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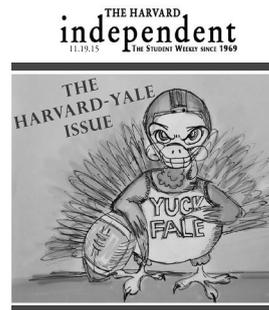


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International Thanksgiving

What non-Americans do for the five-day holiday.

By DANIEL UM

Observed every year on the fourth Thursday in November, American Thanksgiving Day is a celebration that was originally meant to give thanks for the blessings of the fall harvest. Today, it has become a tradition of reuniting families over football games and a cornucopia of food. Additionally, many families have created their own thanksgiving traditions, such as volunteering in soup kitchens, attending or viewing the New York City Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, and breaking the turkey's wishbone for a wish. During the five-day break, most college students return home to bond with family members; but what about international students who have no kin in America?

Through media and cultural diffusion, most international students are knowledgeable about the stereotypical American Thanksgiving traditions; however, unless they are ethnically or culturally American, many have not experienced it first-hand. Fortunately, attending a college in the United States gives many internationals the opportunity to participate in the festivities, and, hopefully, have a greater appreciation of American traditions and culture. The five-day break may be ample time for American students to travel home, but for international students it is somewhat costly and time-prohibitive to do the same. For this reason, most international students typically join American friends, stay on campus or visit high school friends in major cities.

Daniel Shen '19 from Toronto, Canada, for instance, is taking the bus down to Cooperstown, New York

to stay with his roommate Jacob Russell '19, who plans to share with Shen the full American Thanksgiving experience – family, food and football. It is also a tradition in the Russell household to drink cider made from the apples on his family's property, and this is something that he is excited to share with Shen. Jeewon Lee '18 spent last year's Thanksgiving in New York with her parents who flew from Manila, Philippines to be with her. This year, once again, her parents will be joining her in NYC, as they

“As an American citizen, born and raised in Manila, Philippines, I am in a unique situation.”

believe Thanksgiving should be spent with family. Also in NYC, Lee will be rekindling friendships with her high school buddies from British School Manila. A junior, who chooses not to be named, wasn't able to go anywhere for Thanksgiving and stayed on campus last year. However, he did manage to attend the Thanksgiving meal at Adams House, which was “kind of Harry Potter-esque.” Despite the long trip, James Nakajima '18 flew back to London to spend time with his family. However this year, he finds it “hard to justify going home for that amount of time” so Nakajima will be spending time with his uncle near Boston.

International students in other universities face a similar predicament of where to go for Thanksgiving. Midori Fujitani '19 from Bangkok, attending Goucher College, organized

Thanksgiving festivities on campus and then joined his roommate back home to experience first hand American Thanksgiving customs. Benjamin Jimenez '19 of Northeastern had a mini family reunion in Los Angeles with cousins, who are also international students. Ariana Mapua '19 of Carnegie Mellon also planned to visit her stateside family but Thanksgiving turned into a “funky” adventure. She trekked up to Canada to ski at Mont Tremblant, visited friends at McGill, and “chilled” with a cousin in Montreal.

As an American citizen, born and raised in Manila, Philippines, I am in a unique situation. My family celebrates Thanksgiving in Manila with other American expatriates, and staples of stuffed turkey, mashed sweet potatoes, and pecan or apple pie. However our feast is fused with Filipino dishes of pancit noodles and fried banana turons. While this is going to be my first Thanksgiving away from home, I am excited to be spending it ‘international-style.’ Thanksgiving Day will be spent with my grandparents and uncle in New Jersey, and “Airbnb-ing” with my international college friends in New York City. We will have our eclectic feast of food from Haiti, China, the Philippines and many other countries, and I will prepare my specialty of chicken and pork adobo. I will also meet with my high school friends from International School Manila, all the while thanking this beautiful holiday for being the ideal time to celebrate with family and friends, old and new.

Daniel Um '19 (danielum@college.harvard.edu) can't wait to have a Friendsgiving.

