



Ronnell Higgins appointed state public safety chief



The appointment ends Higgins' 27-year tenure at Yale; next month, he will take over a state police force embroiled in a ticketing scandal. / Yale News

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Ronnell Higgins, associate vice president for public safety and community engagement and former Yale Chief of Police, has been appointed to succeed James Rovella as the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont announced Wednesday afternoon at a Hartford press conference that Higgins will become the new state public safety chief immediately once Rovella retires next month.

Rovella, the former police chief in Hartford, was inaugurated as commissioner in December 2018 and oversees six divisions, including the state police, homeland security and state crime lab as commissioner. The appointment, which goes into effect next month, will end Higgins' 27-year tenure at the University.

In the press conference, Governor Lamont praised Higgins' near 30-year career in Connecticut law enforcement.

"[Ronnell Higgins] is respected locally and nationally for his knowledge, service and aptitude," Lamont said. "His experience makes him more than capable of

leading this critical, multi-division state agency. I appreciate his willingness to join state service and I look forward to his leadership in this role."

Higgins joined the Yale Police Department in 1997 as an officer and has held several key roles within the department over the following decades, including sergeant, patrol commander and lieutenant. In 2011, he became Yale's Chief of Police and in 2015 became the director of public safety. Since June 2022, Higgins has served as the associate vice president for public safety and community engagement at Yale, responsible for overseeing more than 180 staff and a \$32 million operating budget.

Higgins' tenure at Yale was not without controversy. In 2019, Higgins was in charge of the department when a YPD officer was involved in the shooting of Stephanie Washington and Paul Wither-spoon — two unarmed Black New Haven residents — by a Hamden police officer. The officers fired over 16 bullets into the vehicle where Washington and Wither-spoon were sitting, injuring Washington.

In 2020, students demanded that the University dismantle YPD. While Higgins disagreed with accusations that the YPD did not keep Black and Brown communities safe, he promised to collaborate with the

University and the city to address concerns over YPD's accountability.

Following continued student pressure in 2023, Higgins oversaw the implementation of a new "differential response model" for emergency calls, which he claimed met student concerns. The new model increased YPD's use of alternate emergency response techniques, aiming to dispatch the most appropriate personnel for emergency calls. For example, while YPD would respond to calls about an autojacking, security or medical personnel would respond to calls about how to support an intoxicated student.

In August of this year, the Yale Police Benevolent Association, amid contract negotiations, came under fire after distributing "fear-mongering" flyers warning first-year students of crime in New Haven. Higgins denounced the flyers at a news conference with other New Haven officials.

"I am truly honored at the opportunity to serve as the next commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for the State of Connecticut," Higgins said. "I am looking forward to applying my experiences, as well as listening, learning, and leading this important, six-division agency."

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Alders approve funding for new shelter

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The New Haven Board of Alders has just approved the purchase of a Days Inn to convert into a non-congregate shelter — although the decision was contested.

At the Board's general bimonthly meeting on Monday night, 27 out of the 30 alders were present, and 20 voted to approve funding to purchase the property. The other seven alders voted against the purchase.

"This type of shelter, this is about helping," said pro-purchase alder Jeanette Morrison. "This is about preventative care. This is about helping people get on a trajectory of permanent housing, and that's what we need."

The building, located at 270 Foxon Boulevard, is currently a Days Inn. With the city's funding, it will be turned into a shelter for unhoused working families, helping to increase the number of shelters available for larger groups of people. The hotel's 56 rooms will house over 100 people.

As a non-congregate shelter, occupants will be designated more personal and permanent living spaces as opposed to congregate shelters, where occupants are required to move around each night.

The funds for the purchase — a total of \$6.9 million — will come from vari-



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Yale community calls for diversity in the University's highest post

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With the search for Yale's 24th president in full motion, student leaders hope the University will prioritize diversity in its search for Peter Salovey's successor.

Six of the eight Ivy League universities — all but Yale and Princeton — currently have female presidents. Most recently, Harvard University inaugurated its first Black and second female president, Claudine Gay, this past Friday. Nemat "Minouche" Shafik began her term as president of Columbia University on July 1, making her the first woman and person of color to hold the position in the institution's 269-year history. Sian Leah Beilock began her term as Dartmouth University's first female president on June 12.

These recent changes in the Ivy League come amid high rates of leadership turnover at colleges and universities across the country. Now, among the list of Forbes' top 20 colleges in the United States, 11 are currently led by a woman or person of color.

But in Yale's 322-year history, all of its presidents have been white. All have also been men, with the exception of interim

president Hanna Holborn Gray, who served in the role from 1977 to 1978.

Neither the University nor Joshua Bekenstein '80, the chair of the Presidential Search Committee and the senior trustee of the Yale Corporation, responded to requests for comment about how racial and gendered considerations will factor into the current presidential search.

"Yale's mission statement speaks to creating leaders who serve all sectors of society and doing this through a diverse community of staff, students, and alumni," Yale College Council president Julian Suh-Toma '25 wrote in an email to the News. "Diversity, equity, and inclusion in our leadership are the linchpins to the pursuit of this goal, and we strongly encourage the Presidential Search Committee to not only consider the strength of diversity in their search but to also seek a leader who will guide this institution with a focus on prioritizing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the next decade."

Graduate and Professional Student Senate president Chrisan Fernando GRD '25 noted Yale's long list of "many white men" as presidents.

He added that he would like to see the University follow the lead of peer institutions in diversifying the pool of peo-

ple who hold or have held its highest ranking position.

"A lot of older, major universities are really reflecting and realizing that this is really not okay," Fernando said. "They're looking toward a more diverse pool of candidates to make sure that they're finding candidates that aren't just kind of like the same types of candidates that they've been looking at in the past."

Suh-Toma added that he and YCC vice president Maya Fonkeu '25 "urge" the University to join its peer institutions in diversifying leadership.

He continued that a focus on diversity and inclusion is critical not only to the current presidential search but also to the University's future at large.

"The hope to see this change also is intensified by the fact that Yale has never had a female president who has served beyond an interim role," Suh-Toma wrote. "It's high time for Yale to meet the moment and prioritize diversity, both in the replacement of President Salovey and in the direction of the university looking forward."

Laura Wexler, a professor of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies and of Amer-

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Student Advisory Council added to presidential search after widespread student outcry

BY BENJAMIN HERNANDEZ
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The Presidential Search Committee announced on Monday the creation of a Student Advisory Council to inform the search process for Yale's next president.

The council will be composed of 12 students — four undergraduate, four graduate and four from the professional schools. Members of the council will be tasked with gathering information from across the University and then sharing that information with members of the search committee.

The council is the result of advocacy by the Yale College Council, the Graduate and Professional Student Senate and the Graduate Student Assembly, which together raised the issue with members of the Yale Corporation and the Presidential Search Committee. The presidents of these three student groups will

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CROSS CAMPUS

THIS DAY IN YALE HISTORY, 1958. Yale's Hunter Radiation Therapy Center for the research and treatment of cancer and other diseases has its dedication ceremony. This center makes the Yale-New Haven Medical Center one of the leading radiation therapy institutions in the country.

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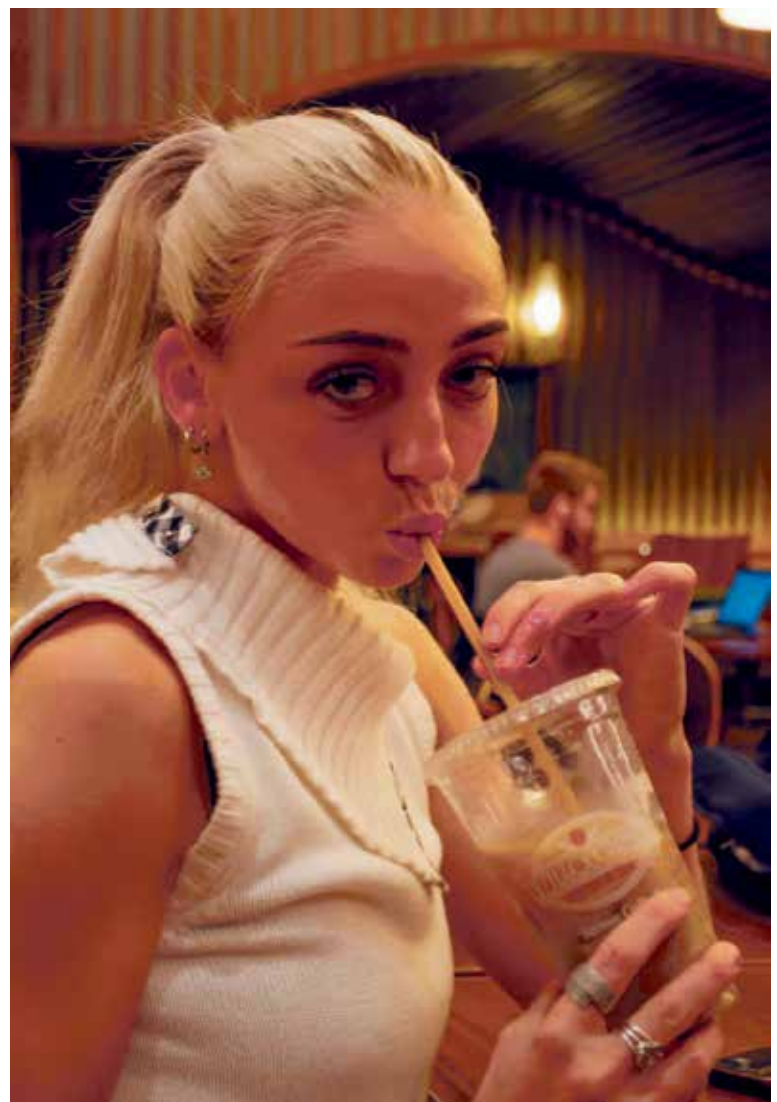
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OPINION

PUBLIC EDITOR
DANTE MOTLEY

What is a Public Editor?

The Yale Daily News is here to inform, record and report. But sometimes, the News makes mistakes.

My name is Dante Motley, and I am the public editor for the News. Public editors are oversight officers who watch over a paper's journalistic ethics. Much of the implementation of journalistic ethics is an internal process; I am here to ensure transparency for our readers and accountability to our community. Throughout the year, I will write columns and produce multimedia projects displaying our journalistic process, addressing how we have gone, and continue to go, wrong and explaining what steps we will take in an effort to do better.

I am a former managing editor of the News. I understand the daily challenges of running a daily paper and the hundreds of mistakes that can be made and are often avoided in a week. In no way am I here to place personal blame on any participant in the News, past or present. Still, I have seen us fall short. I have felt it. I know where to look. And I am here to look for and to patch up our institutional shortcomings: the declining trust of the student body in us, our continual failure to repair relationships with communities of color and the culture within the News itself that so many of our staffers find problematic and abrasive, to name a few.

Internally, I work with the editor in chief, Anika Arora Seth, on matters of journalistic ethics. Together, we conduct reporter training for any member of the student body who wants to join the News — from first years to post-docs — to ensure that even our newest reporters are equipped with the skills to abide by the high standard we hold for our reporting. When the News faces backlash, I advise on our shortcomings, address them publicly and work with the News on implementing any necessary changes to ensure that when we make a mistake, it won't happen again.

I HAVE SEEN US FALL SHORT. I HAVE FELT IT. I KNOW WHERE TO LOOK.

Last month, Anika and I wrote a column together accompanying the release of a piece by a former News editor detailing the reasons why she left the News.

While Anika and I wrote about upcoming changes to election procedures, we did not address the serious racialized component of the piece. These often long-standing, dejecting proclivities within the News — and within journalism at large — are big and intertwined, and it is hard to get to everything at once. So, through a bi-weekly column, I hope to untangle the complex histories, procedures, cultures and mistakes that form a paper's ethics and its relationship with the public.

THE NEWS IS OLD. FOR DECADES, THE ONLY PEOPLE WITH BYLINES PRESSED ON OUR SHEETS WERE WHITE MEN. AND SADLY, THE SPIRIT OF THAT LIVES ON IN OUR INSTITUTIONS, NOT JUST AT THE NEWS, BUT AT YALE AND BEYOND.

As an anthropology major — and as one who is a little annoying about it — I cannot conclude without the inclusion of a bit of ethnographic theory. Anthropologist Mary Douglass proposed in her book "How Institutions Think" that institutions, through a collectivity of thought, do the thinking for us. Still, she emphasizes, we are not devoid of individual responsibility as these institutions live on through our own selves and our own agency.

The News is old. For decades, the only people with bylines pressed on our sheets were white men. And sadly, the spirit of that lives on in our institutions, not just at the News, but at Yale and beyond. Now it stands our responsibility to rebuke institutional thinking, acknowledge where our agency failed us and, most importantly, change.

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GUEST COLUMNIST SEBASTIAN WARD

Kick capitalism out of education

As a person of color who attended a predominantly working-class, Black and Brown high school, I know many kids who would not be affected by this summer's Supreme Court decision against affirmative action because they never considered going to college in the first place. America's history of racism and economic injustice closed those doors to them long before the Court made its ruling.

With affirmative action deemed unconstitutional, many are decrying the practice of legacy admissions as far more unfair. Recognizing that the practice exists explicitly to disproportionately benefit white and wealthy applicants, the call to ban legacy admissions and allow affirmative action would seem like a step in the right direction. But despite any perceived, marginal improvements to racial inequality, a race-conscious admissions system is not the answer to education disparity, even without legacy preference. These proposals take the focus away from the true perpetrators of inequality: an unjust, class-based society that props up a system of elite universities to serve it.

If we truly want our college system to be more equitable, the solution is nationalization. Stripping away the special privileges bestowed upon the elite universities and putting them all entirely under the democratic control of the people will provide the funding and resources necessary to guarantee every citizen a free and quality education.

Arguing to simply "fix" the admissions process accepts the existence of elite universities with astronomically high costs — and a stratified class society where the lower classes are predominantly minority communities. Most importantly, it presumes that society's ability to provide quality education is limited. Put simply, these proposals accept the limitations of capitalism.

In reality, the alleged scarcity of jobs, resources and educational opportunities is entirely artificial, as it is hoarded by the ruling classes.

Jobs like CEOs and Congress members are disproportionately taken up by Ivy+ graduates. Yale's top employers, besides Yale itself, are among the wealthiest corporations on the planet, like McKinsey & Company, Meta Platforms, Inc., Amazon, Goldman Sachs and BlackRock to name a few. All the opportunities with power, wealth and influence are given to the graduates of the most elite universities. The working class is handed a sliver of economic power as a token to give the facade of democracy, spurring them into an endless controversy on how to divvy out that sliver and whatever scraps remain. This recent affirmative action ruling merely plays into this larger culture war, where political conversations are focused on matters which are meant to divide and disorient the working class. Meanwhile, legislation is passed behind closed doors, and workers' lives keep getting worse.

Undeniably, racism is entrenched in the DNA of modern capitalism and remains a tool of the exploiting class to divide the working class and maintain their rule. However, neither affirmative action nor ending legacy admissions addresses the root cause of inequality: capitalism. Thus, neither policy would improve the material conditions for marginalized communities as a whole. Race-conscious admissions affect a very small portion of students. For academic or financial reasons, most students do not have elite and Ivy+ colleges on their radar, and either get a job immediately after graduation or attend the less selective schools that don't take applicants' race into account. A third of all undergraduates attend community colleges, which offer open enrollment. With less than 200 universities using race-conscious admission, only 10,000-15,000 students a year receive degrees who might not have been otherwise accepted. That is equivalent to about 2 percent of all Black, Hispanic or Native American students in four-year colleges.

This does not take into account that only 37 percent of Black and

Hispanic students even make it to college at all. It is clear that these policies bring no tangible differences to these communities other than uplifting the lives of a select few, some of whom go on to oppress the very communities they came from. Goals of "representation," the idea that these are good policies because they allow underrepresented groups to have a hand in controlling society's major institutions, concedes that the universities who would implement these policies are simply pipelines into positions of power: corporate executives, powerful elected officials and so on. And as long as this scheme of a university system remains in a stratified class society, the majority of seats will always go to the wealthy, who have inherent advantages. Meanwhile, some minorities are permitted to diversify a few seats at the table, while the exploitative capitalist system continues unaddressed.

The only truly fair solution is a nationalized university system, which guarantees free, quality college education to all. Education is a human right, and with the resources at our disposal today in the richest country in the world, nobody should be deprived of it. But because people are not guaranteed all that is required to live, only guaranteeing access to education is still an inadequate measure. You cannot go to college if you cannot afford rent, healthcare, groceries or whatever financial repercussions your family may face without a steady income. But how likely is it that the ruling class, which has more than enough resources, will fund a system of free, quality education alongside jobs, housing and healthcare? With this in mind, it may be time to reconsider who ought to wield the reigns of society — the wealthy capitalist graduates of elite universities or the workers?

