



Yale hiring new “on call” protest mediator

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Yale is searching for “administrators on call,” or new employees meant to be available at a moment’s notice to mediate issues at protests and other events.

The new position, first posted in mid-August, comes as Yale is attempting to make its free expression policies clearer. The University recently consolidated and tightened its restrictions on protests over summer break.

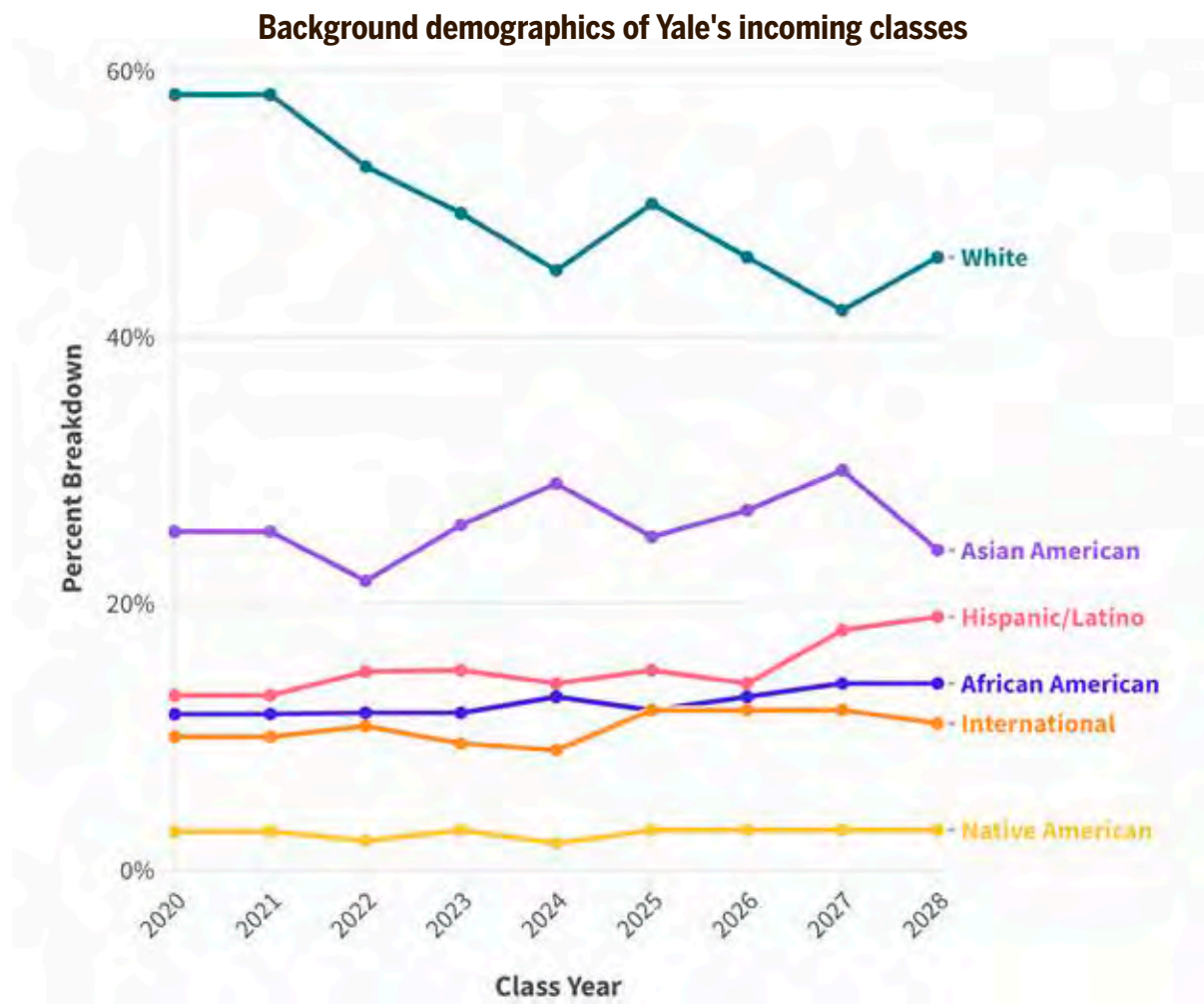
“It’s basically to try and avoid situations where things are escalated by encounters with police or security,” said Dean of Yale College Pericles Lewis said of the new administrators.

The job posting states that “key duties include providing on-site logistical support in partnership with Yale Public Safety during protests, demonstrations, and peaceful dissent, and individuals and groups practicing free expression; offering policy guidance, including timely warning notices, along with remedies for a return to compliance.”

It notes that “the role involves evening and weekend work, especially during periods with high-profile events or emergencies and will occasionally require night duty. Additionally, the Associate Director must have the ability to

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First race-blind admissions data out



The first class to be admitted after the fall of affirmative action in college admissions saw a decrease in the share of Asian American students, while the enrollment of white students rose. / Pam Ogbebor, Data Editor

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The class of 2028, Yale’s first group of students admitted since the Supreme Court ended race-conscious college admissions, saw changes in its share of Asian American and white students compared to last year’s class, while Black and Latine enrollment remained largely the same.

According to the first-year class profile released by the

admissions office, 14 percent of the class of 2028 identifies as African American, 24 percent as Asian American, 19 percent as Hispanic or Latino, 3 percent as Native American and 46 percent as white.

Compared to the class of 2027, admitted in the last race-conscious admissions cycle, the class of 2028 saw a 4 percent increase in the share of white students and a 6 percent decrease in the share of Asian American stu-

dents. The percentage of both Black or African American students and Native American students remained the same.

Yale’s report comes as some other colleges have seen drops in Black and Latine enrollment.

The share of Hispanic or Latino students increased by 1 percent, giving the class of 2028 the largest share of Latine students in Yale’s history.

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“Lapses” in YPD conduct in May arrests, new report says

BY ARIELA LOPEZ
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An external review of the Yale Police Department’s arrests of four pro-Palestinian protesters on May 1 found that the arrests did not follow “best practices” but concluded that the officers had probable cause for each of the arrests.

The University, at the request of Head of Public Safety Duane Lovello, commissioned the review on May 5, four days after the YPD arrested four individuals — two Yale College students and two non-Yale affiliates — associated with ongoing campus protests against the war in Gaza and Yale’s investments in weapons manufacturers.

Photo and video recordings of the arrests obtained by the News show that four officers — including Yale Police Chief Anthony Campbell — tackled one arrestee and held them on the ground for at least 90 seconds. Another arrestee was tackled by an officer who grabbed their neck before two other officers helped restrain them on the ground. Neither of the two tackled arrestees were Yale students.

Chase Rogers, the former Chief Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court, conducted the review with Day Pitney, the law firm at which she is now a partner. Lovello announced the completion of the review to the Yale

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Tiny home residents persevere through city-issued power outages

BY CHRISTINA LEE
STAFF REPORTER

Residents of the Rosette Neighborhood Village Collective’s tiny homes remain steadfast in preserving the community they have built from the ground up, despite the expiration of a 180-day permit and a city-backed power outage.

The Collective erected six tiny homes in the backyard of the Amistad Catholic Worker House, a local nonprofit, to provide housing for 8 to 12 unhoused New Haveners in October 2023. In March of this year, the city’s Board of Zoning Appeals — or BZA — retroactively approved a 180-day permit, under which the city temporarily turned on electricity for the homes in January.

The permit expired on July 15. A day later, the city sent a cease and desist notice, demanding the homes be torn down, and on July 18, the city cut off electricity to the homes. Currently, the 30 residents remain without power.

180 days after receiving their permit, the tiny home structures were designated illegal dwelling units. According to Mayor Justin Elicker, cutting off power is part of the standard procedure for handling illegal dwelling units in violation of state building codes.

“The city holds some liability, and we want to make sure that we’re treating every property owner fairly and the same. So, we responded like we do with every property owner, by turning off the power on the site,” Elicker said.



Though the city cut off power to the Rosette Street tiny homes in mid-July, residents continue to fight for their community. / Madelyn Kumar, Contributing Photographer

For the residents who continue to reside in the tiny homes, the power outages have posed risks to their health and well-being.

Joel Nieves, who has lived in a Rosette Street tiny home since April, said that the city-backed power outage has endangered his health. Nieves suffers from sleep apnea and needs a CPAP machine — a prescribed medical device used for sleep-related breathing disorders — to breathe properly while asleep. Without power in his tiny home, Nieves’ CPAP machine relies on an extension cord connected to the main Amistad house.

“I’m the only one that has electricity, and as we’re running it from the house, it’s only so I can run my sleep apnea machine,” said Nieves.

The summer heat has been dangerous for the health of all residents. Though the tiny homes are equipped with air conditioners, they have been unable to operate since the power outage in mid-July.

“I don’t even want to leave my dog, you know, because it’s so hot,” Suki Godek, the longest tiny home resident, said. “We have rechargeable little fans and stuff that we

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Over a year after shark attack, Truwit secures silver in Paris swimming

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On Thursday, Ali Truwit ’23 clinched the silver medal in the women’s 400-meter freestyle S10 event at the Paris Paralympics after recovering from a shark attack in May 2023.

A year ago, Truwit was completing hours of physical therapy, recovering from surgery and acclimating to life with a prosthetic after losing her foot in a shark attack just days following her Yale graduation. This year in Paris, she became a silver medalist with a time of 4:31.39, almost three seconds faster than her qualifying time.

“It’s honestly a surreal moment right now and I feel really, really grateful to contribute to Team USA’s medal count because what I’ve achieved is on the shoulders of truly so much support from everyone around the country,” Truwit said after the race.

In her first showing in the Olympic pool on Sept. 1, she came sixth in the 100-meter freestyle with a time of 1:02.80.

Just a few days later, in her first heat of the 400-meter freestyle, Truwit placed first with a time of 4:34.71, surpassing Canada’s Aurelie Rivard, the world record-holder in the event.

In the 400-meter freestyle final, Truwit started strong,

leading for the first 250 meters. At the 300-meter mark, Rivard overtook Truwit.

Still, Truwit shaved three seconds off her qualifying time and finished second, setting a new American record in the event.

Having swam varsity for Yale all four years of college, Truwit was determined to not let her accident be the end of her swimming story.

“My experience as a member of Yale Swim & Dive taught me critical lessons about how to be clutch under pressure, how to be the best teammate I can be, how to work and train even when you don’t feel like it, how to dig deeper, do more than you might have thought you could,” Truwit previously wrote to the News in July. “It taught me what it really means to be part of something bigger than yourself.”

Swimming brought Truwit to Yale. When a shark attacked her in the water, she relied on 15 years of competitive swimming to save her life. Now, she’ll return home with at least one Olympic medal in Paralympic swimming.

Truwit competed in S10 swimming, a Paralympic classification based on a person’s disability.

Truwit will race again on Sept. 6 in the 100-meter backstroke.

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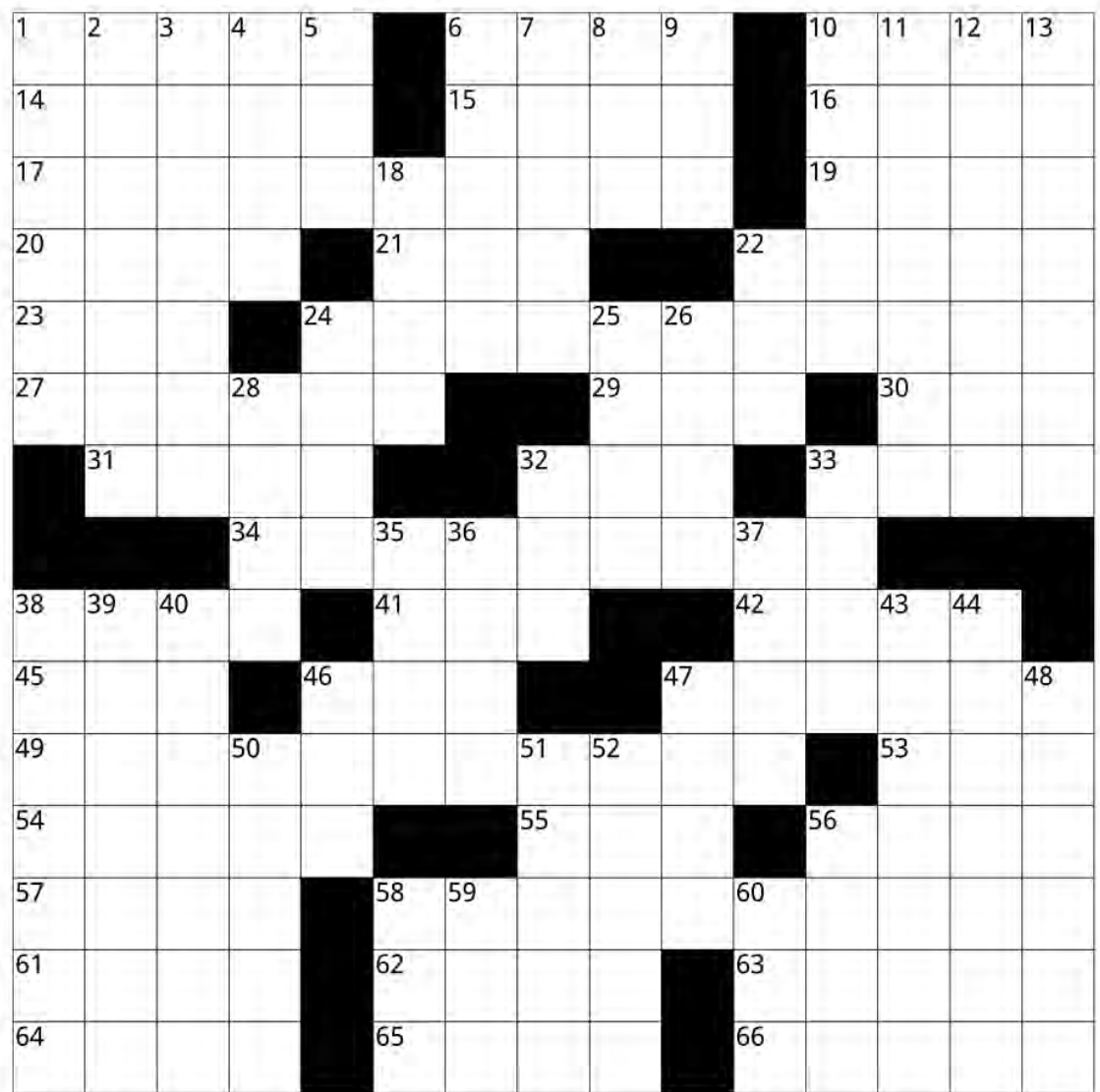
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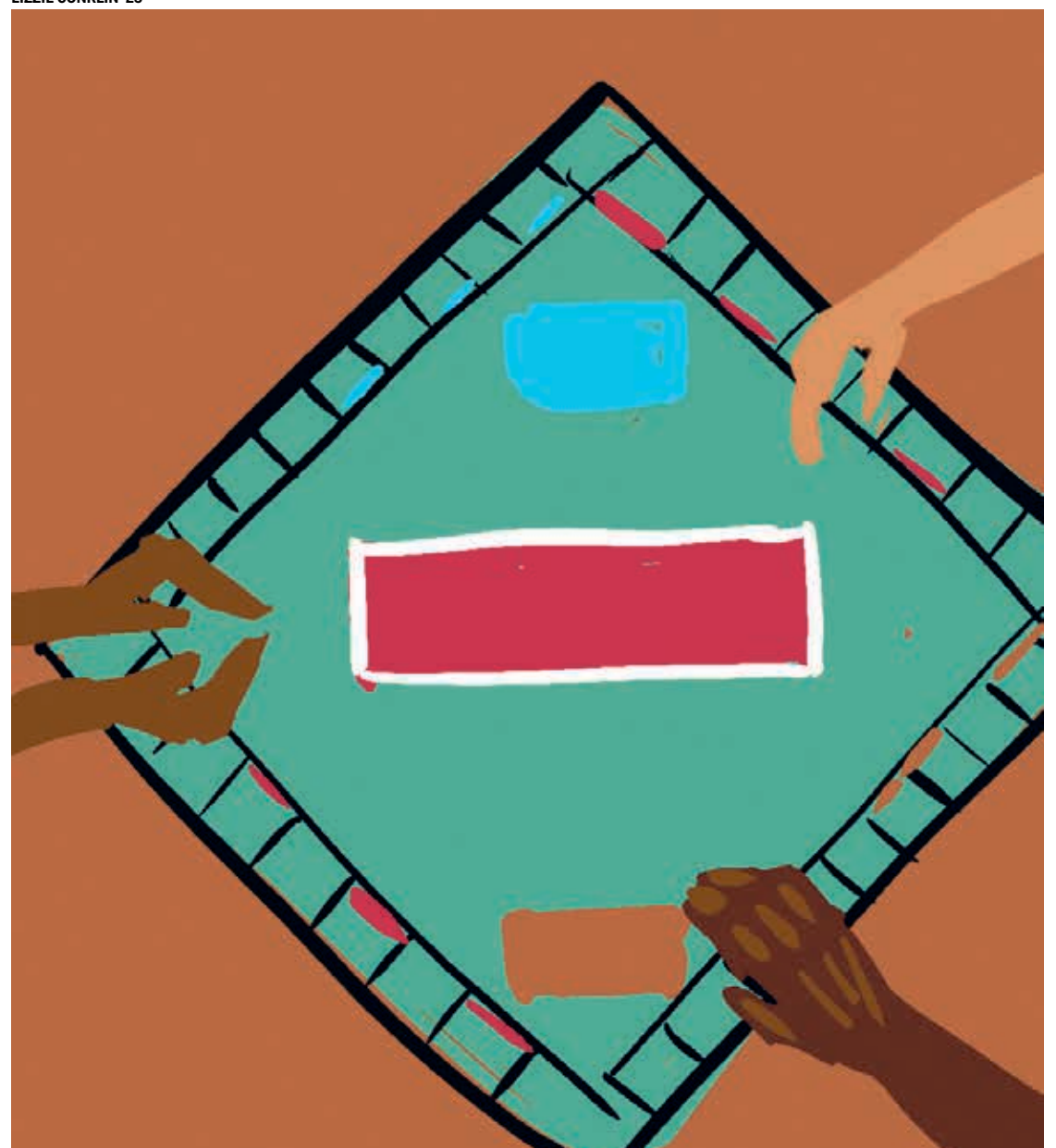


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OPINION

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ZANE GLICK

I did nothing this summer

I'll admit it upfront — it would be more accurate to title this article “I didn't have a summer internship” or “I had no plans this summer.” I did something, of course. It was just underwhelming and unproductive on paper. But “My summer was sort of lame” won't get any clicks, so a hyperbole must do.

