BULLETIN

Behind the Headline

By Premrudee Mepremwattana

I attended the New Haven Pride celebration last year as a first year, so as I rode my bike to the intersection of Orange and Church, I expected to see the same drag performances bursting with life, cute pins with fierce messages and lots of rainbows. My experience couldn't have been more different.

I spent my first year in a void — I was in New Haven, but really only existed on the four blocks that Yale spans. The closest I had really been to New Haven was that pride celebration, and even then, I had only spoken with my Yale friends who were also there. We left within an hour.

This time, I researched the pride center's debt controversy and shutdown before going. I understood that it wasn't just a Pride celebration — it was a Pride celebration in spite of everything. I also had a chance to talk with many people whose stories didn't make the article: Andrew Rice handing out pamphlets following his primary loss against Rep. Rosa DeLauro or Marcus and his fourth-grade son who came out to support his queer family and friends. A middle-aged Thai restaurant owner who reminded me how much I missed speaking Thai – and the few opportunities I had to be queer in Thai terms.

Reporting has allowed me to understand New Haven outside of Yale. I could over-theorize about the privilege I have as a Yale student, but I could also bike beyond Yale, talk to New Haven residents and learn.

Read "Now debt-free, New Haven Pride Center hosts annual block party" on page 7.

This Day in Yale History, 1964

October 6, 1964 / African Prime Minister visits freshman friend

His Excellency David Kairaba Jawara, prime minister of Gambia, visits Yale today as one stop along a tour of the eastern United States. A reception is held at Woodbridge Hall for him and his wife. Tonight the pair have dinner with fellow countryman and Yale freshman Felix Downes-Thomas, an old friend from home.



Puzzle by Ariana Borut '27

ACROSS
1 Rolled deli order
5 Sit in on, as a class
7 Skiing spot
8 "___ the deal . . ."
9 Take a nap, perhaps

DOWN
1 Load of laundry
2 Schoolbag item
3 Love dearly
4 Singing voice, informally
6 Reason to pull an all-nighter

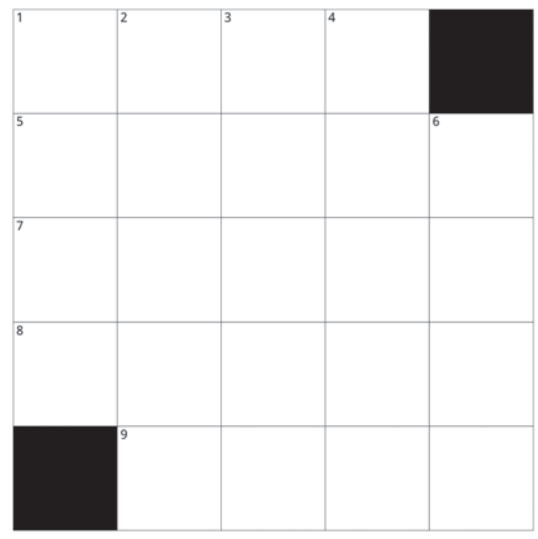




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