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A Grand Strategy for Yale

Henry Kissinger turned 100 years old on May 27. Kissinger, a former secretary of state and national security advisor, has been involved in decisions such as the expansion of the Vietnam War into Cambodia that killed an estimated 150,000 civilians. Another policy involving his direction occurred 50 years ago on Sept. 11: the United States' backing for the coup in Chile, which instituted a brutal military dictatorship that eventually murdered and tortured thousands of people. The Kissinger centennial, marked by a party at the Yale Club of New York City, has led many commentators to reflect on the prominent diplomat's legacy.

We call on Yale — which has a fellowship in honor of Kissinger and major donors who have sought to promote Kissinger's approach to "grand strategy" — to reflect. Alongside reflection, we propose that the university adopt an institutional "grand strategy" towards the promotion of peace.

Scholars like Yale's own historians, Ben Kiernan and Greg Grandin GRD '95 GRD '99, have extensively documented Kissinger's track record. Let's ask ourselves: Is it wrong to indiscriminately bomb civilian areas? Is it immoral for a country to arm an ally that is committing genocide? If the answer to such questions is yes, then we have clear grounds to grade Kissinger's legacy: A for Atrocious.

Unfortunately, Yale's coziness with people who directed unjust foreign policy extends beyond Kissinger. Tony Blair, the former UK prime minister and champion of the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, was a Howland Distinguished Fellow back in 2008. US generals David Petraeus and Stanley McChrystal, both of whose records include serving as the top commander in the war in Afghanistan, have been senior fellows in the Jackson School of Global Affairs. Another senior fellow was John Negroponte '60, a key proponent

of the war in Iraq and US-backed regime change in Nicaragua.

The devastation unleashed by these decisionmakers is staggering. The Costs of War Project estimates that 432,093 civilians were directly killed by armed groups in the post-9/11 wars across five countries while 3.6-3.8 million people were indirectly killed. The US government refuses to join the International Criminal Court and remains unwilling to properly investigate, let alone remedy, the countless transgressions committed throughout its chain of command during these wars. Should a globally-minded institution honor powerful individuals who have faced no accountability for their leadership during enormous abuses?

For Yale to advance Lux et Veritas, we suggest a strategy for how the University can tangibly promote peace and human rights. While the strategy may dampen the university's access to certain billionaire donors and lucrative investments, it would improve its commitment to virtue, setting an example for generations of students to follow.

First, Yale must confront its role in a culture of imperial impunity. After the 2021 controversy surrounding the Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy — when the program's director Beverly Gage '04 resigned over donor pressure to teach "the way Henry Kissinger would" and have Kissinger as an advisor — Yale rightly released a statement on academic freedom and completed a gift policy review. However, there was no evaluation of the university's affiliation with Kissinger. It's shocking that warmongers who harmed myriad communities can be readily embraced in ivory towers. Should fellowships, honors and positions — which are scarce, coveted and up to private discretion — really be given to people who unapologetically committed mass atrocities? Yale must live up to its mission of promoting noble service by affiliating with those who have exemplified

understanding and moral leadership through their careers.

Second, Yale must better use its resources to promote humanitarian concerns. The university should divest from bomb manufacturers and industries that inherently aid and abet violence — note the endowment's policy against assault weapon retailers. In relevant reporting from the Yale Daily News back in 2003, the endowment's ethics chairman explains, "There's no policy that Yale has either for or against military stocks."

To lead by example, we call on Yale to adopt a policy against war profiteering and the military-industrial complex and to openly conduct ethical reviews of its endowment portfolio this year.

Additionally, there must be a consistent standard behind the university's response to foreign affairs. Yale released a prompt statement condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine and expressing the endowment's lack of exposure to Russia. The university's leadership should be equally steadfast in responding to other atrocities. For example, it should stand against the horrendous US role in the Saudi-led bombings and blockades in Yemen and divest from the entities fueling related crimes.

As Yale is "committed to improving the world today and for future generations," it needs to have an institutional strategy that is truly grand. Such a strategy must center justice and depart from the Kissinger & Co. legacy. Imagine the possibilities if our university embraces a stronger stance to advance human dignity. We implore this community to consider.

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FROM THE FRONT

"I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to the food."
W. C. FIELDS AMERICAN AUTHOR

Yale community calls for diversity in the University's highest post



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All of Yale's past presidents have been white, and all except one interim president have been men.

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ican Studies, wrote to the News in an email that diversity, equity and inclusion are critical to the University's success going forward.

She added that Yale's responsibility toward DEI is not merely internal; she believes it affects the world at large.

"Thoughtful, continuing and broadly and creatively con-

ceived DEI initiatives are crucially important to a thriving future for Yale as an institution," she wrote. "For teaching and research generally, and for our society as a whole."

Following former president Kingam Brewster's '41 1977 resignation from office to become ambassador to Britain, Hanna Holborn Gray became Yale's first female president but only in an interim

position, which she held concurrently to that of University provost.

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Madelyn Kumar, Senior Photographer

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In a message to the Yale community, Jack Callahan, senior vice president of operations, announced that he is working with Higgins and John Whelan, Yale's vice president for human resources, to create an interim leadership structure for Public Safety.

Callahan praised Higgins for his longtime service to the University

and noted the work he had done to form connections between Yale Police and New Haven.

"Under [Higgins'] guidance, the Yale Police Department gained national recognition as a model for community engagement," Callahan wrote. "Recognizing the significance of police and community engagement, he served as Yale's primary public safety leader and key liaison to our New Haven neighbors."

Higgins is stepping into the role of commissioner as the Connecticut State Police Department is currently under investigation for allegedly falsifying tens of thousands of tickets over a seven year span, including intentionally undercounting traffic stops of Black and non-white Hispanic drivers.

In July, Lamont appointed former federal prosecutor Die-

dre Daly to lead an independent investigation into the alleged ticket falsification.

During the same press conference at which Lamont announced Higgins's promotion, he also announced the retirement of Rovella and Colonel Stavros Mellekas, the top two public safety officials in the state.

Lamont said Higgins would be in charge of finding the

replacement for Mellekas as the commanding officer of the state police.

Higgins will need to be confirmed by the Connecticut General Assembly, whose 2024 session opens on Feb. 7, 2024. In the meantime, he will serve as interim commissioner.

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FROM THE FRONT

"Drink heavily with locals whenever possible."

ANTHONY BOURDAIN AMERICAN CHEF

New Haven Alders approve funding for new shelter



Mia Cortés Castro, Contributing Photographer

New Haven's Board of Alders voted to approve the city's purchase of a Days Inn on Foxon Boulevard, turning the hotel into the city's first non-congregate shelter.

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ous accounts: \$1.9 million will come from city funds, and \$5 million will come from American Rescue Plan Act funds.

In a city currently undergoing a housing crisis, this shelter will come as a relief. The city's shelter waitlist is over 60 individuals and 50 families long, and with only around 200 shelter beds currently available, the hotel will provide much-needed housing for families, which are more difficult to house than individuals.

When Board of Alders President Tysha Walker-Myers opened discussion about the new funding allocation, the first alder to speak up in opposition to the plan was Gerald M. Antunes,

alder of Ward 12, the ward in which the building is located.

Antunes brought up concerns from his residents, who claim that Foxon Boulevard is dangerous for pedestrians, making it a precarious place for the would-be occupants to live. Though the state has promised to make pedestrian-friendly improvements, Antunes said they will take too long. The need for shelters, by contrast, is pressing. Foxon Boulevard also had relatively high vehicle traffic, with over 100 vehicle accidents recorded annually — a concerning figure for those in opposition.

"I'm not against housing the homeless," said Antunes. "But in this case, the city's plan puts the homeless in a dangerous situation.

Are we really helping them? Or simply housing them?"

Morrison, representing Ward 22, stood up after Antunes, urging her colleagues to vote in support of the purchase instead.

Morrison referred to the difficulty that unhoused residents currently face in having to leave shelters early with all of their possessions and come back late at night. With a non-congregate shelter, they would be able to have more permanence. She mentioned that the city will be employing contractors to run the shelter, making it a safe living environment with more dignity.

"We have a problem in this city," Morrison said. "We have a problem with the unhoused. And the unhoused, they are a part of the 134,000 citizen population. We

are the legislative body. We have a responsibility to do something different. If we do not support them, where are they gonna go?"

Other alders rose in opposition for financial reasons. Ward 10 Alder Anna M. Festa brought up the appraisal value of the property, which is one-third of what the city is paying for it in the proposal, valued at \$2.3 million.

To Festa's financial concerns, Alder Adam J. Marchand from Ward 25 responded by citing the origin of most of the funds being proposed for use. The American Rescue Plan Act funds, which cover part of the purchase, were intended for use in economic and community recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. New Haven's ARPA funds must be allocated by December 2024.

"The unhoused are part of our community, and they deserve to be supported and included in this program of recovery," said Marchand.

At the meeting, apart from approving the purchase, the alders supported the city's approval and acceptance of grants for the economic and community development of Whalley Avenue and for help with the decarbonization of Fair Haven.

The next general Board of Alders meeting will be held on Oct. 16 at the Aldermanic Chamber in City Hall, which is located at 165 Church St.

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Student Advisory Council added to presidential search after widespread student outcry



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The Student Advisory Council is the first of its kind in a Yale presidential search process and comes after advocacy by the YCC, GPSS and the GSA.

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serve as advisors and members ex officio to the council.

"The Student Advisory Council will share the information it gathers with members of the search committee through meetings and written reports," Joshua Bekenstein '80 wrote on behalf of the search committee in an email to the University. "We look forward to keeping in touch with [Yale community members] throughout the search process and are excited about the work ahead of us."

YCC president Julian Suh-Toma '25 wrote to the News in an email that the YCC plans to release more information about the nomination and appointment process for the new council but noted that all undergraduate students will be eligible to nominate themselves to serve on the committee.

Suh-Toma added that members of the Council will primarily be

soliciting input from community members, "not provid[ing] their personal opinions."

He also wrote that the YCC, GPSS and GSA will move forward with different processes for selecting students to the advisory council to best suit the "composition and needs" of each student group.

"This is a historic and unprecedented win, as it is the first time Yale has ever had a formal student advisory council in a presidential search," Suh-Toma wrote to the News. "We're grateful to the partnership that has formed between all of Yale's elected bodies and leadership in working to make this happen."

GPSS president Chrishan Fernando GRD '25 told the News that student leaders, including himself, all had a similar "initial visceral response" after University President Peter Salovey announced he would be stepping down since no formal methods of student

engagement were announced in the search for his successor.

He said that recent conversations with members of the Board of Trustees demonstrated that the group is "definitely open to student feedback."

Fernando also echoed Suh-Toma's emphasis on the historic significance of the council's creation.

After Salovey's predecessor, Richard Levin, announced that he would be stepping down in 2013, then-YCC president Brandon Levin '14 LAW '21 was selected by then-senior trustee of the Corporation Edward P. Bass '68 to serve as a "conduit" between students and the search committee, according to a 2014 editorial that Brandon Levin wrote in 2014 about the search.

Before 2013, the University had never solicited formal student input in its presidential search processes. Faculty members were not included in the Uni-

versity's search process until the 1993 presidential search, which resulted in Levin's appointment.

"Thus far, our focus has been on making sure that we have an avenue for student engagement and student input on the search process," Fernando said. "[The council] is something we're all very excited for."

In an email to the News, Graduate Student Assembly president Christopher Lindsay GRD '26 wrote that the four members from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences will solicit volunteers from the general student body and elect one representative from each of the school's divisions, including from the Humanities, Social Sciences, Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences and Engineering.

He also wrote that the Corporation was supportive of finding mechanisms of incorporating student input and that the Council

was formed after discussions with Suh-Toma, Fernando and members of the Board of Trustees and the Search Committee.

"Divisional representation is very important since we want the next president to value all the different types of research and teaching done at Yale," Lindsay wrote. "The board members on the search committee were very keen to incorporate student perspectives to the search from the beginning"

The Presidential Search Committee appointed four faculty members to its ranks on Sept. 27. The announcement came hours before the first of the Corporation's listening sessions to gather input on the search process from students, faculty and staff, which were announced the day before on Sept. 26.

Salovey plans to step down from his post on June 30.

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NEWS

"People who love to eat are always the best people."

JULIA CHILD AMERICAN CHEF, WRITER

Elizabeth Bradley delivers the Yale School of Public Health Dean's Lecture

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On Monday, Elizabeth Bradley GRD '96 and current president of Vassar College delivered the Dean's Lecture at the School of Public Health. In the talk, entitled "Getting on the Balcony," Bradley reflected on her career and the wisdom she has gained, especially during moments of transition.

Bradley was on campus to be honored as one of this year's four recipients of the Wilbur Cross Medal, which is the highest honor bestowed on Graduate School alumni. She is also one of the eight people that the News identified last week as possible replacements for University President Peter Salovey, who intends to step down in June. If tapped, Bradley would be the first woman to head the University in a non-interim capacity.

Established in 1966, the Wilbur Cross Medal was created to honor former Graduate School Dean and Connecticut governor Wilbur Lucius Cross. Cross was a member of the Graduate School's class of 1889 and served as a professor at the Sheffield Scientific School — which predated the Graduate School — and as dean of the Graduate School from 1916 until 1930.

The three other recipients this year include professor of philosophy and African American studies at Columbia Robert J. Gooding-Williams '75 GRD '82, University of Delaware psychology professor James M. Jones GRD '70 and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company vice chairman and chief executive officer Che-Chia Wei GRD '85.

"The dean's committee that helps make these decisions about who gets honored intentionally looks across the many different disciplines at the Graduate School," Deborah J. Jagielow, the associate director of engagement and alumni relations at the Graduate School, told the News.

Cross medal recipients are nominated by peers in their field and then reviewed and selected through

an internal review process at the Graduate School. Once chosen, the recipients return to Yale, where they are hosted by their respective departments and attend an award ceremony and evening gala dinner with Lynn Cooley, Dean of the Graduate School, and Salovey.

In her lecture, Bradley talked about the power of embracing opportunities and the importance of learning through research and career pivots. She described her own storied trajectory in professional leadership, from her academic scholarship to a decade of work in global health — including collaboration with the Clinton Foundation — to co-authoring a book about the impact of social determinants of health.

"I actually love transitions, though they are also very unsettling," Bradley said. "The reason I love them is because they allow for a time of disengagement and then re-engagement, and, in that moment ... all things are free, all things are unencumbered, full of potential, open to what might be new."

After graduating from the Yale School of Public Health, Bradley became an assistant professor at the school and went on to lead the Health Management Program. She later became the Brady-Johnson Professor of Grand Strategy and was the founder and faculty director of the Yale Global Health Leadership Initiative.

As the first director of Yale's Global Health Leadership Initiative, Bradley also spearheaded education and research programs.

"Her influence on GHLI is still felt today, as our team works with health care professionals across the U.S. and around the world to drive changes in management, leadership and organizational performance, shaping progress toward all kinds of public health goals," said Leslie Curry, professor of public health and management.

Bradley collaborated with the Clinton Foundation and former Ethiopian Minister of Health Ketsetbirhan Admasu to strengthen hospital and health systems in 2012. She emphasized how



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Bradley, one of this year's four Wilbur Cross Medal recipients and a member of the News' presidential shortlist, reflected on her career and moments of transition.

evidence-based research creates the foundation for effective teaching and advancing the overall health and well-being of populations.

Bradley said that her career transitioned again in 2012, when she co-wrote "The American Health Care Paradox: Why Spending More Is Getting Us Less" — a text that describes the impact of social determinants on population health outcomes.

"[Bradley] has been leading conversations way before their time, and before their wide recognition and acceptance," said Marcella Nunez Smith, a professor of internal medicine, epidemiology and public health at the medical school, about Bradley's research on the improvement of quality of care within hospital settings.

Bradley continued to publish research and later became the head of Branford College.

Throughout her time at Yale, Bradley began to realize that translating research into practice and speaking publicly about it was very meaningful to her.

"I felt drawn to the basic questions of creating and sustaining learning communities that are free to question the status quo, open up to new ideas, and empower voices that have important contributions to make but for any number of reasons have been marginalized," Bradley said.

In the lecture, Bradley discussed how effective leadership and culture drive organizational performance.

For her colleagues at Yale, this intellectual curiosity and leadership made her a strong mentor and adviser. "It was an absolute delight and privilege to welcome Dr. Bradley back," Megan Ranney, dean of the School of Public Health, said. "She exemplifies so many of the best characteristics of our school, ranging from inclusivity to scientific rigor to a commitment to real-world impact."

