

Salovey predicts 24–21 Bulldog win in his final Y-H game as president

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This Saturday marks the 138th edition of the annual Yale-Harvard football game, often known as “The Game.” This year’s iteration has special meaning for both Yale and outgoing president Peter Salovey, who intends to step down from the role this summer, as there is a chance for the Bulldogs to win an Ivy League championship in what will be Salovey’s last game as president.

Salovey’s connection to The Game stretches back decades. He arrived at Yale as a graduate student in 1981, before joining the department of psychology as an assistant professor in 1986. He was inducted as Yale University’s 23rd president in 2013.

The Yale-Harvard football rivalry dates back to 1875. Since then, the game has become an iconic sporting event, representing a fierce rivalry between the two Ivy League universities. Since the rivalry started in 1875, Yale has won 69 games to Harvard’s 61 games, with 8 games resulting in a tie.

“We have been especially good under pressure this year, and I predict the final score will be 24 to 21, with Bulldogs being victorious,” Salovey said when asked about his predictions for the score. “As the song goes, Harvard’s team will fight to the end, but Yale will win.”

Yale goes into the game with a 6–3 overall record, 4–2 in the Ivy League.

The Game is about more than just football — it is a celebration of tradition, school pride and varsity athletics at their finest. While the teams have traded wins and losses over the decades, the rivalry has stood the test of



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University President Peter Salovey weighed in on the significance of and his hopes for this Saturday’s showdown between the two Ivy League football teams.

time. Through two World Wars, the Great Depression and various social upheavals, the Game has also historically served as a site of protest.

In 2019, during Salovey’s tenure, climate change activists rushed onto the field at the end of the halftime show to protest both Harvard and Yale’s fossil fuel investments.

Other notable Games during Salovey’s time as president

include the 2018 edition hosted at Fenway Park and the infamous double-overtime win in 2019.

Salovey also looks forward to continuing his friendly rivalry with the Harvard president, Claudine Gay. This will be Gay’s first Game and Salovey’s last.

“I have a very special gift for her, courtesy of the Yale football team, and I hope to present it to her as a consolation prize at the Game itself,” he said.

Beyond predicting a Yale win, the president discussed the broader significance of varsity athletics within the Ivy League.

He said that the Game helps participating students “develop into leaders,” and that it also “bring[s] our community together.”

“I hope this is the year we can completely fill the Yale Bowl with university community members and New Haven neighbors alike,” Salovey told the News.

Salovey will also continue a tradition of giving the team a pep talk before the game, which he called “a thrill,” especially when the Elis are in contention for an Ivy League championship, and when “it is not already snowing.”

Kickoff is set for noon at the Yale Bowl in New Haven.

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THE GAME SPISSUE: The rules of football



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The News brings all you non-football people an easy-to-read guide to the rules of the game.

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To the untrained eye, football can be a perplexing sight. Twenty-two men hurl themselves at a pigskin football in search of the coveted end zone. Fans roar with excitement, anxiety and disgust at their team’s performance. The game, nuanced with arbitrary rules and exceptions, occupies the minds of millions of Americans.

As the 139th playing of The Game unfolds at the Yale Bowl, football should not bamboozle Yale alumni, students or guests. This “how-to” guide demystifies football to its most basic foundations.

For Elis, this should come easily, as football is in our blood. Walter Camp, class of 1880, is

widely known as the “Father of American Football” for the crucial role he played in establishing the rules of the game.

Football includes four 15-minute quarters, with a 20-minute break separating each 30-minute half of gameplay. The field stretches 120 yards in length and 53.3 yards in width, as 10-yard end zones fill the boundaries of each side of the field. While 60 minutes in length, The Game will last around 3.5 hours due to intermissions, timeouts and official reviews.

The objective of the game is to advance the ball into the opponent’s end zone, either via pass or run. The offense has four downs to move the ball 10 yards. Once they surpass the 10-yard threshold, a new slate of downs begins.

However, on fourth down, the offense can elect to risk possession of the ball for a first down or punt the ball away from their end zone.

The offensive side of the ball includes the quarterback, offensive linemen, wide receivers, running backs and tight ends.

The quarterback serves as the offense’s command center, dictating plays by throwing the ball to wide receivers or handing the ball off to a running back. For Yale, this is No. 12 Nolan Grooms ’24 who was last season’s Ivy League Offensive Player of the Year. The offensive linemen protect the quarterback from oncoming defenders before he launches the ball to his slate of receivers.

Wide receivers and tight ends play a hybrid role on the offense. They catch the ball from the quarterback

during passing situations and block during running opportunities.

The defense attempts to stop the offense’s drive to the end zone. They intend to tackle opponents before they cross the first-down barrier. Watch out for two pivotal defensive plays.

