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"What a jolly boring thing to do."
ANDY WARHOL DAVID BOWIE

Defending Ivy League champions defeat Holy Cross

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Not yet done with the scoring, both Yale and Holy Cross scored another pair of touchdowns as the third period wound down and bled into the early seconds of the final quarter, making the score 21-21.

Yale got the ball back with under 15 minutes left on the clock, but then the first major blunder of the game occurred. After going three-and-out for the first time in the half, a botched fake punt gave the Crusaders the ball at the Yale 34 — a prime position to take their first lead of the game.

Surely enough, Holy Cross was able to cash in on the choice position thanks to a 28-yard touchdown reception by Lincoln Fisher — his second of the game — to go up 28–21.

But Reno, the spine of the Yale offense, was able to lead the Bulldogs down the field. He capped off the drive with an absolute back-shoulder gem to Santiago for his fourth passing touchdown and Santiago's second receiving touchdown of the day.

The Crusaders retook possession of the ball with nine and a half minutes left on the clock, looking to regain the lead. Then, for the first time since the second quarter, both defenses were finally able to each force a punt.

Four minutes later, Yale's defense stopped the Holy Cross offense yet again, which gave the Bulldogs the ball back with less than five minutes remaining in the game and a chance to take the lead.

As he had done all game, Reno quickly marched Yale's offense down the field and, in just three plays, found Graham Smith '27 for a 28-yard touchdown, putting the Elis up 35-28.

With three minutes and 38 seconds left, Holy Cross's crusade to tie the game didn't last long, as quarterback David Lynch's pass was picked off by Osize Daniyan '27 on the first play of the drive. Yale capitalized on their defense's first turnover of the game by kicking a game-sealing field goal with little over a minute and a half left in the contest, effectively sealing the deal and giving Team 153 their first of many victories to come this season.

Notable efforts from Saturday's game included Reno, Santiago and Anderson. With 454 yards and five passing touchdowns, Reno finished the game just 11 yards shy of breaking program history for passing yards in a single game. Following his performance, he received the New England Football Writers Gold Helmet Award.

Wide receiver Santiago also nearly rewrote history, finishing with 234 yards and two touchdowns to come just short of Ralph Plumb's '05 258 single-game receiving yard record. Sophomore Anderson also posted a standout 155-yard and two-touchdown game.

Yale will travel to Ithaca next weekend to take on Cornell (0–1, 0–0 Ivy) in their conference opener.

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Liza Kaufman / Photography Editor
The defending Ivy League champions kicked their season off with a victory at Holy Cross on Saturday afternoon, beating the Crusaders 38–28. The game marked Kevin Cahill's debut as the Bulldogs' head coach.

Lobbying focus is on research, Pell grants

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expenses. Other budget-cutting measures included a reduced number of graduate students, a retirement program incentive and cuts to instructional faculty.

McInnis said her current top lobbying priorities are protecting research funding and increasing Pell Grants, through which the federal government subsidizes financial aid for low-income students. Higher education groups have advocated for a campaign to double Pell Grants in recent years.

"A Pell Grant used to easily cover at a public university all of tuition and often part of cost of attendance," McInnis said. "It, at very few universities, would even cover tuition today."

McInnis noted that doubling Pell Grants would be "less directly applicable" for Yale because the University can support all of its Pell-eligible students without a doubling.

"A really important thing for America is that we give talented students who are ready for college an opportunity to attend at whatever is the right level for them," McInnis said. "So 'Double Pell' has been the mantra for a while from higher education."

Scientific funding is an "evergreen" issue that the University is always working for, McInnis said, and one current focus is "opposition to elements of the uniform guidance that could either preemptively terminate work that is underway, or could unduly insert politics into what has always been a merit-based granting program."

In May, the White House's Office of Management and Budget proposed a rule — which the office said is set to go into effect on Oct. 1 — that would allow political appointees to reject grants that do not align with the administration's priorities.

Yale submitted a public comment in July opposing the OMB rule. The University's statement argued that cooperation between the federal government and universities had produced research that accounts for America's lead in innovation across the world.

McInnis said she was concerned about the state of that partnership with the federal government.

"I am broadly worried about the climate for research funding for all higher education institutions," McInnis said.

According to public lobbying disclosures, Yale lobbies Congress on issues from research funding, foreign funding of higher education and indirect costs of research.

Yale's next lobbying disclosure is due on Oct. 20.