Bradley also described herself as a philomath, someone who loves to learn.

Throughout the talk, she emphasized the importance of mentorship and continued learning.

"Students have always been at the center of change," Bradley said.

"Listening to those voices, if we are to scholars and educators, is so fulfilling, as the learning goes both ways."

After a 20-year tenure at Yale, Bradley left the University in July 2017 to serve as Vassar College's 11th president; she said during the lecture that she sought to bring her advocacy for inclusive leadership and learning to her new post. In that same year, Bradley was also elected to the National Academy of Medicine.

Prior to receiving a graduate degree in health economics from Yale, Bradley graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in economics from Harvard University in 1984 and received a business degree in 1986 from the University of Chicago, where she specialized in health administration and organizational behavior.

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Admissions office hosts annual Multicultural Open House

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Yale's four cultural centers opened their doors to over 950 high school students from across the country this Saturday.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions partnered with the Afro-American Cultural Center, the Asian American Cultural Center, La Casa and the Native American Cultural Center to host the annual Multicultural Open House, or MOH.

The event connected prospective applicants and families with cultural center staff and student affiliates for a day of performances, presentations, panels and conversations in the four centers. It also featured campus tours, research presentations and resource panels for all prospective students. Admissions office representatives told the News that they hope to make the program more accessible in the future to students from all parts of the country.

"We were pleased to see over 950 guests join us Saturday for the Multicultural Open House, a daylong event designed to introduce students and their families to the many ways to find belonging on campus," Dara Norwood, director of Multicultural Recruitment and associate director of Undergraduate Admissions wrote in an email to the News. "Through campus tours, research presentations, student and resource panels, student performances, and open houses at the cultural centers, Yale students, faculty, and staff highlighted the multi-layered communities that make Yale such a special place."

The event began with registration in Dwight Hall and campus tours — which were offered in English, Spanish and Mandarin. Next, students attended a welcome address and panel on diversity of experience in Battell Chapel, before departing for lunch at Commons in the Schwarzman Center.

In the afternoon, students had the opportunity to attend open houses at each of Yale's four cultural centers.

After two years of virtual programming during the COVID-19 pandemic, the MOH returned to an in-person format in 2022 and remained in-person this year.

According to Moira Poe, director of Strategic Priorities and senior associate director of Admissions, the virtual programming in 2020 and 2021 allowed the admissions office to connect with students across the country who may not have been able to attend the program in person in New Haven. Inspired by this broad virtual reach, the office is looking to make an in-person Multicultural Open House accessible to students from all across the country in the coming years, Poe said.

"While we are thrilled to return to a fully in-person program, we still want the ability to introduce students to our cultural centers and resources even if a student lives in Texas, California, or Montana," Poe wrote in an email to the News. "To do this, we plan to expand MOH to include a full fly-in component next year for select prospective students."

With a full fly-in component, Yale would cover the travel expenses for prospective students to fly into New Haven to attend the program, according to Mark Dunn '07, senior associate director for outreach and recruitment at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

For the first time this year, the admissions office piloted an overnight program as a part of MOH — "MOHvernigh" — pairing Yale student hosts with prospective students from New Haven and Hartford, Poe said. She said that students enjoyed the overnight program, and the office hopes to expand it in the future.

Eileen Galvez, director of La Casa, emphasized the importance of expanding the MOH's reach beyond regional guests. Lizbeth Lozano '25, a peer liaison for La Casa, and Jordan Sahly '24, a peer liaison at the Native American Cultural Center both wrote to the News, echoing Galvez's sentiments. Comments from the students are personal and not on behalf of La Casa or the NACC.

Lozano wrote that she would like to see the event made more accessible to prospective FGLI students from non-local communities.

"We know that many students find it intimidating to apply or believe that Yale is out of their reach, and thus, do not apply; when in reality, they would make excellent Yale applicants," Galvez wrote in an email to the News. "It is important to expand MOH from

being a regional event, to a national one so that we can dispel these myths and present Yale as an option in which students from all backgrounds and life experiences should apply to."

Prospective students and families visited one or more cultural centers, where they engaged in center-specific activities and programming.

The Native American Cultural Center is regularly open for normal business hours on Saturday, so they did not host special programming; instead, the goal was to allow visitors to see the NACC as it typically functions, according to Matthew Makomenaw, director of the center.

"It was just really an opportunity for families and students to see the NACC as they would experience it, with students studying in one room and making food in another and singing karaoke in a different room," he said. "It was an opportunity to tour the space, and really get a sense of our staff and our center."

Makomenaw said that the NACC saw more of a turnout at this year's MOH than in years' past. This increase in turnout was likely due to the fact that the admissions office helped guide prospective students to the locations of each of the cultural centers, rather than simply giving them a schedule as in past years, Makomenaw said.

Jordan Sahly shared that his favorite part of the day was an interaction he had with a mixed-Cherokee family.

"When I started talking to them about our new Cherokee language class and showed them the Cherokee flags on our Wall of Nations, their faces lit up and they had tons of follow-up questions for me," Sahly wrote to the News, referring to a Yale College course that debuted this term.

Minh Vu, who serves as the interim assistant director of the AACC, said that the center adopted a similarly freeform approach to the event and saw a turnout of around 175 students.

According to Vu, the AACC had two opt-in stations on Saturday — a prize-wheel that students could spin for AACC merch and a workshop and demonstration for students to learn tinning, a traditional Philippine folk dance.

"Most of the 'programming' for the afternoon simply con-

sisted of casual conversations between the prospective applicants and our wonderful AACC student staffers who shared their experiences as Yale undergraduates and with the college admissions process," Vu wrote in an email to the News. "Many students and families were excited and comforted by how the AACC can be a space of casual gathering, and not just for student organizations"

Timeica Bethel, Director of the Afro-American Cultural Center, told the News that the House had a turnout of over 170 students and parents during its open house.

The Af-Am House's programming consisted of student-led tours covering the history of the House, as well as a student panel led by five Black Yalies, Bethel told the News.

"Panelists represented the wide diversity of the Black Diaspora at Yale, and started by answering questions prepared by our House staff regarding their experiences on campus, academic interests, affiliations with House resident groups, and more," Bethel wrote in an email to the News.

Following the panel, they opened the floor to the attendees for a Q&A session.

According to Bethel, many students asked about application advice, particularly in light of the Supreme Court's decision to strike down affirmative action in college admissions.

"The panelists did their best to assuage the concerns and assure students and parents that Yale will continue to prioritize admitting a diverse student body," Bethel wrote.

For La Casa, the open house consisted of tours and Q&A sessions led by La Casa Peer Liaisons, as well as a student showcase featuring performances from Mariachi Lux et Veritas and Tertulia, according to Galvez. Galvez added that she participated in a panel called "Voices from the Yale Community"

According to Galvez, prospective students were excited about the "vibrant" arts culture available to all students at

Yale. She said that her favorite part of the day was being able to talk directly with prospective parents, many of whom she was able to speak to in Spanish.

Vu said that many students who identified multiracially were pleased with how connected each of the four cultural centers were to one another, adding that many students said they were able to visit all four cultural centers during the two-hour-long event.

"When families send their students off to college, they're really looking, as caretakers, for a space that's going to take care of their student," Makomenaw said. "It's really important to see the spaces on campus that students might be able to go to and meet the different deans and resources on campus available to incoming students at Yale. I think that it's a real personal touch and creates comfort for families as they make their decision about where they're going to send somebody."

Another La Casa peer liaison, Karla Perdomo Nuñez '26 — whose comments are also personal and do not necessarily represent the views of La Casa — wrote that she thinks Yale should have staggered programming to facilitate more individual time with families and students.

Nevertheless, Nuñez wrote that the MOH was an exciting opportunity to connect with prospective students and show them the support systems and vibrant cultural communities that Yale offers.

"It was so rewarding to see so many students and families travel to New Haven to explore Yale's diverse, supportive, and dynamic communities," Jeremiah Quinlan, dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid, wrote in an email to the News. "I look forward to even more expansive Multicultural Open House programming in the coming years."

The Afro-American Cultural Center was founded in 1969 and is Yale College's first cultural center.

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"There is no love sincerer than the love of food."
GEORGE BERNARD SHAW, IRISH PLAYWRIGHT

Public School admin. review plans for fed. funding

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City alders and New Haven Public School administrators met Wednesday evening to discuss how the city's schools have made use of major federal funds for education.

New Haven Public School administrators — including NHPS Superintendent Madeline Negrón, Assistant Superintendent Keisha Redd-Hannans and Chief Operating Officer Thomas Lamb — began the meeting with a presentation, which began by explained how the district has thus far used \$37 million of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds ESSER funding, which was part of the American Rescue Plan Act, included a three-round set of stimulus grants from the federal government to public school systems across the country.

NHPS received \$80,017,233 in the third round of funding; now, the district has one year to spend the remaining \$42.9 million before it expires.

"We cannot continue to say to folks, yes, what we have today is going to be there tomorrow," Negrón said in the meeting.

Redd-Hannans said the district has primarily focused ESSER support on increasing parent participation and on funding dual enrollment classes for students. She also noted that NHPS has hired additional teachers — particularly bilingual ones — with the aim of decreasing class sizes.

While the district has long hired bilingual teachers, espe-

cially to meet the needs of new students, administrators are looking to do more, Negrón said. She floated a proposal for a dedicated "Newcomers Academy," meant to support new students in attaining English proficiency while also encouraging them to retain knowledge of their primary languages.

"One thing in particular [to note is that] we just added a new K-5 core curriculum," Redd-Hannans said. "But we've also added, over the last two years, a new curriculum K-8 in mathematics [and in] science, out of our ESSER funds."

Other investments, according to Redd-Hannans, included hiring additional school counselors, social workers and school psychologists.

Lamb, chief operating officer of the district, said NHPS has also been using ESSER funds for infrastructure improvements. He noted that, although NHPS dedicated \$6.7 million in ESSER funds specifically towards HVAC improvements, the money did not address the long-term sustainability of the district's air conditioning needs.

"When I joined the school district a little over two years ago the district facilities teams ... lacking resources, often ran systems directly to failure, and in many cases continue to do so," Lamb said. "[We] have been working toward a time-based preventative maintenance approach that captures the needs of all school buildings systems. Such an approach requires larger monetary investment."

According to Lamb, the cost of replacing the HVAC system of one



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City alders on the Education Committee met with New Haven Public School leaders to review how the district plans to spend a remaining \$42.9 million in federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding.

school would be around \$1 million. He claimed that 60 percent of the district's 41 schools have systems older than or approaching 20 years.

Negrón also emphasized the HVAC issue NHPS are facing, referencing early closures at the beginning of the year due to high temperatures as a heat wave gripped New Haven.

"The safety of our kids and our staff has to come first," Negrón said. "I know the impact that it has, whenever we have to shorten a day, because it does have an impact on our families. That was a hard decision to make... But when you have a situation where a school is working on only one chiller and the

one that you have in that school is failing, you are at a point where people are literally suffocating in buildings."

The New Haven Public Schools budget for the 2018-2019 school year was \$364,659,346.

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Night Market draws lively crowd to Chapel Street



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Shoppers of all ages stopped by the second New Haven Night Market of the year to explore over 60 local vendors.

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New Haven's semiannual night market attracted local artists and small business owners to share their talents with thousands of customers on Saturday night.

From 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., the night market occupied two blocks of Chapel Street — between York Street and College Street. The market featured four live performances, 58 street vendors and nine food vendors, including local restaurants like Oh K-Dog and Lazeez Indian Cuisine. Shoppers played with cornhole and Jenga sets, got temporary tattoos and participated in button-making and community mural painting activities. The Town Green Dis-

trict, the event organizers, also held a raffle and sold New Haven Night Market merchandise.

New Havener Delilah Quezada sold personalized pet toys and elastic, adjustable pet bandanas at the market for her business, Creations by OKISS. As a first-time night market vendor, she said she did not expect turnout to be so high and that she loved seeing the reactions that "pet parents" had to her products.

Quezada also noted the unifying spirit of the market.

"I feel like the New Haven Night Market is a great way to bring both [New Haven residents and Yale students] together," she said.

Creations by OKISS was one of many online shops and small businesses that used the event to showcase their products to a larger audience. Aly Fox, owner

of Foxspark Design — a business that uses natural dyes made from pomegranate, onion skins and other natural sources — was also a first-time vendor at the night market.

Fox said she liked running a booth but was eager to explore the market, which she said she has done in past years as a customer.

"It's cool [to be a vendor], but at the same time, I want to go see everybody's stall," she said. "It feels like you get to be on the other side and be offering something to the community as much as enjoying it."

George Gross, co-founder of Your Queer Plant Shop, said they enjoyed sharing their passion for plants with people in the community and appreciated the ambiance of the market. They

told the News they felt that the New Haven Night Market was special because it prioritized artists and makers over resellers.

Tony Potchernikov '24 was one of Gross's customers and purchased a terrarium from Your Queer Plant Shop as he explored the market. Potchernikov expressed his satisfaction with the market, saying that it was similarly enjoyable to a market he visited over the summer.

Amelia Wilkinson '27 echoed this sentiment, as the event reminded her of the small farmers markets she would visit growing up in a small town in Oregon. She was looking forward to exploring the jewelry vendors and enjoyed the energy of the market.

Kellie Linch, a resident of neighboring Hamden and long-

time visitor of the night market, was excited to see its expansion over the years. She complimented the market's atmosphere, pointing out the white "bistro lights" that were strung up along the length of Chapel Street.

"The city sort of revs up for the night, and it makes you feel like 'Oh, I wish this happened every Friday night,'" she said.

Linch added that the night market is an event she enjoys attending with her daughter, as it has a "beautiful blend" of activities for all ages.

The New Haven Night Market is held twice a year and will make another appearance in the city in spring 2024.

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ARTS

"Cooking is at once child's play and adult joy. And cooking done with care is an act of love."

CRAIG CLAIBORNE AMERICAN RESTAURANT CRITIC

If these walls could talk

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New Haven is a city of fine arts. Embedded within building facades, engraved into the architecture on Yale's campus and propped up throughout city streets are creations that often go unnoticed, some recently born and others with decades-long histories.

Recently, Yale and New Haven have seen many new works of art go on display. This past summer, the Wu Tsai Institute finished Sol LeWitt's "Wall Drawing #1081" at its new location on College Street. Around New Haven, other artists such as Lindaluz Carrillo and FUNQUEST have painted murals for the city over the last few years.

"That's something that is really important," Carrillo told the News, "being intentional about how you're connecting with the people you're creating artwork for."

Carrillo's "Shifting Perspectives" is located on 151 Orange St. The mural is a diptych. The background is a cloudy sky, painted over with rich hues. On one side, a hand extends from a portal and clenches the stem of a yellow flower; on the other, a young woman's melancholic face looks out at the street. Its subjects are people of color.

Carrillo is a multimedia artist. Having recently finished an artist-in-residency program at the School of Visual Arts in New York, she said that the mural helped push her out of her comfort zone.

As an artist, Carrillo typically deals with typography, or text-heavy works — the heavy use of imagery, as seen in this mural, is a new experience.

"With this one, it was a combination of wanting to push outside of something that I normally do, ... but also thinking about the people that go to the store," Carrillo said. "I think that the space

holds a specific demographic of folks and I want to make sure that the color choices that I'm using and the concept of exploration and curiosity ties in with what that space is."

According to Carrillo, "Shifting Perspectives" is open to public interpretation. Something that was important to her during the process of creating the mural was thinking about how it would interact with and impact the surrounding community.

Below the mural is Strange Ways, a fashion accessories store.

"Everything is very vibrant; everything tells a story," Carrillo said of the store. "I took a lot of the space into consideration while I was making [the mural]."

Another mural, "Coming to New Haven" by FUNQUEST, can be found on 278 Orange St. The piece was completed in 2022.

Originally from Japan, FUNQUEST's work has been heavily influenced by anime. Their artistic style is very colorful and geometric, with an almost cartoon-like quality reminiscent of street art or pop art.

This mural in particular depicts a cyborg-like character that FUNQUEST created called "Mr. No Limit." In the mural, Mr. No Limit is carrying a bucket of bright pink paint. His body is composed of many smaller puzzle pieces, and he is holding a paint roller, having just written "Love you, New Haven" on the wall. The character is one that resurfaces in many of his works.

When asked about the color choice and the purpose of the mural, FUNQUEST told the News that "the story behind the mural is that Mr. No Limit came to New Haven to brighten the atmosphere and make the people happy."

On Yale's campus, the Wu Tsai Institute revealed a new work of art at their 100 College St. loca-



COURTESY OF LINDA LUZ CARRILLO

A spotlight on public artwork on Yale's campus and in the greater New Haven area.

tion. The wall drawing is a design by artist Sol LeWitt.

