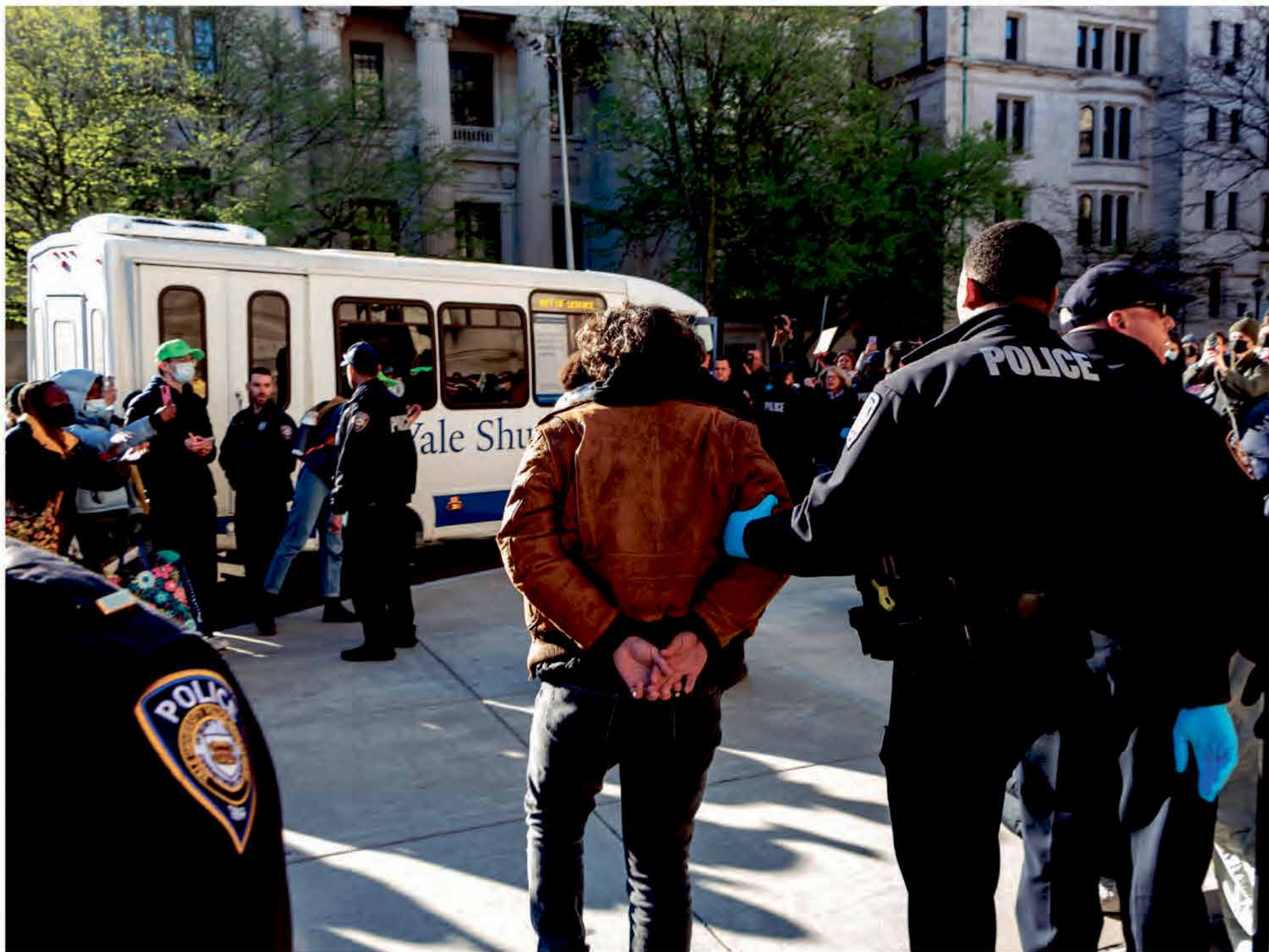


YALE ARRESTS 44 STUDENTS

Yale police arrests pro-Palestine protesters urging Yale to divest from military weapons manufacturers



The arrested students all received summonses for court dates on May 8, the last day of the academic term. / Giri Viswanathan, Senior Photographer

Protesters continue after Monday arrests

BY THE YALE DAILY NEWS

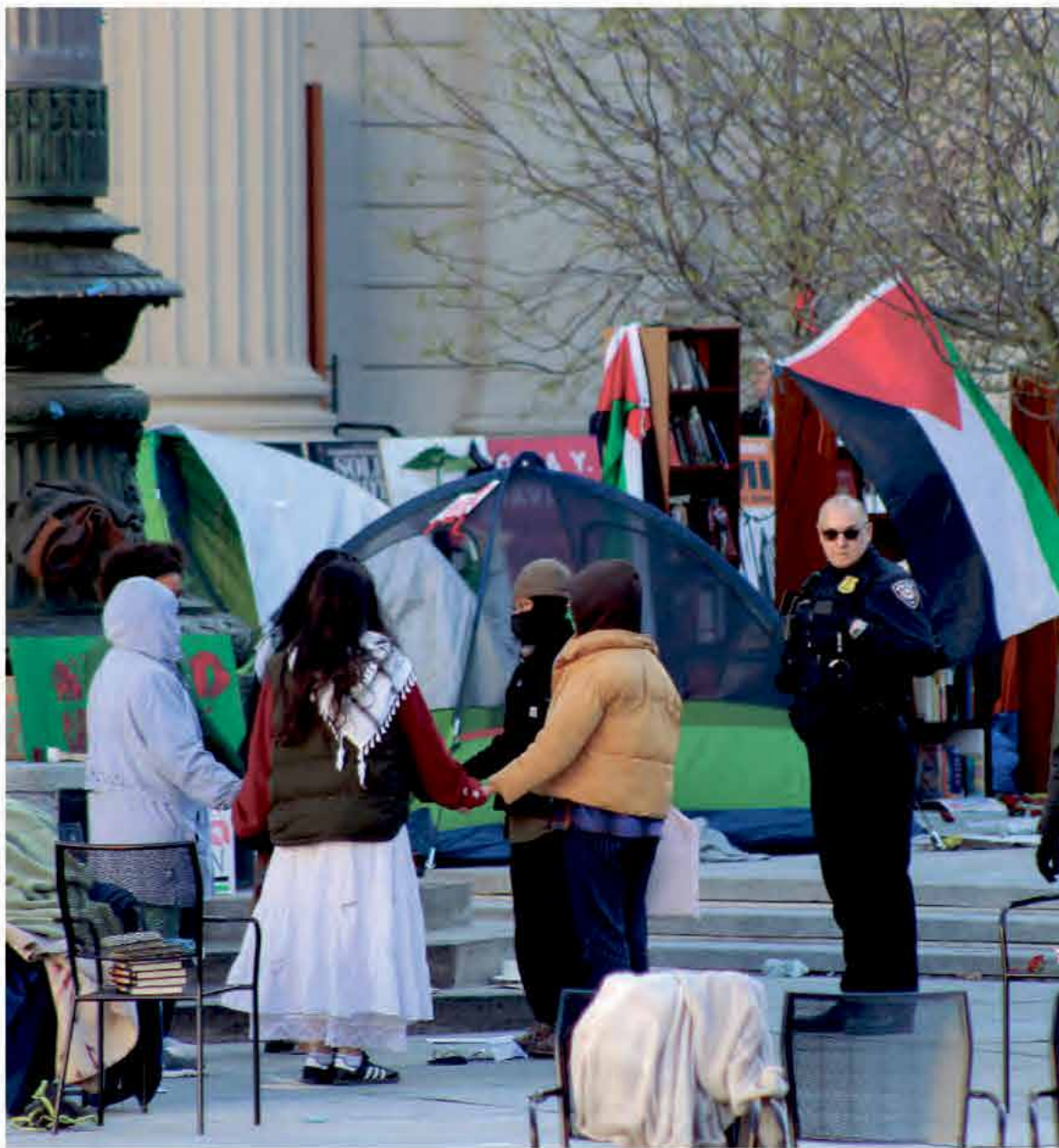
Following the arrest of 48 pro-Palestine protesters on Monday morning outside of the Schwarzman Center, peaceful protests continued throughout the day at the intersection of College and Grove streets, and later on Cross Campus, where the protesters slept overnight.

By 9 a.m. Tuesday morning, dozens of protesters remained on Cross Campus, with one Yale police officer also present. The crowd grew throughout the day to over 100 people around 5:30 p.m. Protesters also marched into Sterling Memorial Library in the afternoon in an unsuccessful attempt to confront Yale College Dean Pericles Lewis.

Protesters respond to Salovey's statement on arrests

On Monday afternoon, hours after the arrests, President Salovey sent an email to the Yale community.

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Organizers with Occupy Beinecke, which has rebranded as Occupy Yale, continued to demonstrate for divestment on Tuesday. / Samad Hakani, Photo Editor

What academic penalties will students face?

BY JOSIE REICH AND ASUKA KODA
STAFF REPORTERS

Early Monday morning, Yale police arrested 48 pro-Palestine protesters who had camped on Beinecke Plaza for three nights beginning on Friday. Of those arrested, 44 are students currently enrolled at Yale, who will face both legal charges and academic disciplinary proceedings.

Students who have police reports filed against them are automatically referred to the Executive Committee — the body that enforces the Undergraduate Regulations — per section B of the Committee's disciplinary procedures.

"The standard procedure is that if somebody is arrested, they are referred to ExComm," Dean of Yale College Pericles Lewis told the News.

Upon arrest, the protesters were charged with trespassing, a Class A misdemeanor. The

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CROSS CAMPUS

THIS DAY IN YALE HISTORY, 1950. Yale is investigating an on-campus slot machine syndicate. Leaders of the student gambling ring are working to hide every "one-armed bandit" by tonight.

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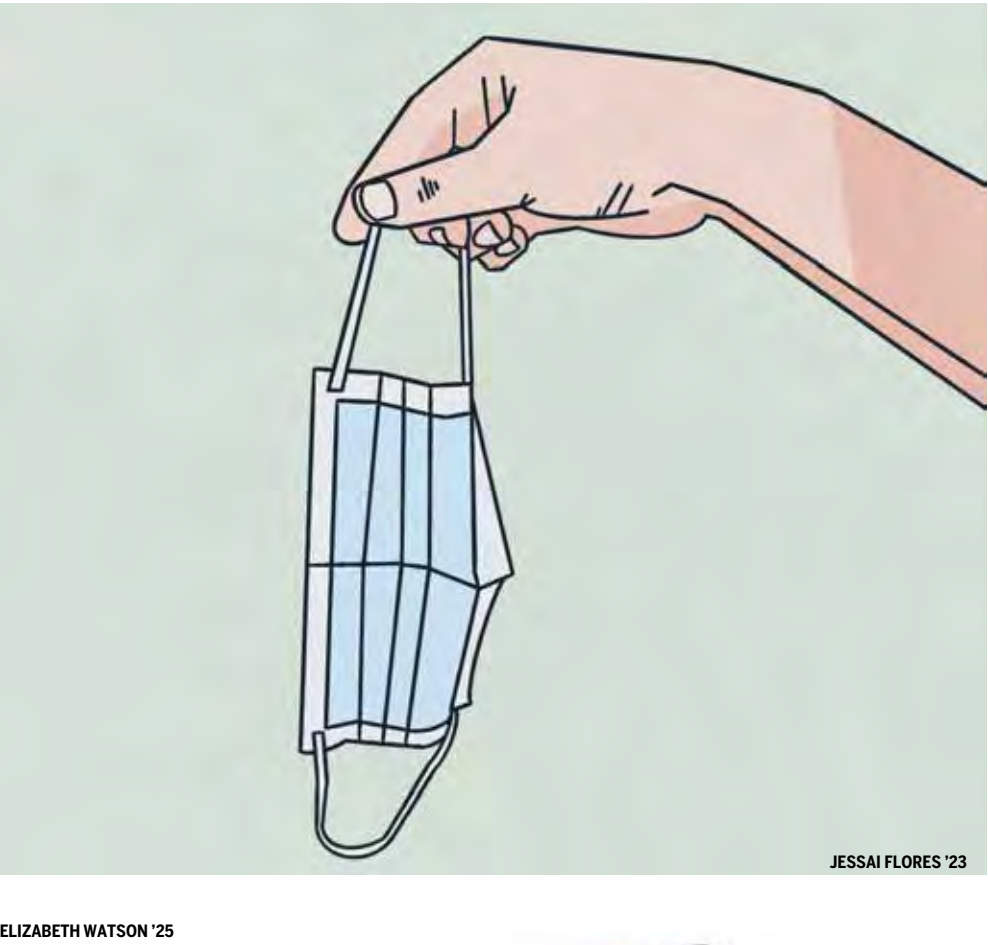
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Solutions from last week

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ACROSS
1 ___ and far between
4 Acts of faith?
7 Relative via marriage
8 Nabisco wafer brand
9 Birds in a gaggle
DOWN
1 Spring ___, upcoming concert at Yale
2 Start of a choosing rhyme
3 Trash compacting
Pixar robot
5 Buddies
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Puzzle by Ariana Borut '27

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1 Reading ___, period before finals
5 Atlantic or Pacific
7 Major artery
8 Minor celebs
9 You, in Germany
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1 Portmanteau nickname for a weekly dance party for Yale students
2 Food-poisoning bacteria
3 Spooky
4 Kit ___ (candy bars)
6 ___ King Cole

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMNIST
GREGG GONSALVES

On the arrests of Yale students in New Haven

April 24 — In 1985, I was part of a group of hundreds of students at Tufts University who took over Ballou Hall, the main administration building, to protest the school’s investments in companies doing business in South Africa. For three days, they refused to allow food and water into the building. The protest ended peacefully shortly afterwards. Tufts divested its holdings in South Africa in 1989.

At the same time, down in New Haven, our peers at Yale had built a shantytown on Beinecke Plaza to represent conditions for Black South Africans under apartheid. Then, police dismantled it and arrested students. But in a turn of events that surprised observers at the time, then Yale President Bart Giamatti and the Yale Corporation allowed the shantytowns to be rebuilt and the protest continued for several years with support from off-campus community leaders, though Yale never fully divested from its investments in the apartheid state.

