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Federal threats loom after summer of Trump talks

Tax status could be pulled over diversity

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The U.S. Treasury Department introduced a rule that would strip federal tax-exempt status from private universities the Trump administration deems as engaging in racial discrimination, including in admissions and school programs.

The proposal, released on Thursday, arrives as Yale and a slew of other universities are under investigation by the U.S. Justice Department for alleged discrimination against white and Asian applicants in their admissions processes. In May, the Justice Department accused the Yale Medical School of engaging in racial discrimination, and in July, University President Maurie McInnis confirmed that the investigation had expanded to include Yale College and Yale Law School.

The new rule could be a tool for the Trump administration to extract concessions from schools, Yale Law School research scholar Linda Greenhouse LAW '78 told the News, adding that she expects schools will challenge the rule in court.

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Hundreds protest potential settlement

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Over 300 protesters descended upon Cross Campus on Tuesday with a list of demands for Yale's administration — bringing a summer of student, alumni and faculty advocacy against the University's negotiations with the Department of Justice into the start of the academic year.

The protest follows a turbulent summer for Yale against the backdrop of a Justice Department investigation, which scrutinizes admissions practices at the Yale School of Medicine, Yale College and Yale Law School. Reports that Yale was engaging in settlement talks sparked a wave of alumni and student activism objecting to a potential deal with the Trump administration. Yale President Maurie McInnis called the negotiations a "required and reasonable step" of the resolution process.

"It was really heartening to see what was really an unprecedented coalition of students, faculty, staff and alumni to get engaged in a way that not many other schools in higher education across the nation have been able to do," Yale College Council President Alex William Chen '28 said after the event.

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Students frown at Yale's approach

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As students traversed Cross Campus and Beinecke Plaza on the first day of classes, they shared with the News generally negative perspectives on Yale's efforts to settle with the Trump administration.

None of the nine students interviewed by the News said they wanted to see Yale settle with the Justice Department, and their views ranged from staunch opposition to uncertainty.

The students were divided on Yale President Maurie McInnis' University-wide communications about the negotiations, with some saying the Yale administration has been much more transparent than other universities while others said McInnis needs to listen better to students.

"Yale cannot settle," Zoe Kanter '27 said. "If we settle without challenging this legally, it sets up a really scary precedent for academic freedom and for other universities."

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Nursing students squeeze school



Nick Tabio

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On the first day of classes at the School of Nursing last fall, more than 120 first-year students filed into the "fishbowl," a lecture hall nicknamed for its three glass walls.

The entering class was nearly double the size of the one a year before. One course was so large, Mikayla Walker NUR '27 recalled, that administrators hurried to open a second classroom and bring in extra chairs.

It is a workaround students say they have come to expect.

The number of students in the master's in nursing program at Yale rose by 65.3 percent between the 2022-23 and 2025-26 academic years. Azita Emami,

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Salovey returns to lecture after 23 years



Jolynda Wang / Contributing Photographer

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Former University President Peter Salovey delivered his first Introduction to Psychology lecture in 23 years on Thursday to a packed Sheffield-Sterling-Strathcona auditorium.

Salovey, who served as Yale's president from 2013 to 2024, was a popular lecturer dubbed as "Easy A Salovey" before entering the administration and taught the introductory course more than a dozen times between 1986 and 2003. After his first class, students interviewed by the News voiced their excitement, citing Salovey's teaching style and experience in the field.

"It is great for me to be back in the classroom on a regular basis, and I am really looking forward to this next phase," Salovey said at the beginning of his class.

According to Course Demand Statistics at the time of his lecture, 337 students were registered for "Introduction to Psychology," more than a 100-person increase from the course's fall 2025 rendition.

In 2003, Salovey was appointed as the dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and subsequently the dean of Yale College from 2004. He then held the University provost position starting in 2008 and before serving as University president starting in 2013.

Last October, Salovey announced his return to teaching and told the News he missed lecturing for Introduction to Psychology, long known as "Psych 101" but now known as "PSYC 1100."

After class, Salovey wrote in an email to the News that he was encouraged by his students' excitement.

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Move-in pushed back to cut costs

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Yale shortened upper level student move-in by two days in a cost-saving measure expected to become permanent, a senior administrator told the News.

This fall, returning students were allowed to move into their residential colleges for two days between Aug. 30 and Aug. 31. Last year, students were given four days. The change was intended to save costs, in addition to reducing the workload for staff members, Dean of Students Melanie Boyd wrote in an email to the News.

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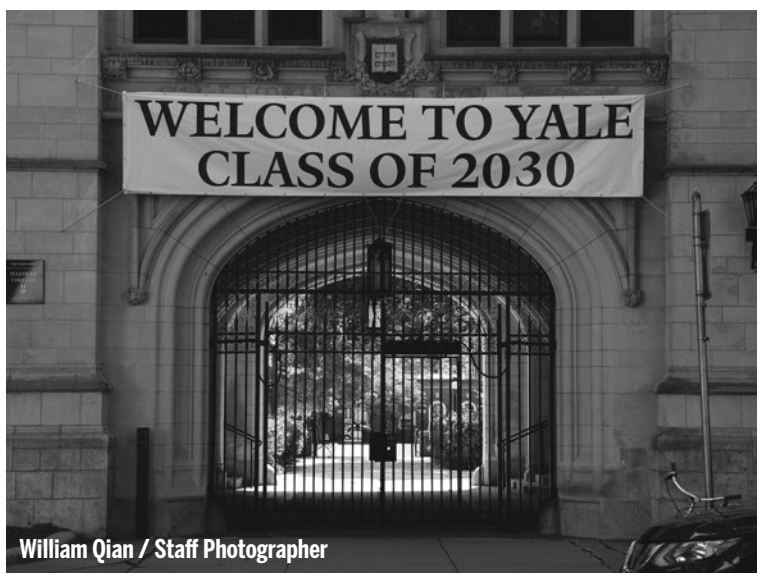

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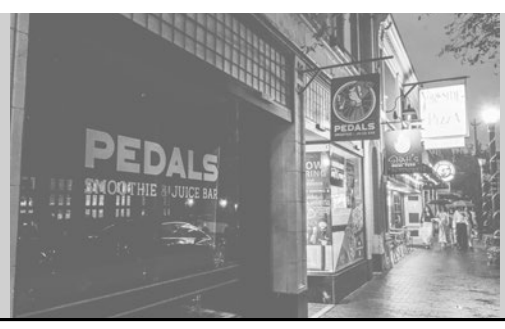

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