LeWitt's portfolio consists of blueprints and sketches for what would later become thousands of wall drawings. With every sketch, LeWitt also provides instructions on changing the proportions of the drawing; he also lists the specific pigments as well as how to mix them to achieve a certain color.

The specificity of the instructions allows anyone with an understanding of artmaking to recreate one of Sol's sketches and turn it into life-sized wall art.

According to John Hogan, an archivist for Sol LeWitt Wall Drawings at the Yale University Art Gallery, accessibility to artmaking was a large inspiration behind LeWitt's work.

One way LeWitt aimed to make artistry more widespread and accessible was through Printed Matter, his own bookstore that provides fairly priced books on art for easy dissemination of knowledge.

"When [LeWitt] made his artists' books, he didn't want them to become collectible. He just wanted people to be able to mail

[someone an] artwork for 20 bucks," Hogan told the News. "[You] could fax the instructions in the diagram to the other side of the world [and recreate it] with number 6 pencils, basic primary, secondary colors of paint. [Anyone] who has a reasonable understanding of art making skills can install the work."

The Wu Tsai Institute was established in 2021 with a gift from Joseph C. Tsai '86 LAW '90 and Clara Wu Tsai.

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Yale Lift Off honors works by School of Music composers and singers

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Firehouse 12, a studio and performance venue located by the New Haven Green, echoed with music from the Yale Lift Off program on Monday evening.

The event was a first of its kind, showcasing composers and singers from the Yale School of Music who performed original pieces. The program consisted of three performances across different genres, including song-poetry and a Shakespeare-inspired opera scene.

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Matiss Cudars and vocalist Amalia Crevani, the vocalist. The song captured the essence of a half-asleep dreamer, with Cudars' strings and Crevani's soprano telling the story of a dreamscape that is difficult to escape.

"The [piece] was a marriage between two different worlds. [It] almost existed with one foot in both camps — between art music and popular music," said Curtis Serafin, a Music School lecturer who was in attendance. "You have a sort of electric guitar complement that comes from a sort of singer-songwriter background that you don't find very commonly in art songs. But the singing itself was very classic in nature."

Following this beginning, the audience was treated to a performance of "Mr. & Mrs. M.," written by Aaron Levin MUS '27.

The piece was inspired by the scene from Shakespeare's "Macbeth," where Lady Macbeth persuades Macbeth to assassinate King Duncan.

"It's the psychological crux of the whole play," Elana Bell MUS '23, one of the performers, explained. "It's where Lady Macbeth is really getting into Macbeth's head and convincing him to commit."

Bell, a recent Yale graduate, is now based in New York, starting her career journey in opera.

The evening's grand finale was the evocative "Excerpts from

"Songs at Night." Rooted in the poetry of Anna Margolin and sung in Yiddish, the performance featured Kara Morgan's MUS '24 soulful voice accompanied by Esther Kwan on bass and Carter Johnson MUS '29 on piano.

According to Morgan, while the songs are all by the same composer, the pieces capture different love stories at various points in a person's life.

"This was a great chance for them to encourage and then help produce premier performances of excerpts of these works that are largely in progress still," Anna Smigelskaya, a piano fellow at the Music School said to the News.

Morgan, a graduate student with the Yale Opera department, commented on the enduring relationships and connections that the event created.

She said she thought the Yale Lift Off was a success, and said she hopes it might inspire and develop into a future class at Yale's School of Music.

"It's singers getting paired up with composing students or recent graduates," she said. "And they're creating something special together."

Firehouse 12 is located at 45 Crown St.

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New Haven Symphony Orchestra returns to Woolsey Hall for opening concert

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The event was a first of its kind, showcasing composers and singers from the Yale School of Music who performed original pieces. The program consisted of three performances across different genres, including song-poetry and a Shakespeare-inspired opera scene.

The night started with a performance of "towards your arms," showcasing a duo of guitarist Matiss Cudars and vocalist Amalia Crevani, the vocalist. The song captured the essence of a half-asleep dreamer, with Cudars' strings and Crevani's soprano telling the story of a dreamscape that is difficult to escape.

"The [piece] was a marriage between two different worlds. [It] almost existed with one foot in both camps — between art music and popular music," said Curtis Serafin, a Music School lecturer who was in attendance. "You have a sort of electric guitar complement that comes

from a sort of singer-songwriter background that you don't find very commonly in art songs. But the singing itself was very classic in nature."

Following this beginning, the audience was treated to a performance of "Mr. & Mrs. M.," written by Aaron Levin MUS '27.

The piece was inspired by the scene from Shakespeare's "Macbeth," where Lady Macbeth persuades Macbeth to assassinate King Duncan.

"It's the psychological crux of the whole play," Elana Bell MUS '23, one of the performers, explained. "It's where Lady Macbeth is really getting into Macbeth's head and convincing him to commit."

Bell, a recent Yale graduate, is now based in New York, starting her career journey in opera.

The evening's grand finale was the evocative "Excerpts from 'Songs at Night.'" Rooted in the poetry of Anna Margolin and sung in Yiddish, the performance featured Kara Morgan's MUS '24 soulful voice accompanied by Esther Kwan on bass and Carter Johnson MUS '29 on piano.

According to Morgan, while the songs are all by the same composer, the pieces capture differ-



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After a three-year hiatus from Yale, the New Haven Symphony Orchestra made its University comeback on Thursday evening.

ent love stories at various points in a person's life.

"This was a great chance for them to encourage and then help produce premier performances of excerpts of these works that are largely in progress still," Anna Smigelskaya, a piano fellow at the Music School said.

Morgan, a graduate student with the Yale Opera department, commented on the enduring relationships and connections that the event created.

She said she thought the Yale Lift Off was a success, and said she hopes it might inspire and develop into a future class at the Music School.

"It's singers getting paired up with composing students or recent graduates, creating something special together," she said.

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NEWS

"You don't need a silver fork to eat good food."
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Yale Law experts preview cases in upcoming Supreme Court term

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Yale Law School students gathered in the Sterling Law Building on Monday afternoon to attend a panel discussion centered around the Supreme Court's upcoming term.

The event, hosted by progressive legal organization the American Constitution Society, featured Yale Law professors Bill Eskridge LAW '78, Linda Greenhouse LAW '78 and Sam Moyn as the panelists. At the talk, the experts delved into an array of topics, ranging from what they predict will be the most impactful forthcoming cases to a discussion on the Court's politicization. Each attendee received a flier detailing all the cases that the panelists discussed during the conversation.

"At YLS, we're lucky to have access to brilliant legal scholars who can offer sharp, nuanced analyses of cases that will be argued before the Supreme Court," Rosemary Coskrey LAW '25, co-president of the ACS, wrote to the News. "ACS organizes a Supreme Court term preview each year to familiarize students with evolving doctrines and highlight the stakes of upcoming cases."

Coskrey also told the News that the preview most gives students an opportunity to think critically about the Court's decisions and to imagine the role students play in "shaping a more progressive, equitable constitutional jurisprudence."

At the event, each professor focused on a different aspect of the Court's upcoming term.

Eskridge, whose primary legal academic interests have been statutory interpretation, highlighted some of the cases that, in his opinion, could be the most consequential. Among these cases are those involving social media platforms in Florida and Texas, which the Court will address in *Moody v. NetChoice* and *NetChoice v. Paxton*. These cases have the potential to establish new precedents regarding the ability of large social media platforms like X, formerly known as Twitter, and Youtube to remove

specific posts, potentially broadening the scope of free speech on those platforms.

Eskridge also discussed a case involving South Carolina's congressional map, which was invalidated on grounds of alleged racial gerrymandering. He called this case a "sequel to Alabama," referencing a case in the Supreme Court's last term in which the justices determined in a narrow 5-4 ruling that Alabama's congressional map was racially gerrymandered and consequently in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment and the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Eskridge also highlighted a pending case that the Supreme Court has not yet agreed to hear relating to high school admissions practices. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, a state-chartered magnet school in Virginia, revised its admissions policies in 2020 to increase the Black and Latine enrollment at the school; however, the efforts resulted in a decrease in the school's Asian American representation. Coalition for TJ, the group that formed in opposition to the school's change in admissions policy, is alleging that this process unfairly discriminates against Asian Americans.

"If [the Court] accepts this case, the ruling could be very consequential," Eskridge said.

Greenhouse, a former Supreme Court reporter for the New York Times, highlighted the upcoming Supreme Court case *United States v. Rahimi*, which is set to evaluate the Second Amendment rights of individuals under domestic violence restraining orders. She said that the Fifth Circuit's ruling was "a revolutionary change" for how courts have been instructed to look at Second Amendment cases.

The Fifth Circuit ruled that a law prohibiting individuals with domestic violence restraining orders from possessing firearms is unconstitutional, as they deemed it inconsistent with the Founders' original intent regarding the Second Amendment. The three-judge panel in their decision contended that the concept of domestic violence, as it is understood today, did



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Yale Law School professors discussed the significance of the Supreme Court's upcoming term on Monday.

not exist when the Constitution was originally drafted.

Greenhouse countered this judgment by claiming that in the historical context, the absence of the concept of domestic violence stemmed from the fact that women had minimal to no rights.

She also raised an argument mentioned in a brief concerning the Court's prior ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which she said might hold weight in *United States v. Rahimi*. She pointed to the Court's acknowledgment of, as Greenhouse put it, "the rights of the unborn" against abortion, prompting her to ask the question: "What consideration is given to the rights of women who are victims of domestic violence?"

Moyn focused his section of the talk on the relationship between the Court and the general public.

He said that the Supreme Court pushed back against the gender equality argument presented in *Dobbs* two years ago and, to a lesser extent, against racial equality in its last term as justices voted to strike down racial affirmative action in college admissions. According to Moyn, this term's cases seem to be centered around the "continued exacerbation of class inequality."

Moyn highlighted the upcoming case *Moore v. United States*, which will decide whether the Sixteenth Amendment allows Congress to tax "unrealized" assets as income. Essentially, he said, this case will

clarify what assets Congress has the power to tax.

"[These cases] are all about neoliberalism," Moyn said. "And what that means is that they're all about corporate power and wealth inequality indirectly."

Moyn expressed an interest in observing the rulings of the Court's conservative justices. He said that he wonders how the three liberal justices will respond to the Court's conservative majority and what lines they will draw to the majority.

The Supreme Court's 2023-24 term began on Monday, Oct. 2, the same day as the panel discussion.

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New Haven Office of Climate Sustainability shows strong results nine months in

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The recently-created New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability has brought more electric bikes to New Haven, facilitated an electric vehicle pilot program and electrified city-owned buildings.

In December 2022, following city-wide advocacy, Mayor Justin Elicker announced the creation of the Office of Climate and Sustainability and tapped then-alder Steven Winter '11 to be its executive director. In the past nine months, Winter has worked with city departments to push for climate-related initiatives, with a focus on decreasing greenhouse gas emissions.

Three environmental city leaders who spoke to the News agreed that Winter had so far achieved strong results in his executive director role.

"I see the role of Steve Winter's position as a Climate Director as being a bridge across [city] departments," Colleen Murphy-Dunning, program director at Urban Resources Initiative, told the News. "Whether it's looking at energy efficiencies from transit, or buildings, or tree canopy, ... Steve's position provides an important nexus to work across [different] sectors."

Chris Schweitzer, the head of the New Haven Climate Movement, said that the advocacy group has found Winter to be a "huge ally," adding that they were happy he was in charge of the new office. Schweitzer said that the office is vital because no one else in the city, he believes, is working to combat climate change.

Murphy-Dunning started working with Winter when he was still an alder and would help constituents plant trees for free and take care of them through URI's program.

"[Winter has been] quite a champion as a tree ambassador in

his community," Murphy-Dunning told the News.

This year, to increase canopy cover in New Haven, URI organized a series of workshops and applied for federal grants with officials who Winter brought together from several city agencies.

With URI, Winter also led a community effort to turn a vacant lot on Shelton Avenue into a small park.

That experience helps Winter now, as community engagement is a big part of his work in the office. Many New Haven residents are unaware of resources available to them, Winter said. Over the summer, he canvassed New Haven neighborhoods and got 70 households to sign up for the "I Heart My Home" program, which helps people make their homes energy-efficient. Talking to the News, Winter stressed that housing electrification advocacy is a priority of his.

The office also works on electrifying city-owned buildings. Recently, Atwater Senior Center in Fair Haven switched from a gas furnace to high-efficiency electric heat pumps.

Winter also collaborates with local businesses to help them become more energy efficient by optimizing lightning, heating and cooling systems to cut costs and reduce the impact on the climate, he said.

Alex Rodriguez, an environmental justice specialist at New Haven nonprofit Save the Sound, told the News that he appreciates Winter's work on green buildings.

"In a lot of situations, we are asking people ... to do things differently or use a new technology," Winter said. "There is a lot of education that needs to be done."

Such education efforts pay off, Winter argued. After one such education campaign, 50 residents of the city secured electric bike rebates through the state-funded program.

Transition to energy efficiency and electrification of the city also requires a lot of planning.

The office is working on electrifying New Haven's vehicle fleet — at the end of the year, the

Schweitzer thinks is emblematic of a broader problem. The city's administration, he argued, does

carbon footprint and the creation of the office Winter now runs.

Mayor Elicker did not respond to



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The office has helped bring departments together to combat climate change, though activists say it may not have enough resources.

city's first electric garbage truck will go into service. To accomplish this, Winter worked to install the needed charging systems and communicated with the Parks and Public Works department to ensure that the vehicle would be able to adequately pick up trash. He hopes that this pilot project will become a model for other city departments.

While Schweitzer spoke positively about Winter's work, he told the News that reduction of greenhouse gas emissions is a massive undertaking. Besides Winter, there is only one other employee in the office, which

not have a sense of urgency to address the climate crisis.

"We need to be doing more at all levels of government, if we are going to meet the 1.5 degree celsius goal that was set out in the Paris Agreement," Winter acknowledged. "There is so much more work to be done, but we do acknowledge the urgency of the climate crisis and have made real commitment to addressing emissions in New Haven."

Last year, the city allocated \$5 million of federal American Rescue Plan funding toward city-wide climate projects, including initiatives to reduce New Haven's

a request to comment on the city's future plans to fight climate change.

Winter hopes to expand existing efforts, as well as launch new initiatives, especially increasing the use of renewable energy and creating more clean transportation options for New Haven residents, all to decrease the carbon footprint of the city.

As a result of human activity, Earth's global average temperature is currently increasing by more than 0.2 degrees Celsius per decade.

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SPORTS

Elis to compete in first away game of season

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While Yale hasn't managed to secure a win in Hanover since 2010, the Elis hope to re-assert their dominance this Saturday and build a winning streak.

"It's a tough place to win," Reno said. "Every game is hard to win. For us, this year is this year. We're going to focus on what we do."

In their game against Morgan State last Saturday, Yale's defense limited the Bears to 204 yards in total offense, and Grooms threw for 363 yards — a career high — and rushed for 87, tying for fifth most total yards of offense in a single game in Yale history.

Multiple players saw success in addition to Grooms, who earned the weekly Gold Helmet Award from the New England Football Writers Association and was named the Ivy League Player of the Week.

"We're all excited to get back out there on Saturday," running back Spencer Alston '24 said. "The intensity will be there ... we'll hold each other accountable to that."

Last Saturday, wide receivers Ryan Lindley '24 and Tipton each had nine receptions, career-highs for both players. Tipton also tallied 136 receiving yards and two touchdowns, both career highs, and leads the Ivy League with four touchdowns this season.

Defensive lineman Clay Patterson '24 also recorded a sack, his sixth consecutive in six straight games, and is 12th in the nation with his three sacks this season. Patterson has also recorded five tackles for loss on the season.

"We were up at halftime and now it was like, 'Who are we?'" Moore said. "Are we going to be the people who finish it and chase them out of here or the people who let them come back into the game?"

Dartmouth began their season with a 24-7 loss against New Hampshire on Sept. 16, followed by two wins, a 34-17 defeat of Lehigh on Sept. 23 and an overtime 23-20 victory over the University of Pennsylvania on Sept. 30.

This year, Big Green quarterback Nick Howard has made it back on the field after an injury last

season. Howard has been proven to be a dangerous rusher, and he leads the team with 190 rushing yards and three scores. Cadwallader was injured in Dartmouth's game against UPenn, so it is possible that quarterback Jackson Proctor will need to step into his place.

"Cadwallader plays well," Reno said. "They've continued to play that two quarterback system ... Nick's a great player and Cadwallader is a great player, and they're a really good team. So we're continuing to focus on being the ebay versions of ourselves."