An interception occurs when a defender snatches a pass from the quarterback intended for an offensive player. A fumble transpires when a defender punches away the ball from the ball carrier and recovers it. Both types of turnovers give the defensive team possession of the football.

The point system in football is quite simple. A touchdown, when the offense enters the endzone, provides six points to the offense. They are given the opportunity to kick a field goal through the

uprights for one additional point or attempt to enter the endzone from the two-yard line for an additional two points.

When stopped before entering the endzone, the offense can elect to kick a field goal for an additional three points.

The rules of football are fairly simple when broken down. Hours of exhaustion, sweat and emotional distress culminate into a marvelous display.

So when Nolan Grooms passes to Mason Tipton ’24 for a touchdown, you should understand the cacophony of cheers in the Yale Bowl.

Yale is set to play Harvard at noon on Saturday, Nov. 18.

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From walker to wide receiver: Joey Felton '24

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Going into this year's edition of The Game, one of the strongest parts of the Yale team is the passing attack. However, for one Bulldog wide receiver, it was not always clear whether he would be able to suit up for the Bulldogs in a game against Harvard ever again.

Bulldogs wide receiver Joey Felton '24 made a remarkable comeback in the 2022 season after walking off the Yale football team due to his diagnosis of spondylolisthesis in August 2021.

Early into the 2021 season, Felton reported pain in his lower back, and when attempting dynamic activities, he experienced excruciating pain down into his calf. MRI imaging confirmed that his vertebrae had slipped forward, raising particular concern for his L5-S1 vertebrae. His surgeon discovered a 60 to 70 percent slip, resulting in pinched nerves and a disintegrated disc.

"There was no definitive impact that caused the injury," Felton said. "It all just happened at once."

After months of attempted rehab, Felton reached the point of being unable to stand for more than 10 minutes at a time. He decided to take a leave of absence from Yale in the fall of 2021 to focus on his health and recovery.

In November 2021, Felton underwent remedial surgery at The John Hopkins Hospital. After remaining in the hospital for a week post-surgery, he continued to use a walker and rely heavily upon his family members to complete ordinary, mundane tasks.

"In spring 2021, when I met with Dr. Gardner, she said that there was a good likelihood that I wouldn't be able to play again," Felton said. "Nobody she knew of, except maybe a few cases out there in the NFL, had this injury and came back successfully."

Despite the pessimism of his medical team, Felton said he decided



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Following his recovery from spondylolisthesis, the Yale wide receiver rejoins his teammates for the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

that he could not relinquish the hopes of his athletic career before at least attempting a comeback.

Before his diagnosis, Felton had shown promise in his rookie year at Yale in 2019. The speedy wideout featured primarily on kickoff returns, where he averaged an impressive 48.6 return yards a game.

He rejoined the team in spring 2022, but could not participate in practice until he was medically cleared to run in July 2022.

When retelling his journey back to the starting lineup of Yale's offensive unit, Felton recounted his struggles against the psychological barriers of the 2022 season.

"My skills were never the problem; it was my confidence. I had been out of football for two years, out of training for two years, and I play one of the most skilled positions on the team," Felton said.

He found himself avoiding catching the ball across the middle, worried about reinjury upon contact.

However, he refused to allow either the physical or the mental obstacles to keep him out of the Bulldogs lineup.

"You don't love something until you lose it and I lost football for a while," Felton said. "Just coming back and just being able to play and being around a team, it's special. I value that more than anything really."

Tony Reno, head coach of the Yale football team, had much to say about his team generally and Felton's comeback specifically.

Reno spoke highly of the tight-knit bond he observes amongst his players, commenting on the "strong culture with an internal fire" that fuels the program.

"I'm my proudest when observing that the guys are really tight, and they'll support each other, they'll challenge each other, and they'll be there for each other," Reno said. "These are relationships that my players will have for the rest of their lives."

Reno continued to explain that he strives to run a transformational team, geared toward producing strong leaders to spearhead the team, as opposed to a transactional team.

The "football family" remains the foundation of Reno's team.

"Our guys understand that when you're chasing something really high, it's never easy; we're inevitably going to have moments of adversity," Reno said. "Anytime a player goes out, whether they're a starter or not, it affects the team drastically because we need everybody for our team to perform at the highest level."

In addition to praising his players for their hard work, dedication and drive, Reno also highlighted the diligence that allowed Felton to rejoin the Bulldog team.

In spring 2023, the coaching staff knew that there was only so much Felton could do, but inevitably the eager player strived to outperform those expectations.

"We saw his explosiveness come back," Reno said. "Just like that, he was out there doing things that he had done previous to the injury. He's better and faster than he was before the injury, which speaks volumes to the resolve he's had just to fight back."

Felton's contributions to the offensive team factor into the parity across the 2023 Ivy League football season, as Reno stated that this season might mark the most well-matched the eight universities have ever been.

