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Racism allegations spur tabloid apology

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Yale's satirical magazine, Rumpus, apologized after an article in its Halloween issue came under fire for suggesting that readers should view a historically Black fraternity as an endangered species.

A piece in the tabloid, which publishes under pseudonyms, matched campus fraternities to costume ideas. The article, titled "Halloween Frat Party Costume Guide," suggested dressing as a "National Geographic Cameraman" when attending a party at Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., a historically Black fraternity whose Zeta chapter was founded at Yale in 1909. Rumpus leaders have since apologized for the piece and wrote in a Tuesday statement to the News that it had not been reviewed by an editor before publication.

"Safari vest, binoculars, iPad recording in 4K," the article's subsection on how to dress at the fraternity reads.

"Nupes here I c-m. If glass shatters, prepare to be David Attenborough filming an endangered species," the piece continues, referring to the British nature broadcaster. "I've studied the Alpha facecards more than researchers study migratory birds. How to get in: Bring the patience of a wildlife photographer who hasn't seen her subject in months."

Members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., another historically Black fraternity, are colloquially known as "Nupes."

In a Tuesday Instagram post, members of the Zeta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Nu Gamma chapter of

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Club under fire for board racial makeup

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Yale's chapter of BlackGen Capital, a student investment fund for minority students, is considering a retroactive extension of its board selection process after the group came under fire for the absence of Black students on its newest board.

BlackGen Capital was founded by four Black students at Cornell in 2019 to "close the access gap for underrepresented minorities in financial services," according to its website, and the Yale chapter was established in 2022. After the Yale chapter announced this academic year's executive board earlier this month, some members and outside students directed criticism at the board's racial makeup. The group deleted an Instagram post featuring its new board on Monday.

"If you look at the original board of BlackGen, like a few years ago, you scroll down their Instagram, and then you look now, it looks like a complete ethnic erasure," said Anthony St. Clair '29, a member of BlackGen and a former leader of its consumer sector. "I don't think that that presents a good image, and I think that there's something wrong with the fact that no one thought about this."

In a Wednesday email to the News, the new board wrote that it was "selected through an application process open to all current members" and that this application cycle "received fewer applications than we had hoped for and we built our board from those who applied."

"We recognize that the resulting board does not fully reflect

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Students slam plan for fee after visa

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For Lihao Yan GRD '27, a sixth-year international student, the Trump administration's push to charge a $70,000 fee for Optional Practical Training is complicating his post-graduation plans.

Like many doctoral candidates, Yan is looking to work at a university after completing his degree this spring. But a proposed Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulation last month to start charging $70,000 to F-1 visa holders looking to work in the United States after their visa expires would add a costly barrier. The majority of Yale's international students are on the F-1 visa, according to the Office of International Students & Scholars.

"I'm not sure there will be any companies or institutions that will hire international students, because they cannot easily afford the $70,000 price on OPT," Yan, who is pursuing a physics degree, said.

OPT currently allows international scholars to work in the U.S. for 12 months, with a possible 24-month extension for STEM students. The proposed rule would charge an additional $30,000 for that extension.

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ICE seizes teenager leaving court

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Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents arrested a man at the corner of State and Court streets on Tuesday morning after following a car transporting him home from his criminal hearing at the New Haven County Courthouse, according to local immigration activists.

A video of the arrest obtained by the News shows a group of agents in black clothes and masks surrounding the car transporting the arrestee. A volunteer for Unidad Latina en Acción, a local immigrant activist group, was driving the detainee home from the courthouse, according to John Lugo, community organizing director of ULA.

The New Haven Independent reported on Tuesday evening that the detainee was an 18-year-old named Jaime who was arrested on Aug. 30 for assault, interference with an officer and evading responsibility after causing serious physical injury. Online Connecticut court records indicate that a man with Jaime's name, birth year, arrest date and charges had a hearing in New Haven judicial court Tuesday morning. According to ICE's Online Detainee Locator, a

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Dramat to showcase solidarity and sorrow

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The Yale Dramatic Association's fall mainstage musical, "Come From Away," will go up Thursday at the University Theatre.

Based on a true story, the show recounts the closure of United States airspace following the Sept. 11 attacks, which left thousands of passengers stranded in a small Canadian town after planes were unexpectedly diverted there. The musical follows the relationships that emerged between the residents of Gander, Newfoundland, and their unexpected guests. The Dramat's cast and creative team said the show was an exploration of what it means to unite in times of crisis.

"This is one of the most heartwarming musicals I've ever seen. It's so incredibly moving," producer Emily Currie '27 said. "It's a very community-focused show, about the value of community and what we owe to each other and total strangers."

According to Dramat president Dhruv Bhalla '27, the organization selects its fall mainstage — the largest show of the year — after receiving input from the broader Yale theater community.

This year, Bhalla said, the board recognized the significance of staging "Come From Away" in the same year as the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"We thought it would be a good opportunity to portray a story about, of course, a very difficult time, but also a story that highlights community and how strangers came together to bounce back," Bhalla said.

As part of the Dramat's mainstage tradition, the organization brought in a professional director to work alongside student performers and production staff. This year's production is directed by

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Faculty group says McInnis won't meet

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Yale's chapter of the American Association of University Professors has requested to meet with University President Maurie McInnis eight times since May 2025. Each time, the chapter's president said, McInnis declined.

Yale AAUP is a faculty group that was revived on campus in November 2024 and has since advocated for Yale to meet demands like strengthening guarantees of academic freedom and resisting a settlement with the Trump administration over an investigation into the University's admissions practices. Its leaders secured meetings with McInnis in February 2025 and May 2025, but have been unsuccessful since.

"We're constantly told about the importance of dialogue on this campus and listening across differences," Daniel Martinez HoSang, an American studies professor and the president of Yale's AAUP chapter, said in a Friday interview. "It's absolutely disappointing because we think it would be a wonderful opportunity. She could model and say, 'I don't see that this way, but I'm very happy to hear your perspective.'"

The chapter has repeatedly requested meetings to discuss faculty concerns, particularly following discussions about academic freedom and the University's ongoing discussions with the federal government, HoSang said.

University spokesperson Karen Peart did not respond to a request for comment.

Over the summer, Yale AAUP joined Democratize Yale, a coalition of student, faculty and alumni groups calling for an end to the

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Christina Lee

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At a Veteran's Day ceremony on Wednesday, top administrators honored Yale alumni who served the country.

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