Entering Enemy Territory

How to do Harvard-Yale at Yale right.

By CAROLINE GENTILE

Ladies and gentleman, it's that time of year again: the infamous weekend when students of Harvard College become students of Harvard State. The game is upon us. But wait. It's at Yale this year. What's a Harvard State student to do?

Luckily for you, my little party animals, I have compiled some tips on how to navigate the Game when it is hosted in the treacherous armpit of New England, otherwise known as New Haven. Not only is dragging yourself away from the beck and call of homework to go to the game often a struggle, but also, having to actually go to Yale adds a whole other layer of complexity to this day of historic tradition (read: drunken debauchery).

For one, now you have to figure out how to get there! Thankfully, you have options. Oftentimes, social clubs will have their own buses to and from Yale, but HSA also offers buses on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and evening, and Sunday morning. If you aren't one for buses, rent a car with a group of friends and carpool together. Just make sure at least one person in your group plans to stick to their typical Harvard student roots throughout the weekend and stays sober.

Now that you're there, where do you stay? There are a few options: stay in your House's sister residential college's basement, stay with a friend or friend of a friend who actually has the misfortune of being a Yale student, or make a new friend (wink wink, nudge nudge). I don't recommend the latter given the sketchy characters one would likely find in New Haven, but I do recommend planning ahead on this one. The last thing you want is

to not have a place to rest your weary head between your late night out at Toad's and your early wakeup call to start tailgating.

Once you drop off your bag of essential belongings wherever you're staying, you are probably ravenous. Time for dinner! New Haven is not known for a lot of things, but they are known for their pizza. So eat the

"But honestly, I have to say, the MVP of your Harvard-Yale experience will be mittens with the fingertips that still let you text. Not only will your hands be warm, but you'll also be able to use your phone to take plenty of selfies!"

pizza, for it is literally the only good thing they have to offer (besides gothic architecture, if you're into that).

In terms of nightlife the night before the game, Toad's is the spot. Perhaps my favorite thing about Harvard-Yale at Yale is going to Toad's, a dive-bar-turned-club, and seeing literally everybody. Unlike at Harvard where there is not really one place for everyone to get together, Yale has Toad's, and it is pretty awesome. It's 19+ though, so freshmen, make sure your fake order makes it before the game!

After raging your face off at Toad's and hopefully getting some sleep, you wake up, and it's game day. Set multiple alarms. You do not want to

sleep through the tailgates, which are definitely more important and more fun than the game itself. When does one start tailgating, you ask? At real state schools, tailgates often start as early as 5am, but given the later kickoff time this year, only the truly dedicated will start that early. Official tailgates begin around 11AM, but you want to make sure that you're "ready" for them, if you know what I mean.

Before taking one of the shuttles, or walking 30 minutes, over to the Yale Bowl, make sure you are wearing multiple layers of Harvard clothing. Most people go for the H sweater or a Harvard sweatshirt over long underwear, along with a Harvard hat. But honestly, I have to say, the MVP of your Harvard-Yale experience will be mittens with the fingertips that still let you text. Not only will your hands be warm, but you'll also be able to use your phone to take plenty of selfies! You won't actually be able to use your phone once you're at the game because there is never any service with that many people in one location.

This leads me to my final tip: have a Harvard-Yale buddy. This is the person you travel with, stay with, and rage with while you're at Yale. Since communication gets difficult with the lack of service and the abundance of alcohol, it is definitely a good idea to always stick with your buddy to make sure you both stay safe and, well, survive.

Armed with all of these tips, you are now ready to take on the best weekend of the semester. However, if you decide to be lame and not go, make sure you buy your ticket as early as you can so you can sell it at double the price!!!

Caroline Gentile '17 (cgentile@college.harvard.edu) actually made up all of these tips because, let's be honest, she barely remembers any of her Harvard-Yale experiences.

The Quiz

Just the things you ought to know.