After returning from injury, Felton has factored back into the high-flying Bulldogs offense. The senior boasts eight catches on the year for 99 yards and two touchdowns.

To conclude the 2023 season, the Yale Bulldogs will face off against the Harvard Crimson on Nov. 19 at 12:00 p.m. in the 139th historical showdown.

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How the Y-H rivalry stacks up against other great college football rivalries

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The Game may seem like the biggest sporting event of the year for many Yale and Harvard students, but for most Yale students, it is the only sports game they will attend all year. Some may be surprised to learn that there are, in fact, other college rivalries that are just as big, if not bigger, than Yale-Harvard.

One such rivalry — possibly the most fearsome in collegiate athletics — is Michigan vs. Ohio State. Ironically, when these two teams match up against each other, it is also called "The Game." And for this one, millions of eyes around the country are glued to

their TV sets for Fox's national Big Noon Kickoff coverage.

"Michigan vs. Ohio State goes beyond football," Penn State undergrad Jacob Zucker told the News. "I met somebody in Ohio that wasn't an Ohio State fan, but he said he would never step foot in the state of Michigan. He grew up hating the state of Michigan."

What differentiates rivalries like Michigan-Ohio State from Yale-Harvard is that the rivalry extends beyond student enthusiasm. The resentment is omnipresent, according to Zucker. It is about statehood, not alumni status, he explained. Affiliation with either school has little impact on fans' investment in the competition.

When it comes to garnering outside support, Yale-Harvard struggles to keep up. Generally, no New Haveners, much less all residents of Connecticut, care so much about the Yale-Harvard rivalry that they would refuse to step foot in Massachusetts, or even Boston.

Down in Alabama, The Iron Bowl — the annual Auburn-Alabama matchup — is so culturally significant that one cannot even live in the state without being constantly pestered about which team they support, according to Cailin White, an Auburn undergraduate who moved to Alabama when she was 13 years old.

"When I moved to Alabama, I quickly discovered that to live

here you're either an Auburn fan or a Bama fan," said White.

The college rivalry is a deep-rooted part of Alabama's culture, having been an annual tradition since 1893.

Families clash over it at the dinner table. Children are raised to pick sides. It is just a part of living in the state — a part of the lifestyle, White said.

"We had Auburn and Alabama-themed dress-up days and fundraisers in elementary school. The rivalry starts so young," Evan White, who is from Alabama and is a student at Tuskegee University, told the News.

The rivalry is so intense that after an Iron Bowl loss in 2010, Alabama fan Harvey Updyke Jr. poisoned the iconic Toomer's Oaks, the beloved decades-old trees that Auburn fans roll in toilet paper after every win. Updyke was sentenced to six months in jail for the killing of the beloved Auburn trees.

The loss of the historic trees devastated the Auburn community around the country.

"I wanted Auburn people to hate me as much as I hate them," Updyke told CBS News. "There are several things in this world that I really and truly don't like, and Auburn is one of them."

Now, when it comes to student enthusiasm for the rivalry, Yale-Harvard holds its own with the other big games.

When it comes time for kickoff in such big rivalry games, students are much more than just fans. They are a highly trained squadron, and they are more than capable of wreaking havoc on the opposing team. By the time rivalry week rolls around, they are operating as a well-oiled machine.

"The Penn State fans and the students feel like they have a job to do just like the players," said Zucker. "Defend home field at all costs. The student section has the same mentality as the

team — it's all about winning and execution."

Yale students show just as much school spirit and enthusiasm the week of The Game as students at any other one of the aforementioned schools.

The entire week leading up to The Game, Yale's campus is packed with rivalry-themed events. Come gameday, students tailgate and support their team as zealously as any Big 10 or SEC student section. The gameday energy is right up there with the best of them.

Possibly the greatest prank against another team in college sports was pulled off by Yale students in 2004.

Elis dressed as a "Harvard Pep Squad" and passed out 1,800 pieces of red and white construction paper to Crimson fans, telling the crowd that when they held the pieces of paper, they would spell out "Go Harvard." The Yalies' plan fell right into place as Harvard fans unknowingly spelled out "We Suck" across a section of their stadium.

Even if the Ivy rivalry may not draw as fanatic fans as some of the other games do, the institutional competition between Yale and Harvard stands alone. Both schools personify tradition like no other. After all, their historic legacies do predate the founding of the United States.

"The birth of America was in the Northeast. Yale and Harvard, they're synonymous with the birth of our nation," a University of Southern California graduate who is from Los Angeles Justin Pettrille said. "They're the two most historic schools of our country, and they've always been rivals to one another. Yale-Harvard, everyone knows that — even if you're not a sports fan."

The first Yale-Harvard football game was played in 1875.

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The Game may be the greatest rivalry in the Ivy League, but is it the best rivalry in all of college sports?