Dartmouth has not had any receiver surpass 45 yards per game so far this season, with the exception of wide receiver Paxton Scott's 153 yards in their season opener, but the Big Green has had more success in their defense and special teams. Dartmouth ranks 12th in the FCS in yards allowed per game (278.3), and ranks third nationally in opponents' third-down percentage (28.9 percent).

In their game against UPenn, Dartmouth recovered three fumbles, which led to a 10-point lead for the Big Green.

Dartmouth rookie kicker Owen Zalc was also named Ivy League Rookie of the Week for two weeks in a row after booting three field goals, the third granting Dartmouth its overtime win last week. Punter Davis Golick also had a career-high of eight punts, averaging 39 yards per punt.

"What we talk about a lot on our team is process over outcome," Moore said. "It's just trusting ourselves and trusting that we know how to go through this process and we know how to get it done right and just constant believing and not showing any doubt."

The Elis, however, are ready to continue their strong play from last week and take it with them to Hanover.

Peterson has picked up nearly 5 yards per carry on his 33 season carries, also tacking on two touchdowns. Another back, Joshua Pitsenberger '26, who has been injured the past two games but was practicing this week, tal-

lied 36 yards on nine rushes in Yale's game against Holy Cross.

Tipton leads the receivers with 15 catches for 248 yards, and Lindley has also added 117 yards. Alston also recently returned to the field after a season-ending injury in 2022.

"That was a tough pill to swallow just because that had been my senior season, [but it] taught me a lot, kept things in perspective," Alston said. "Now I'm able to come back and help these guys win games."

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, while the offense may see some players return, the defense has not been so lucky.

Cornerback Dathan Hickey '24 and safety Brandon Benn '24, both opening-day starters, have suffered injuries that leave their returns this season up in the air. The secondary will now rely on young players and the leadership of captain defensive back Wande Owens '24.

There is good news for the Bulldogs secondary though, as last year's starting cornerback Sean Guyton '25 will look to make his season debut against Dartmouth after recovering from an injury during the preseason. Guyton played in every game for the Elis last year, recording 37 tackles, one sack and two interceptions.

On special teams, punter/kicker Jack Bosman '24 has also helped the Elis in each of their contests this year, averaging 40.3 yards on 10 punts.

Linebacker Joseph Vaughn '24 leads the defense with a team-high 25 tackles, one sack, an interception, a forced fumble and three tackles for loss. Owens has also notched 19 tackles and two pass breakups.

"It was really great to be a part of that on Saturday, watch it on Sunday and just see the growth we made," Reno said. "We made the base jump. So now it's like okay, can we continue to make these jumps as the season goes on?"

Coming off their win, the Bulldogs are eager to earn a win in Ivy League competition and defeat Dartmouth in Hanover.

The game will be televised on NESN and streamed live on ESPN+.

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Bulldogs victorious on home course

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hard to establish a single way of approaching a tournament. All we try to do is to get everybody to make smarter choices and enjoy it out there — it is a game after all!"

The Bulldogs opened the season with a first-place victory at the Alex Lagowitz Memorial Invitational, and clearly carried that success into their first home tournament of the year.

While they have cherished the victories, they are still focused on the long season ahead.

"After not winning at all last year, we were all eager to get a win," You told the News. "And now that we have won twice; I feel like we all have the feeling that we are not stopping anytime soon."

The Yale men's golf team followed up this performance at the Hamptons Intercollegiate tournament, hosted at the Maidstone Golf Club. Sophomore Will Lodge '26 finished in a four-way tie for seventh place as Yale's highest finisher of the weekend.

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YALE ATHLETICS

Robert You played a pivotal role in that process, and found tremendous success throughout the weekend.

Bulldogs focus on team dynamics



YALE ATHLETICS

The Bulldogs play next this Saturday against Princeton University in New Jersey.

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together, growing together and celebrating together.

This focus on playing as a team is a hallmark of Yale's style, and is what allowed them to score very early on in the first half.

"I think Anita's goal was a memorable moment for me," captain Chloe Laureano '24 wrote to the News. "I think it was extremely representative of our style of play; It was a true team effort in the build up, a wonderful cross from Ellie, and a well-timed finish from Anita."

Laureano said she looks forward to other moments like these during that season that demonstrate their teamwork.

Although it didn't show on the scoreboard, the Elis displayed

exceptional performance and have been doing so throughout the season, Martinez told the News.

"To be honest we have had a great start overall in our quality of play," wrote Martinez. "This team is very different than what we've seen in the past."

The Bulldogs hosted Brown on Oct. 4 in a midweek game, which was no small feat considering Brown has been the Ivy League Champion for the past three years. Although they fought hard, the Bulldogs fell to the Bears 4-1.

The Bulldogs play next this Saturday against Princeton University at the Myslisk Field at Roberts Stadium in New Jersey.

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Elis place high at Lehigh University

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24:14, a 4:52 mile pace, placing him eighth. Following behind him was men's captain Kay who came in close behind at 24:17, placing him 12th. Closing out the pack were Varun Oberai '25, Leo Brewer '25 and Kenan Pala '26, finishing all within four seconds of each other at 24:31, 24:33 and 24:35, respectively. All five scoring runners — only the top five runners score for each team — finished within 21 seconds of each other, a testament not only to the depth but the teamwork and camaraderie of this men's team.

Karas, who hails from Columbus, Ohio, said that this was a big step forward for him in terms of confidence in high pressure situations, notching a win in such a high pressure meet. Karas, self-described as a nervous and immature racer, told the News that he never had much success in important high school meets, but he is looking to change that going forward this season for the Bulldogs.

"Getting the win this weekend was a great step forward," Karas wrote to the News. "The Paul Short Invitational is a large meet, and a win there has earned us some respect from the other teams in our region. We displayed

our depth with all of our top five runners placing within 21 seconds of each other."

On the women's side of events, the Bulldogs also were led by the duo of senior captain and aspiring young gun, with captain Kyra Pretre '24 leading the Elis with a 6K PR of 21:02, placing her 27th overall in a race of 393 participants, and first year Hebe Chadwick '27 notching another impressive finish in only her second collegiate race, finishing with a time of 21:42 and placing 97th overall. Following only 0.3 seconds behind Chadwick was Linde Fonville '26, who placed 98th overall with a time of 21:43.

Rounding out the women's top five were Charlotte Whitehurst '26 and Sophia Karperos '24, both setting PR's with times of 21:50 and 22:14, 43-second and 14-second PR's, respectively.

Women's head coach Taryn Sheehan acknowledged many of her runners' strong performances but noted that the team has a lot left in the tank.

"The women definitely have a lot left in the tank," Sheehan wrote to the News. "I think what has us excited for what's to come is that despite being a bit muddy and slower day on the course at Lehigh we had a number of personal bests over 6k by Linde Fonville, Sophia Karp-

eros, Kyra Pretre and Charlotte Whitehurst. Not to mention solid 6k debuts by Anna Chamberlin and our two first years Hebe Chadwick and Daniella Henderson. The women are looking forward to getting back to work and knowing a lot can happen in the next 4-6 weeks."

The Bulldogs race next at the IC4A, which is the men's competition, and the ECAC Cross Country Championships, the women's competition. They are both held in New York at Van Cortlandt Park, the site of last year's Ivy League Championships, which is fast approaching at the end of this month.

Men's team captain Kay told the News that he has high hopes.

"The goal is obviously to continue to improve and remain as injury free as possible as we get towards Ivies," Kay wrote to the News. "If that happens, I think this team can be a top 3 team in the League if not better. I don't want to limit our guys; I know what we can do on that day can be special."

Last year at the IC4A and ECAC Cross Country Championships, the women's team came 16th out of 34 teams and the men's team came 5th out of 31.

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SCITECH

"All happiness depends on a leisurely breakfast."

JOHN GUNTHER AMERICAN JOURNALIST

Breakthrough medication offers new promise in battling postpartum depression

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Content warning: This article contains references to suicide.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a hotline for individuals in crisis or for those looking to help someone else. To speak with a certified listener, call 988.

Crisis Text Line is a texting service for emotional crisis support. To speak with a trained listener, text HELLO to 741741. It is free, available 24/7 and confidential.

To talk with a counselor from Yale Mental Health and Counseling, schedule a session here. On-call counselors are available at any time: call (203) 432-0290. Appointments with Yale College Community Care can be scheduled here.

Students who are interested in taking a medical leave of absence should reach out to their residential college dean.

Additional resources are available in a guide compiled by the Yale College Council here.

As Alexis Joy D'Achille was about to give birth, a complication temporarily cut off her then-unborn daughter's breathing. Though her daughter survived the birth without complications, Alexis blamed herself.

Like one in seven new mothers across the nation, Alexis began suffering from postpartum depression. This is the most common complication associated with pregnancy, said Katrina Furey, a psychiatrist at the Yale School of Medicine. It is also undertreated.

"Almost immediately, things were different," said Steven D'Achille, Alexis's husband. "She started to become very anxious. She couldn't shake the thought that her very first act of motherhood was harming our daughter."

Doctors prescribed Alexis the medication Zolof, which is intended

for major depressive disorder. But after starting on the medication, her condition worsened dramatically. Instead of switching her medication, her doctors doubled the dose.

For Alexis, though, the common treatments for major depressive disorders did not help with the postpartum depression. In 2013, just six weeks after giving birth to her daughter, Alexis died by suicide.

Her husband hopes that the Food and Drug Administration's recent approval of zuranolone — the first oral medication to specifically target postpartum depression — could prevent more stories like this one.

"I'm so excited for it because at least someone's trying to do better," said Steven D'Achille. "I'm sure there's women that are alive today because of that drug."

Postpartum depression manifests in the weeks and months after childbirth, Furey said, and it can be debilitating. The condition can lead to a loss of interest or pleasure, difficulty sleeping, feelings of worthlessness or guilt, fatigue, impaired concentration or indecisiveness, suicidal ideation and changes in weight or appetite.

Unlike brexanolone, the alternative treatment for postpartum depression, zuranolone is typically taken orally for two weeks, Furey told the News. Patients can take the pill at home, whereas brexanolone requires patients to receive doses intravenously for 60 hours in a hospital. During clinical trials, zuranolone showed promising results in treating symptoms in as few as three days.

According to Furey, zuranolone reduces symptoms of postpartum depression by tapping into the biology that causes the condition.

During the third trimester of pregnancy, estrogen and progesterone levels are at their peak. When labor begins, and the baby

is delivered, these hormone levels drop significantly and cause a major shift in the body's chemistry. Some women are sensitive to this hormonal shift, which can lead to postpartum depression and other mental health issues.

Zuranolone acts like a synthetic version of the hormone allopregnanolone, a byproduct of the hormone progesterone that is known for its calming effects. Women with postpartum depression tend to have lower allopregnanolone levels in their blood, so zuranolone is designed to supplement allopregnanolone levels in mothers with postpartum depression.

However, zuranolone was ineffective in people with major depressive disorder.

"When they took pregnancy out of it, they didn't see that effect," Furey said. "It suggests there's something unique about postpartum depression's biology."

As in Alexis's case, doctors often prescribe medications for major depressive disorder to mothers with postpartum depression — but the results can be mixed.

While Zolof, which was ineffective for Alexis, it was difficult for her to receive treatment at all. After calling mental healthcare professionals for weeks while she was alive, Steven received calls back as late as two months after Alexis's funeral. And when she talked to providers, Steven added, they often dismissed the idea Alexis was suffering from postpartum depression.

That situation is not unique to Alexis, Furey said. Only about 25 percent of women who are positively screened for postpartum depression receive treatment. In comparison, 61 percent of people who screened positive for major depressive disorder received treatment.

Some experts believe that developing an accessible drug



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Zuranolone, a newly FDA-approved medication for postpartum depression, is poised to make a significant impact in addressing this often overlooked complication of pregnancy.

that targets postpartum depression might help validate mothers' experiences with the condition.

"It will destigmatize things because there's a medication that validates that experience," said Joan Combellick '91, an assistant professor of nursing at the Yale School of Nursing. "In a way, there's part of me that is discouraged that we rely on a medication to validate something like a mental health condition."

Zuranolone, however, might not be a panacea. There are still concerns surrounding the drug, Furey said.

None of the studies on zuranolone so far have looked at their

safety for nursing mothers. While Furey would still recommend it to women, she acknowledged that some providers might be hesitant to prescribe it given the lack of testing on nursing mothers.

Still, Steven believes that zuranolone will offer a long-term net positive, even if it does not become a leading treatment.

"If it's not zuranolone, there's something good that's going to come from it," Steven said. "There are a lot of moms in the crowd that it did help."

Zuranolone was developed by the biotechnology company Biogen.

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Black, Hispanic and low-income patients deprioritized in YNHH emergency room lines



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An analysis of patients at the YNHH emergency department found that Black, Hispanic and low-income patients are among those more likely to be skipped over in emergency room triage lines.

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In an emergency room, the difference between health and harm can come down to how quickly a patient is seen by a provider.

But according to a Yale study published this summer, patients who were Black, Hispanic or Latino, Spanish-speaking or insured by Medicaid were more likely to be skipped in emergency room lines. Those patients also had a higher likelihood of being treated in hallways and leaving before treatment was complete.

The study looked at over 90,000 cases of queue jumping at the Yale New Haven Hospital's emergency department between 2017 and 2020 and adds to a growing body of research pointing out disparities in the timing and quality of care received in the emergency room.

According to Hazar Khidir, instructor of emergency medicine at the School of Medicine and a co-author of the study, these disparities are often rooted in systemic problems like individual bias, structural racism and economic inequality.

"It's not just a triage nurse being racist toward a patient," Khidir said. "There are issues at the structural level."

The queue

When a patient first enters the emergency room, they go through a screening process to ensure that

they will receive the appropriate level of care.

According to Rohit Sangal, lead author of the study and the associate medical director of Yale New Haven Hospital's adult emergency department, emergency rooms typically use a metric called the Emergency Severity Index, or ESI, to triage patients.

The ESI scale is ranked from one to five, with the most ill patients, such as those experiencing a stroke or heart attack, categorized as ESI 1. The least sick patients, such as those requiring a medication refill, are categorized as ESI 5.

If there is no space in the emergency room — which can happen when there is a shortage of staff, a shortage of beds or when many patients arrive at once — a line forms. This line, said Sangal, is known as a "queue."

Patients in a queue are seen by a doctor according to how sick they are and when they arrive. But still, unexplained queue jumps — the term the researchers used to describe people being skipped in line — might occur. The data used in the study do not specify why someone was jumped.

But queue jumps can happen for a variety of reasons, said Lesley Meng, a professor at the School of Management and co-author of the study. One legitimate reason for a queue-jump occurs when a waiting patient's condition worsens. For example, if a patient experiences a seizure or another emergency situation in the waiting room,

according to Sangal, they would be jumped in line.

"The waiting process is dynamic," Sangal said. "A patient's clinical status may change, which changes where they need to be in the queue."

Even without the possibility of being skipped in line, patients frequently avoid the emergency room if they are worried they might have to wait for several hours, said Caitlin Donovan, a spokesperson for the National Patient Advocate Foundation.

If a patient experiences long wait times, they might be reluctant to return to the hospital to treat their health problems.

Ignoring health problems can have serious consequences for both the patient and the system, Donovan said, including "worse health outcomes and ultimately higher costs."

"Ideally, there's a treatment space for everyone when they come in," Sangal told the News.

However, Meng also noted that it is often difficult for patients to tell if they are being skipped over for medical reasons or for other ones — including socioeconomic privilege.

For example, Khidir explained, a privileged patient might have their primary care doctor call the emergency room ahead of their visit to make sure they are seen quickly. Someone without a primary care doctor might have to wait longer.

She also pointed to one of the study's findings: patients insured by Medicaid are more likely to be queue-jumped, even though emergency room providers are typically unaware of a patient's insurance status.

According to Khidir, this is because Medicaid and insurance status can affect the triage process through indirect means.

For instance, patients on Medicaid might have a more difficult time finding a doctor who accepts their insurance. If they don't have a regular doctor, they might not receive a diagnosis for conditions they have, Khidir explained. By the time they are seen in the emergency room, they would appear to be less sick than they actually are.

"A triage nurse doesn't need to see if a patient has Medicaid for that to have an effect on the triage process," Khidir said.

Addressing inequalities

The Yale queue-jumping study

is far from the first research to point out disparities in the emergency room. For example, a study published last September found that non-white patients received less urgent ESI triage scores than white patients, while another study from Boston University found that Black and Hispanic patients experience longer emergency-room wait times than white patients.

Once emergency room inequalities are documented through studies like the queue-jumping study, hospital administrators then decide how to address disparities.

Howard Forman, a professor of radiology at the School of Medicine and the director of Yale's health-care management program, said that there is one obvious solution to the problem.