Last night, I joined many faculty at Beinecke Plaza to show support for the students protesting the war in Gaza. This morning, President Peter Salovey sent in the police to arrest his own students for trespassing on their own campus. Similar to the events in the mid-1980s, President Salovey made a choice. All I can hope now is that he, like Bart Giamatti ’60 GRD ’64 before him, sees the folly of his ways and reconsiders his actions.

Protest on campus is part of higher education, despite what some of my own colleagues would like to think. It is preparation for citizenship and active participation in democracy; it is learning about moral choices that face us as adults; it is about bearing witness and about putting our own bodies on the line and not remaining silent in the face of injustice.

Whatever your opinions are on what is happening in the Middle East, shutting down peaceful protests is the wrong answer. And what I saw last night on Beinecke Plaza were peaceful students and onlookers, adhering to free passage on the site among passersby as per university regulations. I was joined by a diverse group of other professors there, across a spectrum of backgrounds, faiths and beliefs.

While some would like to claim that these protests were antisemitic and threatening, we saw no such thing during our time there. We can all agree that antisemitism is vile and needs to be challenged wherever it raises its ugly head. But it’s also important to realize that these assaults on higher education happening in the United States, led by people like Chris Rufo and Harvard alumna and

adherent of “great replacement” conspiracy theories — as in “Jews will not replace us” — Elise Stefanik, have been weaponizing the deep feelings aroused by events in Gaza and Israel as a central tactic.

As my Yale colleague Naftali Kaminski has said, none of this is in good faith. It’s about attacks on diversity and inclusion on campuses, to suppress certain political views, using charges of antisemitism as a wedge. As Jason Stanley, another colleague here at Yale, has warned, these attacks on higher education are part of the right-wing, authoritarian playbook, which is not making our lives safer or bringing more peace and justice to the world. President Salovey and the Yale Corporation’s actions play right into their hands.

As Yale’s Tim Snyder has said: “Most of the power of authoritarianism is freely given. In times like these, individuals think ahead about what a more repressive government will want, and then offer themselves without being asked. A citizen who adapts in this way is teaching power what it can do.” Shutting down protests is giving the American right a head-start right here in New Haven. We’re in dangerous times. “Obeying in advance,” as Snyder cautions against, is not something we want to teach our students.

Yale has a proud history of dissent — from student protesters across the generations, to leaders like Yale President Kingman Brewster ’41 and University Chaplain William Sloane Coffin ’49 DIV ’56 who opposed the Vietnam War and who opened the university’s gates for protesters to host teach-ins, receive medical care and distribute food while the Black Panthers were on trial in New Haven.

What happened yesterday morning was cowardly. It speaks to a cravenness, an appeasement of powerful conservative voices and a willingness by leaders — like our own President and Columbia’s Nemat (Minouche) Shafik — to throw their own students and faculty under the bus to try to quell larger political attacks on colleges and universities. As with Columbia President Shafik, we will learn that in bending over backwards to try to mollify our critics, we just embolden them. They will only be satisfied by full capitulation and consent.

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GUEST COLUMNIST
EYTAN ISRAEL

Yale sided with democracy. You should too.

April 22 — We, a group of undergraduate students, graduate students, alumni, professors and parents, write in the wake of Iran’s unprecedented and dangerous attack on Israel. We write to thank President Salovey and the University for not divesting from companies that provide Israel, along with Ukraine and other countries of the free world, with the integral ability to defend themselves against countries that seek to dismantle democracy and plunge the world into panic and destruction.

On Saturday, April 14, Iran launched 185 drones, 36 cruise missiles, and 110 surface-to-surface missiles toward Israel. For hours, millions of Israeli citizens were locked in bomb shelters, fearing for their lives. In the end, Israel was able to shoot down 99 percent of the incoming drones and projectiles. The only damage was to the infrastructure of a military base in the south of Israel, and the only casualty was a 7-year-old girl from the Israeli-Arab Bedouin community who was tragically injured when the shrapnel from a ballistic missile fell on her home.

Israel was only able to defend itself, preventing far more casualties and damage, due to the decades of engineering experience of defense companies in the United States. Without F-16s (Lockheed Martin) as well as the Iron Dome (Raytheon Manufacturing) and Arrow (Boeing Manufacturing) interceptor missiles, hundreds of drones and missiles would have landed and achieved the death and destruction that Iran intended. Without the Patriot Defense System (Raytheon), Israel would not have been able to shoot down hundreds of incoming missiles from Iranian proxy Hezbollah since October 7 toward the homes of citizens and strategic positions in Israel’s north. It is this

defense equipment, necessary to protect the lives of millions of civilians, from which Yale students called, and are still calling, on you to divest.

As we wrote in our letter to the University earlier this week, this attack was not just an attack on Israel. It was an attack on the Western world. Ukraine’s President Zelensky posted on X, “We in Ukraine know very well the horror of similar attacks by Russia,” which use “the same tactics of mass air strikes ... The sound of Shahed drones, a tool of terror, is the same in the skies over the Middle East and Europe.” He added, “Words do not stop drones and do not intercept missiles. Only tangible assistance does.” President Zelensky then urged Congress to provide Ukraine with the defenses they desperately need, as President Biden promised last August. Divesting from these companies is divestment from the defense of democracy in Israel, Ukraine and all American allies. Your actions protected democracy against those who seek to dismantle it.

This stance doesn’t require endorsing every targeting decision the IDF has made in Gaza; it doesn’t require supporting the structure of their campaign against Hamas; it doesn’t require supporting any policy of the current Israeli government. Our position is based on the realization that the liberal democracies of the world — the U.S., Ukraine and Israel among them — face recurrent and serious military threats from their non- and anti-democratic neighbors and therefore require the means to defend themselves, and democracy itself, militarily. Democracy, though imperfect and prone to error — as are all human systems — is so vastly preferable to its alternatives that we see a moral urgency to defend it.

As the News noted, the capital that Yale is investing in

the companies that Yale students are petitioning against is \$4,000 across the three companies, based on Yale’s public portfolio. Although the amount is so small and inconsequential, divestment from these weapons manufacturers is akin to taking the side of Iran, Russia and the “axis of resistance” more broadly. If that is the position these protesters take, it is their right — and we are proud that Yale chose to side with democracy and human rights instead.

War is evil. But when a malicious actor seeks to destroy us, passivity is insufficient. “Words do not stop drones and do not intercept missiles.” When those calling for divestment state plainly, “Divest from the defense of Israel, Ukraine, America, and more,” it is clear that Yale made the right decision. Yale must continue to refuse the demands from a small minority of students to divest from the companies that allow Israel, Ukraine and other countries to defend themselves against those who seek to plunge the world into destruction. We hope that this is the end of the calls for divestment, but we are aware that this is likely not the case. We will continue to stand strong by our beliefs, growing our coalition every day, to continue showing the Yale administration, that hundreds of students, faculty, alumni and parents support the University’s decision.

To readers, please join the many Yale students, faculty, alumni, and parents and sign our petition asking Yale not to divest. Rejecting divestment indicates our continued support for the future and security of democracy and human rights worldwide.

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GUEST COLUMNISTS
JULIAN SUH-TOMA & MAYA FONKEU

This is freedom of expression. Yale, don’t suppress it.

April 22 — At midnight on May 4, 2024, our terms as Yale College Council president and vice president will come to an end. This year, we have come to know the members of Yale’s administration. We sat in weekly, biweekly and monthly meetings with them, advocating on behalf of the student body. We have learned their policies, participated in various trainings and have become deeply acquainted with the administrative perspective.

When a Grace Hopper College community member wrote hateful speech on a suite’s whiteboard, we listened as the Yale administration explained that no direct action could be taken because of the University’s free speech policy. When our community members were doxxed and harassed by actors inside and outside of Yale, we were again told that the University could take no action. Over the course of the year, University policies served as excuses for passivity.

The message was clear: Yale University must protect freedom of speech above all else. But in this past week, we saw how the University wholly, hypocritically and shamefully dishonored the spirit of free expression.

The “Occupy Beinecke” movement began on April 15 with a bookshelf display and rally, calling for Yale to divest from military and weapons manufacturing. In response, Yale destroyed the structure. Throughout the week, students did not leave the Plaza. Each night, the University threatened to enact disciplinary action or arrest

students. On April 19, the University deployed the police against the student protesters. The following day, Dean of Student Affairs Hannah Peck and Associate Dean Andrew Forsyth, speaking on behalf of the administration, went to the protest in person and insinuated university disciplinary action against students who did not evacuate the Plaza.

Time and time again, the University used chalk and posterizing policies, fire safety codes and incomplete space rental paperwork to excuse their intimidation tactics. Let it be clear: no amount of technicalities can justify silencing student voices.

In our classrooms, faculty teach us Nelson Mandela’s words, recount South Africa’s history of apartheid and seat us in lectures on political protest, social movements and contesting injustice. Yet the University expects us to stay silent as it funds and profits from war. To the administration: you cannot claim to cultivate the world’s next generation of “aspiring leaders” and simultaneously silence student-led cries for Yale to stand for humanity.

To the students of Yale College: As we reflect on our year as the student body’s elected representatives, we are deeply satisfied by all the ways we have grown in these roles. We accomplished much, but have also failed in many regards. With each of those failures, we learned as best we could.

We had conversations with administrators behind closed doors where we asked them to meet with student groups, provide more ade-

quate resources to affected community members, and consider the pleas of student organizers. But we have remained publicly silent for far too long. We sit here and humbly admit that, in this regard, we have failed, and we are sorry.

Despite all of Yale’s efforts, we have seen how you have shown up for each other. Hundreds of students flooded Beinecke on Friday, Saturday and Sunday night to protect the protesters. People have donated food, blankets, tents and other supplies to aid in these efforts. You met counter-protesters with peace and songs of solidarity. This community of care is nothing short of inspiring.

We stand in solidarity with you. This is your Yale. You have the right to protest its investments and we shame any attempts to silence you. The Yale Board of Trustees, the University’s governing body, is meeting on campus this Saturday. Dwight Hall’s Student Executive Committee and YSEC will continue calling for disclosure and divestment as partner organizations of the EJC. Your student group should join.

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FROM THE FRONT

“A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.”
STEVE MARTIN AMERICAN COMEDIAN AND ACTOR

Protesters move to Cross Campus following arrests

PROTESTS FROM PAGE 1

He wrote that Yale police officers gave protesters “several opportunities to leave and avoid arrest” and that he was “deeply saddened that the call for civil discourse and peaceful protest [he] issued” — referring to a separate email he sent on Sunday — was not heeded.

He described Monday’s protest at the intersection of College and Grove streets, where protesters relocated after YPD cleared their Beinecke Plaza encampment, as a “safety violation.” Salovey wrote that the University will pursue disciplinary action in response to the violation of policies, specifically those regarding threats, intimidation, coercion, harassment, physical violence and interference with University operations.

“Every news report and statement covering this week’s protests has emphasized their peaceful nature,” Angel Nwadibia ’25 wrote to the News in response to the email. “In fact, the first instance of violence was Yale’s decision to arrest its own students. It is disingenuous and dishonest for President Salovey to portray these protests as anything but peaceful.”

Chisato Kimura LAW ’25 told the News that protesters received one warning to leave the plaza Monday morning before police began arresting protesters.

New Haven Police Chief Karl Jacobson told the News on Monday that since the protest was on private property, University emails from earlier in the week outlining Yale’s policies on the use of outdoor space “counted as warnings.”

“We determined that the situation was no longer safe. Members of the Jewish, Muslim, Israeli, Arab, and Palestinian communities reported that the campus environment had become increasingly difficult,” Salovey wrote on Monday.

He pointed to the police reports “identifying harmful acts and threatening language used against individuals at or near the protest sites” and said that while “some of the aggressors” are believed to be Yalies, “others were outsiders.”

Nwadibia found Salovey’s reference to New Haven community members as “aggressors” to be “completely despicable.”

“Community engagement has brought safety and vibrance to our mobilization,” Nwadibia wrote in the statement from organizers. “We are utterly committed to building coalition with community members, and we reject President Salovey’s ‘discrimination and prejudice’ against them.”

Yale police chief Anthony Campbell ’05 DIV ’09 wrote to the News that “there have been reports of both criminal activity as well as violent activity regarding the protest particularly in the last few days.” He added that such criminal activity “typically has to do with property issues” but also includes instances of disorderly conduct in which people have “prevented people from walking where they want to go.”

Jacobson told the News he received no reports of violence on Monday or at any time during the protests over the last week.

In his email, Salovey expressed gratitude that Yale Police was able to “take these actions peacefully” as he stated that “none of the protesters resisted arrest.”

On Saturday night, the News obtained a video of a student who draped an Israeli flag from a pro-Palestine art panel and then proceeded to shove a protester who grabbed the flag and threw it into the Noguchi Sculpture Garden. However, the protests have remained largely peaceful throughout the three nights since protesters erected an encampment on Beinecke Plaza.

In the email, Salovey claimed that students “chose to end conversations with Yale College and graduate school deans and rejected this offer.” He referred to the University’s offer to protesters for a meeting with two trustees, including the chair of the Board of Trustees’ Corporation Committee on Investor Responsibility.

“We told [the administration]



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we were willing to keep a peaceful encampment as Trustees assessed what, if any commitment, could be made to disclosure, and that we understood this could take time,” Patrick Hayes ’24, an organizer of the protest, told the News earlier. “We negotiated in good faith, but with no commitment to even assess disclosure of any kind, we could not accept the offer.”

Yale discloses less than one percent of its endowment investments. According to Yale College Dean Pericles Lewis, the University has “a number of contractual obligations” that prevent disclosure.

Salovey email shares inaccurate arrest details

In the Monday email, Salovey wrote that there were a total of 60 people arrested, including 47 students. The News has confirmed from three sources that 48 people were arrested.

Before and after Salovey’s email, YPD Chief Campbell, along with encampment organizers, told the News on Monday that either 47 or 48 people were arrested. On Tuesday, New Haven Police Department Public Information Officer Christian Bruckhart and a University spokesperson confirmed to the News that 48 people had been arrested.

Minali Aggarwal, a third-year graduate student and member of the jail support team for the encampment organizers, also told the News on Tuesday that 48 protesters had been arrested.

