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Yale admissions stops sending likely letters



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Yale will no longer use likely letters to recruit highly competitive applicants starting this undergraduate admissions cycle, according to the admissions office.

Mark Dunn, the director of recruitment in the admissions office, said the office scrapped likely letters because an internal analysis showed the letters had little impact on yield rates.

The letters are a tool used by many elite universities to give some applicants, typically those expected to receive offers from other top universities, early notice that they are likely to be accepted when official decisions are released. Likely letters for recruited athletes will continue, according to Dunn.

"We basically couldn't find evidence that that intervention was making the students more likely to yield and raising their overall yield rates closer to the overall regular decision yield rate," Dunn said in an interview. "It's something that we have been thinking about for a long time because the likely process is a pretty resource-intensive program for the admissions office."

While the change has not yet been publicly announced, Dunn and Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Jeremiah Quinlan confirmed to the News that the admissions office has eliminated the program.

Dunn said the admissions office plans to redirect the time and resources devoted to outreach for likely letter recipi-

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Yale made most cuts for tax hike

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Yale has already made 78 percent of the budget cuts it planned to implement over three years in response to last year's endowment tax hike, according to Yale's fiscal year 2027 budget that was released last month.

The endowment tax hike, which was part of President Donald Trump's signature One Big Beautiful Bill Act, is costing Yale $247 million this fiscal year, after the tax jumped from $52 million to $299 million, according to the budget. The increased figure represents 3.6 percent of the University's total spending this fiscal year. The cuts leave 22 percent left to achieve for the remaining two years of the three-year target.

"The FY27 budget maintains a focus on advancing Yale's strategic academic priorities despite significant financial pressures," Provost Scott Strobel and Senior Vice President for Operations Geoff Chatas said in the opening statement of the budget book. "Most notably, the federal government increased the tax Yale pays on its endowment investment income."

Last year, administrators estimated that the tax on the University's endowment investment income, which was increased from 1.4 to 8 percent, would cost Yale around $300 million per year, and planned budget cuts over a three-year period in response.

The budget for fiscal year 2027 — which began on July 1, the same day the endowment tax hike went into effect — details how much the tax will impact individual schools across the University.

"This increase and the continued uncertainty around federal

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Some librarian workloads grew

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Some Yale librarians have been obliged to take on multiple positions as a result of budget-tightening measures made in anticipation of an increased tax on the University endowment.

A year before the tax hike from 1.4 percent to 8 percent took effect this July, Yale paused hiring and reduced its non-salary expenses by 5 percent. A spokesperson said on Thursday that Yale Library tightened its budget over the summer by consolidating services that were previously conducted separately. As a result, many staff positions have been combined or restructured within the library system.

"I used to be instruction librarian, now I'm instruction and pedagogy librarian," Ava Calpino, who began working as a librarian one year ago, said on a bus drive to the Library Shelving Facility in Ham-

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'Ma Rainey' returns home to Yale

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"Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" will return to the Yale Repertory Theatre this Friday for the first time since it premiered at the theater 42 years ago.

Written by Tony-winning playwright August Wilson, the show is set during a 1927 recording session in Chicago and follows blues singer Ma Rainey alongside her band and producers as tensions over ambition, race and artistic agency come to a head. The production was directed by Lloyd Richards, a former dean of the drama school, for its world premiere at the Rep in 1984.

Evan Yionoulis '82 DRA '85, dean of the David Geffen School of Drama and artistic director of the Yale Rep, said she was "excited" and

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Faculty senate urges non-tenure support

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Following a spring hiring season that saw several instructional faculty let go due to budget cuts, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and School of Engineering and Applied Sciences Senate called on Yale administrators to improve job security and institutional support for instructional faculty.

The report, adopted by the senate on Sept. 10 and published over the weekend, laid out several recommendations, including greater job security, professional support and institutional transparency. It also calls on University leaders to establish a clear implementation schedule for the recommendations to track progress annually.

"Instructional faculty are indispensable to Yale's teaching mission, yet the structures governing their appointments have not always recognized their work through commensurate job security, compensation, opportunities for advancement, professional support, and institutional voice," the report reads.

Instructional faculty, which includes lectors and lecturers on non-ladder tracks, account for more than 40 percent of the faculty, according to the report. The report, which was written by the FAS-SEAS Senate's Instructional Faculty Committee, consolidates recommendations from four previous reports, dating back to 2017.

The report laid out 34 recommendations in total, organized around three major areas: compensation, professional recognition and transparency.

Significant proposals include transitioning lector and lecturer titles into a "teaching professor" model, which would offer employment security analogous to tenure. The committee also

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Football looks to bounce back in home opener

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The Yale Bulldogs (1–1, 0–1 Ivy) are set to host the Merrimack Warriors (2–3, 0–0 FCS Independent) on Saturday for the team's first home game of the year.

Last weekend, Team 153 struggled to get anything going on either side of the ball and dropped its first game of the season to Cornell, losing 38-25 in Ithaca. This week, the Bulldogs will look to get back in the win column and may have some help returning from the injury report.

Who will be behind center?

Last weekend, many fans were shocked to see #7 Charles Hewitt '29 trot onto the field to lead the Yale offense. Just a week earlier, the regular starting quarterback, Dante Reno '28, threw for 454 yards and five scores to lead the Bulldogs to a comeback victory against Holy Cross. But after sustaining an elbow injury during that game, Reno did not play against Cornell last weekend.

Hewitt, normally the second-string quarterback, took over the offense and threw for 244 yards, two touchdowns and an interception in his first-ever collegiate start. This week, though, after working hard to rehab his elbow, Reno

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