By SEAN FRAZZETTE

With this year's Game approaching, The Indy wants readers as informed as possible about the oldest game in college football. And with The Game being played almost every year since 1875, it is difficult to keep track of all the history, tomfoolery, and revelry that surround the rivalry. So, without further ado, here is a quiz to both test your knowledge and fill in what you may have missed. The Harvard Independent presents nine questions for nine straight wins.

Questions:

1) *Who won last year's Game?*

- a. Harvard
- b. Yale
- c. MIT Pranksters
- d. The Harvard Band

2) *How about The Game before that?*

- a. Harvard
- b. Yale
- c. The Tailgaters
- d. Toads

3) *Okay, let's get more difficult. Who won The Game in 1968?*

- a. Harvard
- b. Yale
- c. Both
- d. Neither

4) *Who won the very first Game?*

- a. Harvard
- b. Yale
- c. Collegiate School
- d. None of the Above

5) *What was the score of the first Game?*

- a. 12-7
- b. 4-0
- c. 37-12
- d. 29-29

6) *Who scored Harvard's only touchdown in their 21-7 loss in 1955?*

- a) John F. Kennedy
- b) Edward Kennedy
- c) Someone who isn't a Kennedy
- d) Why would we ask if it weren't a Kennedy?

7) *What is the name of the Yale mascot?*

- a. Ugly Dan
- b. Handsome Dan
- c. Handsome Dan XVII
- d. Handsome Dan XXX

8) *Who did Lee Corso pick in 2014?*

- a. Harvard
- b. Yale
- c. Kirk Herbstreit
- d. Handsome Dan XVII

9) *Who is going to win in 2015?*

- a. Harvard
- b. Harvard
- c. Harvard
- d. Harvard

Answers:

1) Harvard won last year 31-24, which was their eight straight victory. Notably, it was also the very first time The Game was featured as the Game of the Week for College Gameday. Theoretically, if College Gameday had existed in the late 1890s and early 1900s, Harvard-Yale would have been the Game of the Week more often. Alas

2) Harvard won 34-7 in the Yale Bowl. This was just to rub it in Yale's face.

3) Trick question, the answer in (d) Neither. This game is one of the most famous, with Harvard rallying from a 29-13 deficit with two minutes remaining to tie the game. Famously, another newspaper with either somewhat witty or very

dumb copy editors published the headliner: "Harvard Beats Yale 29-29."

4) Harvard won the very first Game, naturally. The answer (c) is actually Yale's original name, when it was simply a small school taught out of some guy's house.

5) The first game ended with Harvard winning 4 goals and 2 touchdowns to 0. Back then, apparently, field goals and touchdowns were kept separately, with the latter not even counting for points. What an odd game.

6) Edward "Ted" Kennedy scored our lone touchdown. The Kennedys always did find a way to score it seems.

7) The correct answer is in fact (c) Handsome Dan XVII. He has been the mascot since 2007, and Yale will replace him with Handsome Dan XVIII just like they did to Handsome Dan XVI. Cruel, cruel school.

8) He picked Yale and was wrong. It is commonly assumed that he picked the inferior school because they have a mascot and we have a color, thus not allowing him to put on our "mascot" head. He could have painted his face.

9) Go Harvard. Roll Crimson.

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Thank You

Why Harvard-Yale makes me thankful.

By HUNTER RICHARDS

At this point in the semester, there's a lot to be thankful for and not just because Thanksgiving Break is coming up. With Harvard-Yale this weekend and only a few more weeks before winter break, here are some of the things I'm most thankful for:

1. That the only time I have to go to Yale is every other year for "Harvard-Yale"

Showing up decked out in Harvard gear, of course. I've always looked better in Crimson anyways. It's nice getting away from Harvard's classic red brick and busy campus life near the Harvard Square station to appreciate some gothic architecture in The Middle of Nowhere, Connecticut.

2. Sister houses

While we might joke that Yale is kind of the Jan Brady to our Marsha Brady, Yalies don't have any animosity when it comes to providing an inflatable mattress for Harvardians to pass out on for the weekend.