Various reporting outlets used Salovey’s inaccurate count in their initial reporting, including the New York Times, New Haven Register and Fox News. As of 12 a.m. on April 26, there is at least one New York Times article, “Universities Struggle as Pro-Palestinian Demonstrations Grow,” that contains the incorrect count, though the Times has corrected another story on the arrests.

The online text of Salovey’s Monday email posted on the Office of the President page of the Yale website still says that “Yale Police arrested sixty people” as of 12 a.m. on Friday.

A University spokesperson told the News on Tuesday that Salovey’s Monday count of 60 arrested people came from the YPD.

“Information available at the time of the Monday afternoon message differed from the figures shared by Yale Police Department late Monday night after final processing and after the message had gone out,” the spokesperson wrote in an email to the News, on behalf of the University and Salovey.

However, Campbell told the News at 8:18 a.m. on Monday that somewhere between 40 and 45 protesters had been arrested, a figure much closer to the final number than what Salovey wrote in his email. Later that day, at 9:40 a.m., a University spokesperson told the News on behalf of

Campbell that YPD had arrested 47 students, and did not mention any other arrests.

It is unclear why the YPD would have allegedly told Salovey a higher number of arrests around midday Monday than what Campbell told the News twice in the morning and what YPD told the University on Monday night.

There are also discrepancies between the counts the University and organizers provided on the breakdown in Yale affiliation of the people arrested.

On Tuesday morning, the News asked a University spokesperson to provide the number of arrestees who are current Yale students, Yale-affiliated individuals or non-Yale affiliated individuals. The University spokesperson wrote that 44 were Yale students and four were “non-students.”

While the total number of arrests was corroborated by Aggarwal, she told the News that only three of the 48 people arrested were not Yale students. Aggarwal told the News she confirmed this number by communicating with other jail support team members and protesters and by searching on Google and the campus directory.

The reason for the different counts of Yale students arrested remains unclear.

Commons reopens

By Tuesday morning, the Schwarzman Center reopened for Yale affiliates, though entrance to the building was restricted to the College Street entrance. The building’s Beinecke Plaza entrance — and the plaza at large — remained closed and taped off by Yale police officers.

Police initially closed the plaza early Monday morning preceding the arrest of encamped pro-Palestine student protesters calling on the University to disclose endowment investments and divest from military weapons manufacturers.

Commons, The Elm and the Bow Wow were open during the day, though signs on the College Street door to the Schwarzman Center indicated that the building was only open to individuals with Yale IDs.

Occupy Beinecke leadership transitions, re-labels as “Occupy Yale”

Lead organizers of the Occupy Beinecke coalition — who set up the three-night encampment on Beinecke Plaza that prompted the arrests — have transferred leadership to a “broader coalition” of organizers from Yale, New Haven and Connecticut, the group announced via a statement released on Instagram on Tuesday afternoon. The group’s name, they wrote, has shifted from “Occupy Beinecke” to “Occupy Yale” following the leadership change.

“While acknowledging the success of this mobilization, it is important to broaden it — especially in light of the prejudice Yale

administration has demonstrated toward New Haven and Connecticut community members,” organizers wrote in a statement. “Our movement is bigger than Beinecke Plaza now. On the heels of President Salovey and Dean Lewis’s racist and classist lies, it is important to address Yale’s fundamentally extractive and exploitative role in New Haven and all over the world, while still continuing to center Palestine and Gaza.”

According to the statement, the new leadership is continuing to demand Yale disclose and divest from weapons manufacturing, while also demanding increased investments by the University into the New Haven community and calling for “Palestinian liberation.”

Organizers declined to comment on the reason for the transition in leadership.

Protests in Sterling Memorial Library

A group of approximately 40 pro-Palestine protesters marched through the Sterling Memorial Library at 5 p.m. on Tuesday evening, carrying signs and quietly chanting, “We shall not be moved.”

Gabriel Colburn ’24, a marshal at the protest, told the News that protesters entered the library to confront Lewis, who was in a meeting with departmental directors of undergraduate studies — faculty members who serve as liaisons between undergraduate students, departmental faculty and Yale College administrators.

“People just got excited to go in and sort of spontaneously express their feelings about the war in Gaza and the issue of divestment,” Colburn said. “The administration has consistently avoided and dismissed our calls to meet with them and discuss this issue. So I think this is just an expression of students’ desire for the administration to take us seriously.”

The protesters marched through the main entrance of the library, known as the Nave, and continued down the hallway past the Periodical Reading Room and Selin Courtyard. They lined the walls at the end of the hallway, in front of the Memorabilia Room, where the meeting was being held.

Lewis did not leave the meeting while the protesters were there and later told the News that he had left the building around 5 p.m., only learning of the protesters after the fact.

Protesters adapted their chants as faculty walked out of the meeting, encouraging them to join the group.

At least five YPD officers arrived on the scene at around 5:15 p.m. Officer Matt Franco told the News that the protesters were not breaking any University regulations and that they did not ask them to leave. Franco added that police just reminded protesters

not to block exits.

The protesters remained in the library for approximately 20 minutes before exiting through the entrance onto Cross Campus at 5:23 p.m. After exiting Sterling, protesters gathered on the steps outside the library and sang “Down by the Riverside” for several minutes.

Overnight protesters on Cross Campus

The Occupy Yale Instagram account urged pro-Palestine protesters on Tuesday evening to “be prepared to spend the night.” The post asked protesters to bring or donate supplies, including sleeping bags, pillows, power banks and blankets.

At 10:06 p.m., the News counted approximately 60 individuals on Cross Campus, though several departed as the night progressed. Organizers were cleaning up and distributing food to protesters. One of the organizers urged more protesters to stay overnight or to return in the morning to increase protester turnout.

From 7 to 10 p.m., Yalies4Palestine and Mecha de Yale held “Baila Por Un Sueño” on Cross Campus. The annual event raises money for Mecha’s college scholarship — Sueños Scholarship — which helps local undocumented high school seniors pay for college. This year, Mecha split the donations with the event with Y4P, which was directing the money to Palestinian mutual aid.

As of 10:52 p.m. Tuesday, the News also counted approximately 20 individuals with sleeping bags who intend to stay overnight on Cross Campus. Police on Monday night notified protesters that they were not allowed to put up tents, organizers told the News.

Protesters complied — they intended to use sleeping bags and tarps, instead — and told the News that they were not anticipating any arrests or issues with police on Tuesday night.

Sterling Memorial Library is located at 120 High Street.

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The News followed the weekend’s protests live. Read the play-by-play here:



FROM THE FRONT

“Let the rain kiss you. Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops. Let the rain sing you a lullaby.”
LANGSTON HUGHES AMERICAN POET AND SOCIAL ACTIVIST

What academic penalties will the 44 arrested student protesters face?

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arrested students all received summonses for court dates on May 8, the last day of the academic term. Despite the University issuing warnings of disciplinary action to all protesters over the weekend, Lewis told the News on Wednesday that no students, including those who slept over in the encampment, would face disciplinary action except those who were arrested and those who are under investigation for instigating violence. “If there’s evidence of harassment, intimidation, violence and so on that took place over those days ... clearly we would discipline that behavior,” Lewis said. “But to the extent that — and this was true — the majority it was peaceful assembly, even if it was in fact trespassing, we’re not planning to charge anybody with trespassing who was peacefully trespassing.” Lewis said that the three clearest policies that arrested students may have violated are “interference with university operations because you couldn’t get to the Schwarzman Center or get around campus,” “trespassing because they’ve been told that it was time to leave” and “defiance of authority.”

In an email to parents Sunday afternoon, prior to the arrests, Lewis wrote that students who do not follow University guidelines may be subject to reprimand, probation or suspension.

Civil rights attorney Alex Taubes LAW ’15 wrote to the News that although he cannot be entirely sure what Yale will do, he expects the University to reprimand students.

“I would be surprised if Yale suspended or put anyone on probation for this,” he wrote. “I think a reprimand, at most, would be the correct sanction. This was a nonviolent protest.”

According to the Yale College Undergraduate Regulations website, reprimands are the lightest penalty dealt by the Executive Committee,

and they entail written records in college deans’ offices that are destroyed upon graduation.

A penalty of probation would restrict students from participating in a Year or Term Abroad and holding leadership or officer positions in any registered Yale College student organization that receives university funding.

Suspension, the most serious penalty mentioned in Lewis’ email to parents, entails “separation from the University for a stated period of time.” A suspended student may not return to campus during the designated period unless “they receive express written permission in advance from their residential college head or dean, or from the dean of student affairs.” Suspensions are recorded on students’ academic transcripts.

Lewis told the News that although he is not on the Executive Committee and is not involved with their final decision, he thinks “it would be highly unusual for expulsion for anything like what’s happened so far” because expulsion is usually reserved for extreme events or violent behavior. Lewis’ message to parents also did not mention other possible penalties the Committee has the power to enact, namely restriction, fines and rustication — which forces students to move off campus and bars them from entering their residential colleges.

Paul McKinley, senior associate dean of strategic initiatives and communications, told the News that the Executive Committee usually waits to reach out to students who may face disciplinary proceedings until after any court hearings they have scheduled because they do not want any internal University decision to influence what happens in court. Lewis and McKinley said that they did not know if that meant the meeting would occur after May 8, or if the first communication would be sent to students after May 8.

Michael Hunter, chair of the Executive Committee and a professor of

East Asian Languages & Literatures, wrote to the News that “the outcome of an Executive Committee referral is never preordained.”

In terms of whether a referral could affect a student’s graduation, Hunter wrote that “some penalties would prevent a student from taking part in graduation, others wouldn’t. It all depends on the circumstances, including whether a student has a previous disciplinary history.”

The Committee, appointed by the dean of Yale College, is currently composed of 13 Yale College faculty members and 21 undergraduate students. The coordinating group, consisting of the chair, vice-chair and secretary, conducts the initial review for each submitted report. If there is a need to locate additional documents or information, an investigation is initiated. If the group finds sufficient information available in the report to constitute a violation of the Undergraduate Regulations, the report moves to the full Executive Committee.

The first step of consideration from the full Executive Committee is notifying the student. The notification includes a copy of the report that provides the basis for the allegation of misconduct. The student can choose an adviser, who aids the student in preparing to appear before the Executive Committee, and can respond in writing to the allegation.

In instances where there are no factual disputes offered by the student, the Coordinating Group may offer students the option of a resolution via an agreement of responsibility without a hearing.

In cases that do involve a hearing, after a full consideration, the Committee votes for a penalty through a confidential ballot that is not shared with the student.

Decisions made by the Executive Committee are final and take immediate effect. Decisions may only be reopened by the Executive Committee if new substantial evidence arises.

According to NBC News, more



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Students arrested for trespassing on the Beinecke Plaza on Monday after days of intense pro-Palestine protests will be investigated by Yale’s disciplinary committee. Reprimand — the lightest penalty — appears to be the most likely outcome for them, but probation and suspension are also possible.

than 108 people were arrested on Columbia University’s campus last Thursday following a 34-hour encampment. Among those students, 53 were from Barnard College and were suspended under the college’s regulations, a 1.6 percent share of Barnard’s student body. Suspended students from Barnard were evicted from campus housing and lost access to campus dining.

However, on April 22, Laura Ann Rosenbury, president of Barnard College, said that students can get off the interim suspension “if they agree to follow all Barnard rules during a probationary period.”

The Columbia Spectator reported that some suspended students who “had not previously engaged in misconduct under Barnard’s rules” were also offered an “Alternative Resolution process.” That process allows students to agree to specific sanctions and waive all rights to participate in the conduct process in exchange for “immediate lifting of any interim suspension.”

One of the sanctions is participating in an “Educational Project” where students submit a reflection paper of at least 100 words on the Student Code of Conduct and are placed on probation until Aug. 9.

Following protests at Harvard University, the college suspended the Undergraduate Palestine Solidarity Committee on the grounds of “co-organizing protests with unrecognized student advocacy groups.” According to The Harvard Crimson, the college ordered the group to “cease all organizational activities for the remainder of the Spring 2024 term” or risk permanent expulsion.

On March 28, several pro-Palestine protesters were arrested during a sit-in at Union Station in New Haven.

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University clarifies policy on structures after bookshelf removal



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Secretary and Vice President for University Life Kimberly Goff-Crews emailed the University community to “clarify” the University’s position on structures, following the removal of a pop-up bookshelf and an encampment erected by pro-Palestine protesters on Beinecke Plaza. Protesters said they feel unfairly targeted by the policy.

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On Monday, University administration sent an email to “clarify” the administration’s position on structures. The message from Secretary and Vice President for University Life Kimberly Goff-Crews, which went to the Yale community, came one week after pro-Palestine protesters erected a pop-up bookshelf structure on Beinecke Plaza and mere hours after Yale Police cleared protesters’ tent encampment.

On April 16, when the bookshelf was erected and removed shortly after, there was no policy on structures on the University Provost Office’s Policies & Procedures website. The University administration then also failed to clearly explain the policy behind their removal of the structure.

Protesters, who have been demanding that Yale divest from military weapons manu-

facturers, argue that the new policy unfairly targets their ongoing demonstrations.

“I find that the policy is a reactionary measure that was cobbled together to specifically silence and suppress student organizers and occupiers who have been diligently, carefully, and peacefully bringing to light Yale’s complicity in the genocide of Palestinians,” Minh Vu ’20 GRD ’26, who has been active in the divestment protests this past week, wrote in an email to the News.

Vu said they believe administrators are more interested in “policing its students” than in considering their input and that the policy was crafted to silence the peaceful protests of students in recent days.

Adam Nussbaum ’25, who has also participated in the divestment demonstrations, said that he found the policy “a bit incoherent, and absurd.” Nussbaum, an architecture student,

believes that the updated policy will chill free speech and student expression.

“Requiring something to be approved by the governing body of the school makes it much more difficult for students to express themselves freely in public space because there’s always the possibility for administrative repression, as we’ve seen,” Nussbaum said.

Nussbaum added that he believes the University is experiencing a moment of distrust between students and the administration, because of this perceived repression.

Goff-Crews wrote to the News that Yale’s goals are to “always” support its free expression policies and to keep the campus secure for everyone so that the University’s operations are allowed to continue.

“We, as a community, cannot tolerate acts of discrimination, harassment, or physical harm nor can we

allow any violation of Yale policies that interrupt our academic work and campus operations,” Goff-Crews wrote in Monday’s email.