My summer was alright, thanks for asking. I helped my dad remodel a house, went on a couple of road trips, hiked a bit, went to the beach, binge-watched, binge-read and binge-gamed. Simply put, most of my time this summer was mine to do whatever I wanted. Freedom rocks, right?

But I didn't want my summer to turn out like this.

Since the start of my sophomore year, I had known I wanted a clear-cut purpose or a career-advancing achievement. Like many of my peers, I hoped my diligence or a stroke of good luck would grace me with an offer for the coveted summer internship. I gave my resume performance-enhancing action verbs and sent cold emails. I bugged and badgered numerous students, professors and counselors for guidance. For better or for worse, I wasn't picky either. My applications spanned the journalistic, financial, anthropological and legal fields. I groveled at capitalism's feet to “Please, please, please let me make some summer cash!” I put in the work, and the only company that offered me anything was a pyramid scheme I didn't even apply for. Nobody wanted me. I was a failure — or so I felt.

Every time I checked LinkedIn, somebody was spearheading or researching or facilitating something not worth mentioning outside of a fancy-sounding acronym. A ubiquitous formal vernacular, tone of pseudo-sincerity, and relevant job jargon from peers and randoms alike are staples of the LinkedIn experience. I hated it, but for once in my contrarian life, I felt jealous that I wasn't doing the same as everyone else.

But it's not like there's a codified LinkedIn law stating that you have to do something productive to join in on the fun. So, I made my first-ever post on the platform. The intense inadequacy I felt from getting ghosted by multiple companies is nothing a little public self-deprecation can't fix.

“So excited to announce that I have accepted a summer position at my house, where I will be working on improving vibes and chilling. Thank you to everyone who helped me along this journey, and I look forward to contributing absolutely nothing to society over the next couple of months!”

Funnily enough, the post did wonders for my account's engagement. I racked up 11,858 interactions, 152 likes, 15 comments and a little over 100 new connections. Someone's screenshot on Fizz, captioned “same bro, same,” received over 2.4k upvotes. This reception even extended into real life; people in class or on the street — once —

would express appreciation for my little joke. It felt good that so many people empathized with or, at least, were entertained by my plight. By the time I made it home for the summer, frustration had turned into melancholy and melancholy into fragile neutrality. I was fine. Everything was fine.

So this isn't a funeral service for some random guy's regular-scheduler summer. This is an opinion article, and I should probably give an opinion.

The reason I give this anecdote is not to argue for the necessity of failure in college aspirations. Nor is it to highlight the rigor, convolvement or borderline unfairness of the internship application process. I won't claim that “doing nothing” all summer is okay, either.

I tell my tale to point out what I think is at stake for many Yale students, not just in strategizing about summer but any academic endeavor — their mental health.

With the exceptions of finals and midterms, career planning is arguably the largest producer in Yale's economy of stress. Many students here have a do-or-die mentality regarding career development; you either make progress and win or do nothing and lose. This brand of black-and-white absolutism is one of many symptoms characterized by the mental health decline observed by psychologists in undergraduates around the U.S. Such increases in absolutist thinking seem to follow increases in external stressors such as homework or tests. When you get tangled in too many stressors, thinking in extremes is neurologically efficient. This dilemma results in a vicious cycle of emotional distress that, and I cannot emphasize this enough, sucks.

As high-achieving students at a prestigious university, we are especially prone to an absolutist mindset. If you equate an entire summer's worth of living to nothing just because it didn't go as planned, you are not a failure; you are just invalidating yourself. This conclusion might be obvious, but the danger of absolutism is that it lurks in the subconscious. I'm the type of person who uses humor to cope with things, so I noticed my absolutist thinking by mere chance. But not everyone is fortunate enough to have an impeccable sense of humor like I do. Seriously, Yalies, be wary of absolutist thinking this school year. Don't be too hard on yourself. It will be fine in the end, even if you have ‘nothing’ to do.

On a completely unrelated note, feel free to shoot me an email if you want to hire me this summer. No pressure or anything. Totally no pressure. Please give me a chance. Please.

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Why I'm changing my last name

I was recently struck by a painfully obvious realization while listening to the latest episode of “Seahorse Planet 海马星球,” a Mandarin podcast. For context, I've always seen myself as a feminist who believed in recruiting the allyship of men to support our transition to an egalitarian society that does not discriminate based on gender and sex. In other words, an equal, nonbinary society. To the guest on that episode of “Seahorse Planet,” this take made me a liberal, rather than a radical, feminist.

The guest tossed out a challenge for so-called “liberal feminists” like me who believed in obtaining the cooperation of men to dismantle the patriarchy. She said, “If you can convince 70 percent of all men to change their last names to their mother's, and change their children's last names to their mother's — then we can talk.”

THE MOVE TO CHANGE ONE'S LAST NAME TO ONE'S MOTHER IS PURELY SYMBOLIC.

I thought — this test is rather brilliant. The move to change one's last name to one's mother is purely symbolic. It gives up no actual power or privilege — just painless acknowledgement of the person who gave them nine months of nourishment in their bodies and brought them to the world. If we want to talk purely physiologically — as vice presidential candidate JD Vance seems to want to do — women indisputably sacrifice more of their bodies to create a child; they should at least get this acknowledgement. And no, we won't give the first child the mother's surname and the second child the father's surname, because we've spent, what, the last 2,000 years taking only the patriarchal lineage? For fairness' sake, let's get 20 generations of matriarchal surnames. In the year 2424, maybe we can consider

switching to hyphenation.

To add insult to injury, in Chinese, translations for “last name,” “surname” and “family name” amalgamate into a single character: 姓 (xing). And if one separates the character into its component parts — much like one breaks down English words into Latin roots — the radical on the left side is 女 (nü), meaning woman, whereas the radical on the right side is 生 (sheng), or birth. The two radicals combine to mean “born of a woman.” The irony is that 姓 has been used to trace lineages of men throughout Chinese history is lost on so many.

So why have I kept my father's surname for so long?

My mom didn't change her last name until she became a naturalized American citizen. She did it begrudgingly, as Chinese women do not have the tradition of taking their husband's last names after marriage. It was strange to her and strange to me. In other words, it was American.

But my mother's surname is her father's. My mother's mother's surname is Ding. I'll take my grandmother's maiden name then.

But why stop there? Why not go all the way up the family tree? Because I don't know my grandmother's mother's surname. But even if I find out, I might keep Ding as my last name, since my grandmother is the earliest known, still living woman of my mother's line who loved me.

BUT WHY STOP THERE? WHY NOT GO ALL THE WAY UP THE FAMILY TREE?

In California, an official name change takes \$435 to file in court and up to three months of processing. The entire process is expensive, bureaucratic and archaic. The process contains required steps such as purchasing an advertisement announcing your name change in a circulating newspaper,

so that members of the community hold you accountable for crimes or debts committed under your previous name. As if any of us are looking in our newspapers for those name change ads. In fact, major newspapers don't print those ads anymore, so the court designated niche newspapers to print them. These papers charge more than a hundred dollars to run just one of those ads. On top of that, I might have to appear in front of a judge to give a valid reason for changing my last name to my grandmother's maiden name. “Imagine how much progress is impeded by literally the red tape and hassle of the system,” my partner said in response upon hearing about the process.

PATRIARCHY IS THE DEFAULT SETTING. THERE'S NO EXCEPTION OR FEE WAIVER OR EXPEDITED PROCESS FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME WANTING TO CHANGE THEIR LAST NAMES TO THEIR MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAMES.

Patriarchy is the default setting. There's no exception or fee waiver or expedited process for people like me wanting to change their last names to their mother's maiden names. At the end of the day, I'm not spending \$435. But I'll change my surname on everything else to give the respect the rest of society owes to my mother and her mother. And I think you should too.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

ANABEL MOORE

Graduation pains

Congratulations, graduate. You did it! You double-majored and you got your pre-med requirements out of the way, achieving many of the goals you set for yourself when you first walked through Phelps Gate. You owe much to your friends, family and professors across any number of departments. As the graduation cards pour in, you bask in the shining grace of the “big end” you anticipated. I sensed this pride in our conversations last spring, before the pomp and circumstance of commencement converged into the shining star of a Yale diploma — which I hope you've framed.

You already asked yourself what your time at Yale amounted to: you wrote, in the waning days of summer, about that feeling you had under Harkness Tower: “the thrill of meeting new people, the excitement of academia, of being dazzled by ideas, the sense that as long as I was in this place, surrounded by these people, I could never be unhappy again.”

I am a senior now, staring down the same tunnel you did a year ago. The rhythms of fall are familiar. I arrived on campus the night before classes started, needing only a quick trip to Trader Joe's and a few texts from the bookstore. I walked calmly under Harkness on the way to class, a friend's question lingering in my mind, reflecting, just as you did, on a recent conversation. “What memory,” they

asked, “do you cherish most from your first year?”

I answered that I cherished the walk towards Harkness Tower in mid-February, wearing a thick puffer jacket, icy tears of happiness running down my cheeks as I phoned my family to tell them I would be representing my country in international soccer the following month, the first woman in four generations of family athletes to do so. Looking back, it was an easy enough answer and a true one. But if I could answer again, I would say that what I cherish most are the many hours spent in the art gallery I was walking beneath on that frosty afternoon, learning from a favorite professor what it means to experience art and, for that matter, the world in a meaningful way. This course — and a lot of time in front of my now-favorite sculpture — taught me to ask who I am without that which I hold in my hands, without Yale, without a resume, without a history. Who does my conscience want me to be? This question lingers.

At Yale, it is often easier to imagine our futures than experience our present or remember our past. It is easier to strive than to stride, until the feeling in the air, that end of summer, senior fall feeling, so rich in purpose, finality and most certainly humidity — hits the soul. While I will always question what matters most in my own story, it is at this moment that I find myself slammed with its sudden primacy. I realize now that your words — and more importantly, your presence —

helped pave the way for me to figure out exactly who I am.

So to you Pradz Sapre '24, author of the “Growing Pains” column whose words ran in this paper for four years, my North Star in the undoubtedly grueling STEM and humanities double-major pursuit, Bombay native, forever proud Franklinite and newly minted New Yorker: you're right. “There is no perfect goodbye.” But in the grand tale of Yale, I think there can be “perfect endings.” I looked up to you for three years; I hope new first years will read this piece and then read your column and perhaps look up to you, too. They should; the arc of time is both cruel and kind. How lucky am I — are we — to be able to quote you when we need to find words for how we feel: “You can move away from an orchard but the smell of roses may linger in your heart.”

Thank you, dear Pradz, for everything you inspired us to become. In your words: “I hope that all of us will forever remain a part of each other.” Congratulations, graduate. I think your hope has a pretty damn good shot of coming to fruition.

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"Success is often achieved by those who don't know that failure is inevitable."

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Yale posts job for "administrators on call" to monitor protests

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on campus with very short notice as needed."

Vice President for University Life Kimberly Goff-Crews wrote that a "free expression facilitator program [began] last spring in a pilot program with existing staff" which included "current student life deans."

"We moved to a permanent program this fall because we confirmed how important it is that students have a point of contact within the administration for activity around free expression and peaceable assembly and because the deans and staff in the pilot already have existing responsibilities," Goff-Crews wrote. "I expect that some deans and university administrators will continue to be visible to students as well."

The required skills listed for the on-call job include "proven experience in conflict resolution, mediation, and de-escalation techniques," "familiarity with university environments," and "cultural competence and ability to work with diverse populations."

The job is classified under the compensation grade of "manager," which carries a salary range of \$72,100-\$125,100. As of Monday, the job had 34 applicants through LinkedIn.

At times during last semester's pro-Palestinian campus protests, students and administrators clashed over what forms of protests were or should be allowed. Yale police intervened on some occasions and arrested 47 students who had set up a three-night encampment on Beinecke Plaza.

Last year, administrators occasionally attempted to communicate in person with protesting students. In one instance, Lewis personally handed a letter threatening disciplinary action and arrest to protesters occupying Cross Campus. In another, Assistant Vice President for University Life Pilar Montalvo admitted "administrative errors" in allowing a student to remove a banner listing Palestinians killed in Gaza and in permitting the banner to be posted in the first place.

In his role as dean, Lewis consistently interacts with students and manages academic and residen-

tial life at the University. Montalvo works in a high-level role overseeing various student life initiatives.

"It seemed to me and to the leadership of the University to be important that this be a person who's not like the dean of students of a particular school,

because that person has to deal with the students in all their different activities," Lewis said. "If you're the dean of students and you're also trying to explain the disciplinary rules, that could create a situation where it's difficult to manage."

The new administrators will report to the Office of the Secretary and Vice President for University Life.

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Yale is seeking to hire administrators to assist in de-escalating protests "with very short notice" on campus. **Jessie Cheung, Senior Photographer**

Black, Latine enrollment remains stable post-affirmative action

ADMISSIONS FROM PAGE 1

Students who opted not to answer the optional race question in their application were not included in the demographics data and some students indicated two or more races, meaning the percentages do not add up to 100.

"Yale College's newest students bring with them an extraordinary collection of interests, ambitions, and talents that will enrich the undergraduate learning environment," Dean of Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid Jeremiah Quinlan wrote in a Yale News press statement.

The Yale News story noted that the class of 2028 had the "most applications ever from students who identify as members of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups."

The News could not confirm whether changes in enrollment demographics for the class of 2028 were directly caused by changes in the post-affirmative action admissions process. Quinlan and Associate Director of Admissions Mark Dunn did not answer further questions about the results before the class profile release.

Post-affirmative action demographic shifts in elite universities

Following the fall of affirmative action, some of Yale's peer colleges such as MIT and Amherst College experienced a steep drop in enrollment from African American and Hispanic or Latino students.

Compared to the class of 2027, MIT's newest class saw a decrease in the percentage of Black students, dropping from 15 percent to 5 percent. The share of Latine students also dropped to 11 percent from 16 percent last year.

At Amherst, the percentage of Black students in the class of 2028 dropped to 3 percent from 11 percent in the class of 2027; at Tufts University, it dropped from 7.3 percent to 4.7 percent.

Like Yale, some colleges did not see a drastic decrease in Black students' enrollment this year. At the University of Virginia, Black student enrollment decreased only from 7.9 to 7 percent this year. At Emory, this share decreased from 12.6 percent for the class of 2027 to 11.1 percent for the class of 2028.

While Asian American enrollment increased from 40 percent to 47 percent at MIT, the share of Asian American students in Yale's class of 2028 dropped to 24 percent from 30 percent the year prior.

Yale's share of white students rose from 42 to 46 percent from the class prior; MIT's class of 2028 saw

a small 1 percent decrease in white students' enrollment.

Modified post-affirmative action admissions process

At Yale, the admissions process for the class of 2028 underwent several changes.

In a letter to the Yale community last September following the ruling on affirmative action in college admissions, Quinlan and Dean of Yale College Pericles Lewis wrote that "Yale College should build on existing programs and take new concrete steps to attract exceptional students from underrepresented communities."

Lewis and Quinlan highlighted three "unwavering priorities" following the fall of affirmative action for college admissions in their September 2023 letter: "fully complying with the law, continuing to support a diverse and inclusive community, and maintaining a world-class admissions process that considers each applicant as an individual."

While last year's applicants could still answer the optional question about self-identified race on the Common Application, their responses were not accessible by admissions officers involved in the selection process. The University could access the data after students had been admitted.

Last year, Yale College's supplemental essay prompts were modified to allow students to respond to one of three questions that were intended to "invite students from all backgrounds to reflect on the experiences that have shaped their character and strengths."

The admissions office also began using place-based data from Opportunity Atlas, a nationwide mapping project that measures economic mobility at the census tract level and has been shown to improve the committee's evaluation of applicants from under-resourced areas.

The admissions office told the News last year that the use of the Opportunity Atlas tool will supplement the admissions office's existing use of the College Board's Landscape tool, which provides data about an applicant's high school and neighborhood.

In the process of admitting the class of 2028, the admissions office introduced several new initiatives to expand outreach to prospective students, including the "Yale in MOHtion Student Fly-In Program." The initiative is a fly-in program for high school students and their families that introduces 50 prospective students to Yale's four cultural centers: the Afro-American Cul-

tural Center, the Asian American Cultural Center, La Casa Cultural and the Native American Cultural Center.

