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"It's Friday, I'm in love"
FRIDAY I'M IN LOVE THE CURE

Piece published without review

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Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., criticized the piece.

"Comparing Black men to animals, while simultaneously conflating two historically distinct organizations that have served the Yale and New Haven communities for decades, reflects a troubling disregard for our humanity and identities," the Instagram post reads.

In a Monday Instagram post, Rumpus apologized for "derogatory and racist statements directed toward the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity."

"The article was published under the oversight of our staff, and we would like to formally apologize to the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha, the Black community on Yale's campus, and everyone affected by these statements," the post reads.

In their Tuesday post, the fraternity members said the apology was "insufficient." They wrote that it did not address Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., by its official name and did not mention Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

In a Tuesday evening statement to the News, Rumpus leaders wrote that they would make changes to the publication's leadership and editorial structure in response to "editorial failures and out of our responsibility to prevent them from happening again."

The leaders wrote that the piece "explicitly named Alpha Phi Alpha while invoking language associated with Kappa Alpha Psi, conflating two distinct historically Black fraternities."

"It compared Black men to wildlife and endangered animals, invoking a long history of racial dehumanization," they wrote.

The passage was written by a first year, the leaders added, and was published "without review by any member of our editorial team."

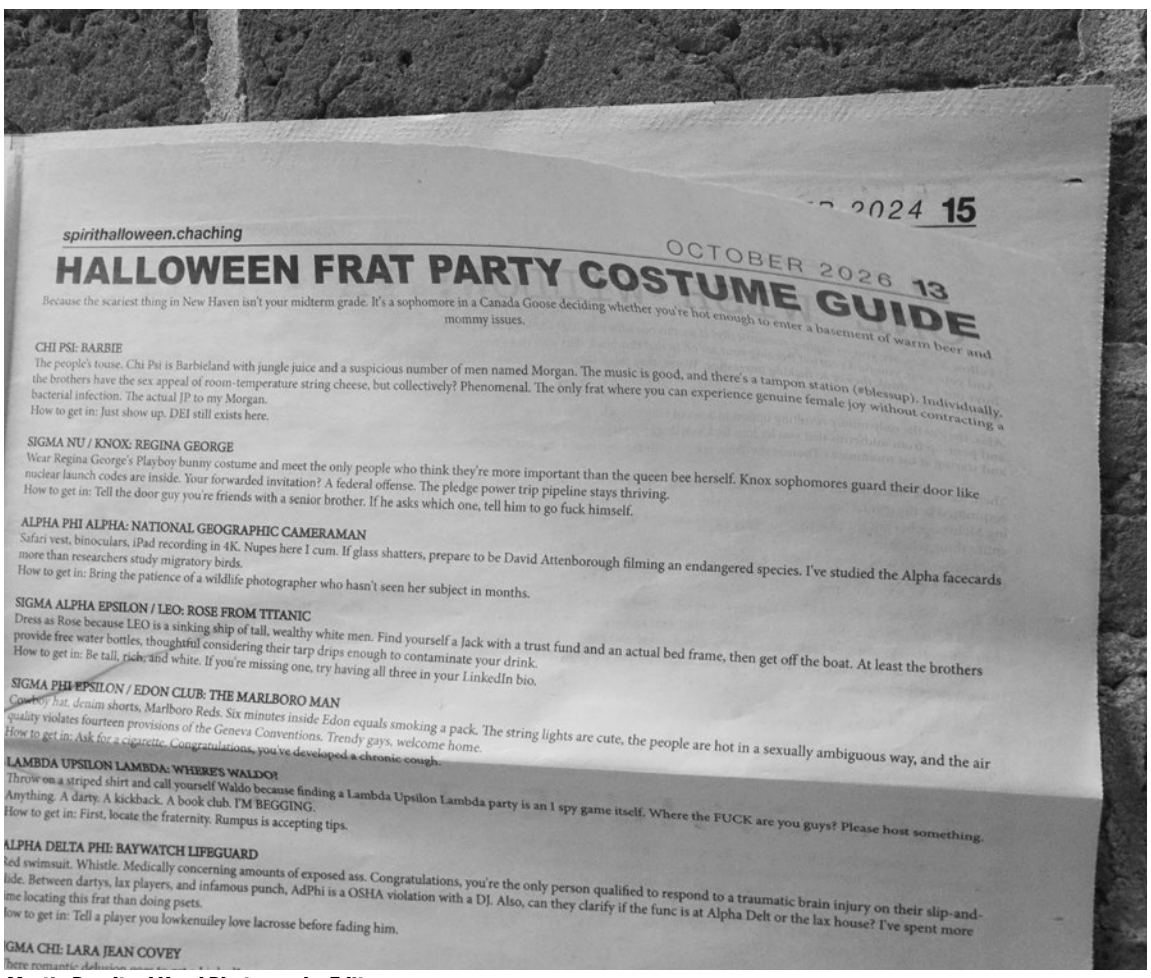
The publication's leaders further wrote that their Monday statement "failed to address the full extent of the incident," adding that it "did not use the fraternity's full incorporated name, omitted Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. entirely, and failed to identify the two Yale chapters involved."

Diamond Previlon '29 said while Rumpus may not have intended to promote a racist message, there were "some microagressions or underlying racist ideas" behind the comparison described in the piece.

"It's just another reminder that Yale is not as woke as we want to believe that it is," Previlon said. "You can definitely say that you're an advocate and you research the histories of all these different cultures, but at the end of the day, if you're racist, you're racist."

