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150 students gather a month after Cornell rape lawsuit

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en's Table in front of Sterling Memorial Library.

The event marked the first Take Back the Night protest at Yale since a series of events held in 2018, when organizers hosted a week-long program to promote dialogue about the campus's sexual climate.

Liana Galper '30, who is the national rally campus coordinator of Take Back the Night, said they reached out to the organization, a nonprofit fighting assault and harassment, about hosting a nationwide event after learning about the Cornell case.

"We have 100 schools nationally, all over the country in every time zone, doing this event tonight, and it's been completely surreal," Galper said. "I have gotten a glimpse into what it means to make change from that grassroots level, and it's been really incredible to watch and to be part of."

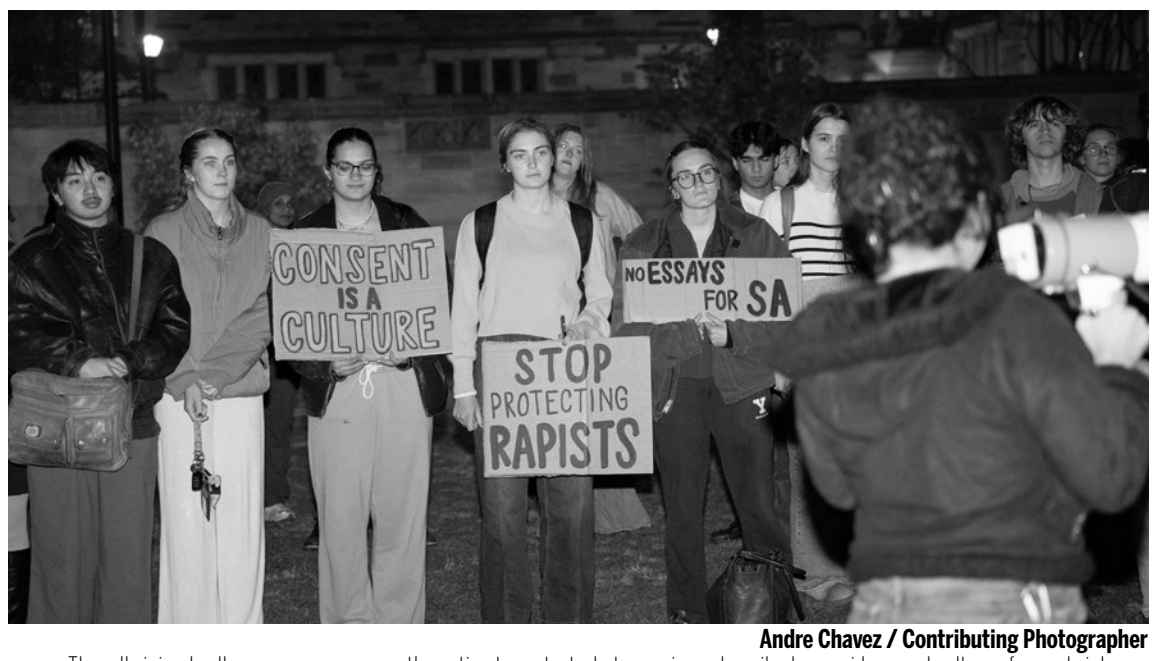
Organizers read six demands, including a call on the University to better support sexual assault survivors, increase transparency on that process and expand the Campus Community Educators program with a renewed focus on consent.

The organizers also called on social organizations to "implement new structures to make parties safer," including the introduction of gender and racial diversity at fraternities' doors and bars.

Fraternity parties are "entirely planned and led by men who determine who gets in and what people are drinking in ways that intensify power dynamics where younger women and gender diverse students are already the most vulnerable," an Instagram post from the organizers reads.

Roderick Ferguson, a professor of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Yale and the faculty advisor for the Women's Collective, spoke at the protest. He compared the demands of the protesters to those of the Combahee River Collective, a Boston-based organization formed in response to police apathy to the murder of 12-year-old girls in 1979.

Ferguson called on Yale to expand their efforts to support sexual and gender violence survivors within Yale and the surrounding community.