"Queue jumping wouldn't matter at all if there were no queues," Forman told the News.

In addition to getting rid of wait times, Forman said the health-care industry should prioritize repairing structural inequalities that disadvantage patients from low-income and marginalized backgrounds. Though he acknowledged that those issues are difficult to correct immediately, removing queues and structural inequality should remain on "our short list of problems we're working on," Forman said.

In the short term, other solutions could include changing the triage system, said Chris Chmura, the current manager of clinical projects and education at YNHH, who previously worked as a triage and trauma nurse in the emergency department.

The ESI system, developed in 1999, is now over 20 years old. Chmura believes that it is not well equipped to handle today's patients with more complex health needs.

"We're using tools that were designed in a totally different health-care setting," said Chmura.

Over the past year, YNHH has shifted to a machine-learning tool that uses electronic health records to make more informed triage decisions.

Chmura said that this tool can help patients receive triage rankings called acuity scores, which are based on the algorithm's predictions of their health outcomes and the risk of an adverse event.

"We've optimized our front-end flow and our triage process and physician processes," said Beth Liebhardt, the executive director of emergency services at YNHH, and a co-author on the study.

Liebhardt said that the data used in the queue-jumping study were collected before 2020. Since then, YNHH has begun to shift away from ESI rankings to a hybrid triage system that uses machine learning to rank patients.

Liebhardt believes that the study's findings might change if repeated today.

"With a different timeframe, I think those numbers would look different," Liebhardt said.

In addition to machine learning, other triage strategies, such as a split-flow model where patients are separated by the severity of their health needs, might help reduce bias in the emergency department, said Sangal.

Another solution, according to Forman, is for hospitals to hire multilingual patient advocates to staff emergency department waiting rooms. These advocates could translate for patients who are uncomfortable with English and alert the triage nurse if a patient's condition worsens.

For Forman, it's also important that any new solution for addressing inequalities in the emergency room is thoroughly researched. He said it "would be best" to test each idea one by one to see which are meaningful and which are less so.

Meng confirmed that she and other researchers from the medical school, the School of Management and YNHH are investigating changes made in the YNHH emergency room and their effect on patients.

"We're essentially studying every little piece of a patient's journey through the ED to try to understand whether there are inefficiencies, whether patients are harmed during their waiting, and to come up with ways to make things better," Meng said.

The study was published in July in the scientific journal JAMA Network Open and conducted by researchers from the School of Medicine, the School of Management and Yale New Haven Hospital.

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NEWS

"You can't cook if you don't like people."

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Yale New Haven Health addresses burnout of health care professionals

BY ABEL GELETA
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Burnout among health care employees is a serious and growing phenomenon in the United States. A recent study found that nearly half of all U.S. physicians intend to quit their jobs within two to three years due to the stresses of the health care industry.

Over the past few years, Yale New Haven Health has organized forums for physicians, nurses and other staff members to come together and discuss the difficulties of working in health care in response to this burnout trend.

"What we're doing here is providing a framework where healthcare providers, physicians and nurses can interact with each other," said Earl Yancy '72, founder of Yancy Forums, a Connecticut-based professional development company that is conducting the forums alongside the health system. "Together, they can help each other realize not just professional goals, but also personal goals, from their well-being and to family."

In 2010, Yancy founded Yancy Forums to create spaces in professional industries for high-stress workers to exchange their knowledge and experiences. Since then, they have worked with educators, school administrators and businesspeople in conducting these forums.

The health system piloted its inaugural physicians-only forum in 2020 to help mid-career physicians develop leadership, though these spaces became more important during the pandemic, when doctor burnout rates increased and accordingly led to a major decline in workplace satisfaction and overall well-being.

Kristine Olson, the chief wellness officer at Yale New Haven Hospital, recently surveyed 30 hospital physicians, advanced clinicians, residents and associates to evaluate the forum's efficacy and impact on their personal well-being, professional development and institutional loyalty.

For Olson, the survey showed encouraging outcomes for the initiative. Seventy-one percent said they are more likely to remain with the health system for the duration of their careers, 83 percent said they now have a greater sense of belonging at Yale New Haven Health and 94 percent felt more confident to emerge as a leader.

"To hear that people felt more confident to emerge as a leader, I think that bodes well for the future," Olson said. "So, I think that the Yancy Forums are hitting the target as far as making people feel like they have more voice and agency, and are more calm, collected and in control."

In 2021, due to the underrepresentation of Black health care workers, Olson said that the health systems began conducting forums with Black residents and students. Olson feels that these support groups are crucial for elevating the representation of practicing Black physicians. This increased support and advocacy for physicians can then help patients feel heard and represented. With these efforts to improve the experiences of physicians, both patients and practitioners benefit.

Yale New Haven Health, following the success of the initial forums, has since then expanded its offerings, creating forums for Hispanics, women and department leaders since 2021. With these new groups, Olson is optimistic that the larger sample sizes will allow the health system to further examine the effectiveness of these forums at curbing physician burnout. She noted that the group's collegial spirit and small size is beneficial.

"Collegiality, though it is different from some of the other initiatives we have, is very comprehensive," Olson said to the News. "It has an emphasis on diversity, equity and inclusion, such that people have a unique outlet where they can go to talk about their experiences if they otherwise feel underrepresented."

Olson and others at Yale New Haven Health are working to imple-



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Yale New Haven Health is working with Yancy Forums to enhance connection among health care workers.

ment other initiatives that will improve their colleagues' sense of connectedness, empowerment and belonging in the workplace.

For the health system, addressing physician and health care professional burnout is a top priority.

"The more we can get buy-in and support from those at the very top, the more we can move this priority from Yale New Haven Hospital and into the world," Olson said. "This is something that we can move the needle on to improve our work-life well-being in our society. I think we can make progress faster."

Michael Ivy, the deputy chief executive officer at Yale New Haven Health, said that leadership

is essential in addressing burnout. Effective leaders can help garner support in confronting healthcare workers' problems and developing the next generation of leaders to improve structural issues.

Ivy believes that strategies used by Yancy Forums can serve as a road map for Yale New Haven Health and hospital systems across the nation to change the status quo.

"We are looking for solutions to improve the quality of the leadership," Ivy said. "Originally, our outreach to Yancy Forums was around mid-career physicians who were trying to help develop as leaders. I think [the forums] helped all of them. It was an incredibly valuable experience."

Ivy noted the positive feedback and value provided by Yancy Forums.

Most attendees are willingly and enthusiastically participating in the forums due to the results and value they have provided.

"One of the things the Yancy Forums has been really good at is this idea of connection; the members become very connected to each other," Ivy said. "I think what that creates is real protection against burnout."

Yale New Haven Health has more than 7,500 university and community physicians and advanced practitioners.

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Variable meal swipe values leave students questioning lunch options

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Most undergraduates have the option to transfer some of their dining hall meal swipes at other on-campus dining spots, such as Steep Cafe and the Schwarzman Center's Commons and The Bow Wow.

But three students told the News they feel that food pricing and meal plan inconsistencies have left them hungry for better options.

At The Bow Wow and Steep Cafe, a lunchtime transfer allows students to purchase up to \$10 worth of food. However, the value of a dining hall meal swipe is \$5.50 for continental breakfast, \$7.50 for hot breakfast, \$13.50 for lunch and \$17 for dinner, according to a Benjamin Franklin College dining hall worker who spoke with the News.

Looking at the full cost and number of swipes available to students on the "full" meal plan — which is required for first-year students — the News calculated that should a student begin swiping on Aug. 20 and eat three dining hall meals a day for the fall semester, excluding the October and November recesses, they would spend an average of \$12.55 per swipe, which roughly aligns with the Franklin dining hall employee's comments.

"The Bow Wow is effectively useless to me," Carter Dewees '25 told the News. "I will never voluntarily eat lunch at The Bow Wow because you can get sushi [and] maybe a bag of chips, and that's your entire lunch. I don't know how that's in the same ballpark as an all-you-can-eat buffet at 14 residential colleges."

Yale Hospitality offers undergraduate students three meal plan options: the Full Meal Plan, which costs \$4,140 and is required for all first-year students, the Flex Meal Plan and the Connect Meal Plan. The Full Meal Plan includes 21 meal swipes per week, while the equally priced Flex Meal Plan gives students 14 swipes per week and 300 dining points — the equivalent of \$300 which can be spent at the dining halls, The Bow Wow, the Elm and other Yale Hospitality retail locations — per



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Yale's meal plans allow students to transfer dining hall meal swipes at on-campus dining spots.

semester. All students living on campus are required to purchase either the Full or Flex plan.

The Connect Meal Plan, which costs less than half the price of the Full and Flex Meal Plans at \$1,575, is available for students living off campus. This plan provides students with five swipes per week, as well as 30 bonus swipes and 100 dining points which can be used throughout the semester.

Students on the Full Meal Plan have five lunch transfers per week, while students on the Flex Meal Plan have three.

Pilar Bylinsky '25, who is on the Flex Meal Plan, said she rarely visits The Bow Wow because of the \$10 lunch transfer value. She said that she struggles to purchase a "filling" meal within the price limit, especially because The Bow Wow's food is "significantly overpriced."

Yale Hospitality did not reply to questions about the inconsistent dining swipe values and differences between meal plans

and declined to comment on this story overall.

Last school year, Sophia Burick '25 ate lunch in Steep Cafe every day as she had morning classes and afternoon research both on Science Hill, which she said was far from any of the residential college dining halls. At the time, she was on the Full Meal Plan, but she is now on the Connect plan.

"It's ridiculous the amount of food that \$10 is at Steep," she said. "I wanted to do Connect this year [because] last year when I was doing my meal transfer to Steep, I would be starving every day ... I'm vegetarian [so] pretty much all I could eat there [was] a grilled cheese or the vegetarian sushi, which is literally 250 calories and nine dollars."

Both Bylinsky and Burick questioned why the Flex Meal Plan restricts students to three lunch transfers at Commons, The Bow Wow and Steep Cafe per week, whereas students on the Full Meal Plan have five lunch transfers per week.

Burick speculated that this difference could be an effort by Yale Hospitality to reduce the "insane" lines at Steep Cafe, especially during lunchtime. However, Bylinsky guessed that this difference may be because Commons' food — which the Schwarzman Center boasts is "chef-tested" — is "worth more" than meals in the dining halls.

Additionally, Bylinsky and Burick said they were unsure why students on the Flex Meal Plan receive 10 guest swipes per semester, while those on the Full Meal Plan have five guest swipes. Burick said that she thinks the reason might be because only upperclassmen, who might need to use guest swipes on more of their friends than underclassmen, can select the Flex Meal Plan.

"Maybe they have off-campus friends that don't have as many meal swipes as them, either [because they] don't have a dining plan or are on Connect and ran out of their meals,"

she said. "It seems pretty weird to build that cost into your dining plan for the year, that you would be subsidizing other people's meals."

All three students the News interviewed also spoke about changes to the meal plans they would like to see in the future.

Bylinsky said that because breakfast is held in just three of the 14 residential colleges over the weekends, students might only be eating brunch and dinner on Saturdays and Sundays. This, Bylinsky said, would mean that those students on the Full plan who skip weekend breakfast would be paying for 21 meals per week while consuming only 19.

"It'd be nice if we could somehow opt out of paying for breakfast on the weekends," she told the News. "I feel like only athletes or people who wake up really early eat breakfast on the weekends."

Burick said she wishes that she could convert some of her 30 bonus meal swipes from the Connect Meal Plan into extra dining points, which are "more versatile" than meal swipes.

Additionally, Bylinsky said she thinks that Yale Hospitality should lower The Bow Wow's prices or increase the lunch transfer value so that students can purchase more food with their swipe.

Dewees told the News that his biggest concern is the lack of consistency in meal swipe values across Yale Hospitality's various dining halls, restaurants and cafes.

"They need to give us a dollar value for the swipe," Dewees said. "I don't understand how a swipe could be \$10 in one place, \$15 in another, [\$17] in another ... Anyone can walk in and buy a \$15 meal at Commons — it's open to the public. Why can't we spend \$15 in The Bow Wow if that is how much a meal from Yale Hospitality is worth?"

The Yale Schwarzman Center, which houses Commons, opened in 2021 after a four-year renovation project.

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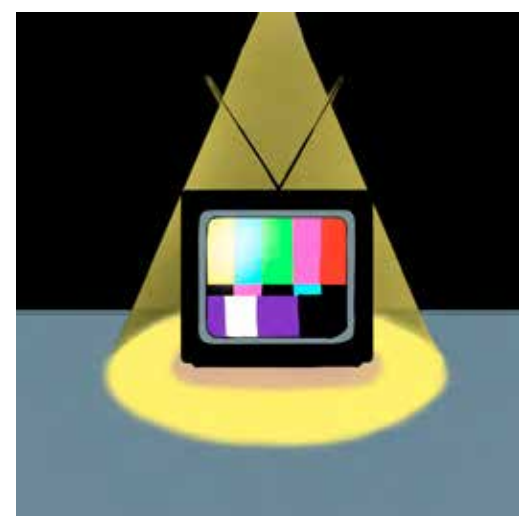


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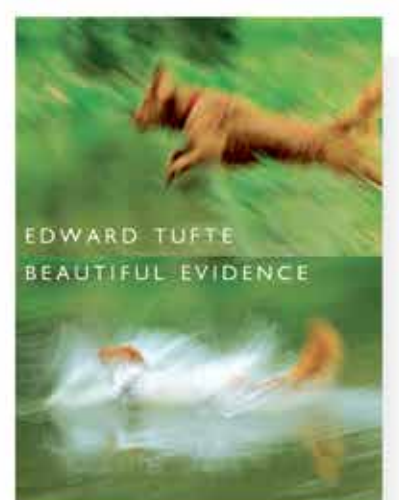
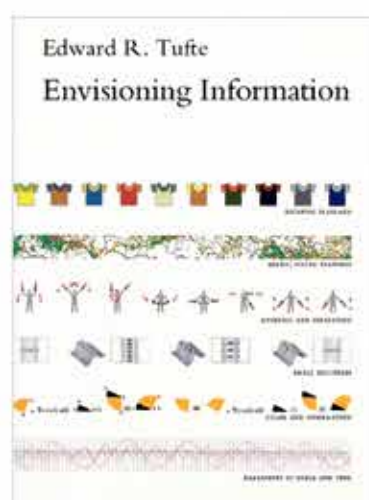
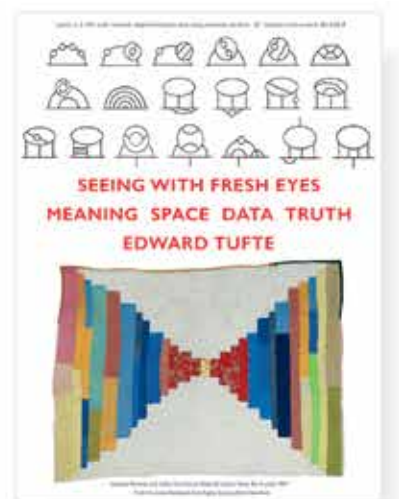
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FOOTBALL: Bulldogs travel to face Dartmouth

BY AMELIA LOWER
STAFF REPORTER

The Yale football team (1-2, 0-1 Ivy) will face Dartmouth (2-1, 0-0 Ivy) at Memorial Field at 1:30 p.m. this Saturday in their first away game and second Ivy League matchup of the season.

The Bulldogs hit the ground running last week in their 45-3 victory over Morgan State University, marking their first win of the season. The Blue and White will now face Dartmouth for the schools' 106th matchup, hoping to widen their 55-44-6 series lead.

"Each team is the guardian of that great history and tradition of football and we want to build on that history of tradition," head coach Tony Reno said. "When you're fortunate to be part of a football family like this ... it's not that you don't rely on it, you build

on it, and that's what these guys do a really good job of."

The last time the Yale football team faced Dartmouth was on Oct. 8, 2022, when the Bulldogs earned a 24-21 win. With 36 seconds remaining in the final quarter, linebacker Hamilton Moore '24 intercepted a pass by quarterback Dylan Cadwallader to secure the game.

The Yale defense limited the Big Green to just 20 yards rushing, and the offense executed several plays that were instrumental in the Bulldogs' victory. Running back Tre Peterson '24 rushed for 173 yards and one touchdown, wide receiver Mason Tipton '24 caught six passes for 73 yards, wide receiver David Pantelis '25 had eight catches for 67 yards and quarterback Nolan Grooms '24 was 19-of-22 for 170 yards and one touchdown.

