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Grading guidance expected soon

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A Yale committee is set to release recommendations on grade inflation in November but could face an unclear implementation timeline, according to administrators.

The announcement arrives as grade inflation remains a top issue for universities across the nation, some of which have taken action. In May, Harvard's faculty voted to place a 20 percent cap on the number of A's starting in fall 2027. It is "hard to say" when new grading guidance would go into effect, Yale College Dean Pericles Lewis told the News after a closed-door faculty meeting about grade inflation in Luce Hall on Thursday afternoon.

"We'd like to make decisions this year, and so starting the conversation right away seemed important to me," Lewis said.

The standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Advising anticipates to release specific recommendations for grade reform in November, Paul McKinley, a Yale College senior associate dean, wrote in a Tuesday email to the News. That committee is chaired by economics professor and former University provost Benjamin Polak and includes Yale College Council President Alex William Chen '28 and YCC Vice President Michelle Jimenez '28, in addition to faculty members.

In April, the Committee on Trust in Higher Education released a sweeping report that acknowledged declining national trust in universities and proposed measures to address this problem. One of its suggestions was to impose a "3.0 mean, or some other college-wide standard, so that letter grades can once again be used in a reliable and comparable way."

In an email releasing the report to the Yale community, University President Maurie McInnis tasked the Committee on Teaching, Learning and Advising to "address grade inflation." Lewis had told the News in

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Gelernter still under review this semester



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Computer science professor David Gelernter '76 GRD '77 will not return to teach this semester as Yale continues its conduct review of his communications with the convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, according to University spokesperson Karen Peart.

In February, Peart confirmed that Gelernter was under review and would not teach during that process, the first part of which typically lasts up to 90 days. The review followed the publicization of his emails with Epstein between 2009 and 2015, which included an email where the professor, in what he characterized as a recommendation letter, described a student as a "v small goodlooking blonde."

Yale Engineering's faculty directory currently lists Gelernter as a professor of computer science, and Gelernter is still an employee under Yale University in Workday, Yale's website for managing payrolls.

"The professor's conduct remains under review, and he is not teaching this semester," Peart wrote in a Wednesday email to the News.

Peart previously wrote to the News that the University "does not condone the action taken by the professor or his described manner of providing recommendations for his students."

Gelernter did not respond to requests for comment by email or phone.

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McInnis: College not in DOJ talks

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The University's ongoing negotiations with the Department of Justice involve the Yale School of Medicine and not Yale College or Yale Law School, University President Maurie McInnis said in a Tuesday interview.

McInnis also affirmed the legality of Yale's admissions practices and said there was "no news to report" on the current status of Yale's settlement talks with the Trump administration. The nego-

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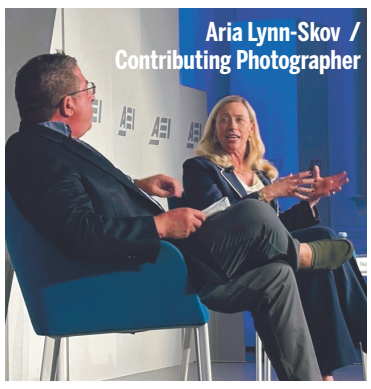
McInnis discusses trust at D.C. event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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Yale President Maurie McInnis visited the nation's capital on Wednesday, where she touted a recent University report on trust in higher education.

At an event hosted by the American Enterprise Institute, a center-right think tank, McInnis outlined several areas of focus for Yale as it reckons with declining trust in institutions like Yale, including bureaucratic efficiency and messaging around financial aid. She also discussed a May change to the University's mission statement that followed a recommendation in the Yale Committee of Trust in Higher Education's sweeping

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City says camera data stays local

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Amid nationwide concerns about excessive surveillance, automatic license plate readers are cropping up around New Haven.

Gov. Ned Lamont SOM '80 requested last month that all Connecticut municipalities pause ALPR installation until they clarify "how long information may be stored, how it may be used, and how it may or may not be shared outside of local and state authorities," according to a press release. Later that day, Mayor Justin Elicker defended New Haven's use of surveillance technology.

"Safety cameras are an invalu-


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Second fast for charity restored

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Students will be able to give up their meal swipes for charity twice this year, after the Yale Hunger and Homelessness Action


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Project brought back its fall semester fast.

Last year, Yale Hospitality cited budgetary constraints and changes to Yale's meal plan offerings in limiting the fundraising event — which traditionally occurs once each semester and allows students to donate the value of their meal swipes to New Haven charities — to once annually. The University also altered the fundraiser so that students could only donate dining points rather than the value of meal swipes. Food organizations who have received donations from the YHHAP fast expressed frustration at the decision.

"I think it was really important to have Yale Hospitality recognize how much students value this after seeing the aftermath of what happened when that program was cut. Either way, it's not a huge budgetary burden for the hospitality team anyway," Brendan Kaminski '28, Yale College Council chief of staff and last year's deputy dining policy director, said in a phone interview.

The fast makes up the largest of YHHAP's fundraising efforts and is the largest student-run fundraiser on Yale's campus. This academic year, the fundraiser will take place on Nov. 20 — the day before the Harvard-Yale football game takes

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Former dean's pet page talks Lewis

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A public pet account associated with former Berkeley College dean Bárbara Cruvinel Santiago '17 has posted Instagram content expressing discontent with the University and dean of Yale College Pericles Lewis.

Cruvinel Santiago left her position as dean over the most recent spring break, before finishing her second year on the job. Residential college dean's terms are five years long. Some of the posts and comments made by the public pet account — under the username @doguinho.gringo — appear to reference her departure. Its Instagram bio also mentions Cruvinel Santiago's private personal account.

Earlier this month, the pet account left a comment under an Instagram post by the News. The post displayed the headline of an article on Lewis' reappointment review, which reads, "As Yale solicits feedback on Lewis, students doubt rebukes will matter." The article quotes undergraduates who criticized the performance of the Yale College Dean.

"It's not just students. Resco deans and heads of college also don't like him and other higher

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New restaurants are taking advantage of artificial intelligence tools despite some backlash from community members.

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BYE WEEK The Ivy League's football schedule next year will for the first time include a week for recharging.
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