THE GAME

Message to the Crimson, from the YDN

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To the school outside of Boston
With all of those fake accents so rotten
Almost as bad as that tiny stadium
You're certainly going to miss the podium

It makes me think of your precious Final Clubs
Filled with countless Crimson scrubs
Ruining any hope of a fun time
Almost like having fun for you all would be a crime

But enough about all that – let's get to the field
Where all your weaknesses will be revealed
You can't throw the ball
Sure, you can run, but throw? Not at all

Oh, boy, will our defense have a day
From the second we begin to play
I can already see your QB on his back
Having no way to deal with our attack

But not to worry, we'll show you the way
When Grooms wins the day
Throwing the ball deep to Tipton
I can already see it being written

I know this will be the first Game for your Claudine Gay
But all she'll want to do is look away
Peter Salovey will be the one to party
Our Elis are just far too hearty

But at the end of the The Game
We'll really all be same
Except of course for the fact
That nothing can distract
That all you'll be thinking about on Sunday
Is that you have school on Monday!

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Crimson victory: automatic, still is

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Oh Eli, last year you fumbled your roast
Sent it over preemptively, we had a sick toast
This year we don't need the edge
We fully embrace beating you fair and square, we do pledge
That a comeback on the field we will boast

We're laughing that Toads' main attraction
Is a former DJ-ing member of the Harvard faction
Won't see us waiting in the line, it'll be automatic
Our Pudding alum has us down as VIPs, pretty ecstatic
Meanwhile, your pudding (fingers) alum gets no traction

Some say that you were set up to fail
Ivy League pre-season favorites, your efforts were to no avail
Started from the bottom now we're here
We're the real dawgs, our wins are earning us cheers
You can't even fill your stadium, the architecture school couldn't make it
to scale

Heard Coach Reno's son was highly scouted
Guess he's going to South Carolina, what, roster's getting too crowded?
Bold choice leaving the offense to Grooms
We'll keep it civil, this is a newsroom
But his run for an Offensive player repeat indeed is doubted

Nolan might think he can fire up the dogs with a speech
Like Clinton though, his words will only impeach
A student body that could honestly claim to have never had relations
So many nights working out with friends, getting out your frustrations
Pass protection is the only type you need, nothing else is being breached

Win or loss, either way we come out on top
We know from Miss Abby Lee Miller that second is quite the flop
The first to lose, Elis know all too well
We have a class on T-Swift, so we can tell
That when you sing "I remember it all too well," you mean your Harvard
rejection letter, nonstop w

For us, karma is the new guy on the scene coming straight home to me
We know our rookie Craig's a stud, that you can see
Take Taylor's advice: breathe in, breathe through
#10 is a 10, so take this loss as a cue
That from Grooms' greasy flow, Harvard girls will flee

The Lake Wiley native slumps in the pocket, wily he's not
While we've got our own man Wiley Beckett, his disco record was just
bought
Your judicial alumnus's personal record is not automatic
But his most famous line is from a remix which is most climactic
"I like beer," thousands cheer; singing to the words of the hot shot

Jack Bosman has a fun name, our writer was inspired
But his kicks leave a lot to be desired
Sailed one wide left against Princeton, sent your team down to the wire
(WAS IT LEFT OR RIGHT?)
Yips we can smell, where there's smoke there's an inevitable (mis)fire
When he steps up to kick, we'll all take cover, his squib will be duly
admired

Dead fish on the ice still smells better than New Haven
At the rink, or The Bowl, how the mighty have fallen, these losses in our
memory are graven
Lose to Cornell? That was only you it seems; on risky ground you now
tread
May you have good luck sparring against the terrifyingly dominant
O-line we have bred,
Its "eyes have all the seeming of a demon's" as Poe the Bostonian wrote in
"The Raven"

We'll end it here before you start to whimper and jeer
But to the writers at the Yale Daily News, listen closely now, dears
Good luck this weekend because you're going to need it
Listen closely, through your high society fog, because we submit
That when we come to New Haven, we'll spoil your whole year.

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Flirting with the Enemy

— one year later



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The brisk November air breezes right through your leggings and chills your shins as you hurry into Payne Whitney Gymnasium. You breathe a sigh of relief as the door closes behind you, shutting out the cold. It's 9 a.m. the morning of The Game. You have an hour and a half until you're supposed to meet your friends and tailgate. Any sane person would still be in bed, but for some reason, you woke up early and couldn't go back to sleep. You figured a run would help clear your head, but as you step into the elevator and press the button for floor five, you start to second-guess yourself.

Just before the elevator doors slide shut, a muscled hand slips through and stops them from closing. The doors widen, and in strides a man you never thought you'd see again.

You lock eyes as the doors slide shut behind you. "What are you doing here?" he asks, blinking in surprise.

"I could ask you the same thing," you reply, crossing your arms. "Last I checked, this was my school, not yours."