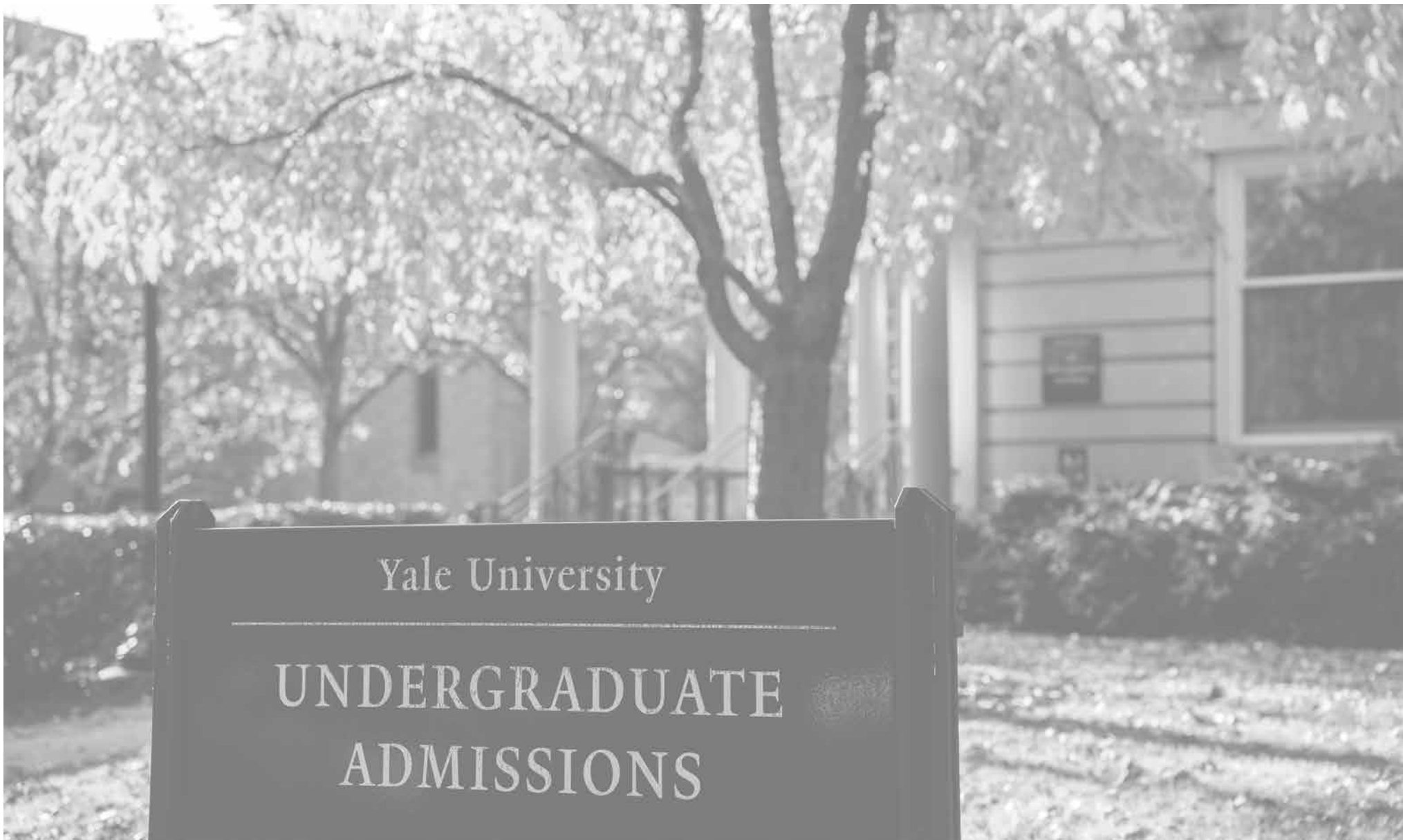
Yale also introduced a test-flexible policy, under which students can choose which scores to include from their ACT, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and SAT tests. The policy starts this fall.

The updated test policy did not apply to the class of 2028. While Yale's class of 2028 was selected through a COVID-era test-optional admissions, MIT's class of 2028 was required to submit a standardized test score.

Other initiatives included the hiring of two new full-time admissions office staff members to increase year-round engagement with college access organizations, expanding the distribution of the Diversity Viewbook and developing new relationships with leaders of college access organizations and school counselors who serve students from underrepresented backgrounds.

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In the class of 2028, the first to be admitted after the fall of affirmative action in college admissions, there was a decrease in the share of Asian American students, while the enrollment of white students rose. **Ellie Park, Multimedia Managing Editor**

FROM THE FRONT

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."
SHIRLEY CHISHOLM FORMER UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

Review of May arrests find officers did not follow "best practices"

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community on Aug. 26 and summarized its findings, but the report has not been made publicly available in full.

"Several officers had difficulty communicating with one another [during the arrests] due to the noise volume of the protest, which made it challenging to assess the situation clearly," Lovello wrote in the August statement to the Yale community on the completed external review. "Regardless of the factors involved, I share our community's expectation that members of YPD hold themselves to the highest standards, and we must take responsibility when we fall short."

Lovello explained in his statement that the review found two "lapses" in YPD conduct during the arrests. First, he wrote, the officers "did not follow best practices" for crowd control while arresting the student protesters. Lovello noted that the students' arrests were peaceful.

Second, the review found that a YPD officer used tactics "inconsistent with YPD policy and involved disproportionate use of force under the circumstances" to arrest the non-Yale affiliate whose neck was reportedly grabbed.

Lovello's statement acknowledges Campbell's involvement in the arrest of the other non-Yale affiliate. However, he wrote, the review concluded that Campbell did not use excessive force in that arrest.

The News was not able to reach Campbell for comment.

Day Pitney completed the review using interviews and statements by students, police officers and administrators, as well as a "comprehensive analysis" of footage from police body and vehicle dash cameras, according to Lovello's statement.

The News was not able to reach Rogers or Day Pitney for comment. When asked for more details on the process of conducting the review,

Lovello referred the News to his May 5 and Aug. 26 statements, which announced the review and its completion, respectively.

When the News requested YPD's communications with Day Pitney and Rogers, who conducted the external review, as well as the documents or records YPD handed over as part of the review, YPD Lieutenant Sabrina Wood responded that YPD has "no responsive documentation" to provide.

"Our agency was not involved in the external review by the Day Pitney Law Firm," Wood wrote.

Officials from the University's Office of Public Affairs and Communications did not respond to further inquiries to clarify the review process.

Lovello lays out next steps

At the end of Lovello's statement, he outlined steps that the University is taking to improve the service it provides to the Yale community.

These steps include requiring additional training on crowd control and use of force for the YPD chief and leadership team, improving communications equipment and protocol for loud circumstances, and providing "clearer resources" on the legal implications of an arrest and on Yale's free expression policies.

Lovello also noted that the University would be "taking personnel action in appropriate cases that follows department protocols and the collective bargaining agreement" but did not specify how the action would exactly look.

Alex Taubes, a civil rights attorney who has been involved in prior litigation relating to the pro-Palestinian protests at Yale, told the News that he was "deeply concerned" by the external review's findings.

"The conclusion that officers use tactics 'inconsistent with YPD policy' and potentially 'disproportionate use of force' raises



The review concludes that an officer used "disproportionate" force to arrest a pro-Palestinian protester. **Ellie Park, Multimedia Managing Editor**

serious questions about potential civil rights violations by the Yale police," Taubes said. "It's likely that there's grounds for further legal scrutiny of the University's actions."

In particular, Taubes conveyed that he wished the University outlined specific disciplinary measures that it would take against officers who had engaged in such tactics.

Lovello's statement revealed that the University shared the external review's findings with the Connecticut state attorney — the office that has the power to pursue criminal charges against the four protesters arrested by YPD.

"Because YPD is a fully commissioned police department, arrests made by YPD are turned over to the New Haven judicial district, and decisions about pursuing criminal charges are made by the state prosecutor's office," Lovello wrote. "We have shared the external reviewer's findings

with that office, including the finding that not all these arrests followed best practices."

Officers request access to report

On Friday, four days after Lovello released his statement, YPD officer Mike Hall, who leads the Yale police union, sent a letter to Lovello requesting that officers have access to the full report compiled by Day Pitney.

"We believe that our analysis of the Day Pitney Review report would be beneficial to our members and the University, especially since the Review determined that our member's actions at the protest and subsequent arrests fell short of best practice benchmarks," Hall wrote on behalf of the Yale Police Benevolent Association.

Hall wrote that YPBA members felt "ambushed and insulted" by Lovello's post and by what he described as "the unsubstantiated allegations of

the utilization of a 'disproportionate' amount of force" in one of the arrests.

Both Yale students arrested on May 1 are being charged with criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct. The News reported in May that both non-Yale affiliates were charged with criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct, and one was also charged with interfering with a police officer. Neither of those cases is currently listed on the Connecticut judicial website.

Lovello told the News that Day Pitney's original findings were presented to University administrators, including himself.

The four arrests on May 1 took place on Alexander Walk, the pedestrian-only continuation of Wall Street between College Street and York Street.

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Rosette Street residents continue to fight after power outages

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use, but it's still not adequate... We have air conditioners in each unit that work wonderfully, but you need electricity for that, right?"

Despite the ongoing challenges resulting from the power outage, the Collective has continued to grow. Due to a lack of properly resourced shelters, many unhoused New Haveners turn to the Amistad House.

"Someone told me about Rosette Street. They said, 'Just show up. They're not going to turn you away,'" Aniyah Thompson, who has been a tiny home resident for a couple of months, said.

Thompson added that he moved to the Collective after being kicked out of Columbus House Inc., another New Haven homeless shelter.

According to Nieves, the Collective has been receiving calls from various shelters across New Haven to take on more residents.

"We have people who are coming from the shelter system here because they have nowhere for them. [The shelters] are calling us, yet [the city] is knocking our power out," said Nieves. "They're sending us people, yet they're

punishing us for what we're trying to accomplish."

Elicker denied the claim that the city's shelters have directed unhoused New Haveners to Rosette Street.

Various members of the Collective said they have been proactive in communicating their concerns to the city. According to Nieves, the Collective has been working to get a court injunction to appeal for a permit extension. Godek has also reported picketing outside of the mayor's office and making calls to alders and Velma George, the city's homelessness coordinator.

Amid these ongoing efforts to advocate for the tiny homes, however, the residents of Rosette Street have expressed frustration with the mayor's lack of direct response and engagement with their community.

"What [Elicker] has been doing is making us feel like we're not welcome," Nieves said. "I'm helping the best way I can, but it seems like the mayor slaps your hand every time you go to help, and it makes it more difficult to help."

Elicker, however, maintains that the city has long been ready to engage and offer support for the residents, saying that the

challenge has been getting the residents of Rosette Street to accept the city's help.

He pointed to the purchase of a hotel aimed at providing more affordable housing for the unhoused, as well as a plan to open a seventh shelter in the city, when asked about ways in which his administration is planning to combat homelessness in the city.

"We continue to stand ready to help support the people that are at the Rosette Street site, and that offer has existed for more than a year, and it will continue to be there, just like we help other people that are struggling with homelessness in the city as well," Elicker said. "We can only work with people who are willing to accept help, and we have been repeatedly denied the ability to help people."

In a statement to the News, Elicker wrote that the city's Housing and Homeless Services Department "stands ready to connect individuals at the property to alternative temporary housing and assistance."

The city made a temporary alternative housing offer to Nieves in an attempt to provide said assistance.

Shaunette James-Marquis, the city's community outreach worker, engaged with Nieves in early August to find an alternative housing option that would satisfy his medical needs. The housing arrangement was organized in partnership with BHCare, a community behavioral health clinic.

"The conversation was going well until our outreach worker Shaunette spoke with one of the leaders at Rosette Street, and then Mr. Nieves changed his mind," Elicker said. "We were trying to help him."

Nieves' application for long-term supportive housing placement was submitted through BHCare on Aug. 14. He was offered housing in Branford, Conn.

Nieves ultimately denied the offer, claiming his doctor instructed him not to leave New Haven, as it would not be ideal for his mental health.



Though the city cut off power to the Rosette Street tiny homes in mid-July, residents continue to fight for their community. **Christina Lee, Photography Editor**

"I have no support system outside of the city," Nieves said.

The mayor maintained that the housing arrangement presented to Nieves reflected what was available at the time of the offer.

"I have seen with my own eyes our outreach workers engaging with people on site and ready to help," Elicker said. "So it is entirely false to say that the city has not offered help and not talked with people, and it is offensive."

Regardless of its tensions with the city, the Collective has created a community they are proud to call home. From serving hot breakfasts prepared by community members to hosting neighborhood block parties, the Collective sustains a life beyond basic necessities for its residents.

Nieves underscored the rehabilitative potential of the community, pointing to the benefits of a safe, sociable space for unhoused New Haveners.

"We're people like anybody else, and given an opportunity to say, 'Listen, I'm not going to give you a place for you to lay your head. I'm going to give you a place for you

to feel safe and feel at home' — it changes your demeanor. It changes who you are, and you develop again," he said.

Godek also experienced the transformative power of a restorative community space firsthand.

Since coming to Rosette Street, Godek has pursued homelessness activism through the Unhoused Activists Community Team of New Haven, advocates for food justice through Witnesses to Hunger and recently spoke at a Yale School of Medicine panel about homelessness and substance use disorder. In the future, she hopes to create a self-sufficient farm for unhoused people in recovery.

"It literally gave me a purpose and a place and a home, and that's what I was missing," Godek said.

"Coming here, you build foundations, networks and community. And then we help you build up into the next step."

The Amistad Catholic Worker House is located at 203 Rosette St.

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“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.”

ARTHUR ASHE AMERICAN TENNIS PLAYER

New Yalies4Harris group aims to boost youth support



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Formed by five Yale seniors in late July, Yalies4Harris operates as a temporary branch of Yale College Democrats that seeks to inspire energy for the Harris-Walz campaign on campus and across the country.

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In late July, five Yale seniors formed Yalies4Harris, an organization dedicated to building up energy for the Harris-Walz campaign on campus and across the country.

In the lead-up to Election Day, the group plans to participate in phone banking sessions, voter registration campaigns, door knocking in the nearby swing state of Pennsylvania and social media outreach.

While originally founded as a separate organization, Yalies4Harris operates as a temporary branch of the Yale College Democrats and is collaborating with the group to campaign for Vice President Kamala Harris. The group is also part of Students for Harris-Walz, a national network of student organizations campaigning for Harris-Walz ticket.

Yalies4Harris is led by Pia Baldwin Edwards '25, Madeline Levin '25,

Audrey Bernstein '25, Cormac Thorpe '25 and Matthew Quintos '25.

“The country has seen a surge of youth enthusiasm for the Harris-Walz ticket, and we hope to continue that momentum here on campus,” Yalies4Harris leaders wrote in a joint statement to the News. “We hope that Yalies4Harris can be the bridge between the enthusiasm for the Harris-Walz ticket we’ve seen around the country and the diligent organizing needed to ensure their victory in November.”

Baldwin Edwards had the initial idea to form the group after President Joe Biden dropped out of the race and the Harris campaign began garnering increased support among young people.

The Harris campaign’s social media presence — specifically @KamalaHQ accounts on social media platforms — has also inspired Yalies4Harris leaders.

“Kamala HQ has been doing an incredible job — seeing their social media develop over the past month and a half has felt (and is) historic in terms of the force of young people to invigorate and revitalize such a crucial campaign and that it was impossible to sit still,” the organization wrote to the News.

In an Instagram post, Yalies4Harris outlined six reasons why they support Harris for president, including her platform’s policies surrounding reproductive freedom, the education system, gun control, climate change, student loans and immigration.

The Yalies4Harris Instagram page was created using the same account as Yalies4Biden, which was formed during the 2020 presidential election. As of Sept. 2, Yalies4Harris has 1,142 followers and its GroupMe has 26 members.

As a branch of the Yale College Democrats, Yalies4Harris will receive funding from outside donations as

well as organizations such as the Harris-Walz campaign and the national Swing Left organization.

Yale Dems President Janalie Cobb '25, who was previously an audience editor and staff reporter for the News, wrote that the collaboration with Yalies4Harris allows Dems to “engage with the presidential election far more than we would have been able to otherwise.” The groups plan to co-host weekly phone banking and coordinate multiple weekend canvassing trips.

Yale Dems member Jack Dozier '27 first heard about the organization from a friend and was drawn to Yalies4Harris’ upcoming voter contact efforts.

“The energy around Harris on and off campus is so vibrant, and I am so energized to join their efforts! It felt like a great way to be involved with the campaign while managing a full course load,” Dozier wrote to the News.

Specifically, Dozier is interested in Yalies4Harris’ plan to campaign in the swing state of Pennsylvania.

Baldwin Edwards said that the differences between Harris and former President Donald Trump has motivated them to organize for the Harris-Walz campaign.

“The choice is no longer between two old white men, and the stakes of this election are now right in voters’ faces: you can go to the polls to elect our first woman President; our first Black, South Asian woman President; a former prosecutor; or, you can go to the polls and elect an old white man with a criminal history,” Baldwin Edwards wrote to the News. “The stark differences for the future of our country are right in voters faces this election, and the power of that is massive. You can feel it. I feel it!”

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

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Former New Jersey governor Chris Christie to teach class on political campaigns

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Chris Christie, the former governor of New Jersey and two-time unsuccessful candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, is teaching a course titled “How to Run a Political Campaign” at the Jackson School of Global Affairs this semester.