According to the updated policy, students who wish to place a structure — which the policy defines as a “wall, barrier, tent, sculpture, artwork or other object” — must first obtain written permission from an appropriate administrator with authority over that space. These administrators include heads of colleges for residential college spaces, school deans for Yale College and graduate and professional school spaces and from Goff-Crews’ office for outdoor spaces, including Cross Campus, Beinecke Plaza and other University outdoor spaces.

Protesters did not obtain permission from administrators to build the bookshelf or the tents on Beinecke Plaza.

A University spokesperson wrote to the News that the book-

shelves “were impeding the flow of traffic on the plaza.” On the day the bookshelf was removed, the spokesperson cited general policies around free expression and peaceful assembly and the use of outdoor spaces.

In an email to the News, Goff-Crews wrote that the structure policy builds on existing policies. However, she did not directly answer how it differs from the policy that was previously in place.

“The clarification, shared with the university community on Monday, specifically addresses policy regarding structures and will be useful to students and other members of the university community planning activity,” Goff-Crews wrote to the News.

Goff-Crews was named Vice President for University Life in 2019.

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NEWS

Jewish students express varied feelings about pro-Palestine campus protests

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April 24 — Over 100 faculty members now haIn conversations with the News, Jewish community members expressed a variety of perspectives on the past week’s pro-Palestine divestment protests, from fear to frustration, to support.

Since early last week, campus has been rocked by intensified discourse around divestment, as hundreds of Yale students and community members have protested the University’s investments in military weapons manufacturers in light of Israel’s continued war against Hamas in Gaza.

These protests included an encampment at Beinecke Plaza beginning on Friday, April 19. Early in the morning on Monday, April 22, Yale police arrested 48 student protesters for trespassing on Beinecke Plaza and cleared out the encampments. The protesters then moved to occupy the intersection of Grove and College Streets, which New Haven police closed to traffic. At around 5 p.m. on Monday, the protesters relocated to Cross Campus, where dozens of students remained to sleep on Tuesday night.

Executive Director of the Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life Uri Cohen wrote in an email to the News that this past week “has been more difficult for Jewish students than any week at Yale in recent memory.”

Cohen added that the Slifka Center hosted a community gathering on Sunday night, which lasted around an hour. Cohen stated that the goal was to give students “a place to gather,” adding that students were united in “a shared sense of concern for the Yale Jewish community.”

On Sunday, April 21, while protesters were still occupying Beinecke Plaza, Chabad at Yale released a statement on “antisemitic violence during campus protests.” This statement described a “hostile and “dangerous confrontation for Jewish students” on Friday night.

The statement called upon Yale to enforce University policy fairly, acknowledge the alleged injury of a Chabad leader and formally declare that Jewish students at Yale must not be threatened or attacked.

Elijah Bacal ’27, a leader of Yale Jews for Ceasefire — a coalition of Jewish students demanding a ceasefire in Gaza — said that the perceived narrative of protests being anti-Jewish and contributing to anti-Jewish sentiments on campus was “harmful to everyone.”

Danya Dubrow-Compaine ’25, a co-leader of Jews for Ceasefire, said that protests like those this past week — as opposed to what she called the “let’s sit down and talk about it” mindset — are

a “critically important” part of movement-building.

She added, however, that she realizes that protests can be divisive and might not always leave room for engaging deeply with nuanced feelings. Still, she felt that this week’s demonstrations have been “very open.”

“We’ve had teach-ins, we’ve had guest speakers, we’ve had art, we’ve had letter-writing,” she said. “I think we’ve done a really good job of carrying the weight of a lot of people’s emotions and juggling it.”

Bacal said that he and other members of J4C led the singing of Jewish songs of support at the protest. These songs included their original Hebrew translation of “We Shall Not be Moved,” a song that has been sung several times per day at protests.

On Monday afternoon, Dubrow-Compaine and members of J4C organized a “Seder in the Streets” on Cross Campus, calling on Yale and the United States government to “stop starving Gaza” and to “stop arming Israel.”

Dubrow-Compaine, who called herself a Jewish person who cares “very deeply” about the Jewish community but has strong ideological disagreements with many mainstream Jewish spaces, said she has experienced struggles with what she sees as a “decentering of Palestine” in Jewish discourse.

“It feels really powerful that we were able to both celebrate an important Jewish ritual and holidays while also making it about Palestine and putting the focus there,” Dubrow-Compaine said of Monday’s Seder in the Streets. Dubrow-Compaine added that this allowed her to not have to choose “between celebrating [her] Judaism and supporting Palestinians.”

Bacal described Passover as a story of liberation, which he said is in alignment with his personal mission and what he sees as the mission of the protests.

Approximately 125 students attended Monday evening’s Seder.

Yossi Moff ’27, another Jewish student, told the News that while he “will not judge the Judaism of [his] Jewish peers who are involved with Jews 4 Ceasefire,” their actions in the ongoing protests cause him “pain.”

“Watching them take our tradition, our songs and our God and perform them in front of a predominantly non-Jewish crowd that is explicitly anti-Jewish hurts,” he said.

Moff said that while he believes that many of the protesters do not harbor antisemitic views, he still feels the protests are anti-Jewish. He pointed to the protesters’ participation in the chant, “there is only one solution: intifada revolution” and display of posters featur-

ing “convicted terrorist” Walid Daqqa as particularly distressing for Jewish students.

Daqqa was a Palestinian figure convicted of commanding a group affiliated with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, an arm of the Palestine Liberation Organization, that kidnapped and murdered off-duty Israeli soldier Moshe Tamam in 1984. Daqqa, who recently died of cancer in captivity, is viewed by many Palestinians as a symbol of the Palestinian struggle for liberation from Israel.

The protesters first hung a poster commemorating Daqqa on April 17 and were still displaying it as of yesterday.

In regards to “intifada revolution,” organizers have told the News that they have not approved of the use of this chant, or other chants that have been recited such as “from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,” at the protests, and provided a sheet of approved chants to corroborate this claim. Protesters have used both chants frequently throughout the protests.

In a statement to the News, an organizer and press liaison for the protests wrote that the organizers “condemn antisemitism in all forms” and “have prioritized building a peaceful and respectful protest environment.”

“The demonstrations of the past week have been about building a world free from violence — against Jews, Palestinians, and all other peoples,” she said. “That is why we will continue to sing about building a world from love, and why we will continue to demand divestment from military weapons.”

Four Jewish students interviewed by the News in addition to Moff said that the protests felt “anti-Jewish.”

“Jewish students feel unsafe in a way that I’m not sure they ever have on campus, certainly a way that they haven’t since the immediate days following October 7,” said Abe Baker-Butler ’25.

In his Sunday email, Rabbi Jason Rubenstein — Yale’s Jewish Chaplain — cited two instances of Jewish pedestrians being subjected to verbal abuse. According to the email, Rubenstein and his family were called “fucking Jews” by passersby on Orange Street in November, and one visiting professor was told “die Zionist” in the past week.

Baker-Butler further added that he feels the University has not enforced policies equally, noting that the encampment on Beinecke Plaza was in “clear violation of many University rules.”

According to Baker-Butler, Yale administration did not allow Jewish students to build a ritual structure known as Sukkah on Cross Campus during Sukkot, a religious holiday that takes place in October; the News obtained

earlier this month a September email exchange between Assistant Vice President for University Life Pilar Montalvo and the student requesting to build a Sukkah. Baker-Butler said that the University has created a “double standard” by waiting three days before clearing the encampment in Beinecke Plaza, adding that the University must “enforce rules even-handedly” if it wishes to create a “safe environment for all students.”

“I think that these protests have really crossed a line from being anti-zionist to being anti-semitic,” said Kira Berman ’25, President of Yale Friends of Israel, who also attended the pro-Israel protest on Saturday night.

Berman specifically noted that while she has felt physically safe, she also feels emotionally “unsafe, unwelcome and fearful.” Berman emphasized that the protests have “absolutely felt anti-Jewish.”

Berman added that many of her Jewish friends who weren’t planning to go home for Passover decided to leave “because they don’t feel comfortable on our campus right now.”

Israeli student Aaron Schorr ’24 told the News that while he views the protesters’ fight for “peace in the Middle East [as] a noble cause,” he feels it’s “not the only thing” the protests are advocating for.

“It is clear to me that some of the rhetoric at the protests has been blatantly antisemitic, illiberal and unbecoming of a movement that claims to speak for the universalist values of freedom and liberation,” Schorr said.

Like Moff, both Berman and Schorr cited protesters’ use of chants calling for “intifada revolution” and display of the poster honoring Daqqa as particularly distressing.

Eytan Israel ’26 told the News that he hopes the University will continue to de-escalate protests and protect the campus community.

“It is imperative that Yale follow through on their policies both in order to protect the safety of those on campus and to show the Jewish students that there will be no possible way that escalation can go beyond the line,” he said.

Israel himself claimed that without intervention the protests could escalate to the level of protests at Columbia University, where Jewish students have been advised to leave campus by a community Rabbi who wrote to students that “Columbia University’s Public Safety and the NYPD cannot guarantee Jewish students’ safety in the face of extreme antisemitism and anarchy.”

The Columbia Spectator reported that a group of 10 pro-Israel students counter-protesting Columbia’s pro-Palestine “Gaza Solidar-

ity Encampment” experienced antisemitic incidents Saturday night, such as “death threats, antisemitic rhetoric, and stalking,” according to interviews with students and videos reviewed by the Spectator.

In an email to the Slifka community on Sunday evening signed on to by the Hillel Student Board, Cohen and Rubenstein wrote that the message to Columbia students “reverberates here,” but so far, they see Yale’s campus as safe for Jewish students.

“I think there has been cause for Jews on campuses across the country to feel unsafe ... but as a Jewish student on [Yale’s] campus, that idea is not reflective at all of my experience,” said Bacal.

Bacal added that he has had conversations with Jewish community members who he disagrees with. However, Bacal emphasized that he continues to feel welcomed by Yale’s Jewish community even while disagreeing with some stances promoted by Slifka leadership and some other students.

Dubrow-Compaine said that she does not feel unsafe as a Jewish person on campus right now.

However, she said that the feelings of Jewish students who do feel afraid right now are “valid.”

“What I mean by that is not that I share those feelings or that I think there is good reason to be afraid of these protesters who are my friends and who are constantly preaching messages of love and compassion and community,” Dubrow-Compaine said. “But I know that people have different emotions and different reactions to things based on different lived experiences.”

Bacal noted that he feels he is “straddling” different worlds, where he is both an activist and organizer for the pro-Palestine protests as well as an active member in Yale’s Jewish community.

In their email, Cohen and Rubenstein described “existential conflict” within Yale’s Jewish community over the war that is “strain[ing] the possibility of mutual trust” such that students “feel betrayed by one another.”

“As you can see, I am struggling in the ways you all are — to neither exaggerate nor understate the significance of what is happening in our Yale community, to see it both on its own terms, and to discern patterns of antisemitism,” Rubenstein wrote.

The Jewish holiday of Passover will end after nightfall on Tuesday, April 30.

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Yale’s cultural groups respond to student arrests

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April 25 — Several of Yale’s cultural groups have released statements extending support to ongoing pro-Palestine student divestment protests after Yale police arrested 48 protesters early in the morning on Monday, April 22.

In a joint Monday evening statement, 25 affiliate organizations of the Asian American Cultural Center expressed solidarity with the arrested students and those involved in the protests. In the statement, which was not officially endorsed by the AACC, the groups wrote that they were “greatly saddened” by the administration’s response to protests they characterized as non-violent. They also wrote that they were disappointed that the University had failed to “protect marginalized voices” on its campus.

“I think that each member who signed the statement has their own intentions and reasonings, but speaking personally, I decided to vote for signing because of the history of solidarity and advocacy for liberation that precedes KASY and the Korean American community at large,” said Mark

Chung ’25, co-president of the Korean American Students Association at Yale, who signed the statement alongside the 24 other AACC affiliate organizations. “We as Koreans are defined by the lasting effects of colonialism and American imperialism, and it is our duty to stand with those around the world fighting against the same struggles.”

Chung told the News that KASY was involved in the planning and drafting of the letter alongside the other organizations listed as co-signers. He added that KASY voted on the statement as a board, with the stipulation that without a unanimous vote, they would not sign the letter. The statement ultimately received unanimous support.

Since early last week, campus has been embroiled in discourse around divestment. Hundreds of Yale students and community members have protested the University’s investments in military weapons manufacturers in light of Israel’s ongoing war against Hamas in Gaza.

The protests included an extended student occupation of Beinecke Plaza beginning on Friday, April 19. Early in the morning on Monday, April 22, Yale police

arrested 48 student protesters for trespassing on Beinecke Plaza and cleared out their encampments. Using zip ties, officers escorted them through the College Street entrance of the Schwarzman Center onto Yale Shuttle buses.

The arrested protesters faced charges of criminal trespassing, categorized as a Class A misdemeanor, before being released with citations and an assigned court date of May 8. Arrested students will also be referred to the Yale College Executive Committee for disciplinary action, potentially resulting in reprimand, probation or suspension.

The protesters have since relocated to Cross Campus, where dozens of students remain as of Wednesday night.

“We are firmly against the University’s criminalization of peaceful protest, and stand united with our friends and peers, who were arrested by YPD Monday morning, in calling for Yale’s disclosure of and divestment from military weapons manufacturers, along with a ceasefire in Gaza,” Joshua Ching ’26, president of the Indigenous Peoples of Oceania cultural group, who also co-signed

the AACC-affiliated statement, wrote to the News.

Ching said that for the IPO, divestment from military weapons manufacturers is about solidarity with the Palestinian people and about “fighting against the ongoing military occupation” of Pacific island nations, which he said include Hawai’i, Guåhan, West Papua and which IPO members “call home”

Ching added that the IPO also signed another joint statement with student organizations affiliated with the Native American Cultural Center expressing similar sentiments.

Following the arrests, several cultural groups have continued to participate in events with pro-Palestine protesters. On Tuesday, April 23, Mecha de Yale, a student organization dedicated to social justice for the Latine community, collaborated with Yalies4Palestine to host an event titled “Baila Por Un Sueño.”