3. That people stop complaining about how far away the Quad is when they get to Yale.

After waiting all week and paying for bus tickets, students have over two hours to remember why they love Harvard on the way to Yale. Meanwhile, the Quad-Yard shuttle comes every ten minutes instead of every other year...

4. That Yale took the Christakises off of Harvard's hands.

Yale couldn't quite handle the 'Veritas' that they took from Harvard, either... The

former Pfoho housemasters recently were caught up in an email scandal that ended in Silliman* students protesting and gaining national press coverage.

*Also thankful that our worst dorm name is Hurlbut

5. How great clubs are at making puns at Yale's expense.

Yuck Fale will never get old, but it's like a holiday seeing all the ways Harvard students make fun of Yale. While Harvard students come from a variety of different backgrounds and have a vast array of interests, we can all agree that Yale sucks.

6. That the sophomore slump implies it only lasts for part of sophomore year

Fingers crossed I get out lucky like I did with the Freshman Fifteen*.

*No one said anything about Freshman Summer Fifteen

7. That the upperclassmen houses have their own gyms after Thanksgiving dinner

Not that I plan on using it but it's nice to know that I could.

8. How Harvard's break for Thanksgiving conveniently falls on the week after Harvard-Yale.

Because we all need extra time recovery time to study for all the finals, midterms, unit papers, and life we put off for the weekend. After we get out of the inevitable food coma, that is.

9. When Harvard students actually try to understand football for a weekend.

Even though the football game isn't what

Harvard-Yale is really about. If Yale got a point every time someone asked about the rules for football, maybe they'd win for once.

10. How much apparel I can buy that has Harvard's logo or crimson on it.

Because we all know going to the game without at least three layers of clothing on is an even worse life decision than not making it to the game because you're still sleeping off the night before. When people say they wish they could freeze time, they really don't mean becoming frostbitten.

11....and all the free crimson gear Harvard students get right before the game.

As a broke college student, free is my favorite type of everything right next to anything Harvard-related. From the gloves conducive to texting (because if you aren't making statuses about Harvard-Yale, are you really living it?) to shirts, there's really no excuse to not be fully dressed-up in school colors. It's also important to remember that as much as we say hell will freeze over before Yale wins again, it's going to be so cold you'll start to reconsider the choice of words.

12. Friends who live closer to campus than I do.

During Thanksgiving break, Harvard clears out faster than Yalies do after losing the game. Having friends closer to campus is great and offers the chance to get off campus and rejoin civilization with the perks of sleeping in a real bed again and having dinner that doesn't make you regret not splurging on Panera for once.

So before you board the buses to Yale, remember to bring all your Crimson pride and think about all the things you are thankful for.

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The Game Plan

Why you should probably thank the OSL if you have a fun time at The Game this year.

By ADITYA AGRAWAL

It's that one time of the year when Harvard students get to be normal college students –not without some help from the Office of Student Life (OSL), of course.

As Harvard football gets ready to crush Yale at the Game this weekend, the OSL is getting ready to ensure that the student body has a jolly good time. The respective Offices of Student Life at the two universities are responsible for planning the logistics of the game each year.

Harvard's OSL has navigated several changes to Harvard-Yale events to ensure that students are not only getting to the Game, but they are doing so safely. Now that the game starts later this year at 2:30 PM, several students voiced concerns about getting back to the Yale campus from the football stadium at night. (Yale's central campus is about a thirty-minute walk away from the Yale Bowl.) Accordingly, the Yale and Harvard OSLs have collaborated to ensure more frequent shuttles between the stadium and the main campus, in addition to collaborating with Harvard Student Agencies and the Undergraduate Council to ensure early shuttles back from Yale to Harvard.

Early into the fall semester, Harvard's OSL began corresponding with its counterpart at Yale to strategize social programming for the Game, along with overnight accommodation for Harvard students. Each House has been matched with a 'sister' Yale residential college, and

residents of individual Houses can stay in designated spaces at their respective 'sister' colleges. All of the upperclassmen house committees have been working alongside the OSL to ensure that Harvard students have place to sleep.