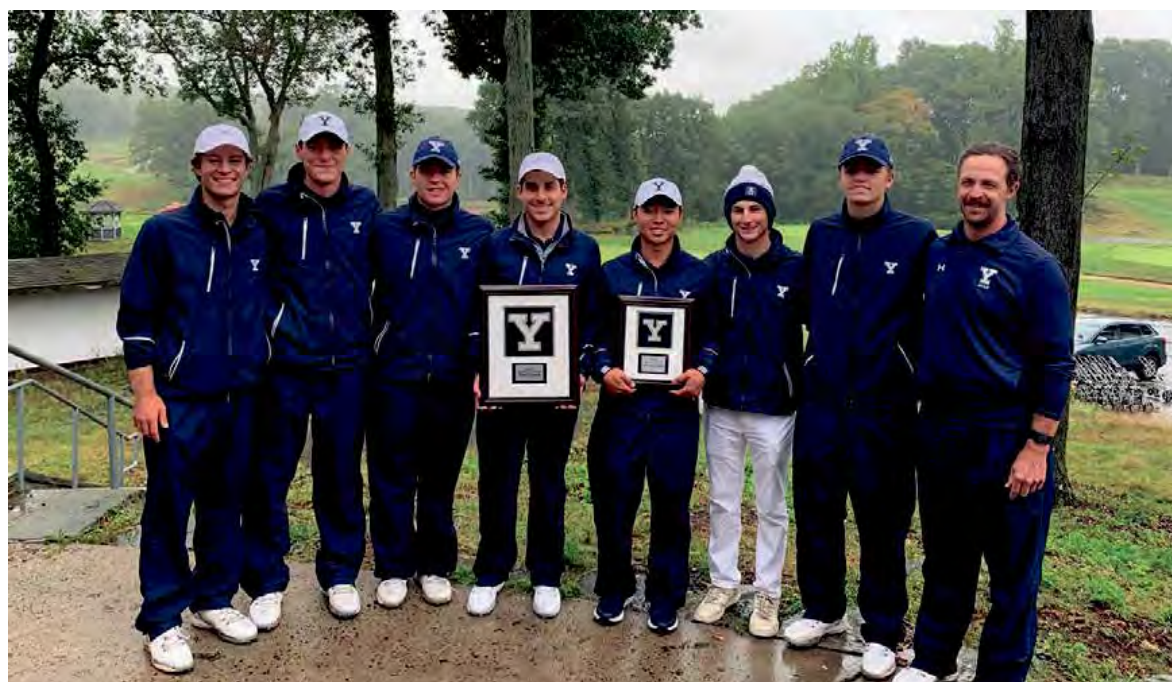
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YALE ATHLETICS

The Elis tallied their first win of the season against Morgan State last weekend.

M GOLF: Elis win championships at MacDonald Cup



YALE ATHLETICS

The Yale golf team secured the individual and team championship at the 47th MacDonald Cup.

BY TOMMY GANNON
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On Sunday, Sept. 24, the Yale men's golf team secured both the individual and team championships at the 47th MacDonald Cup, an annual tournament hosted at the Yale Golf Course.

Led by junior Robert You '25 and senior captain Gabriel Ruiz '24, the Bulldogs cleared the field and finished five shots better than second place finisher Seton Hall University and fourteen ahead of the third-place Georgetown Hoyas.

"Anytime we host an event at home, our number one goal is to defend our home turf," said head coach Keith Tyburski. "Being able to do so as a team and individually despite tough weather conditions is a great testament to our players and their resolve. Our lead after the first day was erased toward the middle of the final round, and

we pulled away again when it mattered most."

For Tyburski, this tournament marked his first time coaching the Elis at the Yale course, and he worked closely with the players to develop a winning strategy. Robert You played a pivotal role in that process, and found tremendous success throughout the weekend.

After shooting a masterful 68 in the final round of play, You claimed the top overall score in a field of 72 competitors, earning him his first collegiate individual tournament win.

"It means a lot, it's a big personal achievement for me. I came close to winning a tournament last spring and it's a feeling that I have been chasing for a while," You told the News. "The team win means the most every time. After not winning at all last year, we were all eager to get a win."

Alongside You, Ruiz also had a terrific weekend, finishing in a three-way tie for fifth place. He

has led by example with his hot start to the season, and he has also made a concerted effort to mentor younger players and help them find success both on and off of the course.

Tyburski said that he has been extremely impressed by the whole team's work ethic since he took the coaching reins this past summer. While Ruiz sets the tone, the group challenges itself every day, and the members are committed to supporting each other through the inevitable ups and downs of the season.

Ruiz has especially emphasized the importance of maintaining perspective and taking pleasure in the process.

"What I like about golf is that everybody approaches the game in a different way," Ruiz said. "Everybody knows their own strengths and weaknesses so it's

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XC: Yalies continue strong start to 2023 season



YALE ATHLETICS

This weekend in Bethlehem, Penn., the Yale cross country teams continued their strong starts to the season.

BY PETER WILLIAMS
STAFF REPORTER

On Saturday, the Yale men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Penn., where they competed in fields of 43 and 44 teams, respectively. Both teams performed well, with the men's team taking first overall and the women's team finishing in the top third at 15th.

Familiar faces led both teams to victory, continuing their success — on both the team level and individual level — into the third meet of the season. For the men's team, it was their second win in three competitions, with the other being a second place finish in which many of the team's upperclassmen did not compete.

"The team is really encouraged about the start of the year thus far," Sean Kay '24, the men's team captain, wrote to the News. "This is the best start that I've seen while being here at Yale, and it is a result not only of each of our guys being extremely committed to their role, but also the dedication and expertise of our Coach Matt Guttridge. We got the job done down at Paul Short with some Regional Rivals in attendance, but now it's back to the drawing board to continue to improve. The team knows this was just a stepping stone on our way to Ivies."

In the men's 8K, the team was led by Owen Karas '26, who set a 46-second personal record at

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WSOC: Bulldogs tie Penn and fall to Brown

BY ANNA PAKIRK
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

On Saturday, the Yale men's soccer team played two consecutive Ivy League games this past week, the first game against University of Pennsylvania (5-5-2, 0-2-1 Ivy) and the second against Brown University (7-1-2, 3-0-0 Ivy).

On Saturday, Sept. 30, the Yale women's soccer team hit the road to play the UPenn team at Rhodes Field in Philadelphia. The Elis started the game off strong.

Forward Anita Thorvaldsdotir '27 secured a goal in the sixth

minute off of an assist from Ellie Rappole '25. The team was then able to hold off the Quaker's attack for 24 minutes until they gained momentum and scored in the 30th minute.

"We did a great job of responding to the adversity but need to start the game with more urgency," UPenn head coach Krissy Turner said to Penn Athletics.

Yale had eight total shots on goal, giving UPenn a few opportunities to claim the victory.

But the Bulldogs struggled to put the ball in the back of the net for the rest of the game.

"Our message to our team has and continues to be focusing on

our ability to seal games when we have momentum," Yale head coach Sarah Martinez wrote to the News. "Penn had a stretch of play in the first half that gave us some problems and we went away from our style of play for a bit which resulted in their goal. Once we went back to ourselves in the second half, keeping the ball and being patient, we created enough chances to find a game winner but again just couldn't convert."

A common theme for the Bulldogs this season seems to be an emphasis on the idea of what it means to be a team — playing

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YALE ATHLETICS

The Yale women soccer team tied Penn 1-1 in their second conference game but fell to Brown in midweek game.

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THE NUMBER OF SHOTS YALE MEN'S GOLF TOOK TO BEAT SECOND PLACE FINISHER SETON HALL UNIVERSITY AT THE 47TH MACDONALD CUP, AN ANNUAL TOURNAMENT HOSTED AT THE YALE GOLF COURSE.

WEEKEND



VISITING VIGAN

// BY ALEXANDER MEDEL

Gleaming trinkets suspended from store fronts. Savory scents emanating from food stalls. Clacking carriage wheels on cobblestones. These were the sights, smells and sounds

that welcomed me to Vigan.

Roughly 250 miles north of the capital Manila, Vigan is a small, charming city in the northern Philippines. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the city has survived a plethora of challenges within the centuries of its existence — wars, political turmoil and a host of natural disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons. The city is known as a tourist destination, owing to its well-preserved architecture, historical museums and rich delicacies.

I found myself wandering its streets the summer before my senior year of high school. An aficionado of history, I persuaded my family to visit the city as a road stop while we were sightseeing in the northern provinces. So, one day in the early morning, we set off from the fog-ridden hills of Baguio to the warm, sun-kissed sights of Vigan.

Stepping on the iconic Calle Crisólogo, I was brought back in time. Horses whinnied as they dragged carriages along on the city's old thoroughfares. Aged homes lined the streets, their capiz-shell windows waving to visitors as they caught a breeze. Historical reenactors paraded the streets in costume and uniform, beaming with smiles as they answered questions about the city's past.

Soon enough, I began playing with souvenirs, eating spoonfuls of ube ice cream and exploring every room in every museum. I meandered through a sea of racing kalesa carriages, running kids with their cups of halo-halo and tourists photographing everything and anything.

Seeking solitude and shelter from the sun and bustle, I found refuge under a tree in the Plaza Burgos. In the shade, I listened to the stories of the local carriage drivers. Some were comedic recollections of escapades and adventures. A few were debates on the best restaurant in town. Others were reflective introspections on the nature of life. Nonetheless, each story brought a smile to my face.

Beyond everything I saw and partook in over the course of the day, something indescribable touched me in hearing the drivers' passion as they spoke about their city. Looking out the car window and toward the listless ocean as we left Vigan and drove down the coast, I was struck by a realization.

Each place has a story to tell beyond its touristic appeal — beyond the flamboyant marketing advertisements and the commercialized pleas of travel agencies. The locales we see on posters and postcards are more than the setting of a weekend getaway or a week-long vacation. What I call an escape, another calls home. This is not an epiphany in the sense that I learned something new or derived a complex answer to a question in my mind. This realization was simply the act of remembering a truth hidden behind the veneer of the tourism industry.

Learning from the stories I gathered, I came to discover Vigan from a new light. My perspective grew to encompass the personal, human and intimate aspects of the city by getting to know the people who called it their home. I grew to respect Vigan simply because it was as special and important for others as my home was for me.

With that in my mind, I frame all my explorations of new places with reverence for those who inhabit them.

After visiting Vigan, I discovered also the great value in the little things — tales I heard, conversations I held and lessons I learned. There is more to Vigan, and indeed any place in the world, than the superficiality offered by a tourist's glance.

With that in mind, I challenge you to understand and respect the places you visit and the culture and people that define them. Aim to enjoy learning about a place rather than learning how to enjoy it. Appreciate the little things, and you will appreciate the big picture.

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WEEKEND *REALITY*

Why are you so obsessed with me?

Navigating Crushes.

Pining after your FroCo? Dying to get on the orgy playlist? Sick of seeing khalis on men? You're in luck! Welcome to Sex on the WKND, the YDN's anonymous column dedicated to answering your burning questions about sex, love and anything in between. Obsessing over sex is a Yale tradition as old as the Oldest College Daily itself. This year, we have a love-savvy columnist who has done it all — including everyone on the aforementioned orgy playlist — and is ready to share. Whether you have a hookup with a hookup-gone-wrong or accidentally sent a raunchy text to your chemistry study group, Sex on the WKND is ready to help. Don't be shy. Submit your anonymous questions, stories and tips here.

The air is getting colder and somehow people are getting...hotter. Perhaps this phenomenon can be traced back to some lame evolutionary reason, like how in preparation for hibernation season, these months were our last chance for our ancestors to find a mate for winter, blah blah blah. (Sidenote: Darwin has got to be the biggest buzzkill in human history. No one asked for the answers to our behavior, and life would be extremely more entertaining if we got to just speculate why we were feeling horny during the autumn months. Seriously Darwin, keep that stuff to yourself next time. No. One. Asked).

Usually at this point in the semester, after the chaos of the beginning of the semester has somewhat settled, people begin to form...little infatuations with those around them. One month in, and you know where you sit in class. You now know whether you are a front row lecture person or a normal person. You know what seat around the seminar table is yours (nearest the door for your two allotted bathroom breaks, or by the professor to make up for the fact that you will never speak a word in the class). And you've also built up familiarity with the people in your class, but have not yet taken enough midterms to trauma bond with them.

This reality -- combined with your desperate search for non-alcoholic day-to-day excitement -- is a perfect teleological explanation for your crush on Mr. Boy or Ms. Girl. Take that, Darwin.

But now you're obsessed.

A crush, of course, can be motivating. Crushes make you shower regularly. Put on perfume. Plan outfits the night before. And if your crush is in your class, even better. You might end up actually going to class and participating so they notice you.

But also crushes can fool you. They can get a little out of hand. Because at the end of the day, that boy who is in your macroeconomics class only brushes his teeth at night and is rawdogging campus with his unbrushed teeth as we speak. And that girl in your Art History seminar who you think is super interesting literally copied her entire aesthetic from a micro Tik Tok influencer. Not to mention, she has never touched the "Iliad" in her life — her only knowledge of Achilles comes from Madeline Miller's gay romance novel. Tbh that girl is us, but hey, we hate her anyway!

So how do you navigate crushes at Yale? You don't — it's more fun that way.

You Deserve More Than BREADCRUMBS

//JESSAI FLORES

// BY MIA TABIB

My grandmother sent me gingerbread cookies when I passed my Licensed Master Social Worker exam on the first try. She was the first person I told as I left the testing center, and I called her crying with relief and ecstasy. "I'm so proud of you! I'm sending you gingerbread cookies!" Sure enough, a few days later, a box of gingerbread snaps arrived at my doorstep. It was like a fairytale, except instead of a witch on a broomstick, it was my Grandmother using her Amazon Prime. I ate one, and then chewed and spat out the rest.

Yes, you read that right. I chewed the rest of the gingerbread cookies, and then spat out the rest into a napkin and threw it in the garbage.

Mirror, mirror on the wall,
Who's the therapist and who's the fraud?

You just passed your LMSW, and here you are with your own eating disorder.

I tried waving my hand to shoo it away, but the voice got louder. And it brought its twisted sisters named Pain and Memory with it to haunt me. You don't deserve pleasure, nor anything that tastes good. Deny yourself everything you want. It will keep you safe.

But don't doctors get the flu? Don't dentists get cavities? Must therapists be perfect to be competent and effective? As a social worker and therapist, I know that perfection is a toxic myth. I say this often to my clients when I facilitate my Dialectical Behavior group therapy. Dr. Marsha Linehan is right — radical self-acceptance is the key to healing.

But when I googled "treatments for chewing/spitting disorder" nothing seemed to come up. Where are the interventions? Where are the clinical studies on treatment plans for this eating disorder? The Google Gods were oddly silent. From the few research articles I found, chewing and spitting begins as a maladaptive coping mechanism by which we attempt to regulate distressing emotions. It also might begin as a way to control the number on the scale. Most studies label it as avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder. Whether weight loss is a trauma response or a way to alter body image, the reason for the behavior is the same: a need to feel loved and safe.

But if you ever open yourself up to the possibility of pleasure you will only be met with the pain of loss. Best to spit it out first; at least then you can control it.

That same voice shaming me into thinking I'm not worthy to be a clinician (just because I chew and spit my food when I'm triggered), is the same voice telling me to chew and spit out my food.

I love gingerbread cookies. Whenever I eat them, it reminds me of the Grimm fairytale, Hansel and Gretel. I still read fairy tales every night. At least one, sometimes two. You might think fairy tales are just for children, but we all need them.

Hansel and Gretel is one of my go-to's for dealing with my own disordered eating habits. The tale has been changed a bit to make it more palatable, but I prefer the original version. In the real Grimm story, it's not an evil step-mother — it's Hansel and Gretel's own mother who convinces their father to abandon them in the forest. Isn't that awful? I feel like it's more acceptable to think of a step-mother as being a villain, but there's something about

a mother who has a real blood bond with her children that makes the child abuse and neglect more distasteful to the reader. You'd think child abuse would be heinous regardless. It feels worse — implausible, even — that a mother or father would hurt their own flesh and blood.

And yet, I see this everyday in my clinical work. Regardless of our age, we are all children wandering alone in a dark forest, trying to find breadcrumbs of the love we so desperately crave. Maybe we're all products of traumatic displacement; our parents forget how to nurture their own inner-child, and so treat their children with the harshness and severity that they experienced growing up. Generational trauma compounds on itself. We are not only dealing with our own pain, we're trying to work out our parents' and their parents' as well.

Is that all that life is? A swirling vortex of displaced trauma? Anyways, back to the fairytale. So they're abandoned by their parents. Then the bread-crumbs bit; they find the gingerbread house. They're starving because their own mother wouldn't let them eat, so they pick crumbs off the gingerbread house.

The witch sings out to them:

"Nibble, nibble, gnaw
Who is nibbling at my little house?"

The children answer:

"The wind, the wind,
The heaven-born wind..."