At the event, which was held on Cross Campus from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m, attendees participated in events focused on creating “intercultural solidarity while centering and having all eyes on Palestine.” Programming included poster-making workshops and

an informal teach-in about Palestinian resistance symbolologies, as well as Palestinian and Latin American solidarity poetry readings and dance workshops.

On Monday, the Black Students Alliance at Yale also released a statement condemning the arrests of the pro-Palestine protesters. In the statement, BSAY wrote that the group “condemn[s] Yale’s criminalization of our peers.”

“We released a statement yesterday to make clear that we stand in solidarity with our peers who were arrested yesterday,” Momona Hadish ’25 and Anna Elesinmogun ’25, co-presidents of BSAY, wrote in a joint statement to the News. “We understand that as presidents of BSAY, our organization would not be standing without political and social justice efforts — without those taking bold stances for what is right — thus, it is our responsibility to speak out when such grave injustices are occurring on our campus.”

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

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Salovey breaks silence on divestment protests in Sunday email

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April 21 — As protesters demanding that Yale divest from military weapons manufacturers continue to camp on Beinecke Plaza, University President Peter Salovey sent an email to Yale community members on Sunday afternoon stressing that Yale will pursue disciplinary action “according to its policies” in response to student violations of campus safety policies. The email specified that setting up structures, ignoring instructions of university officials and remaining in campus spaces past open hours — which, for Sundays, conclude on the Plaza at 11 p.m., according to the Yale College Undergraduate Regulations — are among the punishable offenses. The message marks the first time that Salovey has spoken publicly on the protests.

Organizers of the encampment posted a response to Salovey’s email on Instagram, writing “DISCLOSE YALE’S INVESTMENTS IN MILITARY WEAPONS MANUFACTURERS & THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST HAVE A PUBLIC, OPEN, AND TRANSPARENT MEETING WITH STUDENTS”

Salovey last made a statement about Israel’s war against Hamas in Gaza on Dec. 7, 2023 — nearly five months ago. The message — titled “Against Hatred” — outlined new campus safety, free expression and community support initiatives.

On April 14, the University issued an unsigned statement acknowledging the ongoing student hunger strike, noting that police were investigating a threatening statement made at a hunger strike event and supporting the “right to peaceful protest.” On April 17, Vice Presi-

dent for University Life Kimberly Goff-Crews sent an email to students describing Yale’s policies on free expression and on how to request and use outdoor spaces on campus.

Last night, Hannah Peck, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, and Andrew Forsyth, Associate Dean and Chief of Staff, told protesters through a megaphone that they had until 11:30 p.m. to remove their belongings and vacate the Plaza or risk being subjected to disciplinary action.

Salovey wrote in Sunday’s email that although many students have been protesting and counter-protesting peacefully, there have been accounts of aggressive behavior such as intimidation, harassment and the removal of the American flag from Beinecke Plaza’s flagpole. The Yale Police Department is investigating these reports, Salovey added.

“I think it is important for folks to understand that Dean Peck was offering students a chance to leave without any discipline,” Yale College Dean Pericles Lewis wrote to the News. “Unfortunately they did not take that opportunity and now we have received complaints of more serious infractions, which we are investigating.”

Encampment organizers and Chief of Yale Police & Associate Director of Public Safety Anthony Campbell ’95 DIV ’09 did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Salovey acknowledged in his email the strong dissent aimed toward Yale’s Wednesday announcement that the University would not divest from military weapons manufacturers. He encouraged community members who disagree with the decision to write to the Advisory Committee on Investor Responsibility — a group of

students, alumni, faculty and staff tasked with recommending investment-related policy to Yale’s Board of Trustees — and to attend the committee’s open meetings, noting that “there are available pathways to continue this discussion with openness and civility.”

In the email — titled “Our commitment to campus safety, peaceful assembly, and civil discourse” — Salovey emphasized the University’s support for free speech but wrote that the administration is also “focused intently on campus safety and maintaining university operations.”

At Columbia University, where a “Gaza Solidarity Encampment” has sat on the University’s South Lawn for five days, around 100 pro-Palestine student protesters were arrested on Thursday and later suspended.

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Salovey said that the University “will pursue disciplinary actions according to its policies,” in reference to the ongoing encampment on Beinecke Plaza. He also wrote that there have been reports of “intimidation and harassment.”

Pro-divestment students end eight-day hunger strike

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April 21 — On Sunday evening, the Hunger Strikers for Palestine announced on Instagram that they have ended their hunger strike on its eighth day. The coalition of hunger strikers, consisting of at least 12 graduate students and two undergraduates, originally announced their intent to go on hunger strike in a letter to University President Peter Salovey

on April 10. In the letter, they demanded that the University publicly commit to divestment from divestment from weapons manufacturers involved in Israel’s war against Hamas in Gaza by April 12. Students also demanded that the Yale Corporation discuss plans for divestment at its meeting on April 20.

After the University did not publish a statement committing to divestment on April 12, the students announced in a press conference that same day that

they would begin their strike the next day, on April 13. The end of the strike comes a day after the Yale Corporation held its last meeting before the end of the academic term on Saturday and four days after the University announced it would not divest from military weapons manufacturers.

On April 14, the day after the strike began, the University issued an unsigned statement acknowledging the ongoing student hunger strike, adding

that police were investigating a threatening statement made at the hunger strike and supporting the strikers’ “right to peaceful protest.” The University made no other public comment on the strike.

“Yale clearly values the investments to be gained from military weapons manufacturing over Palestinian lives and students’ wellbeing,” the strikers wrote in a statement.

While the strike has ended, strikers affirmed their continued

insistence that Yale divest from weapons manufacturers and “end its complicity in the genocide of Palestinian people.”

The announcement also stated participants had lost an average eight percent of their body weight, with some losing up to 16 pounds. At this time, the News has not been able to determine the immediate reason for the end of the hunger strike.

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While they have ended their hunger strike, the 14 students continue to express dissent toward the University’s investments in military weapons manufacturers.

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Michael Morand, New Haven community ‘connector,’ to serve as City Historian

BY ARIELA LOPEZ
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For Michael Morand ’87 DIV ’93 — the Beinecke Library’s director of community engagement, a leader in numerous New Haven cultural organizations and an accomplished historian who worked extensively on the Yale and Slavery research project — understanding history is about “tomorrow.”

On Friday, April 11, Mayor Justin Elicker announced that Morand will serve as New Haven’s next City Historian. Under Connecticut state law, towns and cities may appoint a municipal historian to take the lead on local historical and commemorative initiatives. Now, as he steps into the role, Morand is looking to spearhead historical and preservation efforts that can not only educate New Haven on its past, but also prepare the city, on the cusp of its 250th anniversary in 2034, for its future.

“City Historian is a role that can be defined by the person who holds it, working with their colleagues and collaborators,” Morand said to the News. “The charge is to advise, and uplift, and celebrate and connect.”

Morand, who grew up near Cincinnati, Ohio, became a New Haven resident in 1983, when he arrived as an undergraduate student at Yale College. He has since lived in the Elm City, which he described as “at once comfortable and cosmopolitan.”

During college, Morand was involved in labor solidarity work. In 1984, Yale’s UNITE HERE Local 34 union, which represents University employees, staged a major strike, leading several college classes to be held off campus, Morand recalled. He used the opportunity to get to know communities away from campus. He also spent several summers in New Haven.

“New Haven is large enough to be interesting and small enough to be friendly,” Morand said. “There are people here who trace their lineage back centuries, and there are people who just arrived in recent days and weeks from various parts of the world. And it’s very much a welcoming place.”

Morand has served as a leader in the Yale and Slavery Research Project, an initiative that began in 2020 when University President Peter Salovey asked David Blight, a Yale history professor, to investigate Yale’s historical ties to slavery.

“Mike was the first person I went to, because of his knowledge of the libraries, and particularly the Beinecke collections,” Blight told the News.



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Currently the Beinecke Library’s Director of Community Engagement, Michael Morand ’87 DIV ’93 has “made it his business” to know New Haven’s history.

Morand authored a chapter in the project’s recently released book, “Yale and Slavery: A History.” He also managed a variety of webinars and events relating to the project, Blight said. Most recently, Morand and Chrales Warner Jr., another member of the Yale and Slavery Working Group, curated an exhibit in the News Haven Museum, “Shining Light on Truth,” which opened in February.

The exhibition, which was timed to complement the publication of the project’s book, commemorates Black scholarship, community and resistance in New Haven throughout the city’s history.

Joanna Steinberg, the museum’s director of learning and engagement, has met weekly with Morand for months to plan the exhibit, coordinate tours and discuss the ongoing project. She said that Morand has been active in offering his own tours of the exhibit and sharing the collection — and his experience curating it — with visitors.

Steinberg described her amazement at Morand’s “encyclopedic” knowledge of community history, and his enthusiasm for sharing it with others.

“Something that I think of first when I think of Mike is his ability to bring so many people together in the work and to help forge those networks

and collaborative energies,” Steinberg said. “He’s a major connector. I know that will continue, and can only continue more, with him in this role.”

Jennifer Coggins, who works as a community engagement archivist at the Beinecke, also described Morand as a “connector” — of people, institutions and resources throughout New Haven.

The community engagement team, which Morand directs, organizes community events at the Beinecke and partnerships with other New Haven cultural and archival institutions, Coggins explained.

In the press release announcing Morand’s role as city historian, Elicker emphasized Morand’s ties to numerous New Haven institutions. Morand served on the Board of Alders while studying at Yale Divinity School in the 1990s. He serves on the board of the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven and the W. E. B. Du Bois Museum Foundation, and he chairs the history committee of the Dixwell Community House.

Morand also serves as chair of the Friends of the Grove Street Cemetery, where, according to Blight, he offers tours of the cemetery grounds.

When asked about plans and ideas for his role, Morand told the News about a project on which he is hoping to collaborate with the New Haven Free Public Library: build-

ing a “memory lab” in the Ives Main Library where New Haveners can document their own family history.

“The work is both to look back over time, understand, analyze, discover, recover, over the centuries, but also to encourage people today to be documenting and preserving their records and memories,” Morand said. “Success as City Historian will be measured by the City Historian in 100 years being able to say that the people in 2025 and 2026 and 2027 did a good job, their records are available.”

Maria Bernhey, New Haven’s City Librarian, explained that the memory lab would allow New Haveners to learn how to archive and digitize their family documents, such as postcards or videos. Bernhey and Coggins, who is involved with the project, declined to provide specific details about the initiative because it is still in an early stage.

Recalling Judith Schiff, New Haven’s former City Historian, Coggins noticed similarities between Schiff and Morand.

“Both of them sort of serve as a historical resource in themselves,” Coggins said. “They’re people that other people come to with questions about New Haven history, and if they don’t know the answer off the top of their head, they have a good idea of who to ask or where to look. That’s something that is

clearly part of the role and, I think, part of the personality of a good City Historian.”

Through their work at the Beinecke, Coggins observed that Morand has made a priority of focusing on communities that have been underrepresented in past tellings of New Haven’s history.

Strolling through Branford Courtyard on a spring weekend morning, Morand pointed out his favorite markings on the stone walls — including one displaying “the people who built this place,” he said — before stopping at a quote from Nathan Hale ’73, a Revolutionary War hero, engraved over an archway.

“I agree with this one, you can quote me on it,” he said, pointing up at the cursive lettering. “Michael Morand, city historian: ‘I wish to be useful.’”

Morand is the third City Historian in New Haven history. Richard Hegel, the first, was appointed by Mayor Biagio DiLieto and served until his death in 2012. Schiff was then appointed by Mayor John DeStefano, Jr. that year.

Schiff passed away in 2022.

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Pan sentenced to 35 years in prison for 2021 murder of grad student

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Qinxuan Pan was sentenced on Tuesday to 35 years in prison for the murder of Yale graduate student Kevin Jiang ENV ’22 in 2021.

The sentencing decision, delivered by State Superior Court Judge Gerald Harmon in a New Haven courtroom, cements a plea deal reached in late February — over three years after a murder that shocked the Yale community and set off a three-month manhunt ending with Pan’s arrest in Alabama.

“I feel sorry for what my actions caused,” Pan, who is 33 years old, said during the sentencing hearing, according to the New Haven Register. “I fully accept my penalties.”

Pan’s lawyer, public defender Molly Arabolos, did not reply to an email from the News asking for comment on the sentencing and an explanation of Pan’s decision to plead guilty. A year before the plea deal, Pan had dropped his private attorney in favor of a public defender.

Jiang, a 26-year-old army veteran from Seattle, was studying at the Yale School of the Environment. He had recently been engaged to Zion Perry GRD ’26 at the time of the murder, which occurred February 2021 in New Haven’s East Rock neighborhood.

“Today, I would like to extend my condolences to the friends and family of Mr. Jiang who have endured such an unimaginable loss due to this senseless crime,” New Haven State’s Attorney John P. Doyle Jr. was quoted as saying in a statement on Tuesday.

In the statement, Doyle thanked the assortment of law enforcement agencies who had assisted with the case. They ranged from



COURTESY OF TOM BREEN

The sentence handed down on Tuesday cements a plea deal reached in February, over three years after Qinxuan Pan murdered Kevin Jiang ENV ’22.

the New Haven and Yale Police Departments to the FBI and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Jiang’s father, Mingchen Jiang, said at Tuesday’s hearing that his son “had a bright future ahead, one that promised to spread

God’s love far and wide,” per the Associated Press.

The New Haven Superior Court is located at 235 Church St.

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“Sweet April showers do spring
May flowers.”
THOMAS TUSSER ENGLISH POET

Two Yale centers partner to launch clean and equitable energy development certificate program

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The Yale Center for Business and the Environment and the Yale Center for Environmental Justice are partnering to launch a new online certificate program for working professionals.

The program, called the Clean and Equitable Energy Development certificate, or CEED, opened applications on April 10. It is designed to

train working professionals in how to develop equitable clean energy infrastructure in their communities. Program administrators hope to target clean energy advocates and community leaders, such as church-based facility managers or low-income housing and health clinic workers.

Gelbotar said they also hope the course attracts clean energy developers who are eager to serve those communities.

“To make a system work in a way that is fair and just and functional for communities, the environment and the energy system, a lot of things have to change,” said Stuart DeCrew, the executive director at CBEY. “We need people who can teach us what that transition looks like.”

