BULLETIN

This Day in Yale History, 1989

April 7, 1989 / Law Students Stage Boycott

By Andrew Wexton

Hundreds of Law School students and professors packed the main corridor of the Sterling Law Building for over nine hours yesterday to educate each other on the problems facing minorities at the school and to demand greater diversity in the faculty, while dozens more quietly picketed classes being held despite a declared strike.

In a series of events organized by the Yale Law School Student Committee for Diversity, the community converged on the school as part of a nationwide strike for diversity in law school faculties and curriculums. Students boycotted classes to attend informational "teach-ins," and the day culminated in a two and on-half hour town meeting where more than 50 members of the community expressed their thoughts and feelings to an audience of more than 200.



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Law School Dean Guido Calabresi speaks to protesters at yesterday's nine hour "teach-in." Law students boycotted classes to discuss the problems facing minorities at the law school and to demand a more diversified faculty there.

Behind the Headline

By Jaeha Jang

In February, a faculty committee at Harvard proposed a 20 percent cap on A grades per course set to go into effect next school year upon faculty approval. I immediately started wondering whether Yale faculty would support such a proposal, especially after Yale College Dean Pericles Lewis said it was "very sensible" that Harvard was trying to combat grade inflation.

I emailed more than 100 Yale professors, and when dozens of them replied, at length, I realized that grade inflation is an issue into which professors have been putting a lot of thought. After speaking more extensively with professors over Zoom and phone calls — and overcoming a temporary fear that, after the article's publication, I would be referenced on the student social media app Fizz simply for calling out grade inflation — I published a nuanced article on grade inflation, which professors described as deleterious but difficult to solve.

Read "Faculty face grading dilemma" on page 1.

Puzzles

Puzzle by Ariana Borut '27

ACROSS
1 April Fools' Day mischief
6 Gallbladder neighbor
7 Pac-Man platform
8 Cares for
9 New Haven pizza restaurant with this word repeated three times in the name

DOWN
1 Part of a table setting
2 Sacred ceremonies
3 __-garde
4 Stereotypical techie
5 TV matriarch Jenner



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