He raises his arms in mock surrender. "Hey, I'm just here for a pre-game workout."

"Of course. You desperately need it — not that you have a chance of winning." Only the first part is a lie. He's just as tall and just as muscular as he was when you fell for him last year, but you refuse to tell him that. His hair is a little shorter and his jawline a little sharper, but it's his eyes that remind you why you liked him in the first place. They're a rich brown with flecks of hazel, so entrancing that you find yourself looking at the floor, at the walls — anywhere else, really — to avoid getting lost in them.

He starts to press the button for floor five, before realizing it's already lit up. He looks back at you, narrowing his eyes in suspicion. "What are you, some kind of athlete now?"

"I've always liked to run," you tell him, frowning. "You don't know everything about me, you know. We only knew each other for a few days."

"How could I forget? A few days of fun, and then you ghost me."

"I did not ghost you."

"Do I need to pull up the receipts?" No, he does not, because you know he's right. You most certainly did ghost him, and at the time, it seemed like a perfectly logical decision. Maybe it's his eyes or maybe it's just the banter, but now? You're starting to second-guess yourself.

You watch as the numbers of the floors tick past. Floor two ... floor three ... it's not fast enough. You need to get out of this elevator and away from him. "Why don't you chase after someone from your own school?"

Floor four. He chuckles, and you look over at him. A smirk tugs at the corner of his lips, and you can't decide whether it's infuriating or attractive. "I forgot how fun it is to make you mad."

You wait for the floor number to tick upwards, but it doesn't. It stays stuck on floor four. You wait for the doors to slide open and let someone else on, but they don't. "Huh. That's weird." You press the five button again, and then the "open door," but nothing happens. You hear the groan of metal on metal, and slowly, the upward motion stops.

Then the elevator plummets.

The free fall knocks you off balance, and you tumble into him. The drop lasts for only a few

seconds, and when the elevator grinds to a stop, you realize his muscular arms are wrapped around you and you're both gripping onto each other for dear life. You shove him away, and despite the precarity of your current situation, he has the audacity to laugh.

"What the fuck was that?" you ask, glancing around the elevator. The digital display of the floor numbers has gone dark, and the elevator buttons are no longer lit up. You press the "open door" button, but nothing happens.

"Why isn't it working?" he asks, concern creasing his brow.

You jam your thumb into the open door button a few more times and are met with equally nonexistent results. "Uhh, because clearly, the elevator is broken."

"But how?"

"Maybe the weight of your ego exceeded its capacity?"

"You're not funny." Gone is his light-hearted tone from earlier. He steps in front of you and pushes your hand out of the way of the buttons. "You're not pressing hard enough." He takes over, slamming his fist into the "open door" button.

"Do you want to break it any more?" you hiss, shoving him away. "Face it. We're stuck."

His face turns the same shade of crimson as his "Harvard Athletics" T-shirt. You wonder if it's the same one he was wearing when you met a year ago. "Well we need to get unstuck. I have a game this afternoon, and if you make me late..."

"If I make you late?" The metallic taste of rage coats your tongue. "How is this my fault?"

"I don't know, it just is." He turns back to the buttons and jams his thumb into the "emergency call" button. A few seconds pass. Nothing happens.

He runs a hand through his hair and slumps against the wall. "God, this is just my luck."

You stare at the unblinking buttons in dismay. "Do you think we're going to miss The Game?"

"We better fucking not." He pulls his phone out of the pocket and his sweatpants and begins to dial.

"Who are you calling?"

"911. Who else?" He hits the call button, and bright white words flash across the top of the screen: call failed. He tries again, and the same message pops up. A scowl stretches across his face. "God, don't tell me we don't have any fucking service."

"Let me try." You pull out your phone and dial the same three numbers.

Call failed.

Again.

Call failed.

Call failed.

Call failed, call failed, call failed.

The elevator falls into a silence that's

thicker than molasses.

You watch as he slides down the wall and slumps on the ground. His outstretched legs take up half of the room in the tiny elevator. He does nothing but stare at the silver doors in front of him, as if by sheer will, he could pry them open.

"Someone is bound to get us out sooner or later," you say after a while. "I mean, PWG is a popular place. They're bound to realize the elevator is stuck. Someone will come help us."

He shakes his head. "Not soon enough."

Against your better judgment, you slide down to the floor next to him. Your shoulders brush ever so slightly, and the contact sends tingles shooting down your arm. You struggle to think of what to say to make him feel better, before realizing that nothing will, and that it's not your job to soothe his fears, anyway. "So ... how have you been?"

He blinks at you, bewildered. "What?"

"How have you been? You know, since I last saw you?"

"We're stuck in an elevator, and you're asking me how I've been?" He stares at you for a few seconds, and you wonder if that was the wrong thing to say. Then a laugh bubbles out of him. "This is crazy."