The seminar will examine political communications, fundraising and leadership with “direct input” from actors across various roles and government levels “who have firsthand experience running political campaigns,” according to the course syllabus. Students will also have the opportunity to write mock campaign memos and engage in simulated debates against Christie, who will act as various presidential candidates such as former President Donald Trump, President Joe Biden, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and himself.

“I am deeply grateful to the Jackson School leadership for inviting Governor Christie and giving us the opportunity to learn from practitioners in the field,” Tetiana Kotelnikova GRD '25 wrote to the News. “He provides us with insights into real-world politics, which is something we can’t get from textbooks alone. It’s rare to have someone who shares honestly about politics in interviews.”

Some of the class discussions will draw on Christie’s personal experiences in debates, with the syllabus linking a YouTube video of a December 2023 debate between Christie and Vivek Ramaswamy LAW '13 and another video titled “Chris Christie takes down Marco Rubio” from February 2016 as optional course materials. According to the syllabus, the course will also reference a variety of media ranging from films to leaked campaign memos on both Democratic and Republican political candidates.

Christie did not immediately respond to the News’ request for comment regarding the course.

Christie was appointed as the U.S. Attorney for New Jersey in 2002 by then-President George W. Bush '68. Christie later served as the governor of New Jersey from 2010 to 2018.

Christie has also vied for the Republican presidential nomina-

tion. He launched his first presidential campaign in January 2015 but dropped out of the 2016 Republican primaries after receiving under 7 percent of the vote in the New Hampshire Republican primary.

After providing support to Trump’s 2016 and 2020 presidential campaigns, Christie launched another campaign for the 2024 presidential election. In January 2024, he once again dropped out of the race following low poll numbers in the New Hampshire primary at 11.6 percent, compared to Nikki Haley’s 29.9 percent and Trump’s 42.4 percent, according to FiveThirtyEight.

The course was conceived after Christie gave a talk at the Jackson School in April 2024, according to James Levinsohn, dean of the Jackson School of Global Affairs.

“It was a fantastic talk and in conversation, I asked him if he might be interested in teaching a seminar here at some point,” Levinsohn wrote to the News. “One thing led to another and here we are — first day of classes and Gov. Christie is downstairs as I write this.”

The course, which is aimed toward undergraduate students but is also open to graduate students at the Jackson School, was met with high demand. In addition to the 15 students enrolled in the course, 30 more students are listed on the course’s Canvas page as visitors, according to the Course Demand Statistics site as of Monday.

“I may be registered on Canvas as a visitor — but I am a visitor who cannot visit,” Zach Pan '27, who tried to register for the course, wrote to the News. “Me and the 20 or so students who tried to shop the class on Friday were informed that only registered students could attend. This is quite understandable, however, in light of Christie’s high profile.”

Despite Pan’s waitlisted status, he wrote that he will still try to visit Christie’s office hours and take advantage of Christie’s time on Yale’s campus.

The syllabus specified that students interested in the course had to submit a 150–200 word statement about their background, interest, “potential contributions to the class and how the course will benefit their future career” to Christie and his course assistants by Aug. 28.



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Christie, who campaigned for the Republican presidential nomination in 2016 and 2024, will draw on both Democratic and Republican campaigns on different levels of office to teach a seminar about campaign strategy and leadership.

Kotelnikova, who is from Ukraine and has experienced two periods of war in her home country — first when her hometown of Horlivka was occupied by pro-Russian separatists at the start of the Russo-Ukrainian War in 2014 and then again during Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in 2022 — was initially worried that her non-American background would detract from her chances of being able to enroll in the class. She speculates, however, that sharing “such a personal and painful” part of her life persuaded Christie to select her for the course.

“I am incredibly grateful to former Governor Christie because sharing such a personal and painful part of my life has led to this opportunity to learn from him,” Kotelnikova wrote. “I believe this speaks volumes about former Governor Christie as a person — it

shows that he cares about global issues. The selection process for this class was unique, and Governor Christie mentioned that the choice of students was deliberate; he personally selected each one of us. He likely focused on who we are as individuals and the impact we aspire to make.”

According to Levinsohn, he and Christie have not yet discussed any plans to offer the course again in future semesters. However, there may still be hope for students who seek to interact with Christie outside of the class.

“I’ll be working with the Governor’s office to see if his calendar might permit another talk open to all students here this Fall,” Levinsohn wrote. “We’re thrilled to have Gov. Christie at Jackson and it’d be great if we can host some more events. Stay tuned!”

In the meantime, though, outsiders will likely have a difficult time gaining access to the conversations that take place in the seminar, as the syllabus makes multiple stipulations regarding confidentiality. The syllabus states that all discussions “shall be conducted under Chatham House rules,” meaning participants are allowed to reference information from conversations but cannot reveal who made a particular statement. The syllabus also specifies that “all comments by guest speakers are off the record,” and students may not record or cite them without written consent.

The 2024 U.S. presidential election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

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"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen."

MICHAEL JORDAN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN AND FORMER BASKETBALL PLAYER

Bad hair day? Five places to get a snip

BY JULIA FURNEAUX
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The Elm City is renowned for many things: museums, concert halls and pizza parlors. But another local industry might deserve a

place amongst New Haven's most celebrated attributes: hair salons. Whether you are looking to undo a hair crisis or simply get a

trim, here are five local options for getting a great haircut from local businesses. The News compiled the list — far from exhaus-

tive — with a diverse range of services and experiences, all within a reasonable walking distance of Yale's campus.

The Barberie & Salon, 488 Orange St.

Walk just 10 minutes from Pauli Murray College and you will find yourself at The Barberie & Salon, a business with a family at its center.

Owner, principal barber and stylist Marlie Rodriguez, who runs the salon alongside her husband and son, opened the salon two years ago. Rodriguez, who was a carpenter for 15 years before becoming a hairstylist, finds satisfaction in the shift in the art forms "because you're helping people look good and feel good about themselves."

The Barberie & Salon is a hybrid salon, offering both barber services and long-length haircuts — an effort to steer away from gendered language, Rodriguez said. She added that the salon often works with New Haven Pride Center.

They specialize in skin fades, often combining services to fit their clients' individual needs. Prices work on a tiered system, depending on the experience of the stylist; costs range from \$30 to \$50. With its interior featuring organic colors and industrial metals, The Barberie & Salon exudes both inclusivity and creativity.



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Jo Bruno Hair, 1 Whitney Ave.

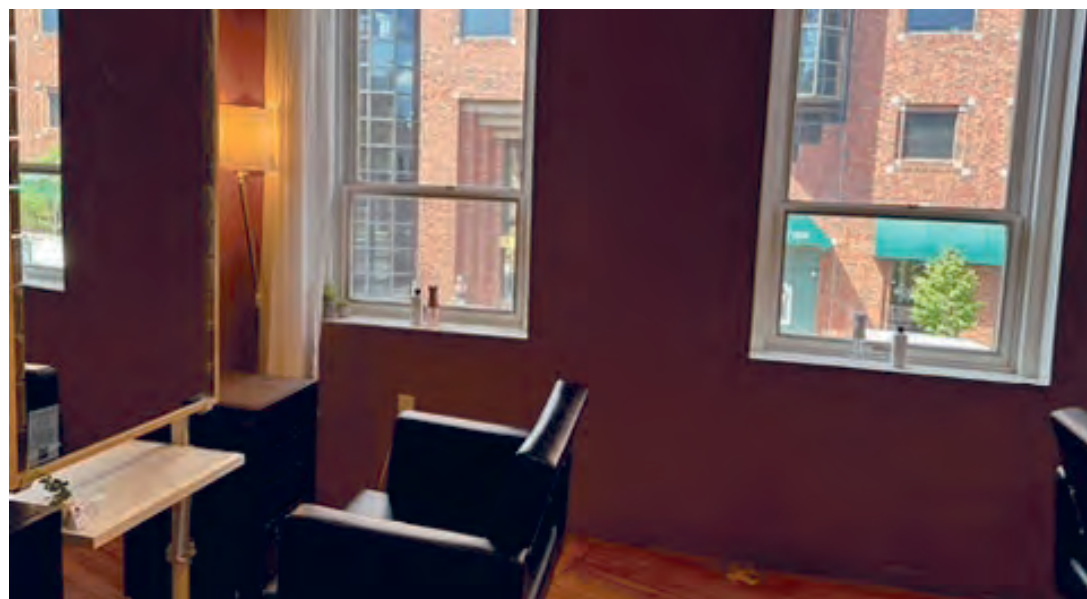
Jo Bruno Hair is the destination for Yalies and New Haveners alike looking for stylists with experience in cutting curly hair.

Owner Jo Bruno, who has curly hair herself, says that specializing in cutting curly hair was not by design, but by demand. Early in her career, a client asked her if she could read a book called "Curly Girl" and try its method. The experiment proved popular and soon Bruno devoted herself to curly haircutting.

Bruno explains that cutting curly hair is very different from the mathematical strategy

employed when cutting straight hair: "When you cut curly hair [it's like] forming pottery or trimming a hedge...you're using your eye and molding it into the shape that you want."

Jo Bruno Hair opened in 2006 and has been in its current Whitney Avenue location diagonally across from Timothy Dwight College since 2012. While Yale students are the majority of the clients at Jo Bruno Hair, some dedicated customers travel great lengths — some from as far as Florida — all for Bruno's specialized cutting technique. Prices range from \$55 to \$110.



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Salon J, 168 York St.

Salon J operates out of a brick townhouse conveniently located on York Street, just past the Yale School of Architecture. With the start of a new school year, the salon is buzzing on a Saturday afternoon — both with activity and the sound of three hairdryers running at once.

Talia Rufrano, a stylist at the salon who has been cutting hair for more than four years, describes the atmosphere as "very chill and welcoming." Salon J offers hair-

cutting, hair coloring, wedding styling and chemical treatments such as hair-smoothing keratin. The salon has been in operation in New Haven for over 10 years and was previously located close to Grey Matter Books.

Students enjoy a 10 percent discount at Salon J. With the discount, men's haircuts start at \$41 while women's begin at \$68.

One of their most popular services? Perms. "We do a lot of perms," Rufrano says.



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Skull & Combs Co., 832 State St.

The motto of Skull & Combs Co., a neighborhood fixture, is "Friends Made. Hair Slayed."

The salon and barbershop, a 10-minute walk from the Yale School of Management, was opened by owner Jason Bunce in 2017. The salon's play on words will remind seasoned Yalies of Yale's own Skull and Bones; the two are entirely unrelated, Bunce said.

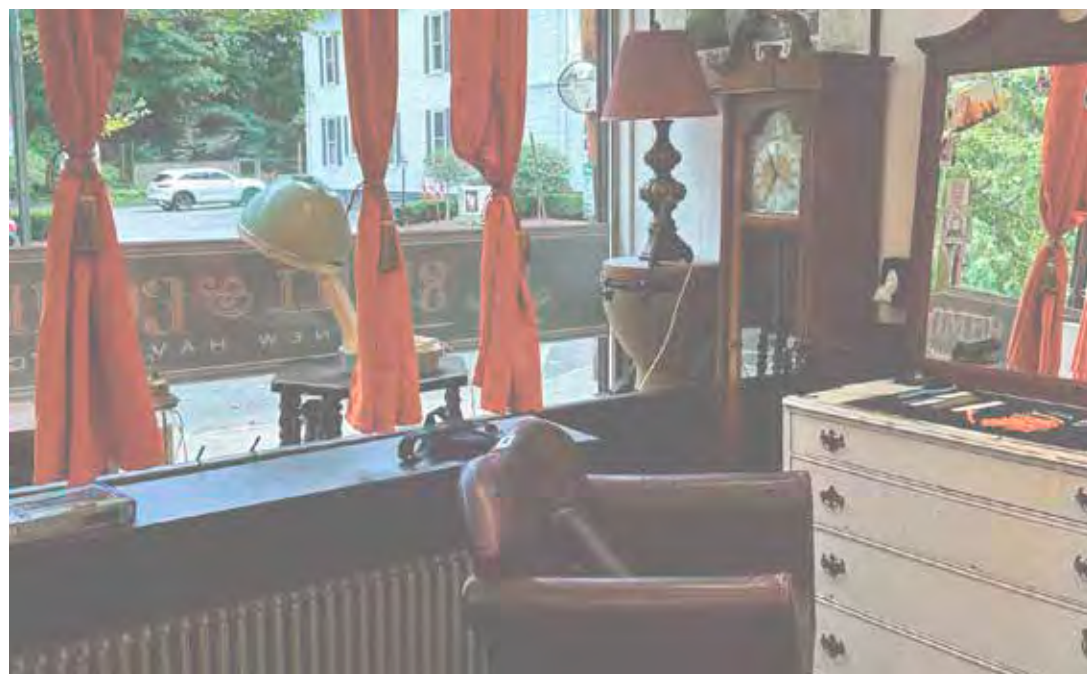
Inside, one-off vintage-style dressers double as workstations and walls are crowded with odes to music legends including a Rolling Stones tour poster, a Dolly Parton vinyl and Jim Morrison's mugshot following his 1967 New Haven arrest.

The light-heartedness of Skull and Combs Co.'s name and interior

carries over onto its service menu, where customers can find a unique — and popular — service called "Dealer's Choice."

"A lot of people that sit down in our chairs sometimes don't really know what they want," Bunce said. "They need a little creative influence and a little push in a direction. So we created the 'Dealer's Choice' for those people that want to come in and just kind of leave it in the artist's hands."

Skull and Combs Co. caters to students, neighbors and customers who travel to be on the receiving end of their scissors for specialty colors and cuts. Prices range between \$40 to \$60 for a barber cut and \$65 to \$125 for a stylist cut.



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Rimagé Salon and Spa, 1210 Chapel St.

Len Yanavich opened Rimagé Salon and Spa in 1984 and has been serving Yale students ever since. Rimagé, located down the street from Pierson College, offers a variety of services including haircuts, threading, waxing, barbering, facials, nails, hot towel shaves and special event styling.

Rimagé sees many students but, on occasion, actors and actresses fresh from the Yale Repertory Theatre.

In opening Rimagé, Yanavich says he not only wanted to cater to hair care but also create "a safe place for people to come and feel at home away from home."

The salon prides itself on its strong community ties, having previously raised funds for the AIDS Project New Haven, the New Haven Pride Center and local soup kitchens. Rimagé also has a program where clients can make donations to cover the cost for people struggling with homelessness to get their hair cut.

Echoing its "family-based" spirit, pricing is holistic, and Yanavich is open to compromise when someone is facing hardship. A men's haircut can range from \$30 to \$85, and students will receive a 15 percent discount during the academic year.



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ARTS

"The road to success is always under construction."

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A Rosetta Stone for Understanding Yale's Theater Scene

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For new Yale students who haven't yet found their footing on Yale campus, it can be challenging to find the right spaces to pursue their interests and hobbies. Navigating the abundance of opportunities and organizations at Yale can be especially dizzying.

If you're a new Yale interested in experiencing the school's theater opportunities, you're in luck. Here is a Rosetta Stone of the Yale theater scene — from a beat reporter who has covered undergraduate performances for the past year.

Yale theater can generally be split into four broad categories: senior thesis projects, Dramat productions, residential college-funded shows and opera.

A testament to Yale's talent: senior thesis projects

Students who major in Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies — TAPS — and graduate students at the School of Drama are required to participate in and produce a senior thesis project.

The School of Drama is among the top drama schools in the country, educating stage titans such as Angela Bassett, Paul Giamatti, Lupita

Nyong'o, Henry Winkler and Meryl Streep. The caliber of these shows reflects the intense performance theory and dramaturgical thinking that these students have honed for years.

These shows are also a testament to the open nature of the Yale curriculum, as some of these thesis projects are the culmination of multiple majors and disciplines.

Last year, I reported on three senior thesis projects — "Sanctuary City," "Cleansed" and "Alice by Heart." Often with a smaller cast, these shows are usually more dramatic and interpretive in nature — allowing the actors, as well as the production team, the chance to experiment and demonstrate their range.

"Sanctuary City" premiered as a joint senior thesis project for the TAPS and the ethnicity, race and migration majors and was prepared by David DeRuijter '24 and Lauren Marut '25.

This production tells the story of an unnamed boy and girl as they grapple with the uncertainty of their futures. As undocumented immigrants, the boy and girl face daunting trials and choices not typically represented in coming-of-age stories.

"A lot of my senior thesis research explores this question of authenticity," said Marut. "[When] I was younger, being able to go into

a theater and see a woman who looked like me was the biggest kind of affirmation to me. And the work that I hope to do moving forward in life involves creating that experience for other people ... to see their communities on stage."

Yale's mini Broadway: The Dramat

Interested in theater but don't know how or where to start? Join the Dramat.

This completely student-run theater organization offers a range of opportunities — from stagecraft to sound design work — and caters to various levels. Becoming a formal member of the Dramat also comes with perks: ticket privileges, access to exclusive events and a voice in the operations of some of the biggest student shows, like its Fall Mainstage Show.

"The Dramat is the second oldest collegiate theater group in the country and one of the only that functions as an entirely student-run production company," said Rhayna Poulin '25, president of the Dramat. "Being a member and working on our shows is a unique opportunity in the Yale theater space and just in college theater in general."

With abundant resources and many helping hands, Dramat pro-

ductions tend to be some of the highest-technical quality on campus. For their two mainstage productions, the organization hires professional directors, technicians, designers and set builders who work collaboratively with the undergraduate cast.