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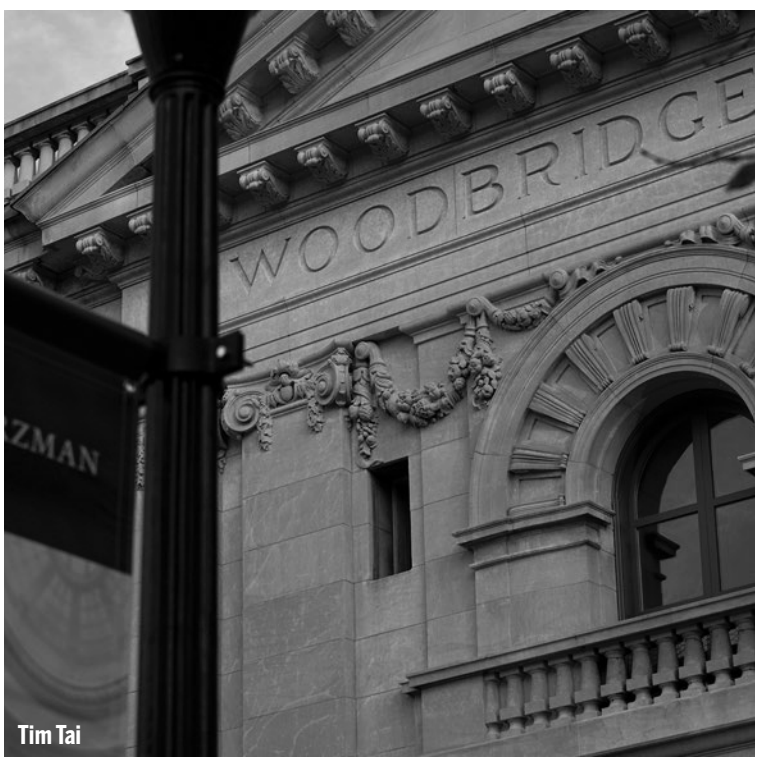

Tim Tai

Campaign funded research, aid



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in 2021, highlighted the global impact of Yale's research.

"If we emphasized what we do in the service of humanity, and put the focus on Yale's impact on the world, I thought it would resonate," Salovey, who was president during the campaign's launch, told the News while entering the Schwarzman Center on Saturday evening.

In total, the campaign raised $7.46 billion, surpassing the $7 billion goal set when it was publicly launched in 2021. In the years before that launch, during a period labeled the campaign's "quiet phase," the University solicited top donors and raised $3.5 billion.

Salovey said the goal was lofty but that he always believed Yale would meet the figure.

"I was confident," Salovey said. "Various people who are much more experienced in thinking about campaigns thought the number was too high. And I said, 'No, we have to go for at least seven. We need to double the last campaign.'"

The University's previous fundraising campaign, Yale Tomorrow, raised $3.881 billion and concluded in 2011.

The weekend schedule included a Friday reception at Sterling Memorial Library with dinner in the nave, a luncheon with CNN anchor Anderson Cooper '89 — interviewed by journalist Tanya Rivero '95 — and an evening gala at the Schwarzman Center. The events were private and closed to the press.

As she entered the Schwarzman Center on Saturday, McInnis said she was pleased to be celebrating the "wonderful" people who have contributed to Yale.

"I think it's been hugely successful, and with the proceeds we've done so many great things," Levin, who preceded Salovey as Yale president, said, adding that "it's always great to bring together the whole donor community."

Strobel echoed these remarks, describing "For Humanity" as a "very successful campaign."

Dozens of buses shepherded donors from one event to the next throughout the weekend. On Saturday afternoon, the University showcased what the funds are supporting, offering donors more than a dozen options for guided tours, including of the newly-renovated Peabody Museum, the Tobin Center for Economic Policy, the Wu Tsai Institute and the Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning.

"In many ways, I would say this has been Yale at its best," Salovey said. "I was at the expo this morning, where you could really see the way in which Yale research, scholarship and teaching has an impact on the world."

Salovey said the proceeds of "For Humanity" would help students, especially in the professional schools, receive more financial aid and take on less student debt. He also said the proceeds will allow Yale to endow professorships, bolster interdisciplinary programs and support construction projects.

The campaign raised $2.11 billion for collaborative research and innovation initiatives, $1.99 billion for student support, $1.77 billion for scientific research and $1.29 billion for the arts and humanities, according to a Yale press release.

The press release added that "For Humanity" has enabled hundreds of scholarships — including $374 million for undergraduate students — and allowed Yale to increase financial aid across the University.

The creation of the Jackson School of Global Affairs and renovation of both the Humanities Quadrangle and the Peabody Museum were also supported by the For Humanity campaign.

"We didn't plan on COVID happening in the middle of everything, but you know, a couple of those COVID years were our best years," Salovey said.

Since For Humanity's public launch event — which was done over Zoom — the campaign has hosted events around the country and internationally. Salovey and McInnis both spoke at "For Humanity Illuminated" events — Salovey in 2023 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, and McInnis in 2025 at the Lincoln Center in New York City.

Members of Yale Dancers and the Yale Undergraduate Jazz Collective performed at the Saturday gala.

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