Marking a major break from the Games of years past, the OSL has also worked to keep the Yale dining halls open for brunch the morning before kick-off. Yale dining halls usually close Friday night before the Game, since students leave soon after for a weeklong Thanksgiving break. But the dining halls will remain open Saturday morning for Harvard affiliates with a student ID.

The OSL is also responsible for organizing the official tailgates before the Game. After tailgate space is allotted to the College, it lotteries off tables to individual Houses in a manner similar to the Housing Lottery, said Pilar I. Fitzgerald '15, one of the fellows for student life at the OSL.

Fitzgerald also said that the location for this year's tailgate is smaller than that of previous years but with greater inter-college interaction. "On one side, there will be the Harvard students, and on the other side the Yalies, with a DJ in the middle," said Fitzgerald.

Student groups can also register with the OSL to organize their own tailgates outside the tennis courts, which will be hosting the official college tailgates.

For a game that has historically been preceded by a night of drunken revelries, student safety figures

high on the OSL priority list. "For a lot of students, it is their first time of encountering such unbounded drinking," Fitzgerald said.

The OSL will be sending a team of HUPD officers who will stay on hand through the Game and the night before to help out with any incidents or unforeseen circumstances. To this end, the Office has also printed out a handy little booklet with a compact schedule of the contact details of the relevant authorities and resources at both Harvard and Yale, in addition to a list of events (and locations) that will take place over the two days.

Additional details can be found on a dedicated website and a Yale Events app that has been created for the purposes of the Game.

Aditya Agrawal '17 (adityaagrawal@college.harvard.edu) wishes every weekend could be Harvard-Yale weekend.

Crimson Cornices and Bulldog Balustrades

A competitive comparison of the architectural settings of Harvard and Yale

By ANDREW LIN

For the budding Harvard-Yale attendee, there are many preparations to be made for the big game: what shuttle to take, what sleeping accommodations to slump into at the end of each night, what parties to attend, etc. Perhaps the most essential preparation for any uninitiated Harvard-Yale attendee, however (I'm looking at you, freshmen), is the viewing of a simple video. This video, however, is not a mere breakdown of the best parties/accommodations/free food at the game, but instead is something much better: Sam Clark's hilarious 2013 Harvard-Yale prank video, in which free tours and the virtues of Gothic architecture were hawked to unsuspecting visitors. But the architectural leitmotif that Sam Clark treated with so much irreverence nonetheless presents an interesting comparison: how does Harvard's

architecture compare with Yale's? The Indy Arts section has therefore decided to take on this onerous question in the competitive and sporting spirit of the Harvard-Yale game – a game which, like this article, will hopefully demonstrate Harvard's continuing supremacy in all things collegiate.

Any understanding of this critical question is contingent on a firm understanding of Yale's own architectural history and heritage. We all know (at least in brief) the architectural history of Harvard: founded in 1636, Harvard steadily expanded from the Yard along resolutely colonial lines, albeit with some occasional red-brick Richardsonian Romanesque-type flourishes (think Sever Hall) in the 19th century and a decent heaping of fairly questionable Brutalist edifices in the 20th century. Yale, however, pos-

sesses a distinguished architectural heritage hailed by New York Times architecture critic (and Yale graduate) Paul Goldberger as “some of the best American architecture of the past hundred years.” And indeed he does have a point: a host of architectural stars ranging from Louis I. Kahn to Eero Saarinen have all designed prominent campus buildings at Yale. Nor is Yale's older architecture anything bland: its soaring Gothic architecture stands in stark contrast to the straight-laced Federal stylings of so many other universities – Harvard included.