The Dramat also has the privilege of performing in the University Theater — a Broadway-like venue they share exclusively with the DGSD — as well as the Iseman Theater and Yale Repertory Theater spaces.

With more than 120 years of history, the Dramat is an established presence in the Yale arts community. Everyone knows when the Dramat is putting on a show, while college shows tend to be a bit more underground — literally and figuratively.

Diamonds in the rough: residential college theater productions

While thesis shows and Dramat productions undergo a thorough pitching and vetting system, residential college shows can be put on by anyone. Did you write a play in your English class? Do you and your best friend want to put on a two-man show of "Hamilton"? Pursue your theater dreams, both big and small, through your ResCo!

All fourteen residential colleges offer funding opportunities through the Creative and Performing Arts, or CPA, Awards, which support on-campus musical, theatrical, film or visual arts endeavors. Applications for CPA funding open twice a year; the deadline for the fall 2024 application cycle closes on Sept. 8.

From my experience, residential college theater productions can be a hit-or-miss experience. Most of these shows are true passion projects — some of which have been the best shows I've seen at Yale.

But, the tighter budget constraints can present some challenges for the production. Additionally, as these shows aren't as well advertised as Dramat productions, there may be a smaller pool of talent to choose from.

If you're looking to stretch your acting muscles, I highly recommend auditioning for a student show. Information about applying for CPA funding and auditioning for these upcoming shows can be found on the Yale College Arts page.

Ticket information can also be found on this page; since these the-

ater spaces are smaller, tickets sell out very fast.

Yale's hidden gem: the Opera Theater

The final and most niche area of theater at Yale is the opera.

The Opera Theater of Yale College — OTYC — is an undergraduate opera company that is also run entirely by students.

Even though I am an Arts reporter, these shows often fly over my head. I rely religiously on subtitles, so when a single syllable is stretched out over eight notes, it can be difficult to comprehend the content of what is being sung.

However, even if I can't understand the musical dialogue, the emotional content of the show and the quality of the actors more than compensate for it.

In fact, these shows are exceptional and speak highly to the quality of talent found in every pocket of this school.

"Whether you're a singer, instrumentalist, designer, director, dramaturg, or interested audience member, there's a place for you in OTYC — no experience necessary!" wrote Sophie Dvorak '25, artistic director of the OTYC, in an email to the News. "Storytelling through music is an essential and enrapturing part of life, and OTYC is passionate about working with students of all backgrounds in order to share what makes opera so special."

If you're feeling like trying something new, the opera is the place to go. You will immediately feel superior to your peers, and hopefully, you'll enjoy it too.

For budding theater fans to passionate theatermakers, Yale offers an encouraging ecosystem to explore this art form. Take it from Cameron Nye '27, a sophomore who has acted in productions their first year and described their Yale theater experience as "overwhelmingly positive."

"Everyone is so passionate about what they do, it's super inspiring. I've met some of my closest friends through the shows I've done here," Nye said. "I can't wait to do more."

Located at 222 York St., the University Theatre is the biggest performing space for theater productions on Yale's campus.

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New to Yale? Here's how you can get involved with Yale's theater scene, either as a patron or performer.

Special exhibit showcases Holocaust survivors' testimonies

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The Fortunoff Video Archive, a 45-year-old collection of Holocaust survivor testimonies collected at Yale, is currently on display at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

The special exhibit, titled "In the First Person: The Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies," aims to showcase the powerful first-person testimonies collected over four decades ago to mark the anniversary of the Archive's formation.

The exhibit presents pieces from the extensive digital and physical collection, sharing intimate details about many survivors' experiences during the Holocaust and World War II. Additionally, it takes a comprehensive look at the tide of antisemitism and Nazism in Europe during the first half of the 20th century through the lens of those who witnessed it.

"It is an exemplary exhibit in the way it provides both a history of the archive and makes the archive's contents accessible," David Sorkin, the Lucy G. Moses professor of modern Jewish history at Yale, told the News.

Beginning in 1979, the Holocaust Survivors Film Project embarked on an ambitious undertaking: documenting the experiences and memories of Holocaust survivors in the New Haven community, and later, across the nation. Two years later, 183 testimonies, comprising the project's entirety at the time, were donated to the Yale University Library.

Throughout the 1980s, as the project developed, volunteers recorded further survivor testimonies in New Haven. Currently, the Fortunoff Video Archive contains over 4,400 video testimonies or 12,000 hours of filmed interviews taken all over the world.

Now, 45 years later, "In the First Person" invites visitors to take their time among the collection, which is laid out around the upper level



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"In the First Person" is on display now at the Beinecke Library and displays the Fortunoff Video Archive, a series of Holocaust survivor testimonies.

of the Beinecke, and gain a deeper understanding of just a sample of what was recorded decades ago. The exhibit features 19 video interviews, exploring the lives of Holocaust survivors in an effort to paint a wider portrait of the event using a collage of individual stories.

For example, Imre Kertész, who was only 14 when Nazi forces occupied his city of Budapest, recalls in his recorded testimony that "The concept of man was ended...shattered."

After being deported to Auschwitz and then Buchenwald Concentration Camp, Kertész survived and wrote about his experiences in his 1975 novel "Sorstalanság" — meaning "fatelessness" in English — before being interviewed for the Video Archive in 1997.

Kertész, whose excerpt is on display on a video monitor with headphones, echoes the sentiment of the exhibit itself, which offers a space to memorialize the millions of Jewish and non-Jewish victims while creating an atmosphere dedicated to preventing the rise of hate and antisemitism again.

The theme of memorialization and education is strong throughout the exhibit, and it leaves a lasting impression on those who have already visited.

Natalia Armas Perez '28 was moved by the archival display, saying that the collection "highlights smaller stories and gives a platform to drama and moments of growth. It shows how far

we've come but also what is left to do."

Paying special attention to antisemitism and the experiences of the interviewees before, during and after the Holocaust, "In the First Person" paints a comprehensive image of not only the rise and fall of Nazis in Europe but the individual lives that were shaken and ended during the Holocaust. Alongside pieces and videos from survivors themselves, the exhibit also displays objects, including newspaper advertisements and opening programs.

The exhibit has been on display since the 45th anniversary of the archive's formation on July 25.

"The Fortunoff Video Archive is a crucially important contribu-

tion to the preservation of Holocaust memory and education," said Uri Cohen, executive director of the Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale. "Holocaust education is more important today than at any other time in history."

Through a collection of historical artifacts and sources ranging in media type, the exhibit efficiently and diligently paints a heartbreaking picture of the Holocaust and all the individuals whose lives were irrevocably changed by hate.

"In the First Person" will remain at the Beinecke until Jan. 28, 2025.

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SCITECH

"Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I will do what others can't."

JERRY RICE FOOTBALL WIDE RECEIVER

YSM considers AI to detect breast cancer

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Doctors at the School of Medicine are debating whether artificial intelligence mammography could be used to diagnose and predict breast cancer more accurately.

Detecting breast cancer is particularly challenging. For decades, doctors have tried to improve breast cancer diagnosis using computer-aided detection, but their efforts were generally fruitless. Recent advances in AI and machine learning, however, may enhance breast cancer detection rates. AI technologies can be employed to analyze mammographic images and identify subtle patterns that might indicate early signs of breast cancer that could be missed by the human eye.

These AI models assist radiologists by acting as a second reader, flagging potential areas of concern that warrant closer inspection. This dual-review process, combining AI with human expertise, aims to refine the screening process, making it not only faster but also more accurate. However, AI mammography is hamstrung by several limitations.

"I think when used as a second reader to a human, the combination of human and AI has the

potential and will almost certainly be slightly better than a human alone or AI alone," John Lewin, an associate professor and chief of radiology and biomedical imaging at the School of Medicine, told the News.

Liane Philpotts, professor and chief of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging, on the other hand, offers a grounded perspective. She noted that while mammograms often correctly identify patients with breast cancer, they are less successful when encountering dense breast tissue.

"Where mammography suffers the most is in women with dense tissue because that's where most of the cancers are going to get hidden," Philpotts said.

AI mammography may help overcome these limitations. According to Lewin, when two physicians read a mammogram, it produces more accurate diagnoses than just one physician, and the combination of a physician and AI is better than one physician and about the same as two physicians.

"Detecting breast cancer on mammography is incredibly challenging at times," Philpotts told the News. "It tends to help some of the more junior people, the less experienced readers can benefit perhaps from the AI, but the AI



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Doctors at the School of Medicine are discussing the potential of AI mammography to improve breast cancer detection.

doesn't do better than the experienced readers."

Both Lewin and Philpotts are cautious about over-reliance on AI. According to Lewin, it is important to integrate AI judiciously, ensuring it complements rather than supplants human expertise.

"AI is not magic. It can get as good as a human, but it's not going to drastically increase things," Lewin told the News. "Based on studies of double reading, you might find maybe 10 percent, maybe 15 percent more can-

cers, but when you're doing screen mammography, there [are] four, five, cancers per thousand screening mammograms. It takes thousands of women for that to make a significant difference."

Additionally, Andrejeva Liva-Wright, an associate professor of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging, raised concerns about the potential risks associated with AI, such as inducing biases in clinical judgment.

"Studies that show that it does affect your judgment in a way. Regardless of how expert you may

be, it can give you biases," Liva-Wright said.

Despite these risks, the doctors agree that using AI mammography could facilitate personalized medicine. According to Liva-Wright, AI mammography could help radiologists issue more personalized and accurate screening recommendations.

In 2019, 69.1 percent of women aged 40 and older had a mammogram within the past 2 years.

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CARE addresses health disparities in New Haven

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The Community Alliance for Research and Engagement, or CARE, is on a mission to reduce health disparities in New Haven.

Based out of the Yale School of Public Health and Southern Connecticut State University, CARE aims to improve the health and well-being of New Haveners by providing community-based solutions to health challenges and disparities.

CARE focuses on chronic disease prevention by tackling risk factors among underserved communities, with attention to underlying social structures.

"If somebody had chronic diseases like diabetes, we used to tell them to eat five fruits/veggies a day and exercise 30 minutes a day," Alycia Santilli, CARE's director, told the News. "However, we didn't really consider the context and the communities in which people are operating. Our approach is to address systems that are in place that impede people from being able to access

healthy foods, eat healthy foods, get physically active."

Yale and Southern Connecticut State University join the efforts

CARE was started in 2007 at the School of Public Health under the leadership of Jeannette Ickovics, a professor of social and behavioral sciences. Then, the initiative focused on finding solutions to chronic disease disparities, particularly obesity, through community-based participatory research.

The initiative worked with the New Haven Health Department to engage with communities about their needs. Soon, CARE realized that addressing social structures that lead to chronic diseases would be the better path forward.

In 2016, Yale School of Public Health merged efforts with SCSU's College of Health and Human Services to work on CARE.

"SCSU is a local state university that has much more community connection and serves the greater New Haven community," Santilli told the News. "SCSU is a more representative place to house an organization focused on New

Haven, but the benefits of Yale's prestige and access to researchers who are internationally known is unmatched as well."

Addressing disparities in New Haven

According to Kathleen Duffany, director of research at CARE and a School of Public Health professor, New Haven has concentrated pockets of low-income communities which happen also to be communities of color.

For example, more than 30 percent of Latino populations and 24 percent of Black populations experience food insecurity, compared to 12 percent of their white counterparts. These populations also experience higher rates of asthma and obesity.

Even though CARE tackles a wide range of health factors, from food insecurities to transportation safety to vaccine equity, its work ultimately involves changing public health approaches to take into account social context in public health campaigns.

Thus, CARE's work can be put into two categories: chronic dis-

ease prevention and the development of health leaders in New Haven's local communities.

For example, pantry staff and volunteers categorize the healthiness of foods at local food pantries in an initiative called Supporting Wellness at Pantries. CARE also works to persuade local businesses to become more breast or chest-feeding friendly in offices, which the organization believes promotes nutritional health for infants and lowers turnover rates for businesses.

As part of CARE's New Haven Health Leadership program, New Haveners identify, create and implement solutions to various inequities, such as from mobile farmers markets and urban walking trails.

For example, Duffany and her team suggested adding new modules to the "Basics of Breastfeeding" healthcare provider training in New Haven that were focused on racial inequities in the breastfeeding experience.

"Our hope is that this one-hour training module will [help] healthcare providers to adapt their

practices to address inequities in breastfeeding care and support," Duffany told the News.

The organization works directly with a range of partners, from supporting various school and community gardens, to encouraging students to limit their screen time with public schools.

Sofia Morales, CARE's program manager, said the community members' voices should set CARE's priorities.

"One important approach is also identifying what are the assets that the New Haven community has," Morales told the News. "New Haven is a rich, powerful, vibrant city and we really look to honor and build upon those assets that already exist within the New Haven community."

Policymaking involvement and government partnerships

CARE also works with local governments to cement change for local communities.

For example, the organization has worked closely with the New Haven Food Policy Council around urban gardening and urban agriculture and has collaborated with the New Haven Department of Transportation to initiate the Safe Routes for All plan.

CARE board members have also served on legislative task forces, such as the "Food Is Medicine" task force, to inform policymakers about food insecurities.

For the last five years, CARE has been receiving federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to reduce food insecurities for certain racial groups.

Moving forward, CARE plans to use part of the CDC's grant to amplify its bike share program to encourage physical activity and improve the work of the Breastfeeding Task Force.

Additionally, the organization plans to expand its work at the state level. CARE has already taken its health leadership programs to cities like Hartford and Bridgeport with grants from the Connecticut Department of Public Health. And interest is growing in cities like Hamden and West Haven for implementations of SWAP to improve nutrition access.

"CARE is working towards system change so that everyone in our communities can have access to health," Morales said. "It makes me happy, proud, and humbled to do this work as a part of an organization that is working to address the root causes of health disparities in a collaborative and meaningful way with our communities. And we want to provide this to other communities in Connecticut as well."

Applications for the 2025 cohort of CARE's Health Leadership Program are now open.

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The Community Alliance for Research and Engagement uses community-based projects to tackle disease risk factors.

SPORTS

Bulldogs take home nine medals at Paris Olympics

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Nine different Bulldogs received a medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Twenty current and former Yale athletes represented the Blue and White across four different sports: rowing, sailing, football and Paralympic swimming. Sixteen competed in rowing, accounting for eight of Yale's nine total medals.



YALE ATHLETICS

Twenty current and former Yale athletes represented the Blue and White.

Seven of the rowers who medaled are Yale alumni. Tom Digby '20, Sholto Carnegie '18 and Charlie Elwes '19 took home gold in the men's eight racing for Great Britain.

"A key characteristic that Yale crew has that is truly unique is a team dynamic that is fiercely competitive but also supportive," Carnegie told the News. "This allowed us to push each other on at the same time as being incredibly close friends"

Yale men's heavyweight crew was a formative part of Carnegie's rowing experience, he said. It pushed him to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming an Olympian.

A unique part of Carnegie's journey along Great Britain's quest for gold was that he was rowing alongside three of his former teammates.

"It was incredibly special to row with Charlie and Tom," Carnegie said. "We've been through a lot together and when it comes down to racing in an Olympic final you need complete trust in your teammates and our crew had this in abundance."

Close behind the British trio was fellow Eli Nick Rusher '23, who won bronze in the same event competing for the United States.

"It's never easy to race against a former teammate, but we know ultimately we are also representing Yale at the Olympics," Rusher said. "It makes me incredibly proud to see so many Yale oarsmen and -women there!"

In another impressive performance, Maya Meschkuleit '25 rowed for Canada and won silver in the women's eight event.

"My time rowing for Yale was absolutely instrumental

in shaping my journey to the Olympics," Meschkuleit said. "The rigorous training, disciplined schedule and high standards set by both my coaches and teammates at Yale not only honed my physical capabilities but also strengthened my mental toughness. These aspects were critical when transitioning to Olympic-level competition."

She elaborated further on the importance of her time at Yale, both on the water and around campus.

"The environment at Yale, fostered by our coaches and the rowing community, truly inspired me to push my limits. Their unwavering support and belief in my potential played a significant role in my decision to pursue my Olympic dreams after witnessing their dedication and passion for excellence in rowing."

Meschkuleit felt especially supported knowing other Yalies were competing in Paris.

In another Eli-vs-Eli matchup, Oliver Wynne-Griffith '17 won silver for Great Britain in the Men's Pair with Adrin Gulich '22 of Switzerland right on his heels, grabbing bronze.

Rounding out the rowers, Daire Lynch '22 brought home bronze for Ireland in the men's double sculls.

Also on the water, Ian Barrows '17 took home bronze in the sailing event men's skiff for the United States, winning the only medal won outside of rowing by a Bulldog.

Other notable top ten finishes include Daisy Mazzio-Manson '20, who finished fifth in the women's four, and Christina Bourmpou '26 who finished in sixth in the women's pair. Mazzio-Manson raced for the United States.

Bourmpou raced for Greece as the youngest Yalie at the Olympics, having just completed her second year.

Kristi Wagner '15 rowed in the women's double sculls for the U.S. and finished in ninth.

In soccer, Michelle Alozie '19 represented Yale on team Nigeria.

However, the Games are not over yet. There's still one more Bulldog to watch. Ali Truweit '23 is swimming in the Paralympics, and her first heat was on Aug. 29.

The Olympics were held July 26 through Aug. 11.