The online program will consist of two cohorts per year, running for 12 weeks in both the fall and spring. Classes begin on Sept. 2. The pro-

gram will be conducted entirely online, with a combination of short, asynchronous lectures and other longer synchronous content including panel discussions and office hours, said Coral Bielecki, the online programs director at the Yale Center for Business and the Environment.

Students, who administrators anticipate will come from across the world, are expected to spend about five hours a week on the course.

Based on a pilot cohort that has been testing the course over the past semester, the program directors said they expect that participants in CEED will come from a variety of backgrounds — including school administrators, bishops, energy developers, policymakers and finance professionals, said Michel Gelobter, the director of the Yale Center for Environmental Justice and one of CEED’s lead instructors.

Graduate certificate programs, which are developed in partnership with the Poorvu Center, exist in several of Yale’s professional schools — including the School of Public Health. DeCrew said they are designed for individuals who may not have the time or resources to attend Yale’s graduate programs full-time but still want to continue their education and “unlock the best Yale has to offer.”

“We take the best classes from tenured faculty around Yale and condense them into a program that a 45-year-old with two kids and five hours a week could take,” he said.

The Center for Business and Environment, housed at the School of the Environment, previously developed a certificate program about financing and deploying clean energy in 2019. Since then, DeCrew said, the Center’s staff realized there was a need for a course to teach a step-by-step process for developing clean energy programs.

Gelobter said that CEED’s launch is also timely. He pointed to a recent influx of federal money for fighting climate change in disadvantaged communities — including the Biden Administration’s Justice40 Initiative, which mandates that 40 per-

cent of nearly \$2 trillion in federal investment for climate and clean energy must flow to disadvantaged communities.

In April, the Environmental Protection Agency announced \$20 billion in grants to create a national financing network for clean energy infrastructure. Another federal program, announced on April 22, earmarked \$7 billion in grant funding to deliver solar energy to low-income communities, DeCrew added.

Given the increase in funding available for clean energy projects, Gelobter said he believes that local organizers need to understand how to design clean energy programs that effectively utilize federal money.

Many of the participants in the program’s pilot cohort have been people who distribute federal funding or who will receive funding at state and local levels, Gelobter said.

“There’s a huge pressure and demand on anyone deploying that amount of money to do it in a way that’s just, fair and equitable,” Gelobter said. “A lot of the audience for this course are people in those positions.”

Key to the program, instructors say, are principles of environmental justice and energy justice: how climate change can exacerbate economic inequality and how clean energy infrastructure can be distributed fairly across disadvantaged communities.

Students will also learn how to design and implement clean energy programs at a technical level. They will learn how to finance and design projects like solar panel arrays, for instance, and then connect them to existing energy grids.

“If we’re going to get anything done, we have to see ourselves as the change makers and not wait for another generation to do it,” Bielecki said.

The Yale Center for Business and the Environment was founded in 2006.

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The certificate program aims to train working professionals to develop clean, equitable energy infrastructure in their communities. **TIM TAI/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER**

Meet Laura Cahn, concerned mother turned champion of environmental issues

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Frustrated with Yale spraying pesticides on the fields behind her home in Westville, Laura Cahn spearheaded the movement to reboot the previously inactive Environmental Advisory Council, or EAC.

“The air stank of poison,” Cahn said about the day she came home and first noticed the pesticides being used in her neighborhood.

She was concerned about letting her daughter go outside. She was wary of hosting a party she had previously planned.

Cahn’s neighbor, Jeanne Dubino, told the News that she is scared to walk her dogs on the sidewalk in Westville because she has no way of determining what is being sprayed in her neighborhood — both by her neighbors and by Yale on the nearby athletic fields.

After first noticing the pesticide usage, Cahn worked with other environmental advocates in the Elm City for about a year to advocate for the reinstatement of the EAC, which had remained inactive for decades.

Under former Mayor Toni Harp’s administration, Cahn sought to facilitate consistent conversations about environmental issues, and the EAC could ensure these conversations would be heard by executives and legislators with the power to affect change.

With the help of Alder Sal DeCola — who chaired the City Services and Environmental Policy Committee at the time — the EAC was reactivated in 2014. Cahn was immediately named chairwoman.

“Laura is a committed environmental advocate and champion for New Haven residents and the city at large. Meetings [with Cahn] are incredibly substantive and cover a wide variety of important and pressing environmental issues that impact the day-to-day lives of our residents as well as the long-term direction of

our city,” Elicker wrote to the News. “It was an easy decision to reappoint her to the EAC, and we’re fortunate to have her serving in this role.”

Since her original appointment, Cahn has persistently advocated for more transparency surrounding pesticide use, all the way up to the state level. In an interview with the News, DeCola emphasized how energetic Cahn is when advocating for the entire state.

Before interviewing with the News, Cahn spent her morning talking with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, insisting that they make pesticide records available online. As of right now, one must request individual hard copies of pesticide records. When she spoke with the News, Cahn brought a stack of records as tall as her cup of mint tea to Atticus Bookstore Cafe — a stack that she said was only a small portion of her entire collection.

Since its reactivation, the EAC has successfully advocated for legislation that discourages the use of pesticides, lobbied for the creation of a city office dedicated to climate change and sustainability, worked to update light ordinances and encouraged bans of styrofoam and plastic bags — among numerous other efforts that promote environmental protection and sustainability.

“I decided I needed to help because I needed to set an example for my daughter,” Cahn said. “It’s not that I wanted to be the chair of this, it’s that I wanted to do the work. I had no idea it would go on this long and become this involved.”

In middle school, Cahn recalls spending time learning about the importance of sorting recyclable materials. But, as a college student, she wanted to work as a talent agent to represent screenwriters. She worked at a talent agency in Manhattan for 10 years, which she described as “stressful but fun,” before following her husband to New Haven.



Laura Cahn is the chairwoman of New Haven’s Environmental Advisory Council. **LILY BELLE POLING/ CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER**

As a Westville resident, Cahn began volunteering in her community and became an active member of her daughter’s elementary school’s Parent-Teacher Organization. She told the News that her time in New Haven has been guided by her desire to help and “to make things better.”

Jeanne Dubino, one of Cahn’s neighbors who has known her since 2009, commends her for the work she’s done for the community. According to Dubino, Cahn thoroughly researches every issue she speaks on and is careful to not exaggerate the issues she presents. What sets her apart from other activists is her ability to work with lawmakers to get things done, Dubino said.

“She’s just tireless and she works with so many different issues,” Dubino said. “She really is kept awake at night with all the

different environmental problems that are out there.”

Whenever Cahn is outside, she makes sure to pick up miniature liquor bottles off the side of the road. She toted a bag full of these “nips” to Atticus when she interviewed with the News — a bag that she had collected entirely from a walk she took the previous day. She has testified in front of the state legislature on behalf of a bill that seeks to allow cities to ban the sale of alcohol bottles smaller than 50 milliliters, which significantly contribute to ground and water pollution and cannot be recycled.

Steve Winter, the director of the Office of Climate and Sustainability that Cahn’s EAC advocated to create, applauded her for spearheading a wide range of environmental initiatives.

“Whenever there is an important issue at the local,

state or national level, whether it is related to pesticides, air pollution, water pollution, materials management, climate change, or other issues, Laura [Cahn] is always there to speak up for what’s right for our environment,” Winter wrote in an email to the News.

He also noted some of Cahn’s other contributions to New Haven, including her calls to attention about the lack of progress being made in the remediation of English Station, advocacy for restricting emissions from petroleum tanks near the port and her criticism of the Murphy Road recycling facility’s expansion.

The next EAC meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2024.

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SPORTS

Amegadjie looks ahead to draft

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Yale would be a better option than declaring for the draft as he had originally planned.

“I didn’t know if I would need another year and what teams really thought of me post -injury,” Amegadjie said of his decision on whether to return to school or declare for the draft. “I got a lot of good feedback from my agent, from teams, and it really came down to the fact that my dream has always been to play in the NFL. So I thought, you know, we got good feedback, and there wasn’t really a change in my stock. So I thought it was the best time for me to take this opportunity and achieve a lifelong dream.”

Despite not playing for much of the season, NFL scouts still hold Amegadjie in high regard, especially given his experience at left tackle, one of the highest -valued positions. His pro -ready frame, measuring in at the combine at 6’5” and 323 pounds, is rare for an Ivy League player and helps assuage concerns some scouts have about the lower level of play he faces in the Ancient Eight.

The injury kept Amegadjie from performing any of the physical tests when he attended the NFL Combine, but his tape from the games he did play was impressive enough to earn him an

invite to participate in interviews with teams at the Combine.

While Amegadjie is often lauded for his versatility, having played at right guard in his first season at Yale, his size, notably his 36 ” -long arms that allow him to stifle edge rushers, NFL team’s all see him as playing at the far more valuable tackle position.

For Amegadjie, playing out on the end of the line is just fine by him, as he noted his love for the physicality of the position.

“My favorite play is duo out to the left. It’s a super physical run scheme,” Amegadjie said when asked what his favorite play call was to get in the huddle. “Especially running to my side, I love that responsibility. So that was my favorite play that we ran.”

Now, in late April with many Yale students preparing to move to new cities and meet new coworkers , Amegadjie finds himself in a similar position.

The difference he points out, though, is that instead of knowing that he’s bound for New York City or Los Angeles like many other Yalies, there are 29 different cities that he could be moving to.

“I won’t know until draft night and some people have inklings in the corporate world, you have inklings of, you know, where you might go based

off a good interview, based on feedback that you’re getting and they’re a lot more open with it. But it’s kind of different in the NFL, you’re kind of left waiting. And you never really know until you get the call.”

Beyond the city, Amegadjie also has to come to grips with a different kind of coworker.

Whenever he does make his way into the starting lineup, Amegadjie will have to face down some of the best players in the world at their own jobs. However, that is not to say he’s scared of the challenge.

“I’m excited for the challenge. But, you know, those are people that I’ve been watching for the last couple years on TV and you just watched them wreak havoc, and it’s kind of weird to think about, like, in a couple months, I’m gonna have to stop them. It’s super exciting and it’s also, obviously, a very surreal moment.”

Amegadjie does know, however, where he’ll be for the draft, as he said he’ll be back home in Chicago with friends and family waiting for that call he’s dreamt of his whole life.

Rounds two and three of the NFL Draft will air on ESPN on Friday night beginning at 7 p.m.

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DAVID SCHAMIS / YALE ATHLETICS

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Bulldogs play last away games of season

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ter Kessinger ’24 who took the win, pitching three innings and allowing two hits. After taking a 4–0 lead in the second inning, the Bulldogs kept their foot on the gas. The runs came off a bunt from junior Hayden Sobecki ’25, who advanced to second after an error from the defense, sending Dossa across the plate. Hits from Pierantoni, Chaplin and Atkinson sent Robert Ciulla ’25, Sobecki and Chaplin home respectively.

Fairfield tallied two runs in the bottom of the third, but Yale answered commandingly in the fourth, breaking the game open with five runs. The inning featured a series of successful bunts by the Bulldogs, with all five runs resulting from these plays. Five Yalies scored, bringing the score to 9–2. The Bulldogs continued to roll on Fairfield, racking up three more runs through the end of the game, off of Hanson’s sixth homer of the year, and a single from Dossa which sent Martin and Atkinson home.

When asked about the bunt plays in the game and his own run from Martin’s bunt, Hanson said, “We’ve spent a lot of time this year practicing little things like base running tears and bunting and that has made us very successful translating to the games. We got the sign, and as soon as I saw the ball going into the ground I took off.” The win was a high point before Yale faced off against second -ranked in the Ivy League Cornell over the weekend.

To end the seven -game week, Yale’s team traveled to Ithaca to face Cornell in a three -game series. The first game featured a strong comeback from the Big Red, who forced the game into extra innings despite an early lead from the Bulldogs. Senior captain Reid Easterly ’24 pitched a stunning game, throwing seven shutout innings, before being relieved by sophomore Tate Evans ’26. Yale took the lead off of RBI singles from Dossa and Larsen in the second, before a homer from Martin increased the lead to 4–0 in the fourth, with Ciulla driving in another run to increase the lead to 5–0 to start the fifth. Atkinson dou-

bled home a pair of runs and took advantage of a Cornell error to pad their lead. The game turned sour for the Bulldogs in the eighth, with Cornell tallying seven runs to close the gap to one run. The Big Red tacked on another run in the ninth, sending the game to extra innings. The Bulldogs responded in the top of the 10th with a sacrifice hit from Pierantoni that sent Ciulla home, but fell to the home team after they responded with two runs in the home half of the inning, losing 9–10.

The second game of the double -header was another hard game for Yale. While they were first to score, off of a double RBI from Atkinson, the Bulldogs remained scoreless for the rest of the game. Shaw started on the bump and pitched seven innings with seven strikeouts before being relieved by Josh Richardson ’24. The Big Red put up eight runs over six innings with two home runs, ending the game with an 8–2 loss for Yale.

The series resumed on Sunday, with Williams leading the team to a 6–3 road victory. Sophomore Daniel Cohen ’26 began on the mound for Yale, and when asked how he approaches games during a hard series, said, “I try to keep my mindset as simple as possible. Trust in my pitches and the work I have put in as well as trust in my guys behind me. Don’t worry about anything out of my control and just attack each hitter with a purpose.”

His focus paid off, pitching 7.1 innings, striking out eight, and picking up the win. The Bulldogs scored first, off a bunt from Larsen, which sent Dossa home before Cornell tied the score in the bottom of the same inning. Williams came alive in the third, taking a breaking ball the other way for a single, allowing Pierantoni to score. He came through once again in the fifth, sending Pierantoni across the plate for a second time. The Bulldogs led by two after the fifth. In the seventh, the Bulldogs added three runs, with William’s third RBI on a sacrifice fly. Hanson drew a walk with bases loaded to tack on another run. Relief pitcher Evans ended the game with two strikeouts in the home half of

the ninth to end the game with a 6–3 victory over Cornell.

Despite losing the series to Cornell, Yale has recently been much more explosive on offense. Over the first 19 games, the Bulldogs only scored 60 runs, but they have since turned things around, crossing the plate 99 times in the last 10 games.