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was founded in 1906 at Cornell, according to its website.

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Martin Peralta / Head Photography Editor
Rumpus, Yale's student-run satirical tabloid, faced online backlash for an article that appeared to conflate two historically Black fraternities. The magazine's leaders apologized and said the piece was published without being reviewed by an editor.

Group could select more board members



Ximena Solorzano / Photography Editor
The board of Yale's chapter of BlackGen Capital, a finance club for minority students, told the News that it is weighing an extension of its recruitment cycle after the group faced criticism for the absence of Black students on its newest board.

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the breadth of the community we serve. Our general body is a better reflection of that diversity," the board wrote. "We took down the Instagram post announcing our club's executive board on Monday as we consider extending the recruitment cycle, which could result in changes to the board's composition."

While St. Clair described the group as inclusive, he said he worries the board's racial makeup this year will set a negative precedent for future Black students interested in joining the group and looking for leadership opportunities.

"That is visually inappropriate, especially if you claim to be a group about inclusion and access, because that does not look inclusive at all," St. Clair said. "It looks like there is an established hierarchy, and that there is a phenotype associated with the hierarchy of the club, and that is bad. That is very anti-BlackGen, in my opinion."

Trent Page '28, who is not a member of the group, said the board's demographic breakdown is a "contradiction," considering that the group was intended to serve as a pipeline for Black students to pursue careers in finance.

Jaime Castrellon '29, a member of BlackGen's energy sector, described the group as "super welcoming to everyone and every person." While he acknowledged the national group's history and founding members, he said because the group is a general "minority-facing club," "a completely Hispanic board" or a "completely African-American board" should be acceptable.

"I think the issue is that the club was originally faced to have resources towards predominantly African-American students," Castrellon said. "You can't say that there has to be at least one board member because then, that just wouldn't be fair. But it also isn't fair to not have any representation, right? Because then there is no representation of what a Black student may need."

In its email to the News, the board wrote that moving forward, it will open board and new member applications earlier to reach more students. The board also wrote that the group plans to partner with other "diverse" clubs to host events together.

"We joined BlackGen Capital at Yale because we know what it feels like to walk into a finance space and not see many people who look like us," the board wrote. "This club gave us a place to belong and we want every student who comes after us to feel the same."

BlackGen has chapters across 13 universities, according to its website.

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Professors say refusal contradicts free speech focus

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University's negotiations with the Trump administration, among other demands like looser protest policy on campus and reforms to the trustee election process. Meanwhile, the national group broke 110 years of precedent in endorsing candidates — all 12 of them Democrats — in the midterm elections.

Since the beginning of her tenure in July 2024, McInnis has repeatedly emphasized the importance of listening and engaging with different perspectives on campus. In her inaugural address, she called on the Yale community to "listen to each other and welcome diverse viewpoints, including those that may be unpopular." Her office said in an April 2025 update that she held a "listening tour" in her first year as president, meeting with students, faculty, staff and alumni in over 100 instances.

HoSang questioned how far that commitment to dialogue extends to faculty organizations that may offer critical views of administrators.

Laura Nasrallah, the chapter's vice president and a professor at the Yale Divinity School, wrote in an email to the News that she believes that regular meetings between University administrators and faculty are important for cultivating a working relationship where both sides can share their perspectives.

"I think it is important for any university president to meet regularly with the faculty, to develop open listening between administration and faculty, and to share thoughts and expertise on how to build a stronger and more ethical institution," Nasrallah wrote.

A 2025 meeting occurred as the first round of federal research grant terminations rocked higher education and included faculty from the School of Medicine, the School of Public Health and other parts of the University, who communicated their immediate concerns about how the cuts would affect their lab research and employees, HoSang said.

The AAUP has also demanded stronger academic freedom protections on campus. In spring 2025, the chapter assembled a working group on academic freedom, followed by a joint initiative with the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and School of Engineering and Applied Science Senate, calling for revisions to the faculty handbook. Nasrallah wrote that the report was submitted more than six months ago to the administration.

The group has also questioned whether existing governance structures adequately incorporate faculty perspectives into the University's decision making. Nasrallah wrote that the University's structure leaves most of the decision-making authority with the president and Board of Trustees, without formal faculty representation on the board.

"It's hard to see how the range of faculty perspectives—from professional schools to the college, from non-tenured to tenured, from medicine to divinity and in between—are systematically represented and valued," Nasrallah wrote.

The AAUP chapter, however, boasts diverse membership, with "robust" participation across the College, School of Medicine, School of Public Health and the Law School, HoSang said.

"We are very much trying to be a 'big tent' organization that understands faculty have many views on issues," HoSang said. "I think part of how the University has justified not meeting with us is to misrepresent that we somehow only represent a small faction."

In an Oct. 26 column for the News, two members of the group argued that faculty appointed committees, like the Committee on Trust in Higher Education assembled by McInnis, do not necessarily represent the broader faculty voice, especially when members are hand-selected by administrators and lack instructional and untenured faculty.

HoSang raised similar concerns, acknowledging that although the Trust Committee's members worked hard, it's troubling that a committee selected by McInnis can be deemed representative, while the AAUP as a faculty organization continues to be questioned.

There are more than 500 AAUP chapters across the United States, according to its national website.

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Since May 2025, when leaders of the group last met with University President Maurie McInnis, Yale's chapter of the American Association of University Professors has advocated on issues like academic freedom and negotiations with the Trump administration.