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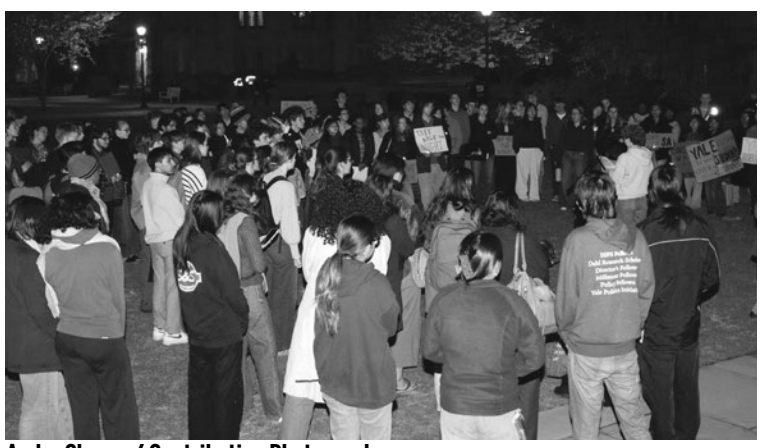
The rally joined college campuses across the nation to protest what organizers described as a widespread culture of sexual violence. Organizers called on Yale to better support sexual assault survivors and implored fraternities to make parties feel safer.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"Yale, provide transparent information about how the institution is supporting survivors. financially and emotionally," Ferguson said. "Yale, the endowment tripled its expectations from last year. Yale, use your considerable wealth to facilitate healing for survivors at Yale and within New Haven."

Kimberly Chavez-Avila '28, a student who attended the protest, said she was saddened to see invalidation of victims of sexual assault, including Jane Doe in the Cornell case, on social media. She said that the protest was a good reminder of why so many women choose not to come forward with their experiences.

Sam Bolitzer '28 said he came to the protest because he wanted to stand by "friends who have been victimized by rape and sexual assault." He also called for an end to in-house investigations of campus sexual assault.

Sonja Aibel '28 said the Cornell case prompted her to reflect on where she feels safe in New Haven. Yale students are often inundated with notifications from Yale Public Safety regarding violence in New Haven but are rarely informed about crimes within the Yale community, Aibel said.

"But we don't hear that same thing about violence that students commit towards each other, and in actuality, I feel much more scared at a frat party than I do walking on the Green," she said.

She noted, though, that Yale does have more support in place for victims of sexual violence in place than many other universities across the nation, including a 24-hour hotline for victims of sexual harassment and violence.

At the end of the protest, Elena Serpas '27, an organizer of the protest, asked attendees to write down on Post-it notes what a "culture of sexual respect" would look like and stick them to the Women's Table. Protest signs were also placed on the table.

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Nordhaus served as faculty senate chair

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view. "With both, he had an insatiable curiosity and energy for getting to the bottom of things."

Levin and Geanakoplos recalled Nordhaus' frequent participation at morning coffees where a small group of economics professors discussed current events and research.

"Those were lively, fun discussions, I participated for many years myself, and Bill was a regular and really among the most valued members of the group," Levin said. Geanakopolos said Nordhaus would host election watch parties for the economics department and their families.

Levin said Nordhaus was well ahead of his time in his research on alternative measures of economic growth and on the relationship between climate change and economics.

In 2018, Nordhaus won the Nobel Prize in economics for "integrating climate change into long-run macroeconomic analysis."

According to Levin, in the 1970s when Nordhaus started this work, "no one was thinking about climate change."

"He just decided to try to tackle it," Levin said.

Over the following decades, Nordhaus built a "more and more sophisticated model" that incorporated climate models with macroeconomic models to try and simulate trajectories for different levels of carbon emissions, according to Levin.

The Dynamic Integrated Climate-Economy, or DICE, model was complex, Levin said, but Nordhaus was "actually quite transparent in the way he exposited it in the modeling."

"It became a standard. Other people have tried to do this, but this model has really survived as the best, essentially the reference model, for thinking about the economic impact of climate change," Levin said. "It has the virtue that you can test out through simulation various policy measures to try to estimate what their effects might be."

Nordhaus, along with MIT professor Paul Samuelson, co-authored a bestselling textbook titled "Economics" which generations of students taking introductory economics classes have read. Nordhaus also taught the intermediate macroeconomics lecture more than a dozen times — most recently in 2023, when he stopped teaching — and was awarded a Yale College Teaching Prize in 2013 for "outstanding undergraduate teaching."

"His undergraduate macroeconomics courses have been the same, year after year, from the 1970s to just a few years ago," Levin said.

Nordhaus was Yale's provost — the University's chief academic and budget officer — from 1986 to 1988 and vice president for finance and administration from 1992 to 1993. He was a key force in establishing a faculty senate at Yale in 2015, according to Geanakopolos.