“As the season has progressed, our hitters have grown in that they not only have more experience and failure to learn from, but guys are starting to have a better understanding of who they are as players,” Pierantoni wrote. “Emphasizing the importance of not trying to do too much at the plate and relishing the genuine fun we have when playing together has allowed us to take pressure off of ourselves, allowing our offense to reset, then rise to the occasion whenever we meet a new challenge.”

Easterly mirrors this sentiment. The pitcher has consistently played well, helping to allow the recent offensive hot streak to count for more.

“Offensively, guys have really done a good job just sticking to their approach,” the captain said. “Again, when we got off to the tough start as a team, each guy just kept working and trusted that we would come out of the slump better for it. Now, everyone on the team has confidence that every guy in the lineup, one through nine, is going to come through at the plate and get whatever job needs to be done.”

This jump in confidence is crucial for the Bulldogs at this point in the season, with the Sunday win improving their standings to 13–19 overall and keeping them firmly in the hunt for a conference tournament appearance.

Currently tied for fourth with Penn in the Ivy standings, the Bulldogs will face Stonehill College (11–21, 7–11 NEC) at home on Tuesday, before continuing Ivy play against Brown (8–24, 3–12 Ivy) at the George H.W. Bush ’48 Field at home in New Haven.

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Bulldogs win Ivies

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The game showcased standout performances, including Everson’s five -goal haul, Carrasquillo’s four -goal contribution, and a Fallon Vaughn ’25 hat -trick.

After their win on Saturday against Cornell, they moved from the No. 10 to No. 8 spot.

On Monday, the No. 8 Yale team traveled to Colorado to face off against the No. 12 Denver squad at Saint Joseph’s Sweeney Field, ultimately falling short in a tense 12–11 contest.

In a back -and -forth battle, the Bulldogs managed to seize an 11–10 advantage, only for Denver to stage a late rally, netting the final two goals, including the game -winner a mere 1.4 seconds before the final buzzer.

Despite the narrow defeat, the game remained tightly contested throughout, with neither team holding a lead of more than three goals at any juncture, and the score deadlocked on eight separate occasions.

A standout performance came from Jenna Collignon ’25, who secured a hat -trick and converted all three of her shots on goal.

“Even though it was not the outcome we wanted, it was a valuable learning experience,” Collignon wrote to the News. “Going into the Ivy League tournament, we now have that experience of what tight games feel like and can use that for better game clock management and capitalizing opportunities. I also think every one of us will be able to use this as motivation going forward. We are all incredibly passionate and competitive and this will only push us forward.”

Looking forward, the Bulldogs are gearing up for their Senior Day matchup against Columbia University (4–10, 0–6 Ivy) at Reese Stadium this Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

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YALE ATHLETICS

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Yale plays Columbia and Cornell

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’26 led the way as singles winners. Ogilvy defeated Columbia’s Keita 4–6, 7–5, 2–0 (retired), Lynn beat Columbia’s Tewolde 6–4, 7–5 and Guerry topped Columbia’s Wang 6–3, 6–3.

On Sunday, the women’s team traveled to Cornell to take on the Big Red in their last matchup of the regular season. They found redemption, winning by a large margin, 4–1. After losing the doubles point, the Bulldogs responded in a big way, going undefeated in singles, with four victories and leading two matches before resulting in a DNF.

Ogilvy racked up her second victory of the weekend, defeating Cornell’s Lauren Stein in the number one spot (3–6, 6–3, 6–2). Mirabelle Brett Kelly ’25 beat Cornell’s Michaelle Ryndin in two sets (7–6, 6–2). Shyla Aggarwal ’27 led Cornell’s Emma Baker (2–6, 6–3, 1–0) before the match was called. Lynn flat -out dominated Cornell’s Jenny Wong in straight sets (6–1, 6–2). Guerry was also leading Cornell’s Victoria Zhao (6–3, 4–6, 1–0) before the match was called. Jamie Kim ’25 closed out the scoring, conquering Cornell’s Alexandra Savu again in straight sets (6–0, 6–3).

Yale women’s tennis wraps up the regular season with an overall record of 16–8 and a conference record of 4–3. The Bulldogs will sit tight until next week, when the 2024 NCAA DI women’s tennis championship selection show airs on NCAA.com on Monday, April 29, at 6 p.m. ET.

The men’s team had a tough weekend at the Cullman -Heyman Tennis Center, being defeated by both Columbia and Cornell, losing 1–6 and 3–4, respectively.

Columbia, ranked No. 8 in the nation, proved to be a tough matchup on Saturday. In doubles, Aidan Reilly ’25 and Theo Dean ’24 came out on top over Columbia’s Theo Winegar and Michael Zheng (7–5). Winegar and Zheng were ranked 13 in the nation for doubles, but the dynamic duo of Dean and Reilly was simply too much for them. In singles, Dean was the lone winner, defeating Columbia’s Alex Kotzen 6–2, 7–5.

On Sunday, the Bulldogs celebrated their Senior Day while hosting Cornell. The lone senior, Dean, led the way for the ’Dogs. Paired with Reilly, the two continued their streak, coming out on top over Cornell’s Adit Sinha and Nathan Mao 6–4. However, Cornell won the doubles point after winning the last two matches.

In singles, Cornell’s Radue Papoe defeated Vignesh Gogineni in the No. 1 spot (6–2, 6–2). Then, Yale rattled off three straight victories over Cornell, with Theo Dean winning 6–7, 6–3, (1–0), and Eric Li ’26 (6–0, 6–3) and Jim Ji ’27 (7–6,

6–4) following suit. Unfortunately, Reilly (6–3, 6–3) and Luke Neal ’25 (7–6, 6–3) were unable to close out their matches, resulting in a 3–4 defeat for the team. This loss dropped the Bulldog’s overall record to .500 on the year (11–11) and 2–4 in the conference.

While Yale men’s tennis could not complete the comeback on Sunday, their loss could not overshadow the team’s Senior Day celebration. Theo Dean played his last match at home this Sunday and came out on top in both.

Dean, hailing from Livermore, Calif., came into Yale ranked No. 41 in the nation in the 18 -and -under division by the United States Tennis Association. After his first season was canceled due to the pandemic, Dean burst onto the Ivy League tennis scene, racking up numerous accolades. He was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Year, First Team All -Ivy in singles and Second Team All -Ivy in doubles alongside Aidan Reilly. In his second season, Dean was named Team Captain, First Team All -Ivy in singles, and qualified for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Super Regionals in the fall. This season, he was named Team Captain for the second time and will likely accumulate many more honors and recognition for his outstanding play throughout the 2023–24 season.

Dean plans to use his extra season of eligibility granted to him by the NCAA due to the pandemic to pursue his master’s degree at Cal Berkeley while continuing to play tennis.

When asked about Dean’s impact on the team, Neal said, “Theo is an amazing teammate on and off of the court. He pushes everyone around him to be the best version of themselves, and is always willing to help a teammate in need out. He will continue to thrive and make a massive impact next year at Cal Berkeley, and we will definitely miss having him around.”

Doubles partner of Dean, Aidan Reilly, echoed Neal’s sentiment.

“His skill on the court and his leadership as a two -year captain have been huge for us, but his friendship and being such a role -model are the biggest reasons we’ll miss him next year,” Reilly said. “I’ve had the privilege to be his doubles partner for three years, and I can say with certainty that the success we’ve had is not only for his play, but for constantly challenging me to elevate my game and trust myself.”

Dean and the Elis look to close out the regular season on a positive note when they travel to Brown next Saturday, April 27.

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*“The well of nature is full today.
Time to go outside and take a drink.”*
DIANE ACKERMAN AMERICAN POET AND ESSAYIST

Yale Kalaa and Yale Dhvani to put on showcase honoring womanhood

BY KAMINI PURUSHOTHAMAN
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Illustrated through two traditional Indian arts — the narrative dance form Bharatnatyam and complex Carnatic music — “Shakti” is a celebration of womanhood and feminine strength.

On Thursday, April 25, Yale Kalaa and Yale Dhvani will be performing their second joint showcase at 7 p.m. in the Off Broadway Theater. Kalaa is a dance group that performs Bharatanatyam, an Indian dance form that includes rhythmic footwork and evocative expressions. Dhvani is dedicated to Carnatic and Hindustani Indian classical music. The production’s name means “strength” in Sanskrit, and the performance includes prominent women from Hindu mythology, including Draupadi, Mohini, Sita and Durga.

“This is a theme that we all feel strongly about,” said Eesha Bodapati ’25, one of Kalaa’s co-captains. “We began thinking about all the powerful stories of women that we had grown up listening to in Hindu mythology, and we wanted to showcase these stories and how they inspire us in our own experiences as women.”

Anjal Jain ’26, a member of Kalaa and Dhvani, said that male characters from Hindu mythology often have more recognition than their women counterparts, so Kalaa and Dhvani wanted to shift the spotlight onto women who embodied the triumph of good over evil.

According to Bodapati, curating the story for Kalaa’s dances takes months of planning. She said that the team dedicated the last few weeks to ensuring lighting, sound, marketing, design and other logistics were in order.

This year, the performance includes six mythological stories about powerful women woven into a larger conversation between a mother and daughter. Last year, the groups’ annual showcase told the story of the Hindu god Lord Krishna. This year, they wanted to maintain the showcase’s narrative element while presenting something more understandable to audiences unfamiliar with Hindu mythology.

Maanasa Nandigam ’25, co-captain of Kalaa and founder of Dhvani, said that the groups wanted the audience to feel “the absolute rawness of feminine power through both these ancient stories of women and women today.”

She said that incorporating the theme into Carnatic music required care and precision because Dhvani had to balance the structured style of the music with the nuances of womanhood they hoped to express. She said that because the show is so artistic, its



COURTESY OF MAANASA NANDIGAM

The two traditional Indian groups are combining dance and music in a narrative performance featuring powerful women from Hindu mythology.

choreography and composition demanded flexibility.

“The novel aspects of the music challenged our whole team’s musical ability,” she said. “But it’s been an absolutely exhilarating experience.”

For some of the showcase’s stories, Dhvani chose songs composed specifically for those tales. For other narratives, they were unable to borrow songs from the Indian classical repertoire. In these cases, they chose ragas, or musical scales, that they felt best aligned with the energy of certain dances.

Nandigam worked with Dhvani’s veena and violin players Swathi Nachiar Manivannan GRD ’28

and Gautham Umasankar, a doctoral student in applied physics, to compose music for certain lyrics and rhythmic patterns, finalizing songs she said set a high standard for what Dhvani might produce in the future.

Nandigam said that Dhvani curated and composed music to complement the emotions evoked by the dances. According to her, incorporating multiple vocalists into the show was challenging because so many of the singers are also participating in the dances. Nandigam herself is dancing in half the show’s pieces and singing in the other half.

According to co-president of Kalaa and member of Dhvani, Maanasi Nair ’25, “It’s very challenging choreographing and composing at the same time for a showcase because the form of our music and dance depend on each other. However, navigating this complex process together have brought Kalaa and Dhvani very close together. We have put so much time and effort into creating an effective workflow that allows both of us to maximize our creativity and artistry.”

Both organizers said that preparations for both groups required a significant time commitment in the weeks leading up to the show.

Kalaa practiced two to three days a week and Dhvani practiced almost every single day. During tech week, both groups rehearsed for three to four hours every night, working to ensure harmony between the music and dance.

“We had moments when the music, sound, dance and light all came together so beautifully that we let out a collective ‘wow,’” Nandigam said of their recent rehearsals.

According to Jain, the group’s diverse backgrounds in Bharatanatyam and Carnatic and Hindustani music made for a synthesis of experience and expertise that honors multiple Indian traditions. Along with other members, she expressed her excitement

to share one aspect of her heritage with peers at Yale.

Bodapati said she looks forward to watching Thursday’s audience enjoy the performance that her teammates have worked so hard to bring to fruition. Nandigam added that watching the show come together cohesively in its intensity will be rewarding to witness.

“I can’t wait to show our friends and community what we’ve been working on and to feel the goosebumps and chills as we present our work on stage,” Nandigam said. “This will hands down be the best work Kalaa and Dhvani have put out there at Yale.”

While tickets have sold out, the show’s waitlist is still open and tickets are free.

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MAISON at Yale holds annual fashion show

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For the second year in a row, students, alumni and fashion lovers filled the Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking for the annual MAISON at Yale fashion show on Saturday.

This year’s show was themed “Revival” and hosted with support from The Office of the Secretary and Vice President for University Life and Belonging at Yale. Additional support was provided by L’Oréal, which provided all the makeup used for the night. Yale alumna Lauren Yoon ’23, who works for L’Oréal’s marketing team, helped facilitate the collaboration. Yale student organization Asian Recipes at Yale also catered for the event.

“The theme is meant to hint at the diverse styles of designs being shown on the runway (some very futuristic, some much more conventional),” President of MAISON Mona Chen ’25 wrote to the News.

Coming from the French meaning “house” or “home,” Chen and Michelle Zheng ’25, MAISON’s vice president, intended for the collective to nurture an environment where anyone could feel welcomed into the fashion community.

Chen noted in an introductory speech that MAISON displayed most of the pieces on student models in hopes of removing barriers to modeling and designing. This

year’s show featured any student who wanted to model and did not include the screening process typical of traditional casting calls. Students were allowed to come as late as the day of the show to get fitted for their pieces, staying in line with MAISON’s mission of inclusivity.

“I have been wanting to be involved in MAISON since I saw its Entropy show last year,” student model Kyle Shepherd ’25 told the News. “I was in total awe of the student-made pieces and all the models’ confidence.”

The show featured 80 works by designers from Yale, Brown University, the Parsons School of Design, Rhode Island School of Design and local New Haven designers, 77 of which were modeled by University students.

The intercollegiate collaboration for the show was an enjoyable experience for designer Yeji Kim ’25.

“Fashion is a communal experience, and part of why I enjoy it so much is because so much culture is ingrained in it,” said Kim, who is a former staff reporter for the News. “Being able to speak, design and work with others in areas relating to fashion and design was one of my favorite parts of the experience.”

Student models also discussed how they were able to bond through their experience at the event.

