BULLETIN

Behind the Headline: IS THE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE DEAD?

By Olivia Woo

In September, during my second-ever meeting with Yale College Dean Pericles Lewis, I asked the dean about his efforts to reverse the post-pandemic trend of students moving off campus. I did not know at the time just how successful those efforts had proved; my recent rough calculations based on figures obtained in February suggest that 53 percent more of this year's juniors lived on campus compared to last year's. The apparent efficacy of Yale College's policies in promoting on-campus living was interesting to square with something we have observed about the College — namely, a marked decline in the popularity of the residential college system. I spent about 4,000 words on a protracted story spanning the history of college housing policies from the 1930s to present-day, which have since been bisected into two articles, one focusing on the twentieth century and another, specifically on Lewis. In the midst of my archive-searching, I came upon a series of articles about the purported "off-campus exodus" during the 1990s, one of which suggested that the residential college system had died. In the special issue housed within these pages, we attempt to evaluate this theory — over 30 years later.

By Olivia Cyrus

Over about a month, I went through at least 70 newspaper articles about the first-year counselor program between the 1930s and the modern day. Looking through the archive was a blast and a true testament to how necessary and informative the News' archive is. In reading through the archives, I made a list of names that were listed as former freshman counselors and ethnic counselors and reached out via LinkedIn, Instagram messages, and work emails. I had some really interesting conversations with former FroCos from the 1980s and 90s, especially about their tenure and how the program, in all its phases and newness, allowed them as students to assume positions of leadership and, sometimes, be occasional political advocates for students. Something that I found to be interesting, which wasn't included in the article, was how some colleges, due to not having enough FroCos, would offer students from other colleges the opportunity to be FroCos in colleges they weren't assigned to. In all, I'm super happy that I was able to contribute to the final product.

Read the special issue.

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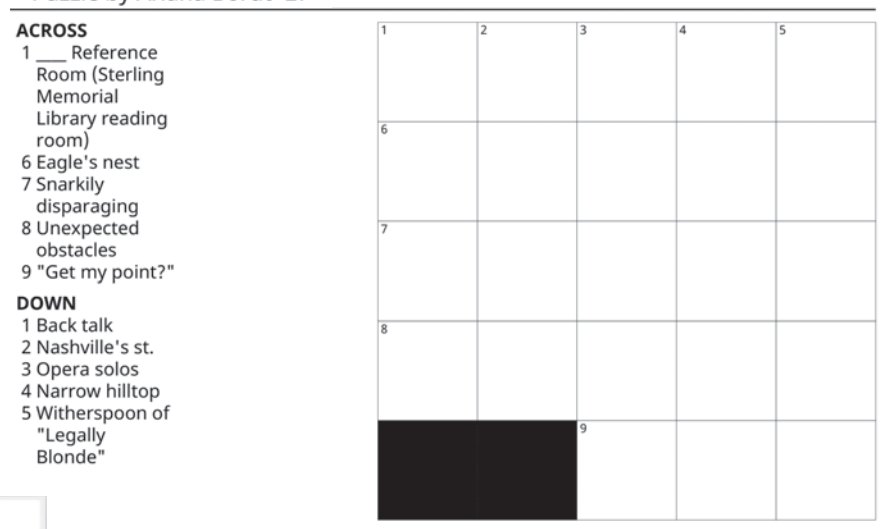

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1 ___ Reference Room (Sterling Memorial Library reading room)
6 Eagle's nest
7 Snarkily disparaging
8 Unexpected obstacles
9 "Get my point?"

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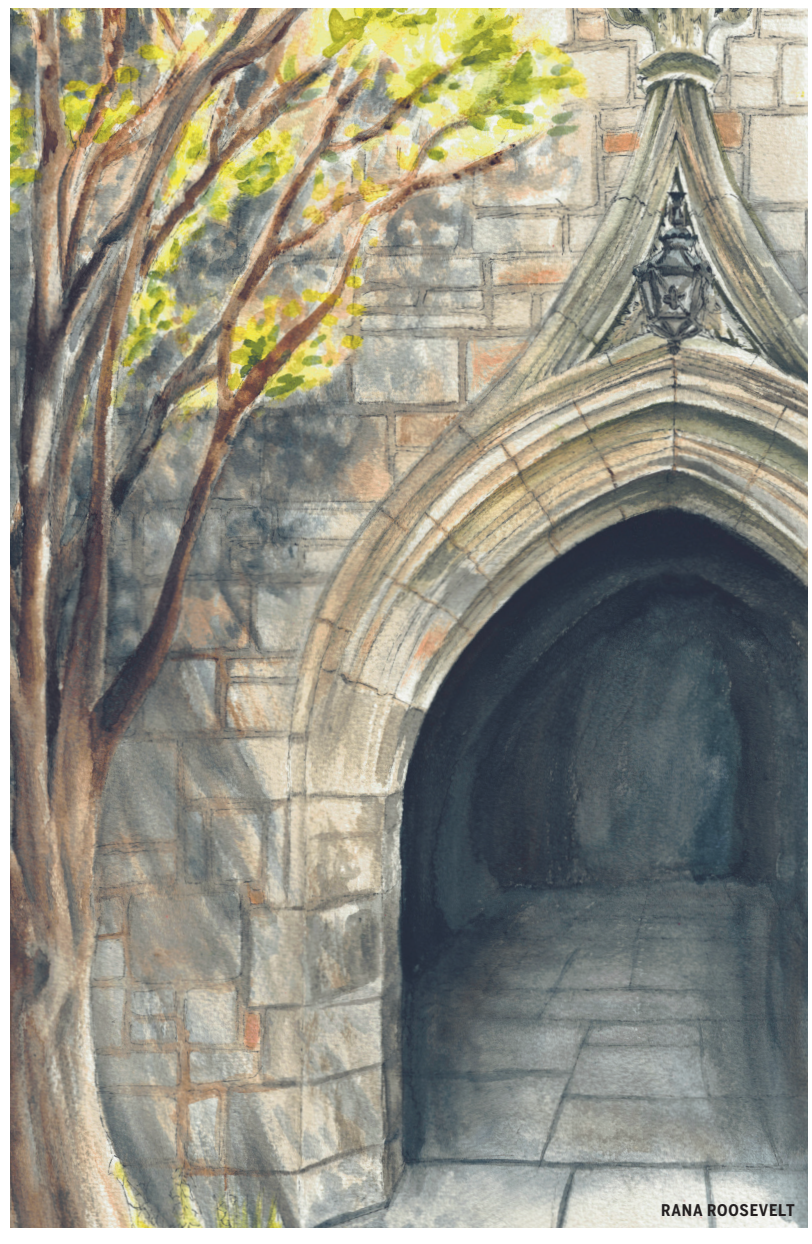
1 Back talk
2 Nashville's st.
3 Opera solos
4 Narrow hilltop
5 Witherspoon of "Legally Blonde"

CORRECTIONS:
An article published in the April 17 edition about the expansion of Yale's administrative staff misstated the name of Yale's senior associate provost for strategy and data analysis. He is Chad Losee, not Loose.
An article published in the same edition about University President Maurie McInnis's release of the report by the Committee of Trust in Higher Education misstated a reporter's name in the byline. She is Aria Lynn-Skov, not Lynn-Slov.

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