A chuckle escapes you, too. "Yeah. It kinda is."

"I mean, I never thought I'd see you again after the last game."

"Neither did I."

"I never wanted to, either."

Your whole body tenses at the declaration. "You ... you didn't?"

"Of course not." Your intestines tie themselves in a knot. You wish you could scoot away from him, but there's nowhere to scoot to in the cramped elevator. "I mean, you ghosted me. I was kind of hurt."

"Huh?"

He rolls his eyes. "Don't make me say it again."

Slowly, the knot in your stomach unravels. "So ... you don't hate me?"

"I wish I could, but no." He runs a hand through his hair before turning to you.

"Why? Do you hate me?"

"No," you say quickly. Heat rises in your cheeks, and you look away so he doesn't notice.

But he does, and he chuckles. "You're cute when you blush." The minute the words leave his mouth, a similar blush creeps across his face, as if he didn't mean to say that aloud.

Your heart warms at his words. "Thank you, that's ... actually really flattering."

"Yeah, well. Don't let it go to your head." His words have an unexpected bite, and your heart cracks a little.

"Well, I didn't mean to ghost you," you blurt out. Before you can think better of it, an explanation tumbles out. "I mean, I didn't want to. You were fun to talk to and fun to be around, but you go to school so far away. I just

... I didn't think it would work."

The elevator car falls silent. For a while you're too afraid to look at him, but when you do, his gaze is locked on you. Your eyes meet, and your heart erupts in flames.

The next thing you know, your lips are on his and his hands are in your hair. Kissing him feels so familiar and so foreign at the same time, like a song you used to love but have since forgotten the lyrics to. Butterflies swarm in your stomach and spread to every part of your body, fluttering with excited nervousness as you realize just how much you missed this, missed him.

This feels so right. He pulls away for a moment, breathless. "You know, Boston is just a two hour train ride from New Haven."

You kiss him once more before pulling away, a smirk on your face. "Well, isn't that convenient?"

Four hours later, the elevator doors are pried open. You pick your head off of his shoulder, where you've been laying for the last hour, planning monthly visits and weekly FaceTimes. "We might as well try it," he'd said a few hours earlier. "I mean, clearly we still like each other." He was right, and you agreed. In the past year, you hadn't had any luck with Yale men romantically, so why not try a Harvard man? What did you have to lose?

A group of firemen peer down at you from the floor above. The elevator must've gotten stuck between floors, and they struggle to hoist you both up and out of the car. They take your names and record your information, asking lots of questions about what happened and how. "We don't know," you reply to all of them. "It just stopped." Yes, it was sudden. No, you didn't jump.

"Maybe it was fate," he whispers in your ear. He squeezes your hand, and you chuckle. "I'm sorry you missed The Game," you say, sincere.

He shrugs. "I mean it sucks, but I have to admit, this kind of makes up for it." He holds up your entwined hands, and a grin sparks across your face.

"You two are good to go," one of the firemen interrupts, flipping his notepad shut. You thank them and start to walk away, hand in hand, before your newly-declared boyfriend stops.

"This is random, but do you know who won The Game?" he asks.

"I think it was Harvard," one of the firemen replies.

"You're joking," you say, incredulous, at the same time your boyfriend says, "Really?"

"How'd they win without me there?" he asks, surprised.

"Maybe you're what made them lose last year," you tease.

He rolls his eyes and tugs you away, down the stairs and out of the gym. "I can't believe we won," he says, grinning. "You should buy me a celebratory dinner like I did for you last year, remember? Winner eats free."

"I don't think so," you laugh.

"Boooo. Why not?"

"Because you didn't win." You pull him in for a kiss, and when you pull away, your smile is brighter than ever. "I did."

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"Daytime Nighttime Suffering" by Wings.

WEEKEND *THE GAME*

How to stunt on those Harvard hardos

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As The Game approaches, there is one burning question on all of our minds: what will I wear? Whether your goal is to impress a star-crossed Harvard lover or to feel confident in the stands, Game-day attire can make or break your Yale-Harvard experience. For some, there is no better way to embrace Game-day spirit than by sporting limited edition Yale-Harvard merch... but what exactly does this merch look like?

Let's start with something classy. The Crewdog Yale-Harvard sweatshirt brings a Ralph-Lauren-esque elevation to the classic hoodie. On the front, you'll see our very own Handsome Dan squaring off with some animal in red (I thought Harvard's mascot was just the color crimson?). Crewdog has many options, all equally sleek. Wearing this hoodie to The Game would be a warm and intellectual option for showing Harvard who's boss.