“From applying each other’s makeup to making final adjust-



HUBERT TRAN/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

One of Yale’s few fashion student organizations held its annual fashion show on Saturday at Tsai City.

ments and conjuring pre-walk pep talks, the models — many of us complete strangers before the show’s rehearsals — quickly bonded over our shared love of fashion and art,” Shepherd told the News. “I was very happy and proud of myself to be part of the show, and it’s an experience I’ll never forget!”

Many fellow Yalies also came to support their friends walking the runway. Audience member Janice Hur ’27 said that in addition to coming to see the pieces being

showcased, she also came to support some friends.

“I’ve always held a love for clothes and fashion,” Hur said. “When I saw this on Instagram I just knew I had to go. The fits, the vibes were so rejuvenating for me. All the models were gorgeously styled.”

In the future, Chen hopes to continue the tradition of inclusivity and accessibility through MAISON and to redefine the field of fashion.

She noted that college fashion shows are still “rare.”

“We want to be able to build community across schools through this event, as well as be as inclusive as possible by doing everything we can to source funds and not have designers pay out of pocket, which often happens at fashion shows,” Chen said.

The Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking is located at 17 Prospect St.

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"I try to keep my mindset as simple as possible. Trust in my pitches and the work I have put in as well as trust in my guys behind me. Don't worry about anything out of my control and just attack each hitter with a purpose,"

FOOTBALL: Speaking with Kiran Amegadjie '24 ahead of the NFL Draft

BY SPENCER KING
SPORTS EDITOR

When Yale football fans tune into the NFL Draft on Thursday night, they'll be greeted by a sight that they won't be used to: a player they watched at the Yale Bowl.

Offensive tackle Kiran Amegadjie '24 is projected by many draft experts to be selected anywhere from the late second round to the third round, a position that would make him the highest-drafted

Bulldog since the Dallas Cowboys selected Jeff Rohrer '82 in the second round of the 1982 NFL Draft.

"This has been my dream for my whole life," Amegadjie said. "When I came to Yale, I had this goal. When I walked on campus, so you know, I just worked at it day in, day out. And it wasn't easy, but it took a lot of consistent hard work. It took a lot of hard times for me to learn a lot of lessons about myself along the way. But at the end of the day, football is a game, and I just love to play the game."

For Amegadjie, that dream is now almost certainly going to be fulfilled, but that wasn't always the case.

Going into his third year at Yale, the tackle already had NFL scouts coming to Yale practices and games to see him perform, but that all stopped when he suffered a partial quad tendon tear just four games into the 2023 season.

Left in limbo with the injury, Amegadjie was forced to reconsider whether returning to

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Offensive tackle Kiran Amegadjie '24 spoke with the News ahead of the NFL Draft, in which he is projected to be the highest Bulldogs drafted since 1982.

YALE ATHLETICS

WLAX: Yale clinches Ivy League championship, falls to Denver



YALE ATHLETICS

The women's lacrosse team claimed victory against Cornell, securing at least a share of the Ivy League crown yet narrowly lost against Denver.

BY COLETTE STAADECKER
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The No. 10 Yale women's lacrosse team (12-1, 6-0 Ivy) dominated Cornell University (7-7, 2-4 Ivy) at Schoellkopf Field in Ithaca, securing a decisive 21-8 victory and clinching the Ivy League Title.

"My favorite moment of the game was the final ten second countdown, running to congratulate our goalie and holding up the trophy!" Taylor Everson '25 wrote to the News.

Right from the opening whistle, the Bulldogs asserted their dominance, rattling off the first five goals, with Sky

Carrasquillo '25 finding the net just 21 seconds into the game. By halftime, Yale boasted a commanding nine-goal lead.

This triumph propels Yale to a flawless 6-0 record in Ivy League play, with only one conference match remaining this season. The Bulldogs, who beat second-place No. 17 Princeton University (9-5, 5-1 Ivy) earlier this year and thus have the head-to-head tiebreaker for the No. 1 seed, will host the Ivy League Tournament May 3 and 5. This victory marks the first time in school history that Yale has reached a 12-1 overall record.

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BASEBALL: Yale finishes away stretch, returns home



YALE ATHLETICS

The Bulldogs went 4-3 on their final road trip of the season.

BY AVA JENKINS
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Yale men's baseball (13-19, 7-8 Ivy) competed in seven away games over the last week. This included a three-game series against Columbia University (19-14, 12-3 Ivy) last weekend, a midweek game against Fairfield University (20-19, 10-2 MAAC) and a weekend series against Cornell University (13-14, 10-5 Ivy).

The results were a mixed bag for the Bulldogs who ended the away stretch 4-3, but the team saw stellar performances from multiple players and showed key signs of overall improvement towards the end of the regular season.

Traveling to New York, the Elis faced the Columbia Lions in three tightly contested games, winning the series 2-1 for the first time since 2017. The first game of the Saturday doubleheader boasted an impressive comeback for the Bulldogs, guided by strong showings from both Ivy Co-Player of the Week Alec Atkinson '25 and Davis Hanson '26. The Lions maintained an 8-0 lead through the seventh inning before the Bulldogs struck back. Hanson ignited the momentum with his fifth home run of the season, also sending Jeff Pierantoni '25 home. This cut Columbia's lead to 8-2 after the eighth inning. In the top half of the ninth inning, the Bulldogs exploded

for eight runs, with hits from eight different players.

The team took advantage of several sloppy plays from the Lions, including a run from Max Imhoff '25 on a passed ball, Chace Chaplin's '27 run on a fielding error and a thrilling play from Colin Sloan '27, who stole home.

"Last year as a freshman I saw a much higher percentage of fast-balls but this year I'm seeing much more offspeed," Hanson wrote to the News when asked about his approach at the plate this season. "So, I've had to be much more selective at the pitches I'm swinging at and focus on being more patient at the plate."

In the second game of the day, the chips fell less favorably for Yale, with the Lions defeating them 10-3. Colton Shaw '25 started on the mound for the Bulldogs, striking out 11 batters over six innings. Yale's team scored three runs through the sixth but went scoreless to the end. Despite the less-than-favorable result, Atkinson continued to shine, stealing his 15th base of the season.

In the final game on Sunday, the Bulldogs excelled offensively. Columbia put a run on the board first, but not without an answer from the Bulldogs in the third inning. Imhoff tied the game with a solo home run before Yale put up four more to take the lead on a two-

RBI single from Tommy Martin '25, who has consistently been hitting well this season, and a double from Kaiden Dossa '27 tacking on two more runs, giving Yale a 5-1 lead. Columbia answered with a three-run homer in the bottom of the fourth, cutting the lead to 5-4. In the fifth, Dossa reached on a fielder's choice to add a run for the team from New Haven.

The Bulldogs lost the lead in the fifth on a three-run shot from the Lions, trailing for the first time since the bottom of the first. In the sixth, the back and forth continued, with Yale reclaiming the lead with a dominant five runs in the inning. Jake Williams '25 reached on a fielder's choice, sending Pierantoni home before a triple down the left field line from Atkinson sent both Williams and Hanson across home plate. Garret Larsen '27 sent a double down the same line, sending Dossa and Atkinson home and reinstating the Bulldog's lead to a commanding 11-7.

The Lions attempted to fight back in the home half of the sixth, scoring two, but the Bulldogs tacked on another run from Hanson in the seventh due to an error from the home team. Yale punched through an insurance run by Pierantoni in the top of the ninth on a wild pitch, and Columbia could not come back, cementing the 13-10 win for the Elis.

"Challenging ourselves in the practice environment and staying true to who we are as players have been two of the biggest factors in our team being able to punch back under pressure," Pierantoni wrote.

The wins were crucial to the Bulldogs, and the offense did not slow down when playing a non-conference game against Fairfield on Wednesday.

In their midweek matchup against the Fairfield Stags, Yale delivered an electric offensive performance to secure a 12-3 victory. It was their first win against Fairfield since 2018.

Chaplin started on the mound for the Bulldogs, but it was Car-

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TENNIS: Bulldogs take on Ivy foes Cornell and Columbia

BY BRODY GILKISON
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Yale's tennis teams took on Columbia University and Cornell University this weekend, with the men's team celebrating Senior Day on Sunday.

The 68th-ranked Yale men's tennis team (11-9, 2-2 Ivy) hosted eighth-ranked Columbia (18-3, 4-1) on Saturday and 33rd-ranked Cornell (16-6, 3-2) on Sunday in the Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center. Meanwhile, the 49th-ranked Yale women's tennis team (15-7, 3-2) took a trip to New York, where they took on the 48th-ranked Lions (15-5, 3-2) in Manhattan on Saturday and the Big Red (7-13, 0-5) in Ithaca on Sunday.

The women's team was defeated by Columbia in a closely contested matchup, falling 3-4. They bounced back on Sunday with a massive win over Cornell, winning 4-1.

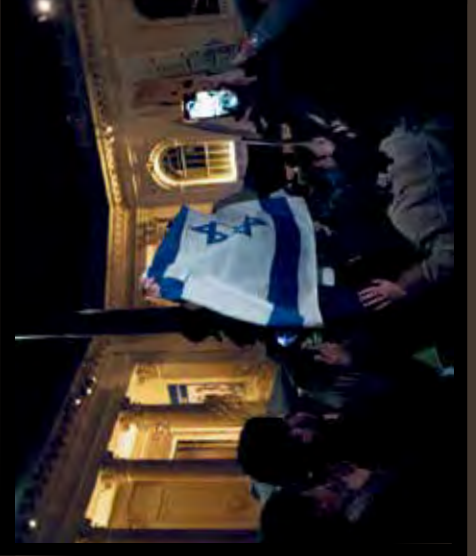
The women's team traveled to Columbia on Saturday to take on the Lions, who were just one spot higher in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings. They fell into a hole after being swept in the doubles matches but fought hard to come back, racking up three singles victories. In the end, the Bulldogs were unable to complete the comeback, falling to the Lions 3-4. Orly Ogilvy '27, Rebecca Lynn '26, and Ann Wright Guerry

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The men's tennis team fell to both Cornell and Columbia this weekend. The women's team was defeated by Columbia on Saturday and bounced back with a win against Cornell on Sunday.

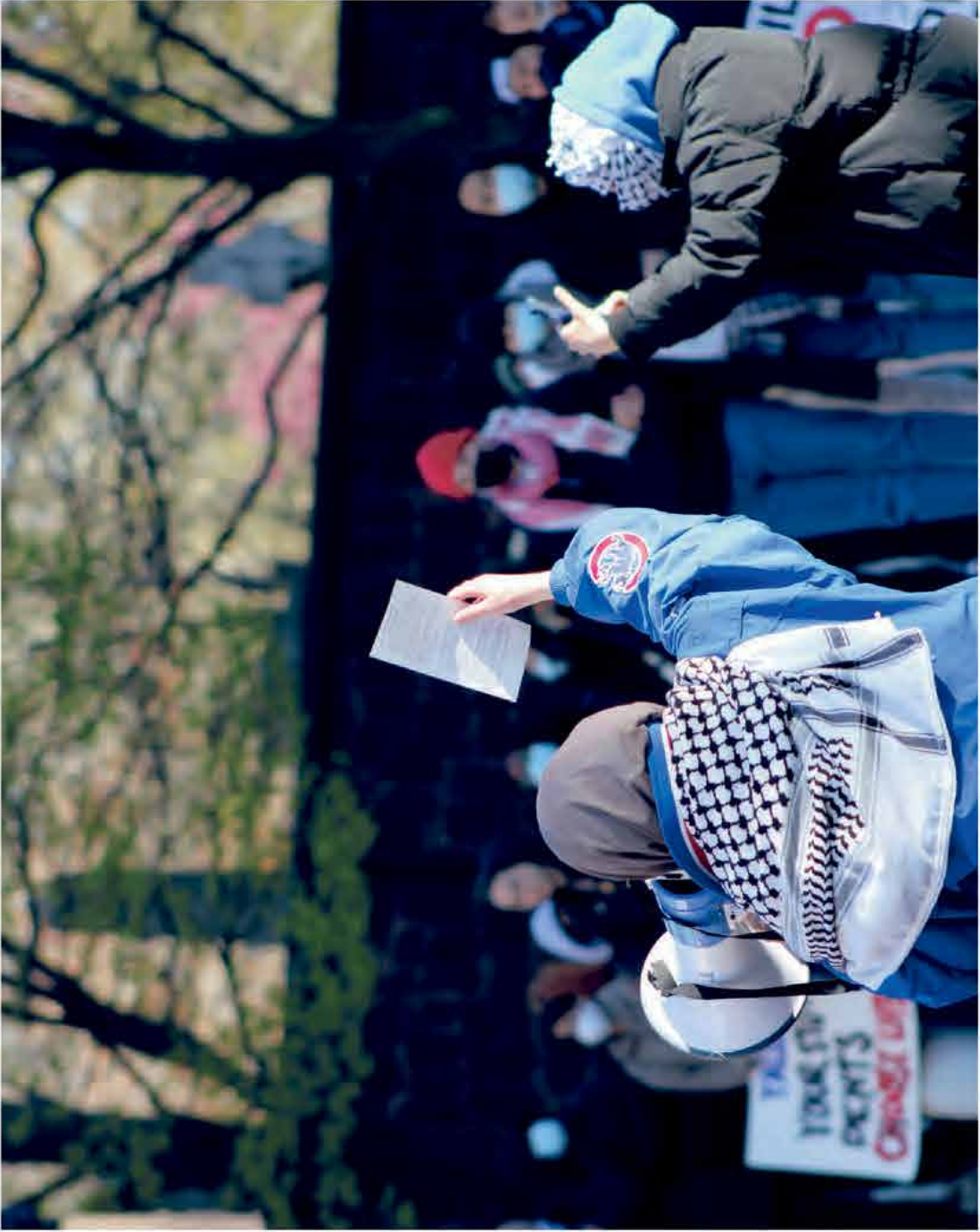


APRIL 18, 2024 - APRIL 21, 2024: PRE-ARREST

Pro-Palestine protesters participate in a weeklong occupation of Beinecke Plaza calling for the University to divest from military weapons manufacturing.

APRIL 22, 2024: DAY OF ARRESTS

Yale police arrest 44 pro-Palestine protesters Monday morning. Hundreds of protesters move to blockade the intersection of Grove and College Streets until rush hour, moving then to Cross Campus — where they both held a Seder and prayed Maghrib.



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*Peaceful protests
continue throughout the
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