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MEN'S SOCCER: Bulldogs fall to Marquette, Indiana in first two games

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The 2023 Ivy League Champion Bulldogs looked to continue last year's momentum and start the season strong with their matchups against Marquette and Indiana in two out of conference match-ups. The first two games, however, were not what the Elis had envisioned.

The Yale men's soccer team (0-2-0, 0-0-0) dropped their first away game of the 2024 season to Indiana (1-1-1) in a 2-0 defeat on Sunday night after falling to Marquette (3-1-0) earlier in the same weekend on Friday night.

When asked about how the opening losses will prepare them for the remainder of the season, goalie Chris Edwards '25 told the News, "We've deliberately scheduled tough non-conference opponents this year. Facing strong competition early on allows us to learn quickly and adapt, so we can apply those lessons when it matters most during conference play and the Ivy League tournament."

The Elis started off strong defending tightly against Marquette at the outset of the first game.

Edwards blocked Marquette's first shot on goal in a triumphant save, and the Bulldogs had their offensive turn, keeping the ball for a good portion of the first half.

Although the Bulldogs outshot Marquette 7-5 in the first half and 4-1 in the second half, the Golden Eagles keeper Marten Brink successfully saved all of the Elis' attempts on goal.

The sole goal scored in the competition happened during the 21st minute of the game, with Edwards just missing the ball as it soared into the net.

Looking towards their game against Indiana, the team knew they were up against stiff competition.

"It was a great experience for us, and we appreciate the opportunity to play these types of games," Head Coach Kylie Stannard told Yale Athletics about the game. "It also says a lot that Indiana has huge respect for our program to invite us here and to have the crowd and intensity they brought tonight."

Like Yale, Indiana also came into the game looking to bounce back after going winless in their first two of the new season against Saint Louis (1-1-1) and Notre Dame (0-0-2). On top of that, pressure was already mounting as the Hoosiers came into the year with big expectations after making an NCAA quarterfinals appearance last season and finishing with a top five national ranking.

In the 18th minute, it was Indiana that kicked off the scoring as senior forward Tommy Mihalic fired a penalty shot just past the outstretched arm of Yale goalie Edwards. Just under 15 minutes later, the Bulldogs came close to evening up the score as junior midfielder Diego Zaffanella '26 raced past multiple Indiana defenders and received a beautiful through-ball from first-year Sven Meacham '28 in Indiana's box.

After juking one Hoosier, Zaffanella fired a shot that the Indiana goalie was fortunate to deflect away.

In the second half, Indiana notched a second tally, and once again it was Mihalic with the conversion. Senior forward and 2023 All-American Samuel Sarver had charged down the right sideline, and he fed a pass back to Mihalic who was streaking through the center and redirected it into the bottom corner.

In the end, Indiana finished with 16 total shots, five of which were on goal, with two finding the back of the net. For the Hoosiers, the strong home performance was nothing out of the

ordinary. In their last 14 home games at Bill Armstrong Stadium, they hold an impressive 11-0-3 record.

Now, Yale will look to get back on track as they head home to New Haven and square up against a University of Massachusetts (1-1-1) squad on Saturday that the Elis fell to 3-0 last year.

As they prepare for Saturday night's home matchup, Yale is looking to capitalize on the strengths exhibited within these first two games.

"We don't concede too many clear-cut chances and we're looking to build on our defensive discipline and resilience going forward," junior

midfielder Andrew Seidman '26 told the News.

The Elis will need to keep the strong defensive play going and keep an eye on the Minutemen's prolific goal scorer, Alec Hughes. After scoring his 36th career tally against Providence College on Monday, Hughes is now tied for fourth in their program history in All-Time goals.

The Bulldogs must keep their confidence high; they can look to last year's success as Ivy League Champions for all the inspiration they need.

"We're all motivated to achieve even more this year. No Yale team has

ever won back-to-back Ivy League championships, so this is a big opportunity for us. Our focus on hard work, trust, and continuous growth will be key as we navigate the season ahead," Edwards said.

Last year, the Bulldogs also fell in their first two games before only losing one in the following nine.

The team will face UMass on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Reese Stadium.

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YALE ATHLETICS

The Yale men's soccer team dropped their first and second game of the 2024 season and will look to bounce back this upcoming Saturday.

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“Great things come from hard work and perseverance. No excuses.”

KOBE BRYANT, AMERICAN BASKETBALL PLAYER

Former PayPal CEO Peter Thiel decries higher education to YPU

BY ABBY NISSLEY
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Peter Thiel — a billionaire and co-founder and former CEO of PayPal — spoke at a debate hosted by the Yale Political Union Tuesday night to make the case that higher education has become a “bubble.”

The Yale Political Union hosted Thiel on Sept. 3, as the first in a lineup of notable speakers this year, for a debate on the resolution titled, “Higher Education is a Bubble.” At the event, Thiel argued that higher education fit his three defining factors for what determines a “bubble”: something hard to define, containing a psychosocial aspect and increasing at an exponential rate financially.

Thiel, known for starting the Thiel Foundation, which awards \$100,000 to college dropouts to pursue a path of entrepreneurship, spoke for the affirmative of the resolution.

“The explanation I have is that the institutions became socio-pathic,” Thiel said at the debate when explaining how the “higher education bubble” occurred and about higher education’s decline. Crowds lined up outside 53

Wall St. vying for seats to the YPU’s highly anticipated event. The debate on Tuesday was attended by representatives from each party in the Yale Political Union, several professors and many Yale students.

“This is one of the great benefits that Yale affords ... close proximity to famous and notable speakers,” Samuel Sanders ’28, who attended the event, told the News. “I’m excited to hear Peter Thiel’s thoughts.”

Throughout the debate, which lasted about two and half hours, adamant hissing and raucous stomping could be heard as people either agreed or strongly rejected the ideas presented by the speakers. Bodyguards were stationed in the corners of the room, scanning the crowd as Thiel sat on the stage at a table with YPU President Riya Bhargava ’26 and Speaker AJ Tapia-Wylie ’26.

In his opening speech arguing the affirmative, Thiel criticized Yale for “cultivating a culture of exclusivity” to maintain its perceived value.

“I think people will be extraordinarily upset that maybe the value of

[elite education] is heavily driven by exclusion,” Thiel said at the event.

Thiel’s opinions were met with corresponding rebuttals, with one of the rebuttal speeches saying that in the political sphere a college education is still invaluable and almost a necessity. Some audience members also criticized Thiel as inadvertently putting a value on college himself by offering \$100,000 to college dropouts, at which he smiled.

However, by a count of hands at the conclusion of the debate, the affirmative won.

When asked by the News why he agreed to come to Yale, Thiel responded by saying, “I want people to think for themselves.”

At the conclusion of the debate, Ryan Chen ’28, who attended the event, described his feelings as neutral.

“You can still think something’s a bubble,” Chen told the News. “However, that’s not to say I’m going to drop out.”

Thiel received his undergraduate and law degree from Stanford University.

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COURTESY OF ELIJAH HUREWITZ-RAVITCH
Ted Cruz discussed free speech controversies at Yale Law School and more, but was met with some backlash from student protesters.

Berkeley welcomes Bárbara Cruvinel Santiago as new dean

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On Aug. 1, Bárbara Cruvinel Santiago ’17 started her role as the new dean of Berkeley College.

Cruvinel Santiago completed her doctorate in physics in 2023 at Columbia. She previously attended Yale for her undergraduate degree where she majored in physics and was a member of Pierson College. In conversations with the News, Berkeley students expressed excitement and support for the new dean.

“She is very compassionate, eager to establish connections with everyone, and has always been a great support to the FroCo team,” Charmaine Bayalan ’25, a current first-year counselor in Berkeley, wrote to the News. “I think that they made a great choice in appointing her as

Berkeley’s new Dean and us FroCos and the entire Berkeley community are very lucky to have her!”

Cruvinel Santiago’s appointment came after the role was vacant for three months after Dean Brianne Bilsky stepped down.

At Yale, Cruvinel Santiago was involved in several campus organizations, including Yale Women in Physics, the Yale Science and Quantitative Reasoning Education Program as a peer mentor and the Office of International Students and Scholars as a peer liaison.

In recent years, Cruvinel Santiago has conducted post-doctoral research at Stanford University, focusing on research supporting nuclear non-proliferation efforts. She has also done graduate research at Columbia and at the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

This year at Yale, Cruvinel Santiago has already familiarized herself with the Berkeley community through events like capture the flag and “Taste of Brazil,” a Dean’s Office welcome celebration, and scheduling one-on-one lunch meetings with students.

Cruvinel Santiago hosts hybrid drop-in hours four times a week for Berkeley students, as well as “Pawffice Hours” weekly with her dog, an English cream golden retriever named Fubá.

“She’s made a good point of telling people to stop by ... she has made herself more present, like in the courtyard where you can pet her dog. It gives an avenue to humanizing her,” Maya Alvear ’25, a Berkeley FroCo, said.

Kyan Ramsay ’27, a member of the Berkeley College Council, wrote to the News that he’s often seen

Cruvinel Santiago getting to know students individually in the dining hall and other Berkeley spaces.

Ramsay also mentioned that though the Berkeley College Council primarily works with the head of college, Cruvinel Santiago has shown up for many of the council’s events and encouraged people to get involved.

Henry Hoak ’28, a first-year Berkeley student, said that he can relate to Cruvinel Santiago strongly because she is a recent Yale College graduate and thinks “it is exciting that [they] are both starting new journeys at Yale at the same time.”

Alvear emphasized that because Cruvinel Santiago attended Yale and was knowledgeable of the FroCo system through her affiliation with Pierson College, she’s been especially supportive of the Berkeley FroCo team.

Bayalan and the rest of the Berkeley FroCos got to know

Cruvinel Santiago during FroCo training prior to the academic year. Bayalan recalled that Cruvinel Santiago made their 12-hour training sessions more lively by making the FroCos shirts and stickers and constantly exuding positive energy.

“She made it a point to emphasize to us that we didn’t have to only be a FroCo and not a student, we needed to take care of ourselves too and prioritize our own time,” Alvear told the News. “So I think she really cares about the students, just in the things that she said and the way that she supported the FroCo’s. I’m sure that will extend to everyone.”

Cruvinel Santiago was not available to comment for the article.

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Students and first-year counselors in Berkeley College are enthusiastic about Cruvinel Santiago, who began her tenure as dean on Aug. 1.

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NEWS

"A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work"
COLIN POWELL, FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE

Civil rights attorney stepping into interim prison oversight role

BY MAIA NEHME
STAFF REPORTER

Civil rights attorney DeVaughn Ward is set to become Connecticut's first independent prison watchdog in over a decade.

Last month, Governor Ned Lamont appointed New London-based Ward as the interim correction ombudsman. The ombudsman's role involves monitoring Connecticut's 13 active correctional facilities, addressing incarcerated people's concerns and proposing policy revisions to the state Department of Correction. Ward will assume the role on Sept. 23, providing the first independent oversight of Connecticut's prisons since the ombudsman office was dissolved in 2010.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity to do some larger scale work to try to get better conditions for folks inside," Ward said at an event hosted by an organization against solitary confinement on Friday. "I'm really looking forward... to really trying to shed some light on what exactly is going on at DOC."

As managing attorney at Ward Law Office LLC, Ward has dedicated the past eight years to

criminal and civil litigation, including multiple high-profile cases against the DOC. In 2021, Ward secured a seven-figure settlement for the family of Karon Nealy Jr., an incarcerated teenager who died after his lupus went undiagnosed for two years while he was in custody.

Ward's main priority as ombudsman will be ensuring that incarcerated people receive adequate medical treatment, he said at Friday's event. Ward pointed to *Estelle v. Gamble*, a 1976 U.S. Supreme Court case which guarantees incarcerated people's right to healthcare.

Yet he said prisons often do not provide comprehensive care for incarcerated people. Ward noted that while Nealy was imprisoned at Manson Youth Institution in Cheshire, Conn., the facility had just one doctor who came into the prison once a week and treated about 50 patients during each of his visits. Ward connected the health of incarcerated people to that of the communities they will return home to.

"[Any] type of medical condition, the state has a moral and legal obligation to treat it," he said. "These folks are com-

ing home, and if we want to have safer communities, we have to... really develop a rehabilitative mindset around incarceration."

Ward's nomination marks the end of six months of turmoil and frustration among advocates and lawmakers surrounding the ombudsman role.

In February, Lamont ignored the recommendations of the Correction Advisory Committee, a group that interviewed and vetted applicants for the position, by nominating the committee's third — and last — place pick as ombudsman, public defender Hilary Carpenter. Community organizations pushed back against his initial pick, unconvinced that a state employee could provide independent oversight of the DOC.

Lawmakers expressed frustration over Lamont overlooking the committee's first two recommendations: civil rights attorney Ken Krayeske, who worked with Ward on several cases against the DOC, and Barbara Fair, a criminal justice advocate and member of Stop Solitary CT, the organization that hosted Friday's event.

Amidst these concerns, Lamont agreed to select an interim ombudsman who would be

approved by the legislature's Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, leading to Ward's nomination a few months later. Marisol Garcia, co-chair of the Correction Advisory Committee, told the News the group is already accepting applications for the permanent ombudsman role.

Applications for the role close at the end of the month. Garcia anticipates the committee will review applications, interview candidates and send Lamont its recommendations by the time the legislative session convenes next February. Ward will serve as interim ombudsman until the permanent ombudsman's confirmation hearing.

Ward's reception among advocates, lawmakers

Fair emphasized her support for Ward, highlighting his past litigation against the DOC and his willingness to meet with criminal justice advocacy groups.

Fair recalled that when she tried to meet with Carpenter to discuss her plans as ombudsman, Carpenter canceled their planned meetings several times and suggested meeting over Zoom. But when Fair asked to meet with Ward, he drove an hour to New Haven to talk

through his legal experience and plans for the position.

Carpenter did not immediately respond to the News' request for comment.

Fair added that Ward's brother is formerly incarcerated, which allows Ward to better connect with community members with ties to the carceral system, both those inside and outside of prisons.

Garcia, who was formerly incarcerated, also underscored Ward's legal background and knowledge of the carceral system, but she said she would prefer an ombudsman with lived experience with incarceration.

State Sen. Gary Winfield, who spearheaded the legislation that reinstated the ombudsman office and who criticized Lamont's selection of Carpenter, applauded Ward's nomination.

"I have complete confidence in his abilities and know he will be an exceptional advocate for those in our correctional facilities that for too long lacked a voice in how the criminal justice system is run," Winfield said in a press release.

Ward's understanding of the DOC's inner workings, particularly its handling of medical treatment for incarcerated people, will allow him to hit the ground running as interim ombudsman, Krayeske said.

But Krayeske worries that the DOC will constrain Ward's attempts at oversight, such as by restricting his access to documents, correctional facilities and DOC staff.

"The measure of how he does is going to be how well he can anticipate and plan around the walls that they're going to erect to prevent him from making progress on oversight," Krayeske said. "It's foreseeable that they're going to play games with him. They have power. They do not want to be held accountable for their exercise of power."

A spokesperson for the DOC said it would assist Ward in his efforts at prison oversight, noting its collaboration with the first iteration of the ombudsman's office and with the current ombudsman for Manson Youth Institution's incarcerated youth.

Fair described herself as being "cautiously optimistic" about Ward's nomination. Despite her confidence in his qualifications for the role, she expressed similar concerns about the DOC and the governor's office preventing Ward from making systemic changes.

"I've been in Hartford long enough to see how politics works," she said at the Stop Solitary CT event. "I'm praying that he is going to lead with courage and integrity, and he's going to fight this system, even if that system is paying his check."

Connecticut's correction ombudsman office was initially created in 1973.

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DeVaughn Ward, who has litigated cases against Connecticut's Department of Correction, will soon oversee the department as interim ombudsman starting Sept. 23.

Former Yale alder returns to chambers as mayor's liaison

BY ETHAN WOLIN
STAFF REPORTER

Alex Guzhnay '24, who as the Ward 1 alder bridged Yale's student body and New Haven's legislative body, has returned to City Hall to be the mayor's liaison to the Board of Alders.

Guzhnay began the job in Mayor Justin Elicker's administration on Tuesday, having graduated from Yale College in May. In the evening after his first day at work, Guzhnay attended the full board meeting, sitting in the public section rather than at a desk with his nameplate.

"Is that Alex Guzhnay there?" Ward 27 Alder Richard Furlow, the majority leader, remarked when he noticed his 22-year-old former colleague during the public session preceding the meeting. "Remember where you started, brother?"

Guzhnay, the son of Ecuadorian immigrants, grew up in New Haven and was elected to the Board of Alders during his sophomore year at Yale. He served one term as the Ward 1 alder, from January 2022 to December 2023. The district, now represented by Kiana Flores '25, includes eight Yale residential colleges and Old Campus.

He told the News he expects the new position to include

both administrative coordinating between the city's legislative and executive branches, but also work on local policy initiatives. He will help organize appointees to New Haven's boards and commissions as well. Guzhnay applied to the role only about a month ago, he said, after continuing in his campus job with Yale Conferences & Events through the summer. He is succeeding Barbara Montalvo.

Returning to the Aldermanic Chambers Tuesday evening in his new role, Guzhnay caught up with alders alongside whom he sat just over eight months ago. He bantered with several of them about his new responsibilities — not to the 4,500 constituents in his neighborhood, but to Elicker's vision for leading the city.

"Majority Leader Furlow was like, 'Playing for the other team now,'" Guzhnay said. "I was like, 'No, it's the same team, just from a different angle.'"