Sticking with the upscale vibe, Yale Emergency Medical Services have crafted an electric Yale-Harvard design. On the front, we are met with two simple words: "The Game." The back is a vibrant portrait of the football field, setting the colors of Bulldog Blue and Crimson against an ambulance in the backdrop. It reads, "Yale EMS. Taking Care of Harvard since '03," a phrase as cold as the Ice Blue color of the hoodie. Personally, this is my merchandise of choice. This design embodies the best of Yale, combining generosity with wit. Also, objectively, the graphic on the back is just cool.

Other merchandise options might be a little less fancy. Indeed, many of the t-shirt designs flooding my inbox look to be quickly photoshopped creations taken directly off Fizz. But does this mean these shirts aren't iconic? Absolutely not.

Take the Thriving Bodies Initiative, a group that brought us the Peter Salovey Nipple Shirt of 2023. Complete with a design of Salovey's head atop a cartoon insect, this shirt is sure to strike fear into the hearts of Harvard students. I say we go even further and photoshop Salovey onto Hugh Jackman's body in order to properly convey the strength of our glorious institution.

But wait! There's more. The Thriving Bodies Initiative has also brought us a simple masterpiece. On the front we have a Yale logo, our normal brain. On the back we have the

Harvard logo, showing our brain on drugs. This is simple and to the point. Any Harvard student standing behind you will begin shaking in their boots. I suggest this design to someone ready to go to war in the stands of The Game (and all of you should be).

The list of excellent, silly t-shirts is not over yet. The Yale Record does not disappoint with two of their designs. Clean and straightforward, one shirt proclaims the objectively true statement, "There is no L in Yale." The other properly describes, "Harvard thinks this is pants." Nothing gets me more fired up than a simple quip, and The Record is excellent at accomplishing just that. Last year, they made the famed "Harvard Not Good School" shirt. I have to say if you have that shirt in the back of your closet, bring it back and wear it to The Game.

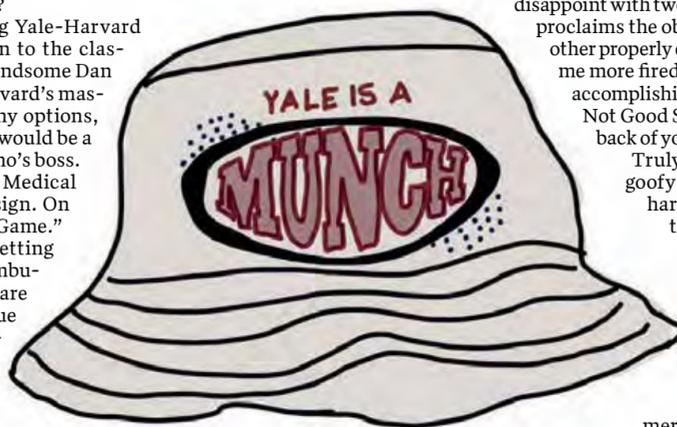
Truly, there is something for everyone. If you feel formal, goofy or somewhere in between, there's a way for you to harness that creative energy towards stomping Harvard through your outfit. Moreover, if you didn't shell out for one of these exclusive designs, have no fear. You can always make your own, as photoshopping Peter Salovey onto a t-shirt seems surprisingly accessible. You could rep a different outfit that portrays Yale spirit. You might catch me wearing my Walrus costume, highlighting my every-dying love for Morse College (KISS OUR AXE HARVARD).

Alternatively, you could always wear classic Yale merch. Yale slippers, Yale bathrobe, Yale hoodie, Yale sweatpants, Yale socks. You can make sure that every inch of

your body is covered with obnoxiously overpriced, yet stylish, merchandise from the bookstore. I'm not sure if they sell Yale underwear but if they do, find a way to buy it before The Game. Only the best for your star-crossed Harvard lover.

Don't forget that the greatest Yale merch for Game day was actually made by our dotting rival. If you have somehow found yourself in possession of a "Yale is a munch" bucket hat, wear it. If you have one and don't want to wear it, please sell it to me. Need I say more?

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Triumphs and trickery: tracing the history of the Yale-Harvard rivalry

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It was a cold autumn day in the middle of November. The leaves were falling, and the days grew shorter. A crowd of 2,000 spectators gathered in New Haven's Hamilton Park. As they took their seats, 30 men dotted the field before them. 15 of them were clad in crimson knee breeches while the other fifteen sported dark blue jerseys. Unbeknownst to them on this day — Saturday, Nov. 13, 1875 — these spectators were watching no ordinary weekend "football" game. For 50 cents, they bought themselves a place in history as the witnesses to the first iteration of The Game between Harvard and Yale. A rivalry was born.

Since then, Harvard and Yale have fought ferociously on the gridiron. The first contest at Hamilton Park saw a Harvard victory at 4–0 followed the next year by Yale's first at 1–0. A few years later, in 1894, came the infamous "Springfield Massacre" at Hampden Park where more than a handful of players were critically injured and carried off in what one newspaper labeled as "dying condition." Due to this, The Game was put on pause for two years.

