FROM THE FRONT

"Birthday greetings, bottle of wine"
WHEN I'M SIXTY-FOUR THE BEATLES

Food voucher expansion pitched

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said. "I think programs like these help people that are trying to meet that discrepancy in funding."

The sponsors of that proposal said that they also considered keeping dining halls open during breaks but that administrators had indicated that the financial costs made that option unfeasible.

The YCC also passed a proposal introduced by Speaker Kyler Parker '29 to keep Yale's Safety Net emergency assistance program open during winter and summer breaks.

For students with parent shares below $10,000, Safety Net provides financial support for eligible emergency expenses, including medical care, emergency travel and computer repairs. Last academic year, the program funded more than 1,000 requests — 80 percent of requests received — per the proposal. The program currently does not accept requests or cover expenses incurred during winter and summer breaks.

"Basically put, the safety net system is pretty sloppily run, I'd say, at this school, and there's major gaps in what safety net covers and major gaps between the rationale for what Safety Net covers and doesn't," Parker said.

Administrators expressed willingness to discuss opening Safety Net during winter recess, Parker said. Under the proposal, the University would also remove the New-Haven-area restriction on medical assistance during breaks and designate a staff contact for students facing emergencies.

A third proposal, sponsored by Kevin Cano '30, Alex Park '30 and Parker, called on Yale to introduce digital student IDs compatible with Apple Wallet and Google Wallet.

Cano said Yale IT administrators have expressed they have all the necessary infrastructure to support the technology required for the addition, but the University has not yet implemented the feature.

During the discussion, Senator Christopher Johnson '29 raised concerns that introducing digital IDs could render physical cards obsolete or create opportunities for students to share their cards with others.

Senator Eugene Covington '28 responded that the two mediums would be "interchangeable," comparing them to physical and digital credit cards. He argued that mobile access would provide additional convenience for students who forget or lose their physical IDs. The proposal unanimously passed.

A final proposal, sponsored by Senator Maneet Mehta '29, called on Yale to expand Dean's Extensions to students with significant non-varsity extracurricular commitments. Under current Yale College academic regulations, residential college deans may grant extensions for circumstances including incapacitating medical conditions, family emergencies, religious observances and varsity athletic competitions.

Mehta argued that students participating in activities such as a cappella performances, theater productions, debate tournaments and academic research conferences are not covered, creating an inequity between varsity athletes and students with similarly demanding extracurricular responsibilities.

"I think it's kind of unfair to have a pathway for Dean's Extensions that's only applicable to around 10 to 13 percent of the Yale population, when the rest of us also have incredibly important obligations," Mehta said.

The next YCC meeting will take place on Dec. 6.

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Yale College Council senators unanimously passed four proposals in a Sunday meeting.

Olea owners to retire from Elm City run

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Maria González said she and her husband were "happy because we are retiring, but it's very sad at the same time because we have created so many memories here that it's hard to see the customers, say goodbye to the customers, and it's going to be even harder to say goodbye to the staff when they leave tonight."

The González couple have been partners in New Haven's restaurant industry for nearly three decades. The duo managed Ibiza, another upscale Spanish restaurant that once occupied the same location Olea did.

Olea's executive chef, Manuel Romero, said Olea's shuttering was not due to financial concerns. Romero, who was born in Spain, worked in Ibiza's kitchen and joined as a co-owner when the restaurant rebranded as Olea. He said he felt honored to have played a part in creating so many special memories for diners.

Since his business partners are retiring, Romero said, he and his wife agreed it was time for them to take "a small break" from running a business at the 39 High St. storefront. He said that after he spent 26 years working at that location, the pair did not want to take on responsibility for the restaurant on their own.

"We have very demanding work, a lot of pressure. It's long hours," Romero said in a phone interview. "Sometimes we lose special days with the family."

With Olea behind him, Romero said that this year, he is looking forward to spending the holidays with his family instead of in the kitchen, though he added that he wouldn't be able to stay away for long. After his respite, Romero plans to open a new restaurant in the greater New Haven area, he said.

Customers dining at Olea on its final night said they would miss the restaurant.

Delia and Brainard Carey, both performance artists, said they have been regular customers at Olea since the restaurant opened in 2014. Delia Carey, who is originally from Madrid, said Olea "encaptures the Spain feeling." She added, "the food is incredible. It's made with so much love."

She does not dole out praise lightly, according to her husband, who said, "Spanish restaurants are really under a lot of scrutiny with her."

Reina Yeiss, a friend of Maria González and longtime Olea patron, was also at the restaurant on Saturday. Yeiss highlighted the quality of the restaurant's food and service.

"The personalized attention that is given to the diners here, it makes everyone feel special and they just keep coming," Yeiss said.

Early Saturday evening, Maria González worked the host's stand and greeted every guest who came in. Half an hour after opening, the restaurant was already near capacity. Many diners said they came in hoping to eat one last meal at Olea.

The Careys said they were "so sad" when they heard the restaurant was closing.