The board — whose members are all Democrats, most of them affiliated or allied with Yale's influential UNITE HERE unions — votes unanimously for most city policy proposals. Alders, serving part-time generally on top of full-time jobs, can shape legislation in committee meetings.

Guzhnay, who chaired the board's Health and Human Services Committee, said he will focus on "hearing from the board and using that to maybe provide some feedback directly to the mayor" and "giving him a temperature check on how the board is."

The alders must approve the mayor's annual budget and often make adjustments before doing so. In May, they rejected some new government positions that Elicker had proposed. Alders have also diverged from Elicker on residency requirements for certain city officials. But on most matters, the alders and the mayor come to agreement.

"I've been very glad to be in a moment where we have a lot of collaboration between my team and the board, and have a common vision for the city," Elicker said. "Alex Guzhnay's role is to engage with the alders, share what their concerns are with our team so we can address them, and also to articulate why we think what is in front of the alders is so important."

Elicker added that Guzhnay will benefit on the job from the relationships he developed over two years of aldermanic work.

Board President Tyisha Walker-Myers, who represents Ward 23, told the News that Guzhnay

was a hard-working, inquisitive colleague and a fast-learning committee chair, a rare post for a first-term alder.

"He knows the process, and so having a person that used to be on the board, he would be able to say to the administration, 'We need to give them more time on that,

because they have to go through this process,'" Walker-Myers said.

Guzhnay majored in political science and wrote his thesis about political participation by Latino Americans.

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After graduating from Yale in May, Alex Guzhnay '24 began a job on Tuesday coordinating between New Haven's executive and legislative branches.

THROUGH THE LENS



FAXON LAW NEW HAVEN ROAD RACE



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“My experience as a member of Yale Swim & Dive taught me critical lessons about how to be clutch under pressure, how to be the best teammate I can be, how to work and train even when you don’t feel like it, how to dig deeper, do more than you might have thought you could.”
ALI TRUWIT '23 SAID.

WOMEN’S SOCCER: Bulldogs earn second victory this season over Oregon State

BY MEREDITH HENDERSON
STAFF REPORTER

This past Sunday, the Yale women’s soccer team (2–1, 0–0 Ivy) traveled to Corvallis, Oregon, to take on the Beavers of Oregon State (1–2, 0–0 Pac-12) at Paul Lorenz Field.

Oregon State, one of the last two remaining teams in the Pac-12 Conference, looked to secure their first home win of the season. The Yale women’s soccer team hoped to

get even with the Beavers: they fell to the team 6–1 three years prior.

“With a quick turnaround between St. John’s and Oregon State, we didn’t get a ton of time on the field,” wrote head coach Sarah Martinez. “Our staff spent a lot of time with our group doing team and individual film to prepare for this match. With an off day on Friday, we flew out west on Saturday morning and had a quick training session when we got here.

I felt my staff did a great job with the scout to allow us to prepare for Oregon State and our women executed the game plan well.”

Although they traveled over 3,000 miles for the game, Marz Akins ’25 wrote to the News that the team managed to keep spirits high.

“Despite a long travel day, our energy was great before the game,” she wrote. “Of course, we forgot to bring our speaker on the plane, but the team managed to sing our

favorite hype-up songs acapella before kick-off.”

The first half of the game saw a hard-fought head-to-head battle. Though both the Beavers and the Bulldogs attempted to place shots past one another’s goalie, neither team had anything to show for it going into halftime.

After the half, however, the Elis finally dampened the Beavers’ hopes of securing victory.

“At half-time, we challenged our group to be cleaner in the final 1/3 and continue to exploit Oregon State in the wide areas and they came out doing that at a high level,” Martinez wrote. “I felt this was our most complete performance this season, and I’m excited to keep growing from it.”

That’s precisely what Martinez’s team did.

Four minutes after the break ended, midfielder Ellie Rappole ’25 raced past the defense and sent a shot soaring into the corner of the goal, breaking the 0–0 score and putting Yale ahead by one.

Coach Martinez noted Rappole’s significant impact on the team’s performance on the field.

“Ellie is one of the best attacking players in our conference,” she wrote to the News. “She creates so much, has a constant engine and a real

knack for the goal. She’s a huge part of what we are doing and playing at a very high level.”

Not long after Rappole’s goal, she would again aid the Bulldogs in extending their lead, this time through an assist to teammate Akins. Akins’ first goal of the season came just ten minutes after Rappole’s.

Akins wrote about the excitement surrounding her first goal of the season and the preparation that went into it.

“It was amazing scoring my first goal of the season so early on,” she wrote. “Capitalizing on set pieces has been drilled into us all preseason, so it was incredible to finish on a corner kick.”

Kyla Holmes ’27, the Yale goalkeeper, had her second shutout in a row for the Bulldogs, earning herself two saves.

One in particular exemplified her athleticism when, in the 83rd minute, she dove near the post to stop a Beaver goal.

The Bulldogs return for a homestand at Reese Stadium on Thursday, Sept. 5, and Sunday, Sept. 8. They will face Stony Brook University (2–1–1 CAA) and Fordham University (3–1–1 A10), respectively.

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YALE ATHLETICS

The women’s soccer team defeated Oregon State in a 2–0 win.

At Yale, first-year varsity athletes navigate difficulties of schoolwork, training

BY DAVIS ZONG
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The chanting of the Yale fight song “Bulldog” marked the official kick-off of the sports season this year at the celebratory “Yale Up” pep rally on Aug. 31, 2024.

As one unique group of first years settle into campus life, they must adapt to Yale in even more ways than just their academic and social pursuits — waking up before dawn and carving hours out of their busy schedules to train for their varsity sports.

For incoming first-year Bulldog athletes, a supportive team is key to acclimating to Yale life. Many older team members give these new Elis insights on classes and navigating the city of New Haven.

“The upperclassmen have been incredibly helpful in answering my questions about classes, tennis and the best places to eat,” Edward Liao ’28, a member of the varsity tennis team, told the

News. “I’m slowly adapting to our afternoon training schedule and am excited to train hard alongside my teammates.”

Victoria Collee ’28, a member of the field hockey team from the Netherlands, cited the helpful nature of her team in the adjustment to American university.

Since saying goodbye to her family two weeks ago, she said she has found an incredible support system in the Yale Field Hockey team.

“The field hockey team has become my new family,” Collee said.

Although not far from his hometown of Fairfield, Conn., varsity men’s hockey player Ronan O’Donnell ’28 emphasized the uplifting atmosphere of the team since his arrival on campus.

He cited the “supportive atmosphere and culture” of the team as a highlight to the start of his journey at Yale.

In addition to competing at the elite level of college sports, varsity athletes are also full-time students.

Collee’s schedule involves 20 hours a week of practice and weight lifting as well as travel and logistics for games.

When O’Donnell was not a full time student, he played as many as 62 games a season. Now on top of his busy 30-game season, he adds an increased amount of schoolwork, a transition he says will be challenging.

For varsity football player Camden Hickox ’28, who will be playing at the annual Yale-Harvard football game in November, balancing football and school means many early mornings.

“We wake up at 4 a.m. most mornings, start practices at 5:30 a.m., and train on the field for up to three hours before morning classes start,” Camden said.

However, despite juggling between academic, athletic and social life, each athlete said the sacrifice is “worth it.”

“Yale’s campus offers so many exciting opportunities, from joining clubs to meeting interesting people, and I want to experience them all



YALE ATHLETICS

First-year varsity athletes have just stepped onto campus for the first time and are preparing to represent the Bulldogs in competition.

while still performing at my best as a student athlete,” Liao said.

And for many of these athletes, competing in college athletics is a childhood dream come true.

“After all the hard work I put into football since I was younger, I’m excited to be here. Yale has so much history, tradition, and I’m

looking forward to living out my dream as a kid, playing college football,” said Hickox.

Classes begin for these first-year student athletes on Aug. 28.

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Who’s on the field? A positional breakdown of the Yale football roster

BY SPENCER KING
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When asked, every football coach will say that “the players on the field decide the game.” Ahead of the 2024 Ivy League football season, the News previews every position in all three phases of the game.

Quarterback

One of the most important positions on the field for the Bulldogs is also one of the most uncertain. Following the graduation of two-time Ivy League Offensive Player of the Year Nolan Grooms ’24, a full-fledged quarterback battle has taken place since the spring.

The two leading candidates appear to be Brogan McCaughey ’26 and Marshall Howe ’26. McCaughey was a three-star recruit coming out of high school, while Howe transferred to Yale from the University of Wisconsin after the 2022 season.

Running Back

This will be a serious position of strength for the Bulldogs, with two All-Ivy quality players surrounded by serious depth. The lead back will be Joshua Pitsenberger ’26, a Preseason Second Team All-Ivy selection that churned up defenses last season for 448 yards and eight touchdowns. He’ll be followed by a running back that would start on most teams in the Ivy League in Tre Peterson ’25, who averaged 4.6 yards a carry last season.

Wide Receiver

This is a position filled with talent, but the Elis need someone to step up as the bonafide number-one receiver. Someone will need to fill the big shoes of Mason Tipton ’24, who recently made the New Orleans Saints roster now that he has graduated.

The key players seem clear though, with a trio of returning seniors who saw success last year. Mason Shipp ’25, David Pantelis ’25 and Chase Nenad ’25 all bring different skill sets to the receiving corps

and should help the new quarterback drive the ball immensely.

Tight End

Tight end is another position of strength for the Bulldogs filled with seniors. The position group is deep with Ry Yates ’25, a Second Team Preseason All-Ivy selection, Luke Foster ’25 and Ryan Belk ’25 all likely to see significant time on the field this year.

Offensive Line

Early scouting on the offensive line shows an area that will likely need some players to step up to the challenge. The biggest question marks will be the meshing of the new line and the adjustment to a new style of quarterback with Grooms gone.

The star on the line is likely to be 6’3”, 306-pound Bennie Anderson ’25, who played in all 10 games last season.

Defensive Line

The other side of the ball starts and ends with the line, as the defensive front has been the tone-setter for the Bulldogs for years. That doesn’t seem likely to change this year either, as

defensive linemen Alvin Gulley Jr. ’25 and Dylan Yang ’26 were both Second Team All-Ivy Preseason players.

Linebackers

Linebacker is a position that lost two of the best players on last year’s Ivy Championship-winning team in Hamilton Moore ’24 and Joseph Vaughn ’24. Stepping into those shoes won’t be easy, as the pair made numerous game-winning plays in 2023.

The Bulldogs will certainly have experience leading the linebacker corps though, as team captain Dean Shaffer ’25 will be sure to make plenty of noise in the heart of the defense with his 6’1”, 240-pound frame.

Defensive Backs

The secondary may turn out to be the strongest position group on the field for the Bulldogs, as players with valuable experience will aim to neutralize opposing passing attacks. Leading the way will be cornerback Sean Guyton ’25, a Preseason Second Team

All-Ivy selection. If Damian Anderson ’25 can return from last season’s injury, the tandem could prove to be among the best in the league.

The safety duo will also be incredibly strong with last year’s starting strong safety Joshua Tarver ’26 returning and hard-hitting Brandon Benn ’25 looking to return from injury along with Anderson.

Specialists

Place kicking and punting will be a question for the Bulldogs following the graduation of Jack Bosman ’24 who handled both for the Elis last season. The true special teams star will be First Team All-Ivy Preseason kick returner Joey Felton ’25, who led the Ivy League with 29.38 average kickoff return yards last season.

The first game for the Bulldogs will be against Holy Cross on Sept. 21.

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STAT OF THE WEEK 2ND

ALI TRUWIT ’23 BECAME THE SECOND YALIE EVER TO WIN A PARALYMPIC MEDAL. THE FIRST WAS DEBORAH GRUEN ’10, ANOTHER PARALYMPIC SWIMMER WHO WON BRONZE IN BEIJING IN 2008.

WEEKEND

HOW TO HAVE SEX AT YALE.

// BY SEX ON THE WKND

Pining after your FroCo? Dying to get on the orgy panlist? Sick of seeing khakis on men? You're in luck! Welcome to Sex on the WKND, 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-guru columnist who has done it all — including everyone on the aforementioned orgy panlist — and is ready to share. Whether you have a seminar 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.

So you've made it to Yale.

And honestly, thank God you're here. Your high school friends have been sick of the "small school in Connecticut" talk since March. The good-looking, normal kids at your school were one Hogwarts comparison away from shoving you into a locker. And honestly, I wish they'd have gone through with it — maybe then you wouldn't have worn both a Yale-insignia T-shirt and backpack on the first day of classes. Contrary to what your mom might have told you, your peers were not jealous of your academic accomplishment. Simply, your academic accomplishment has made you insufferable (by the way, your mom's book club is about to kick her out if she mentions New Haven one more time).

Here's the good news: if you left your hometown on bad terms, all will be forgotten when you come back for the summer. Your acquaintances might even be so bored during Thanksgiving break that they will

agree to "catch up" with you. When you recap freshman year, your better-looking friends will tell stories about tailgates. And you'll just smile and nod because you won't know what a "tailgate" is. The clos-

You might be wondering, where do you go for some actual advice? Not the ACT tutor who charges your mom \$500/hour. Nor can you set up a one-on-one with your FroCo — she's already regretting her

If I tell you all the Yale sex secrets in one go, you'll have no reason to keep reading. You'll only skim this one article (finishing even faster than your drunken Camp Yale hookup). So read-



est you'll get to watching a football game here will be when you see a 6'7" offensive lineman get denied at door by a 105-pound Sig Nu brother. (Yale-Harvard doesn't count, you won't remember it anyways).

But I digress. Despite whatever diversity statistic the Yale Admissions Office has promoted, know that they can never be rid of the two things that unite you all: how annoying you've been since getting accepted, and your blinking neon sign status as virgins. Feeling imposter syndrome? Trust me, you and your virginity belong here.

By now, you've probably lied to your suitemates that you've had sex before. That's okay, they don't know any better, because they lied about having sex too.

life after picking up your suitemate from Yale Health. So, what now?

This is where I come in. For years now I've been sacrificing my valuable free time and talent to write about Yale Sex Life (even such a term sounds oxymoronic). So, I invite you to read along this year, learn something useful you can apply to your real life (although the majority of you will still be virgins this time next year, because you just "threw yourself onto your classload"). But that's also fine! The true spirit of this liberal arts institution is to major in ethical philosophy and become an investment banking analyst at Goldman Sachs. Ever heard of "learning for the sake of learning?"

ers, let's indulge in some foreplay, shall we? Take it slow, read the syllabus, and maybe even make a pro/con list before holding hands over dining hall tilapia.

For my first column this year I won't be the one to tell you how to have sex, but at the very least let me be the 101st person this week to remind you: Yale is an extraordinary place. There's nothing quite like it. Be kind to yourself and others as you begin to navigate it all — you all are literally Yale-virgins. It will hurt and you might even cry. But there will never be anything quite like the first time.

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I'M NOT EMBARRASSED

// BY ROSE QUITSLUND

I fell off my bike last Saturday morning. I was on my way up Hillhouse, the cool remnants of night air pushing my hair back from my forehead as I sped up the street. The deserted one-way lane felt like a boulevard, empty of the parked cars that usually line both sides. I was weaving back and forth, enjoying the rare space and solitude of the normally busy street. And then my bag, dangling from the handlebar, got trapped in the spokes of my front wheel and I tumbled: arms and legs all tangled in the pedals and handlebars that still carried all the momentum of my pumping legs from a moment before.

Someone across the intersection gasped, a squirrel scampered across the street and I sat on the ground in shell-shocked silence. I hadn't fallen off my bike since I was in the fifth grade, when I wiped out in front of the entrance to the emergency room at my local hospital. I limped home, tears washing lines through the dirt on my cheeks, blood dripping down my shin and soaking into the hem of my socks. I didn't go to ballet class that day, my knee tender and my pride bruised.

I looked around to see who had let out the gasp, but the few pedestrians on their morning coffee runs hurried on in a collective act of silent mercy. The bag was wedged tightly between the spokes, and I tugged on it and tugged on it until it finally released, streaked by lines of grease and dirt where it had been held by the metal. I remounted my bike a moment later, and my legs shook as I pressed each pedal in turn. A dull pain crept up my thigh, no longer kept at bay by the adrenaline.

I've nothing to show for my Icarian fall except for a few scrapes and bruises. My bike is fine and my ego isn't bent out of shape. But I've been carrying the bruises around with me this week, watching the color develop like a Polaroid picture.

I didn't have a bike my first year at Yale. I was intimidated by the New Haven drivers and the never-ending network of

one-way streets. I much preferred to run from Linsly Chittenden Hall to Watson rather than bike, where I frequently arrived at my discussion section sweaty and five minutes late. I didn't leave New Haven; the furthest I ventured was to Wooster Square or the Atticus up in East Rock.