Without codified and consistent rules, football was a dangerous game in its infancy. The lucky few were left with blackened bruises and broken bones. Tragically, 45 athletes died from football injuries and accidents between 1900 to 1905. The engagement at Hampden Park contributed to greater calls for reform and safety which made their way to President Theodore Roosevelt, a Harvard alumnus and admirer of the sport. At his urging, top university officials across the nation, including representatives from Harvard and Yale, assembled to form the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States which would evolve into what we know today as the NCAA. Football's maturation in development and popularity was due in part to the Yale-Harvard rivalry, and as the latter evolved in the decades that followed, so did American football.

The Game was played for the first time at the Yale Bowl in 1914 to a crowd of roughly 70,000 spectators, including former presidents Roosevelt and Taft, both alumni of Harvard and Yale, respectively. The first game played at Harvard Stadium was held eleven years prior in 1903. Throughout this period, Yale dominated

would popularize the phrase "The Game" many decades after it was coined in 1898 by Harvard team captain A.F. Holden in a letter to coach William Cameron Forbes. It was billed as "The Game" a year later and has been referred to affectionately as such ever since.

In its storied history as the third-most played college football series and the second-oldest college rivalry, there is perhaps no other contest as famous as the 1968 game at Harvard Stadium. In its final few minutes, Yale led Harvard 29–13 only for the Crimson to tie the Bulldogs in the final forty-two seconds, bringing the score to 29–29. Despite this tie and in light of the fact that Yale had a 16-game winning streak hitherto, the Harvard Crimson decided to run the infamous headline — "Harvard Beats Yale 29–29." This vignette is but one of many storied aspects of The Game and the Yale-Harvard rivalry in its totality.

Harvard and Yale students don't leave their clever wit and cunning at the library; the 148-year-old football rivalry is marked with spirit, traditions and most notably, pranks.

Harvard bit first in 1933, when members of the Harvard Lampoon, a humor magazine, allegedly kidnapped Handsome Dan II. Members of the Yale community spun into a state of anxiety at the loss of their mascot, who didn't appear until the morning after The Game — a Yale loss — in a ubiquitous photograph of Dan licking the John Harvard statue. Slabs of meat had been smeared on John Harvard's feet.

Another one of Harvard's publications, The Harvard Crimson, struck in 1961. Staff members distributed a fake clipping of the Yale Daily News that claimed that John F. Kennedy, the current president and a Harvard alumnus, would attend The Game in Cambridge. On game day, as the Harvard Band played "Hail to the Chief," Crimson president Robert Ellis Smith strutted onto the field wearing a mask of President Kennedy and surrounded by men dressed as Secret Service agents. The spectacle deceived many.

Indeed, the THC-YDN rivalry goes hand in hand with the football one: throughout the years, the publications have parodied each other. Another striking example was in 1969, the first year of co-education at Yale. The Crim-

son forged a copy of the News with the headline, "Disease Strikes 16 Eli Football Starters; Bulldogs Forced to Forfeit Harvard Game." A section on the bottom of the page read, "Cheerleaders May Be Source," referring to an invented STD explosion spreading through the football roster.

The next noteworthy offense was in 1992 — this time a battle of the bands. Harvard aimed to sabotage the Yale Precision Marching Band's half-time show, forming an "X" over the Yale band's "Y." However, Yale was a step ahead, having early intel about Harvard's plan and proactively broiling their own. As the Harvard band approached, the Yalies formed an "H," making it such that Harvard crossed themselves out.

Yale retaliated in what is often deemed the most iconic prank of the long-standing rivalry: 2004. Yalies, clad in "Harvard Pep Squad" attire, distributed crimson and white placards to Harvard fans, who thought the handouts would spell "Go Harvard." Alternatively, when the fans raised their placards in unison, they spelled out "We suck." Several media outlets covered the fabulous prank. Though Harvard won The Game in 2004, it was Yale who came away with the last laugh. Now, we await the next deception.

Beyond the sporting arena, both universities have produced acclaimed luminaries of stage and screen and of song and story; names on the Fortune 500 and the Time 100; and members of Congress and numerous sports teams. Clearly, much has happened since that fall weekend in Hamilton Park in 1875. Harvard and Yale's rivalry, its cold war, has since transcended its athletic origins. Older than the Edison-Tesla feud yet as famous as that between the Capulets and Montagues, the Yale-Harvard rivalry has transformed into an enshrined part of American culture.

The existence of a rivalry between Harvard and Yale should come as no surprise. The laws of physics state that two large objects will be attracted to each other by the strong force of gravity. Harvard and Yale, being the intellectual powers they are, were always meant to clash, whether it be on the gridiron or beyond. And regardless of who you are, whether you are a proud Bulldog or a prideful member of the Crimson, you cannot fail to acknowledge the fact that when two giants collide, greatness is born.

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