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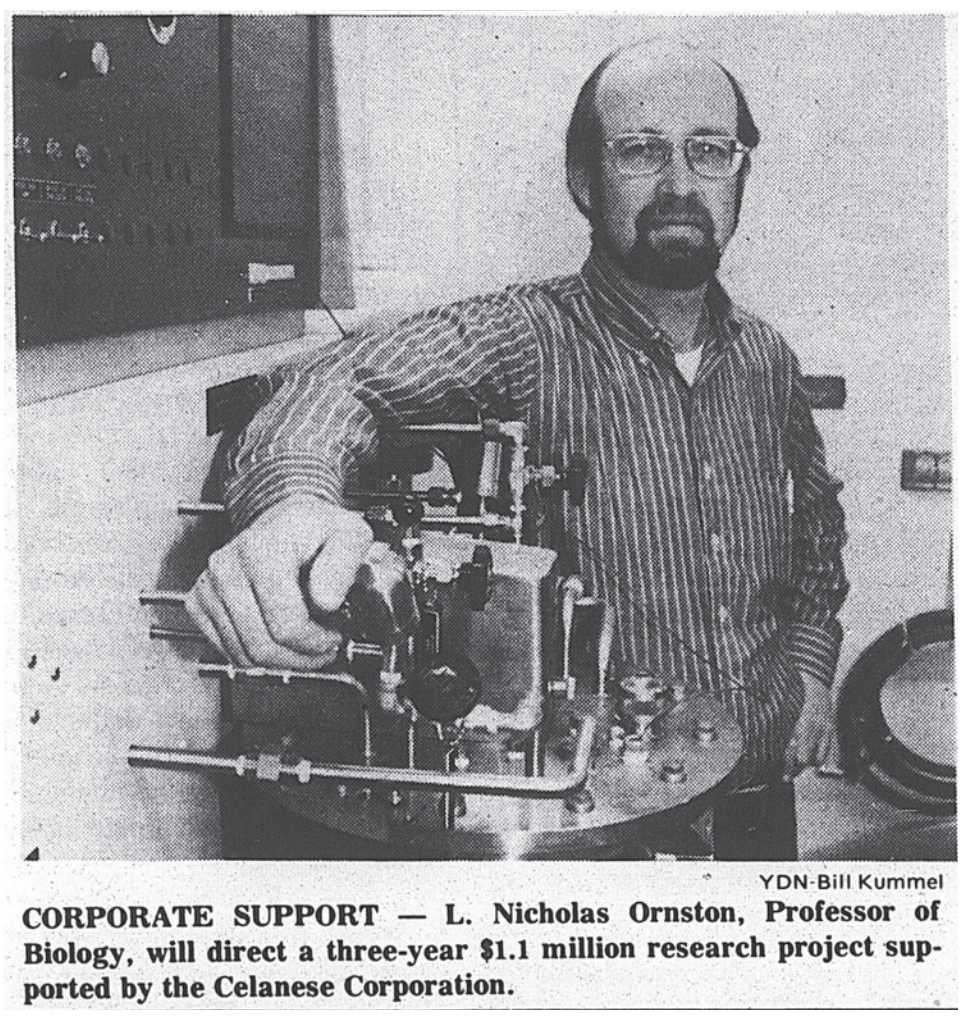
February 16, 1977 / Celanese signs agreement to support biology research

By Annarie Lyles and Norman Oder

Barely two months after Yale signed its first contract for private sector marketing of biological research, the University has signed an agreement with another firm to support basic biological research.

Yale and Celanese Corporation, a large producer of chemicals, fibers and plastics, announced today that they have signed a three-year, $1.1 million agreement that will support basic interdisciplinary research into the structure and function of enzymes and the genes that govern them.

The agreement, following about a year of discussion, provides support for four research projects, along with the hiring of a post-doctoral fellow for each, under the direction of Yale professor of Biology L. Nicholas Ornston.



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CORPORATE SUPPORT — L. Nicholas Ornston, Professor of Biology, will direct a three-year $1.1 million research project supported by the Celanese Corporation.



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Behind the Headline

By Sabrina Thaler

A few weeks ago, I was holed up in my dorm room watching what felt like a particularly long online meeting of the New Haven Board of Education's Finance and Committee. Board members were scrutinizing the details of the newest draft budget for New Haven Public Schools' next fiscal year, part of what is always a months-long, high-stakes discussion.

A brief digression partway through the meeting caught my attention. A board member asked the school district's Chief Finance Officer why the budget proposal included a $1 million increase in funding for substitute teacher salaries. The CFO, and later the superintendent, explained it was because the district was seeing higher levels of teacher absences, and they needed more substitutes to fill in.

That sounded like a significant problem, and I had questions: How often were teachers missing school? Why? How did this pattern affect NHPS students, who are struggling with their own absenteeism crisis?

After finding the absence rates from the state's online education data portal, I started reaching out to people who I thought might know something. I emailed teachers, messaged high school students on Instagram, called an education policy scholar and tracked down the superintendent for an in-person interview. I learned from these conversations that there are many opinions on how best to solve this problem — and why it exists to begin with.

Read "School dogged by teacher abscences" on page 1.

CORRECTIONS:

An article published in the Feb. 13 edition about donors' influence on undergraduate financial aid priorities misstated the pool of donations of which about 20 percent have been designated for "current use," according to a spokesperson for Yale's For Humanity fundraising campaign. It is donations for financial aid, not all donations to Yale.

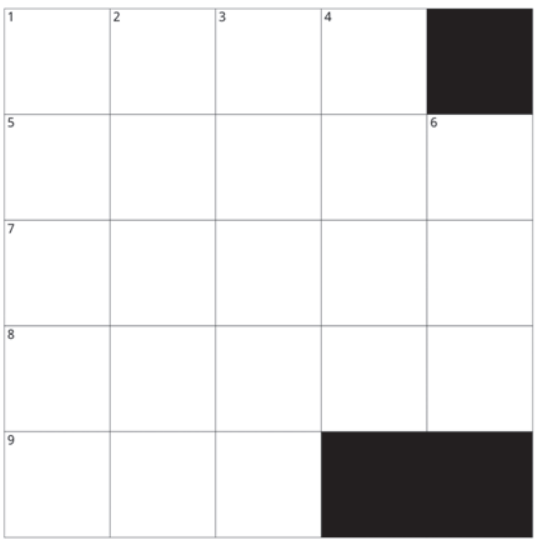
An article published in the Feb. 13 edition about a University review of the computer science professor David Gelernter's conduct misstated the name of the dean of Yale's School of Engineering & Applied Science. He is Jeffrey Brock, not Jeffery Brock.

Puzzles

Puzzle by Ariana Borut '27

ACROSS
1 Hallmark or Papyrus product
5 Same old, same old
7 Ravioli or rigatoni
8 Chip giant
9 Valentine's __

DOWN
1 Mythical matchmaker
2 Sitting meditation pose
3 Out of practice
4 Go out with
6 LeBron James' team, on scoreboards





ALEX HONG

Read our music critic's review of the Yale Opera's production of Puccini's "La Bohème" on page 7.