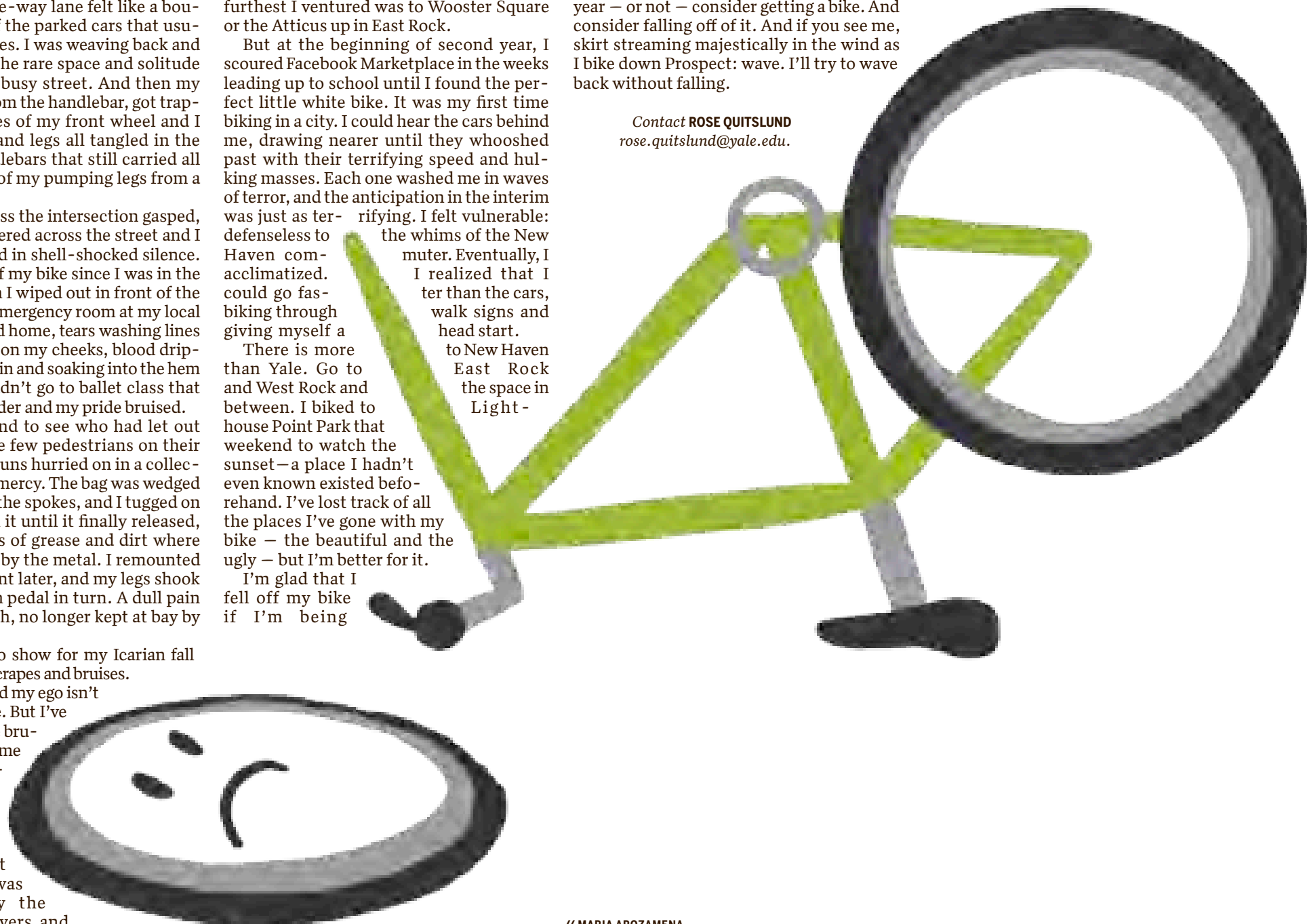
But at the beginning of second year, I scoured Facebook Marketplace in the weeks leading up to school until I found the perfect little white bike. It was my first time biking in a city. I could hear the cars behind me, drawing nearer until they whooshed past with their terrifying speed and hulking masses. Each one washed me in waves of terror, and the anticipation in the interim was just as terrifying. I felt vulnerable: defenseless to the whims of the New Haven commuter. Eventually, I realized that I could go faster than the cars, biking through walk signs and giving myself a head start.

There is more than Yale. Go to East Rock and West Rock and between. I biked to house Point Park that weekend to watch the sunset—a place I hadn't even known existed beforehand. I've lost track of all the places I've gone with my bike — the beautiful and the ugly — but I'm better for it.

I'm glad that I fell off my bike if I'm being

honest. I've mastered the art of biking in a skirt and heels and it's been getting to my head. By now, I've learned that when you fall, you untangle yourself from the spokes, get back up and keep biking. If you're a first year — or not — consider getting a bike. And consider falling off of it. And if you see me, skirt streaming majestically in the wind as I bike down Prospect: wave. I'll try to wave back without falling.

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THREE YEARS LATER AND STILL NO MEAL

// BY ANDREW CRAMER

Nearly three years ago — though the exact date escapes me — my freshman self was scheduled to get a meal with someone I think was named Stacey.

I canceled because I didn't feel like going, though I'm decently confident I made up a better excuse at the time. We agreed to reschedule. In reality, we never talked or texted again.

I put up a sign in my freshman entryway inviting anyone and everyone to get lunch. One kid was weird enough to take me up on my offer and became one of my best friends.

I began freshman year best friends with the seven other kids from my FOOT trip. Three went to New York over fall break, a fight went down — the details of which remain murky — and we never reconvened as a group.

I get Family Dinner every Sunday night with three of my randomly assigned freshmen year suitemates plus the two girls whom I hadn't met until they joined our sophomore sextet.

My pickup basketball rival, improv audition buddy and ECON 115 seat neighbor all turned out to be best friends with each other and let me join their Murray friend group despite my JE roots.

Yale — and I suppose life, but I'll stick to what I know — has been a series of accidents for me. While some people will come in and grind out that major they've dreamed of since they were 11 years old, others, like myself, will change their minds each year as different classes reshape their passions. While some already know that their participation in the Yale Undergraduate Consulting Group and Yale Student Investment Group will propel them to great heights, others are



happy to be peer pressured into joining extracurriculars by their FOOT leaders.

Over time, most of us will find our way to the right place — or at least a good one — for our academics and extracurriculars. Socially, however, we don't have such control. In a class of nearly 1,800, even the most extroverted extrovert isn't meeting everyone, no matter how hard I've tried.

Despite attending every duty night as a freshman, camping out in the dining hall for hours on end, playing intramural sports and hanging out in the courtyard, I showed up to our JE 2025 class meeting last week and still didn't recognize about a quarter of my peers.

With some people, it might be inevitable that you will become best friends or mortal enemies. But the far more likely scenario is that randomness will make those decisions for us.

We still have the agency to decide which relationships to nip in the bud and which to nourish. Our own willingness to put ourselves out there also plays a large role. But if and when a specific friendship begins... that's beyond our control.

I think I saw Stacey the other day, although I can't be a hundred percent sure. Part of me wanted to follow up on that meal, if only for a more poetic ending to this story. I didn't, though. She definitely didn't recognize me either. And I guess we never will get that meal.

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WEEKEND *FEELINGS*

Love at Yale and the Paradox of Special

// BY BRI ANDERSON

Me and my living room armchair — we have been through a lot. Over the years we have seen Anthony Davis heroics, VCU's Cinderella story, and UNC's heartbreak-to-triumph saga between 2016 to 2017. Also, Sister Jean's annus mirabilis, the UVA-Auburn controversy, Lonzo

Ball & Co. drama. One year, I think Yale nearly upset Duke.

As a woman in the rural South, I grew up with the assumption that I would meet my future husband at college. Not necessarily in a "ring-by-spring" or "Mrs." fashion, but as a nice bonus to add to my college experience, a class ring made ever more visible by a neigh-

boring engagement ring. Many of my friends from high school are engaged now. When I travel back home it is not uncommon for my counterparts to ask "how have you not found love at Yale?"

Instead of responding, I'd usually laugh the question off. But, the answer is a lot more complex than one would think. Even in high school I knew the qualifications of someone I would want to be with long-term: smart, interested and attractive — even slightly ugly would do. The laundry list of qualifications for a partner that I carried around in high school used to seem picky, like a partner who would talk for hours about niche politics. But at Yale, the qualities I hold steadfast — intellectual ones — are common amongst Yale singles. Lucky me! Right? You would think so, but no.

When everyone seems marginally appealing, it becomes harder to decipher the ones that are meant for me. Everyone here is smart. A lot of people here are attractive. Beyond that, people at Yale are all somewhat of an anomaly. People are ambitious in their pursuit whether that be after a high-income career in finance, a start-up, academia or some notable common good career. At home, as an ambitious woman, I would have to worry about finding someone else who can match my pace in a relationship and in life, who won't slow me down. At Yale, I have new problems.

The issue with such a near-perfect group of people is that having so many qualifications makes many people hold out for something better than what is in front of them. I've been guilty of it

and so have many of my friends. You meet someone who is perfectly great at Yale, someone who used to be enough, and suddenly, whether someone says it or the thought lies in your subconscious, you wonder, what if I can do better? Yale is an insulated environment, so what if there is more than this? What if I commit and it isn't right and I've wasted all this time with the wrong person, when I could have been out dating other people at Yale?

It's hard to get over these thoughts. Some people's solutions are open-relationships or simply deciding not to commit and enjoy their college years. Some seniors have enjoyed this lifestyle and don't regret it.

The "specialness" of the students at Yale is perhaps the downfall of long-term relationships. When you're here, after you get over imposter syndrome, there's the pervasive thought that there must be something better. However, depending on where you end up for post-grad, you'll find out that maybe being an Ivy-League graduate isn't that special of a quality at all. In banking, consulting, big law and other high-income careers in New York and D.C., you might come to realize that the sneaking thought that you were special as a Yale student and deserving of something infinitely better than what was in front of you was ridiculous. Of course, you're still special and you've still got a degree a small percentage of people have, but it's not just this group of around 5,500 students with those qualifications. The people you thought you could do

better than probably thought the same about you.

I guess this is a long way of saying that sometimes we need to get over ourselves. When you're always reaching for something more, you don't realize what you have. It's a common lesson that you've been taught since grade school, but it still holds true, and especially applies to love at Yale. I'm not saying that you should be inclined to give everyone a chance or that your considerations should go out the door. However, in many cases, we get so wrapped up in who we will be in the future, we forget that we aren't all of that now.

We could do a lot better for ourselves at Yale by letting our ego take a backseat, judging people by their character and not qualifications they seem to have. As I begin senior year, I have been trying to stop making judgements about whether or not I think other people will like me, or if I will like them.

My best relationships have been formed when I have acknowledged that everyone around me is special. In all of the planning and trying to build the life we want, it's important to acknowledge just how great the people around us are. We only get four years to be this closely surrounded by people so similar to ourselves.

At the Elm, they offer both gelato and sorbet, offering a wide array of flavors. Determined not to miss out, I tried every one of them. So, here's the scoop on all the flavors available.

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You'd have to stop the WORLD just to stop the feeling

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I can confidently say that I have a friend in every country I've visited. But in all of the time we've spent together, we've never asked for each other's names.

Travel is full of short-lived friendships that somehow seem to last a lifetime. Backpackers always start with a simple "Where are you from?" We spend days and nights together — clubbing on the beach, motorbiking in the mountains, trying uncommon street foods — rarely do we get to the name stage.

One random morning in the hostel, one of us will wake up to the noise of the other frantically rolling their belongings into a backpack — an art we've mastered all too well. Knowing we'll never meet again, we say "Have a safe trip, enjoy X destination and live a good life!" It's not until the Instagram request comes in, from a mutual friend or other mysterious means, that I finally discover their name.

Somehow, I feel more wholly understood by my travel friends than the ones I've grown up with since childhood. Maybe it's the curiosity we share for the world, and those in it. We are Oxford drop-outs, Catholic apostates, holders of astrophysics degrees, surf instructors, professional cooks, graphic designers, musicians or just people who are so damn sick of their hometown and 9-5 office job. Whatever it is, we gave up something in our past lives to pursue adventure.

In a term coined by my Australian host mom, it's the "Traveler's Blues." Anyone who has spent months or years of their life on the road, collecting crazy stories and receiving constant stimulation from meeting new people, is bound to feel out of place when it's all over.

Back in my hometown in Nebraska, I felt like I had returned to a movie scene on

pause. Amidst the small bubble of familiarity, no one asked a single question about where I had been — and fair enough, maybe they didn't want to know. It is the sneaking dullness of being too comfortable that leads travelers to find our home around the planet. (That random British girl I met in Portugal might never know my parents or see my house, but we swam in the Atlantic Ocean under a full moon at midnight!)

With people weaving in and out of my life every three days, you'd think that I'd become an expert at saying "good-bye." Things like online check-in, passport control, security and customs are just part of the daily routine. But no matter how many times I leave, I always feel a twinge of sadness. In moments like these, when the car is pulling away from the airport and I'm left with my whole life condensed into a 7-kg backpack, I imagine

my life as a physical timeline, intersecting with other peoples' at odd points — some lines are nearly inseparable, while others will never cross paths again.

As travelers, we learn not to become too attached to any person or place — or wonder "what if?" — because nothing is forever. It's a blessing to experience so many strangers in such a short span of time. And of course, the joy is in moving on!

We are filled with wonder and excitement by the idea of who or what will come next, with no routine or constant, except the weight of the bag on our shoulders. We can never be done exploring — that's the one relationship that will last forever.

And so I tell myself, "onto the next thing!" and then I go. Onto the next thing!

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A gift to you from your first-year fairy godmother

// BY ANNA PAPAKIRK

Oh, how I remember the day when I moved into my first-year suite in Vandy A, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, eager to explore this new universe of university — see what I did there...

Oh, how I also remember the day when I moved into my first-year suite in Vandy A, slightly teary-eyed and droopy-tailed, nervous to begin this new chapter that is college — that didn't work as nicely...

If this sounds like you just know that you are not alone. Adjusting to a new environment, whether you are close to or far from home, can feel overwhelming. If only I could bestow upon you a survival kit to help you navigate these first few weeks and feel a little more situated here in your new home... Oh wait! I can! As your first-year fairy godmother, let me delicately wave my magic WKND WAND and bestow this upon you...

Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo!

Behold! Your very own first-year survival kit! And unlike Cinderella's carriage, this will not expire and turn into a pumpkin at midnight.

This may appear like a random collection of "tools," but they truly helped me throughout my first year, and I hope they do the same for you.

Tool #1: Lecture Buddy

I'm sure many of you have found yourselves enrolled in a large econ or bio lecture this semester, and it's probably all the way

up on Science Hill in YSB Marsh Lecture Hall. If this is you, find yourself a friend or two and stick to them like glue. In all seriousness, though, if you have at least one friend in your lecture, it makes all of the difference. Not only will sitting with them make the time pass by, but you can also enjoy the beautiful Hillhouse Avenue walk with them on the way to class, reward yourselves with a drink from the Jitter Bus after conquering that lecture and go to office hours or work on problem sets together.

Tool #2: Go-To Coffee Shop

Even if you're not a coffee drinker, hear me out. Many people come into college not being big on coffee or caffeine in general, which, if you're one of those people, good for you! I wish I didn't have a mild to severe caffeine addiction, but alas, I'm drinking an iced vanilla latte as I write this. Anyways, no matter what your coffee-drinking preferences are, you'll want a go-to coffee shop that you can rely on because everyone needs a safe space where they can get an afternoon "pick-me-up," a pastry, hang out with friends or even do work when the library isn't cutting it. I don't want to gate-keep my go-to spot, but here is a hint :

Tool #3: Phone Wallet

If you don't already have one, run — don't walk — to the Yale Bookstore and buy yourself a phone wallet that you can stick to the back of your case. The "Key-per" is perfect because it holds both your student ID and room key in one spot, and you're set! No need to carry around a lanyard, keychain or clunky wallet every-

where you go. Wearing a lanyard might give away the fact that you're a first year. With this, everything is conveniently in one place and, since I know you always have your phone in your hand, you screen-ager, you can easily swipe into any building or scan into the dining hall. This was truly a life-changing purchase.

Tool #4: "Y" Sweater

While you're at the bookstore buying the phone wallet, you might as well treat yourself and purchase the classic, iconic, signature, oh-so-stylish "Y" sweater. This is the merch of all Yale merch. I know what you're thinking: "It's so hot outside! Why would I buy a sweater right now?" It may be hard to swallow the idea of a sweater in this sweltering heat, but when the leaves start changing color, the weather will cool in the blink of an eye, and you'll thank me now that you're warm and looking stylish by sporting this Yale fashion staple.

Tool #5: Yale "Dictionary"

This one isn't a physical tool but rather a mental book of all the Yale-specific lingo you may encounter. You will definitely want to keep a record of all of the jargon you hear because it will serve you for the rest of your time here. You might be in the middle of a conversation and someone says, "I'm going to GHeav!" You'll want to know exactly what they're talking about — especially if it's GHeav because that usually entails a delicious sandwich. Some examples? GHeav = Good Nature Mar-

ket; L Dub = Lanman Wright Hall; pset = problem set; Woads = Toad's Place on a Wednesday night.

Tool #6: Memory Bank

Before you cringe, just listen — or read, I guess, because you don't get the lovely privilege of hearing my mellifluous voice impart this wisdom upon you. This will sound cliché, and I know your time at Yale has just begun, but embrace it. Time will fly, and you will create so many memories. Cherish these moments and remember them well. Even your daily experiences, such as playing Spikeball with your friends in the courtyard, are worth embracing and enjoying. To quote a brilliant high school student: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it" (Ferris Bueller, 1986). It's true. Relish your time here, make memories and enjoy every bit of it.

Now that you have this survival kit, keep it with you! If you're reading this online, bookmark this page. If you're reading it in print, good for you because you're probably in the elite one percent of people who actually read hand-drawn newspapers these days. But actually, if you're reading a physical copy, tuck it away at the bottom of your backpack and pull it out when necessary.

And with that...

Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo! Good luck to you!

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