The witch coaxes them inside, taking the role of a nurturing mother. She feeds them delectable treats, enslaves Gretel, and fattens up poor Hansel — you know the rest. But the part of the story that no one talks about is that throughout the tale, food and love are both used as a manipulative tool. Attention and affection are weaponized, and used to enslave poor Hansel and Gretel. What's even more disturbing is how the witch wanted to eat the children. Maybe it's not about cannibalism at all, but a metaphor for how the witch was so desperate for love herself, that she was willing to use food as a trap.

Think about it: who loves an isolated witch? Maybe the witch is just another metaphor for our own inner-child who wasn't loved in the way she needed.

But at the end, though, we see Hansel and Gretel claim their own agency and healing. The Grimm story says this:

"...they saw from afar their father's house. Then they began to run, rushed into the parlor, and threw themselves round their father's neck. The man had not known one happy hour since he had left the children in the forest."

Healing is found in an embrace.

Hansel and Gretel is a complex story about mimetic desire, jealousy, food and affection. I could comment on how this tale would benefit from structural family therapy, and I think Salvador Minuchin would agree with me that the maladaptive pattern of behavior is to withhold love and affection, and treat it as a scarcity (like food). If we do not feel safe at home, or if we do not feel like we can count on love or affection being shown to us in the future, then we might develop patterns of self-denial and self-rejection. In order to mitigate the anxiety of not feeling loved or nurtured, it feels empowering to deny ourselves the thing we crave most. We see this pattern play out in myths and fairytales. And also eating disorders.

But I hold the pen now. I am writing my story. Instead of chewing and spitting out my gingerbread cookies, I am going to build myself a house. No, a home. A gingerbread home within myself of love and affection, of gentleness and tenderness. A place so warm and inviting, that other people will want to visit too. I invite you to do the same for yourself. Give your inner-child the attention and care she needed, but didn't receive. What did you need your parents to tell you? Maybe you needed a hug. You wished your father would have played with you. Perhaps your mother neglected you. Maybe your father was abusive.

I wish I could wrap all your traumatic memories in a cinnamon bun and bake them away with sweet words and hugs. But that's not what you need. You must validate your feelings, honor your pain, and embark on the worthwhile-but-challenging journey of healing. And guess what? Now you get to "mother" and "father" yourself in all the ways that you need.

"I'm so proud of you," "You're working so hard," "I see how much you care," "Thank you for believing in yourself," "What a gentle, sensitive soul you are?" You must say these things to yourself. Write them out on pieces of paper if you have to. Be gentle with yourself.

Am I in therapy? Of course. Every therapist needs a therapist. I'm working hard on myself, because I believe in my own healing, and you should too.

So build your inner-house. Use Kerrygold butter to bake your gingerbread home, put gumdrops on your door handles, pink frosting on your window panes, and candy canes across your inner-lawn. Decorate your own gingerbread house inside yourself, and embrace the beauty of radical self-acceptance. Making your own inner-world sweet and lovely makes you impervious to other people's harsh words.

You deserve more than breadcrumbs. You deserve to embrace your own healing, self-acceptance, self-love and also gingerbread cookies.

*This essay was not written to replace the need for professional help. If you or a loved one is suffering from an eating disorder, it is important that you first go to your primary care provider and talk about resources that are available for your healing. After meeting with your doctor, you might visit these resources for more information and help:

National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD)

The ANAD treatment directory

The ANAD helpline (630-577-1330)

There are several virtual support groups too!

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

NAMI aims to offer education, support, and public awareness of mental health issues.

The NAMI helpline (1-800-950-6264) provides information, support, and treatment referrals to those with mental health conditions. It's available Monday through Friday.

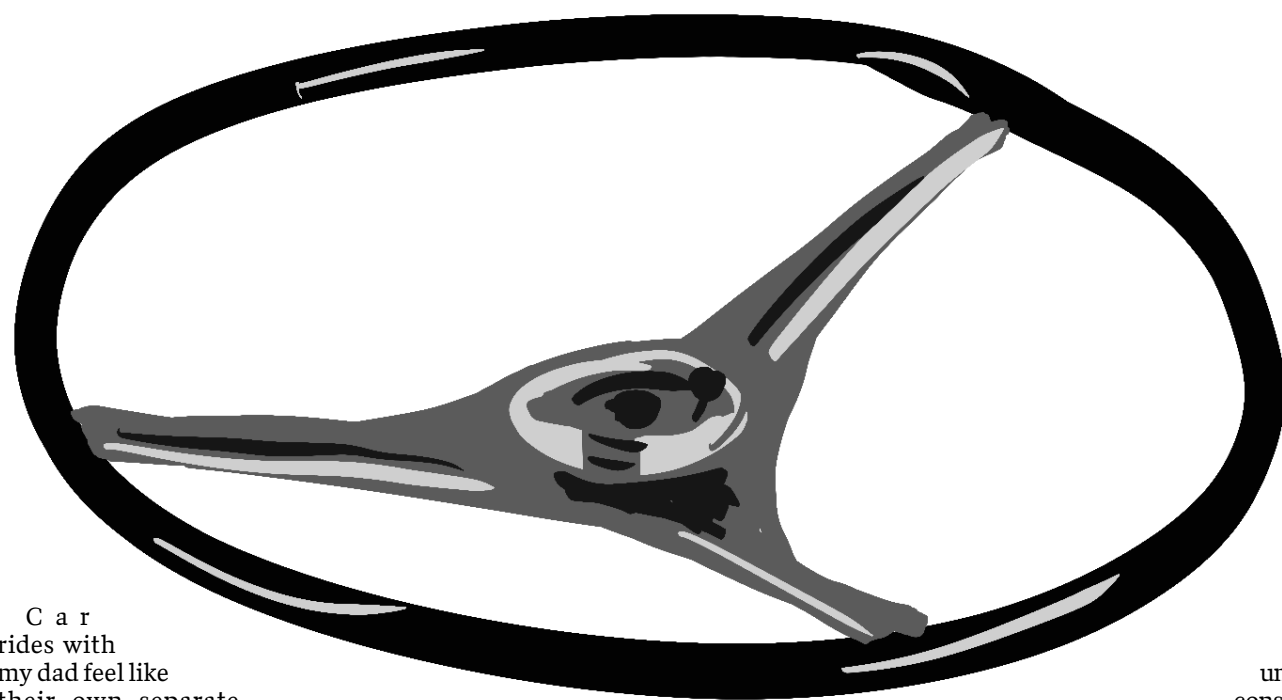
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Wearing all black for a week.

WEEKEND *FIRE*



Car rides with my dad feel like their own separate eternities.

My dad is a physicist. His thoughts of choice include:

- 1) Quantum
- 2) Nano
- 3) Lab

He does not believe in noise of any kind when he operates a vehicle. My dad believes in physics. And thinking about physics requires silence.

And so, in our many father-daughter car rides, brows slightly furrowed and hands drooping just below 10 and two, my dad would stare directly into the road ahead with calm intensity — the kind of intensity where you could tell that his thoughts had importance but not

urgency. Although we both sat in the same vehicle, in all other respects, we inhabited two planes of existence which sometimes converged but often didn't. When they did converge, I was always responsible:

"Can you turn on the radio?"

"Why?"

"Never mind"

And we would enter back into our own silent worlds.

Although, I think his world was significantly more sophisticated than mine. Sometimes, if I stared long enough, I would catch my dad, with one hand firmly pressed on the

wheel, sketching equations into the air with his other hand. I would often try to decode what he was writing on his air-blackboard. When I was younger, I'd try to see if I could spot any numbers. As I grew older, I'd look out for variables, or plot points on a graph.

I never got anywhere.

Conversely, in my world, I would restlessly bounce my legs as I explored the subtleties of the new episode of "Keeping Up with The Kardashians." In my world, I would internally sing: "99 bottles of beer on the wall, 99 bottles of beer!" While my dad thought

SILENCE AT THE WHEEL

// BY CHLOE BUDAKIAN

about quantum and nano and lab, I would push the limits of how far I could lean my seat back before he would say: "Chloe. Sit up please."

So, when I started to drive, I vowed that I would practice the anti-scientist method of transportation. My car is boisterous and lively. As I drive nervously under the speed limit, there is a constant stream of chatter. There is gossip. There is Taylor Swift. Even driving alone, I talk to myself.

My car is somewhat like my life at Yale. I am consumed by my classes, and life outside of class is just an extension of the seminar table. I discuss books and music and people and places. And I do it constantly. I'm surprised I haven't lost my voice yet.

When you talk to humanities people, they tell you that they're brilliant with their big words and sweeping hand gestures. "In some senses, yes," they say. "In others, no," they retort. They mention dualities and juxtapositions, and they all have glasses with striking frames. Scientists don't need all of that. In

my mind, all scientists are like my dad. Brilliant, but in a self-contained kind of way. Endearingly odd. They all wear the same five shirts and have unkempt hair and they live in a distant world that does not seem to resemble any world that I know.

College does not take kindly to the scientist's ethos. Part of what it means to be a first year is to try and make your new friends understand your own world. Part of what it means to be a humanities major is to show people that this world has insight. But in making this world constantly available, it loses its singularity. And it's kind of exhausting.

In some sense — see what I did there — maybe I have lost my voice. I have lost the voice that no one else gets to hear, the one that is single-handedly capable of running through every single banality that there is to know. At college, this voice is a luxury — and an important one. I will never conjure equations into the air, and I will surely never let my hair get that spiky, but maybe, I'll try being quiet for a little while.

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WILL THE BEINECKE REALLY SUFFOCATE YOU?

// BY ELIZA JOSEPHSON

Yale is a mysterious place. From whispers of society parties to screams from the Bass Naked Run, there always seems to be some campus tradition that's equal parts confusing and intriguing.

Hi! My name is Eliza, and I'm a sophomore in Pierson College studying Comparative Literature. I'm one of many Yale students with puzzling backgrounds. I'm trained as a butcher, and I love tofu. I'm Jewish, and my mom's last name is Church. I'm American, and I went to an international school for 10 years. I quote Prout just as much as I quote Season 8 of Love Island.

I know all too well that there's a lot more to people, places and things than meets the eye. And that's why I love Yale. You can never fully understand everything going on here, but you can try! And that's what Enigma, this column, is all about — digging deeper into these pressing questions and providing much needed answers.

... Last week, I uncovered who (or what) controls the aux in Commons. Now I'm turning the tables and investigating the un-common. The rare, if you will.

Mystery rhymes with history. I think that's a fun coincidence. This year, the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library will turn 60 years old. One of its most famous texts, The Gutenberg Bible, will turn 568. Beinecke holds a lot of history. And many, many mysteries.

This haven for rare books looks just as mysterious on the outside as it is on the inside. From the elusive Voynich manuscripts to urban legends of suffocation, the Beinecke embodies Yale's tendency to house and hide enigmas — in the case of the Beinecke, behind marble.

I took a stroll through Beinecke Plaza this week and couldn't secure a table. Outdoor studying conditions were ideal, I don't know what I was expecting. Instead, I popped around a bit to see if the people who'd chosen to study here knew anything about the building providing their shade.

"I don't know much," Alex Yu '25 confessed. "I see it a lot from the outside. It feels like a touristy spot, mainly." He's right — I only really observed tour groups, and the occasional academic scholar, entering and exiting the windowless collection.

The Yale undergraduates seemed perfectly comfortable outside the Beinecke, leading me to question: Is the general student population at all curious about what lies beyond the revolving doors?

"I thought it was beautiful," Danielle Ricketts '26 said, who had entered during a Bulldog Days

tour. "I don't know much about what's actually in there, but it's cool to walk around," she shared.

I joined Danielle and her friend, Sarah Guan '23 SPH '25, as they finished their Commons take-out lunches. When I asked if they'd heard any urban legends about the library, Sarah said, "Yes, I've heard that it's very well protected, or like, there's a bunch of mechanisms if a fire starts inside. If the books start burning, they shut off all the oxygen, right?"

Right? There's no way they'd use sprinklers — water would ruin the centuries-old texts just as much as fire would. I wanted to be able to tell them yes or no, but I myself wasn't sure. No one else in Beinecke Plaza seemed to know.

Do the librarians and archivists clock into work knowing that if a fire starts, the texts will be protected, but they won't? If that is the case, then they may be some of the very bravest members of the Yale community.

I hesitate to make these kinds of proclamations, but these are just the questions that bounce around in my head. The wildest conspiracies, the weirdest possibilities and the most inconceivable truths. The best kinds of enigmas are nuanced, layered and occupy me for hours.

I sat down with Michael Morand, the director of community engagement at the Beinecke, hoping to delve into these myths and mysteries. He led me downstairs, underground, past a Staff Only sign to his office.

"We are a place of an institution [whose] motto is lux et veritas, so we are about shining light on truth. We do care that people have the actual facts about the place," Michael told me. He smiled, and I immediately knew I was going to get the answers I was looking for — maybe more.

I started by asking Michael about the architecture. Why is the Beinecke built the way it's built? It definitely stands out from the surrounding collegiate gothic, dark academia aesthetic. Before meeting with Michael, I thought it looked like a glorified ice cube tray. Some people call it a "jewel box" because of its marble and unique geometry, which mirrors the 3:1:2 golden ratio of many of its books.

Michael explained that the "marble panels allow light to filter in without direct sunlight doing harm to the materials." Almost like a semi-permeable membrane. Or a mosquito net. Some sunlight is good for the texts, but not too much.

Aside from practical protections for the texts, the Beinecke stands out just as much as it blends in on campus. The Book and Snake building, established in 1863, is also a marble, windowless tomb. Commons shares its roofline. Woodbridge Hall has roughly the same diameter and footprint as the Beinecke. "Being continuous

and different at the same time, this building is part of a long and living tradition of architectures and buildings on campus," Michael said.

The architect Gordon Bunshaft intended for the building to last 2,000 years — and it shows. Michael pulled out a 2017 copy of Black Panther Comics, and flipped until he found The Wakandan Royal Library. The scene was unmistakable: the illustrator just copied the interior of this archive. Basically, the Beinecke found its way into the MCU.

The library has also spawned many urban legends. Michael wasn't surprised: "I've been around for many years, so I've heard many different things. I've heard people say staff have to leave when all the oxygen is sucked out." The more severe version of the infamous myth says that the oxygen would immediately be sucked out of the room to stop the flames from spreading to any valuable pages, suffocating all who happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

I wanted to know: Is it true? Are the Beinecke staff truly the bravest members of the Yale community? Michael chuckled. "Well, in fact, they also have to leave in case of fire, because of [the] fire." Fair enough. But Michael also pointed out that "fire is what would itself take all the oxygen eventually."

Regardless, he shared that, "this place uses a clean agent fire suppression system, so non-water based" to prevent the library going up into flames. To my understanding, it releases some kind of chemical or gas that stops the fires; however, Michael said, "It is not lethal." In short, the myth is false. Beinecke scholars can rest assured that they will not spontaneously asphyxiate while studying Renaissance manuscripts.

Apparently, another myth that circulated was that the building could retract in case of nuclear attack. Nobody I talked to had heard this one, but apparently it was very popular during the Cold War era. "If buildings have urban legends about them," Michael told me. "We are a place that encourages people to come with their curiosity and to solve puzzles and enigmas."

One such puzzle is the renowned Voynich Manuscript, an indecipherable document written in an unknown script, just begging to be explored. The ultimate enigma, also available online: "We've made a high resolution digital scan, so anyone can look at it" Michael said. "All they need is an internet connection."

If it's accessible worldwide, why hasn't it been solved yet? In theory, you could decode Voynichese in the comfort of your own home. You have no excuse.

The library is a dominant figure even in the News' archives. The Oct. 14, 1963 print issue of the Yale Daily News chronicles the library's opening with this headline: "Beinecke's Windowless Library Opens; Tomb Conceals Decayed Books." But now that I know what I know, they couldn't be more wrong.

The Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library is many things, but I would never call it a "tomb of decaying books." Michael told me the Beinecke's architecture embodies the library's mission, "which is to engage the past in the present for the future. It is a forward-looking place."

So many of the people watching "Introduction to Psychology" lectures or resubmitting overdue French homework in Beinecke Plaza don't consider the library to be anything more than a sunshade. When in reality, it's a fascinating piece of architecture that houses texts just waiting to be interpreted and understood.

It is alive, and full of mysteries that still need solving. Michael said it best: "This is a great storehouse of the humanities that is here for people to ask questions, put things together and figure out for themselves who they are, where they come from."

After exploring the Beinecke, I'll certainly be back, and not just because it's the place on campus where I can most comfortably pretend I'm in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. And when I do return, I can rest assured that, thanks to the clean agent fire suppression system, the only thing spreading like wildfire will be ideas.

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