Levin also said that, as a Yale College alumnus, Nordhaus "always had a great sense of the importance of the undergraduate curriculum and importance of undergraduate education."

"He was always interested in university affairs, and just making Yale as good a place as it could possibly be," Levin said.

Nordhaus also worked in public economic policy. He served on President Jimmy Carter's Council of Economic Advisors from 1977 to 1979 and later as the chairman of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Before the Iraq War broke out in 2002, Nordhaus estimated the cost of the war would far outpace the government's projections. Nordhaus' forecast proved to be one of the more accurate estimates of the war's total financial cost.

Geanakopolos said that no matter what subject came up, Nordhaus would read all the primary documents, and bring the insights to their morning chats, called Cowles coffee conversations.

"He was very handsome and he looked like he was in great shape all the time. A few years ago he was confident he was going to live well into his nineties," Geanakoplos said. "I was looking forward to at least 10 more years of Cowles coffee conversations with him. I am very sad."

Nordhaus is survived by his wife, Barbara, three children and three grandchildren. The funeral arrangements remain private, and there will be a memorial service, according to the Yale News release.

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Cornell handed season's first tie


Alyssa Chang / Staff Photographer
The Yale men's soccer team tied the Cornell Big Red, the Ivy League's regular season champions, 1-1 on Saturday's Senior Day game. The Bulldogs now prepare for their final regular season game against Brown as they chase the Ivy League playoffs.

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the News. "This group did a great job of trusting the process and buying into the principles and foundation we knew were required in order for us to give ourselves the best chance to win points in a very tight and competitive league."

Ahead of the game, the seniors and their families took the field as the Bulldogs honored their six-member senior class for their contributions to the program with a special ceremony.

The game started off in a defensive battle led by goalkeeper Josh Linebaugh '29. In the 32nd minute, Linebaugh made a diving save in the bottom right corner to keep the game scoreless. He closed out the half with a 43rd minute save from a shot to the top left corner.

Linebaugh wrote in an email to the News that he believes this defensive support came from the whole team.

"Our whole team defended together, which kept the game extremely close and ultimately helped us to get a result," he wrote. "We defended our box very well, which minimized their attacking chances."

The second half was much more offensively dominated, as the game remained scoreless until the 81st minute.

The Elis recorded eight shots with two on goal, as well as four corner kicks, compared to just one shot in the whole first half.

"We knew that if we stayed disciplined defensively and kept the game scoreless for as long as possible, we'd give ourselves a chance to get a result," Andrew Myerson '27 wrote in an email to the News.

The offensive pressure led to a handball in the box, granting the Bulldogs a penalty kick in the 81st minute. Sven Meacham '28 fired a shot past the Cornell keeper to draw first blood. With only nine minutes to go, the Elis were up 1-0 against the Ivy League regular season champions and looked like they might hand the Big Red their first conference loss.

However, four minutes later, the Big Red capitalized on a penalty kick of their own and equalized. In the final five minutes, both sides battled to pull ahead but neither could convert. At the final whistle, the score stood at 1-1.

"Obviously, going up 1-0 and then conceding a late penalty made the draw feel more like a loss," Myerson wrote. "But that's college soccer. Not everything is going to go your way, and we have to focus on the things we can control."

While Yale came so close to picking up a win over the regular season champions, the draw still marked a major accomplishment for the program.

The Bulldogs started off the season projected to finish seventh in the Ivy League, but a recent hot streak has propelled them to second in the conference, tied with the University of Pennsylvania.

"To be honest, we don't really care about preseason projections," Myerson wrote. "We care about the process of getting better every single day and doing the things it takes to win."

Linebaugh added that the team's stronger identity has contributed to the results.

"We found our identity as a team," Linebaugh wrote. "Every single person knows their role and is committed to it. We are also an extremely tight knit group. We play for something bigger than just ourselves, we play for the guys beside us."

While the Cornell game ended with a disappointing Big Red penalty kick conversion, the Bulldogs were not deterred and now have their eyes turned to their regular season finale on the road at Brown, where they will look to punch their ticket to the conference tournament.

"We were very close to clinching a spot had we been able to beat Cornell, but earning a point against them was still a positive for us and continues to put us in control of our own destiny if we get a result against Brown," Stannard wrote. "It is much easier said than done, though. They are a very good team and also playing some of their best of the season right now."

The Bulldogs will head to Providence for the final regular season game on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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