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McInnis praises McMahon invitation

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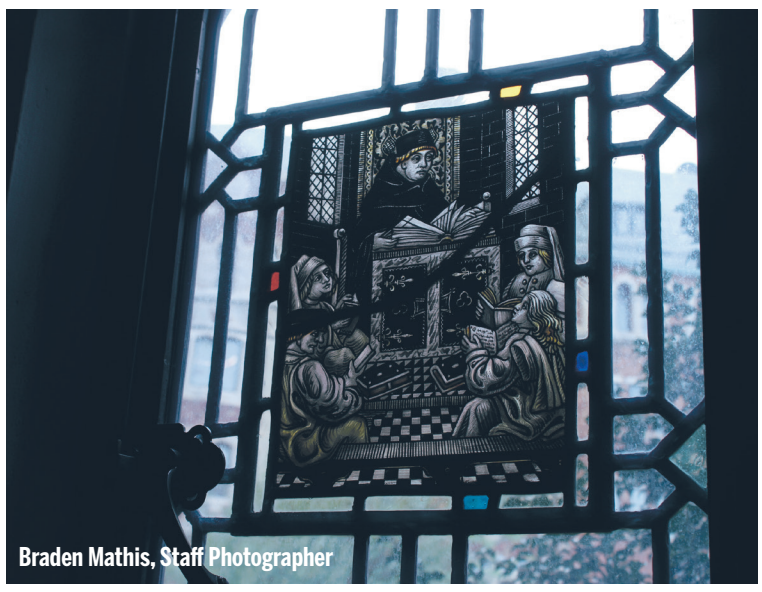
Ahead of U.S. Education Secretary Linda McMahon's scheduled appearance at a Buckley Institute event this month, University President Maurie McInnis commended the independent Yale-adjacent organization for inviting her.

McMahon is slated to speak about diversity, gender and the government's education policies at an April 16 event hosted by the Buckley Institute, a group that brings conservative voices to campus. The secretary, a member of President Donald Trump's cabinet, oversees a Department of Education that has canceled billions of dollars worth of federal funding grants to universities across the country.

"Buckley does an amazing job, as do many of our other student groups, of inviting leaders to come speak on consequential topics," McInnis said in an interview on Tuesday. "I applaud that they have invited her."

Both McMahon and Trump have called for the Education Depart-

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Instructors let go as cuts force 'trade-offs'

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More than 120 students and alumni recently signed a letter addressed to Yale College Dean Pericles Lewis to express "deep concern" after film studies lecturer Shakti Bhagchandani told her students that Yale would not renew her contract due to budget tightening measures.

German lecturer Austen Hinkley spoke to his 72-person "Marx, Nietzsche, Freud" lecture about his contract non-renewal, which he also said was impacted by budget cuts.

Lecturer Matthew Morrison, who teaches a course in medicine and the humanities, wrote in an email to his former students that "Yale has, as yet, not renewed my contract for next year, conceivably due to its newly straitened financial situation."

Bhagchandi, Hinkley and Morrison are all part of the instructional faculty, a group that comprises the non-tenure track positions of lecturers and lectors, who have limited job security even under more normal budgetary circumstances. In an email to the News, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Steven Wilkinson acknowledged that recent pressure on Yale's budget impacted contract decisions. It remains unclear how likely the contracts' renewals would have been without the austerity measures caused by an impending endowment tax hike.

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Two new trustees appointed to board

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Two new trustees will join the Yale Corporation in July, University President Maurie McInnis announced in a Tuesday press release.

Derek Chang '89, a media executive, and Philippe Costeletos '87, the founder of a private investment firm, will join the Corporation, the governing body that steers the University's long-term institutional priorities. Chang and Costeletos both have backgrounds working as business executives, according to their biographies included in the announcement.

Chang and Costeletos were both named successor trust-


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ees, meaning they were elected to their positions by the current members of board, according to the Corporation's bylaws.

