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Yale seeks five-peat in The Game's 142nd run

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The Yale Bulldogs (5–4, 3–3 Ivy) travel north this weekend to take on the school from Cambridge (8–1, 5–1 Ivy). The two teams will face off at Fenway Park on Saturday afternoon.

The Bulldogs, who have won the past four contests against the Crimson, have already been eliminated from postseason contention, while their opponents are guaranteed at least a share of the 2026 Ivy title. It is a different set of circumstances compared to last year's matchup, when Yale entered The Game on a five-game win streak and held the second-best record in the conference. Its opponents sat on top of the Ivy leaderboard, the same spot they occupy now.

But after beating up the Princeton Tigers (6–3, 4–2 Ivy) a week ago, winning 28-0 on Senior Day, the Bulldogs have picked up quite a bit of momentum and will be looking to come out hot against a team that has just one loss on the year.

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Foreign student job support back



Abby Assouad / Photography Editor

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Yale will again authorize international students for some U.S. summer jobs and internships after a federal judge temporarily blocked the Trump administration from enforcing a stricter interpretation of a federal rule, University administrators announced Thursday.

A Tuesday ruling will allow Yale's Office of International Students & Scholars to again grant Curricular Practical Training, or CPT, authorization for internships intended for elective training. The office began reviewing its approval process for work experiences after Immigrations and Customs Enforcement issued two August messages mandating that such experiences be graduation requirements for all students. A Massachusetts district court blocked the enforcement of that guidance after a coalition of higher education institutions, among them a group that includes Yale, sued federal agencies last month.

"Effective today, OISS will again consider CPT requests for elective training taken for academic credit, consistent with the stan-

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College weighs transcript change

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The Yale College committee tasked with addressing grade inflation is considering the addition of average course grades to transcripts, stamped right beside the grades each student received, Yale College Dean Pericles Lewis said in a Wednesday interview.

Lewis said that system, which he said is used at his alma mater McGill University and several other Canadian universities, would reduce academic pressure on students and help contextualize each course's rigor for graduate schools and employers. The Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Advising is not expected to finalize its report on grading until early spring, and any approved recommendations would go into effect in fall 2028.

"I think something that indicates on the transcript how this grade compares to other grades is definitely an idea that we're considering," Lewis said, adding that the new system could signal to students that "you don't have to earn an A in every course to feel that you succeeded."

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Extended meal lines spark rule review

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The Council of the Heads of College is planning to vote on a reform that could change each residential college's ability to limit dining hall access to just their own students.

The vote comes as residential colleges, including Grace Hopper, have experienced increased influx in their dining halls after two new colleges introduced policies after October recess to partly restrict access to their own students. In total, six colleges — Berkeley, Branford, Ezra Stiles, Morse, Silliman and Trumbull — are closed to students from other colleges for select weekday dinner hours, according to Yale Hospitality's website. Under Yale College regulations, "individual residential colleges reserve the right to limit access to their dining halls at specified times."

Jaehong Kim, the head of Berkeley College, wrote in a Tuesday email to the News that the Council of the Heads of College "has been discussing this broader issue, including whether dining access policies should continue to be determined by individual colleges, follow a consistent approach across colleges, or operate without restrictions."

The council is set to vote on these policy options on Dec. 4,

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Efficiency effort enters second phase

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A University-wide operational efficiency initiative aiming to reduce administrative burden is entering its second phase.

The first phase of the initiative, which is led by Senior Vice President for Operations Geoff Chatas, began in May. The second phase, which was publicized in a Tuesday press release, involves the implementation of pilot programs developed and reviewed in the initial phase. Yale's website defines the initiative's focus as "identifying targeted, low-disruption improvements that generate savings" and "free up time and resources to advance the university's academic mission."

McInnis has pinpointed efficiency as a priority since the first months of her presidency. In November 2024, she said that organizational efficiency had emerged as a concern in her meetings with Yale community members. At an event at the American Enterprise Institute in September, McInnis said that Yale was taking "a really serious look across all the work we do" through an "operational efficiency exercise."

One of the recommendations of the Committee on Trust in Higher Education in their April report was for Yale to "streamline bureaucracy" and to "undertake a transparent review of its administrative structure, conducted jointly with faculty and measured against the academic mission."

Responding to questions about changes the initiative might impose on staff members' jobs, Chatas wrote in a Nov. 5 email to the News that "the focus on operational efficiency is intended to empower faculty and staff to devote more time and resources to the university's core academic and research missions and other mission-related activities."

"I'm all about trying to simplify things and de-bureaucratizing. But it's not to replace people," Chatas said in an interview with the News last month. "We are a people business and we will continue to invest in people."

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Ellie Park



Carter Cashen

Can Democrats save Yale from Trump?

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Democrats will be back in control of both chambers of Congress after wins in the 2026 midterms, but experts said that does not mean top universities, including Yale, are safe from investigations and funding cuts from President Donald Trump and his administration.

At a campus town hall on Saturday, some activists protesting Yale's negotiations with the Department of Justice framed the midterm elections as a rejection of the Trump administration's first two years in office and urged Yale to exit settlement talks aimed at resolving an investigation into admissions. Others have suggested that a Democratic Congress could investigate universities that cooperated with Trump.

Higher education observers, however, said Congress' power to prevent attacks on Yale may be limited and that Democrats do not appear to be prioritizing a defense of higher education.

"With higher education at an all time low in public trust on the Pew surveys, I don't know that we're necessarily going to see a lot of concentrated effort from the Democratic side to flip polarity in a dramatic way," Peter Lake, a law professor at Stetson University and director of a higher education policy center, said, referring to Pew Research polling showing declining trust in universities.

"I'm cautiously optimistic that a split Congress can temper some of the more extreme pitches that might occur in federal policy, but it

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