"It's always very crowded, and I think everybody loves it," Delia said.

Maria González said she had one message for Olea's customers: "Thank you for all your support."

Olea was named for the plant genus by the same name that includes the olive tree.

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Yale leaves the Bowl on a high before heading to Boston

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dogs down into the red zone. On the following play, Dante Reno '28 connected with Lucius Anderson '29, who powered his way into the end zone to put Yale up 7-0.

For the rest of the quarter's blustery conditions, the game morphed into a battle for field position. Both defenses held strong, forcing the opposing offenses to punt back and forth.

Then, early in the second quarter, just as the Tigers had made their way into Yale territory, their drive stalled out. On came both teams' punt units, which for Yale features many top defensive playmakers.

The Princeton punter received the snap, but Team 153 captain Abu Kamara '27 immediately got a hand on the ball and blocked the punt, making the first of many highlight-reel-worthy plays of the day.

But the Yale offense was not able to capitalize on the momentum-shifting play and was forced to punt for the third consecutive time.

The Tigers began their drive on their own nine-yard line, and this time, they did not stall out as they reached Bulldog territory. A handful of nice completions and solid runs had Princeton set up inside the Yale 15-yard line, but a hard yet clean hit by Lota Ugokwe '28 sent mobile Tiger quarterback Wyatt Becker out of the game.

After subbing in their second starting quarterback, the Tigers then shot themselves in the foot. Following a run for no gain, Princeton receiver Josh Smith was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct after getting into it with a Yale defensive back after the play, and the Tigers were set back 15 yards.

Now with a 3rd and 18, the Bulldogs stopped Princeton once more for no gain to set up a 40-yard field goal attempt. Thirty seconds later, the kick sailed wide right, and a roar erupted from Yale fans as they celebrated the missed field goal.

But the offense still could not find its footing and had to boot away its fourth punt in a row, setting the Tigers up at the Princeton 35-yard line. Two first downs got them back into Yale territory before Tiger quarterback Ty Ciongoli made the worst throw of the game.

On a 3rd and 10, after going through his progressions, Ciongoli saw a receiver breaking over the middle and fired the ball his way.

But a big man in blue sat directly in the middle of the ball's route. Linebacker Lucas Price '29, who was about two yards short of the line of gain, got hit right in the numbers by the pass and made his first career interception before returning it 15 yards back to midfield.

A reenergized Yale offense took over with fantastic starting field position, and two minutes later, Reno connected with tight end Graham Smith '27 on a seam route to put the Bulldogs up 14-0 with just a minute left in the half.

Smith's touchdown, his sixth of the season, marks the most to come from a Yale tight end since Dean Athanasia '88 recorded seven in 1987.

The dominant Yale defense continued to hold Princeton scoreless through the second half. On the first play of the third quarter, Kamara wrapped up the Princeton ball carrier to limit him to a two-yard gain. On the next play, Kamara got into the backfield to nail Ciongoli for a seven-yard loss, one of the team captain's four tackles for loss that day.

A punt followed shortly, and the Bulldogs came out onto the field, but only for three plays. Unable to build on the momentum from the end of the first half, their punt team came back out.

Punting straight downwind, Reese Keeney '28 kicked a beautiful ball that landed on the one-yard line with a touch of backspin to hold it against the breeze. After the first bounce, the ball crept toward the goal line, but long snapper Colby Connell '28 made a Superman-esque dive to tap it back and keep it out of the end zone, pinning the Tigers at their own two-yard line.

With almost no room to work, the Tigers were lucky to get out of the shadow of their own upright and give their punter room to get a kick off, already having been blocked once. A 41-yard punt gave the Bulldogs the ball back.

Looking to blow the game wide open, Yale began mixing several runs by star running back Hugo Djeumeni Kemeni '29 with a few short completions to get back to the red zone. An 11-yard pick-up on a pass from Reno to Anderson set up a 1st and Goal on the Princeton seven-yard line, and two plays later, Reno threaded the needle between two defenders to connect with Anderson yet again for the third passing touchdown of the day, making the score 21-0.

Punts by both teams brought the game into the fourth quarter, and on the first play of the final period, Kamara sealed the deal by picking off Ciongoli and making a 36-yard house call, putting Yale up 28-0.

"It was a great way to go out at the Bowl, especially for the seniors on Team 153," Kamara said at the press conference. "We always talk about the legacy we want to leave and leaving the jersey better than we found it. I think today was a step in that direction for our senior class."

In the final seconds of the Senior Day game, many members of the Bulldogs' graduating class embraced for the final time on their home sideline.

"It felt great to really put together a complete game," linebacker Phoenix Grant '27 said. "Now it's time to turn the page and get ready for next week."

The Bulldogs will be back in action on Saturday for the season's final game, when they will ship up to Boston to take on their Cambridge counterparts at Fenway Park.

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After a rough stretch of the season for the Bulldogs, Team 153 made a statement on Saturday with a blank slate win over the Princeton Tigers on Senior Day.