"I'm grateful and pleased that Derek and Philippe have agreed to join the board and share their experience and expertise with Yale," McInnis is quoted as saying in the press release. "Each one brings both leadership experience in complex organizations and a clear commitment to Yale's mission and people."

Chang, who grew up in Hartford, is the president and CEO of Liberty Media, the parent company of Formula 1 and Live Nation. According to the Tues-

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McInnis says courting YPU isn't for Trump


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Eleven members of the Yale Political Union, including its president, met with University President Maurie McInnis and Yale College Dean Pericles Lewis over lunch on March 24, and the group posed for a photo posted last week on the University's official Instagram account.

But even after floating the union in October as a potential reason President Donald Trump's administration has spared Yale from targeted funding cuts, McInnis told the News on Tues-

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Three Yale military slots said to be cut

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A senior Pentagon official told the University that three military fellowship posts at Yale will not continue next school year, according to Yale's veteran and military affairs liaison.

A February memo signed by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth indicated that two Yale spots for "military students" affiliated with the Senior Service College Fellowship would be impacted. But the military affairs liaison, Holly Hermes, wrote that she was told by the Pentagon official that the department was ending three fellow slots — two Army fellows and one Marine Corps fellow.

"Yale has met with a senior official in the Department of War who confirmed that the February 27 memorandum affects just placements of Senior Service College Fellows," Hermes wrote in a statement provided to the News by Yale's central communications office.

In late February, Hegseth announced that the Pentagon would cut ties with Yale and other universities, calling the schools "woke" and accusing them of failing to properly educate military leaders.

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Turning Point USA chapter forms

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Turning Point USA, the youth conservative organization co-founded by Charlie Kirk, has a chapter in formation on Yale's campus.

The organization — founded by Kirk and Bill Montgomery in 2012 and aligned with President Donald Trump — advocates for conservative principles on campuses across the nation. Kirk was shot and killed in September while talking to students at a university in Utah.

At Yale, the Turning Point chapter's leaders say they will strive to add to diversity of thought on campus through speaker events and activism. According to the Yale chapter's constitution, Turning Point's mission is to "educate students about conservative principles and promote American patriotism on college campuses."

Its leaders see Turning Point as unique among other largely conservative groups on campus such as the Buckley Institute and Yale College Republicans, because it is neither a debate society nor affiliated with the Republican Party.

"TPUSA is not here to offend anyone or insult anyone," the chapter's vice president, Diego Victoria '27, said. "I think the biggest misconception anyone might have would be that what we're trying to do is provocative or trying to force ideas on anyone, but rather it's the complete oppo-

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Yale office workers rally amid contract talks

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Bubbles, rally cries and handmade signs floated down Grove and Prospect Streets on Wednesday afternoon as members of UNITE HERE Local 34, Yale's union of clerical and technical workers, surrounded Sheffield-Sterling-Strathcona Hall to demand a contract that accommodates the rising costs of living for workers.

The demonstration — which was made up of roughly 750 participants, Local 34 communications director Ian Dunn estimated — is the most recent in a series of protests the union has held during its ongoing contract negotiations with the University. The union's current memorandum of agreement with Yale is set to expire in January, and leaders have repeatedly said that their current wages have not kept pace with inflation.

"Our members are hurting, working second and third jobs," Lisa Stevens, the president of Local 34, said in an interview during the protest. "They're hurting when it comes down to utilities, and we know the cost of fuel just jacked up. So we are just trying to keep our head afloat. We're not asking for anything extra. We just wanna be able to keep up."

The Consumer Price Index, which measures changes in the cost of goods like food and energy across the country, rose 2.4 percent from February 2025 to February 2026,

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Sterling Memorial Library's newest exhibit, "'Beauties of My Style': Errata & the Printed Mistake," explores the history of typos in written work.

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MAISON The fashion and art group will host its annual fashion show at the Omni Hotel for the first time.
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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION Since the 1930s, New Haven has requested that Yale give funds to the city to make up for lost property tax revenue. The two parties reached the first voluntary contribution deal in 1990.
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