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A quick walk through the campus, however, reveals more similarities than one would expect. The story of architecture at Yale starts in 1701 with a smattering of red-brick colonial buildings, one a church and the other a general-purpose college building. These buildings would soon form the nexus of Yale's Old Brick Row, a collection of freshman dormitories and humanities buildings fairly reminiscent of Harvard Yard. The similarities do not stop there: Old Brick Row is graced with a Connecticut Hall that nicely parallels Harvard's Massachusetts Hall as

the oldest colonial-era edifice on the campus, and Old Brick Row has seen many architectural additions since its first buildings were constructed in the mid-1700s. These architectural additions, however, have been altogether grander in scope compared to the Gilded-Age freshman dorms Harvard saw in the late 1800s. Whether in the form of the imposing Victorian Gothic Dwight Hall Library or the turreted and arched affectations of Phelps Hall, Yale presents a formidable assortment of Gothic buildings to rival even the twin towers of Weld or the elaborate stone-work on Matthews Hall back in the Yard.

The similarities between the Harvard and Yale campuses do not stop there, however. Any undergraduate seeking to find housing for the Game know of the sisterly relationships between the upperclassmen houses at Harvard and Yale, whose 12 houses (ignoring the Dudley Co-Op, which is usually folded in with Pforzheimer) match up each year to provide accommodations. Of these matched pairs, Yale's upperclassmen houses do to some extent excel their Harvard counterparts on an aesthetic level: while the vertical Mather House does assert its dominance over the rest of the river houses with a sort of blunt power, it pales in comparison to the subtler, rooted-in-the-earth nature of Eero Saarinen's altogether more re-

Paint Wars

Harvard and Yale's Museums battled it out.

By JESS CLAY

By the time we got to New Haven, we were more than ready to get off the bus. It was one of those charter numbers, fifty-six seats or so, and there was a bathroom in the back of the bus that slowly but steadily emitted the noxious fumes of bathroom solvents reserved for buses and airplanes. Yet most of us had slept for two hours despite the smell – or maybe because of its slightly ammoniac and anesthetic qualities – and we were glad to disembark for the Yale Art Gallery, textbooks cases of the bright-eyed and the bushy-tailed. Our group included a good cross section of the Harvard Art Museums personnel. Among us were Student Tour Guides, undergraduate board members, museum department leaders, and graduate students in art-related fields, and we all found counterparts awaiting us at the Gallery's entrance. We made brief introductions and the major-year-hometown small talk before receiving a more formal welcome and setting out to tour the museum.

Our guides gave abridged versions of their tours, stopping at two objects along the way. I will not delve any deeper on those objects other than to say that the first was a snow shovel hanging from the ceiling, and the second intentionally resembled a graffiti-ed wall. The objects made the tour somewhat interesting, but I found myself more interested by the fact that each visitor was given a portable, foldable stool to sit on as they looked at the art. I am a tour guide at the Harvard Art Museums, and where others saw “portable, foldable stool” I immediately saw “blunt object capable of catastrophic damage to the art.” I do not know if this

thought reflected more on a flaw in the Yale Art Gallery's policy or my personal neuroses, but at any rate it captured my attention.

The building itself captivated me as well, in the way that industrial-grade accidents and scars captivate us. The Yale Art Gallery was an exquisite corpse of a museum. It was comprised of three buildings, built decades apart, now fused into an unholy amalgamation that proved pure hell for the unsuspecting visitor. The first building we entered was mid-century modernist work, designed by Louis Kahn in the early fifties. The second, built in 1928, was made to look like a Romanesque church, rife with limestone and humble arches. The last part of the museum was the first one built, dating to 1866 and of the neo-Gothic style that would come to define the Yale campus. On its own, each portion was tolerable, even commendable. But I thought them strange on the outside, connected as they were, and I found the melding a hundredfold worse on the inside. Evidently, architects devised different conceptions of floor height between 1866 and 1953, a historical chestnut manifested by the fact that the upper floors were not flat. Instead, you had to go upstairs to get from the third floor to the other third floor, or go downstairs to get from the fourth floor to part of the second floor, then downstairs again to get to the main second floor. What this museum needed were several magical moving staircases, like Hogwarts has. What it had instead were several large pains in the ass as you tried to navigate its labyrinthine merge points.

Yet bedeviled as I was by the outer

shell, and bewildered as I was by the interior layout, I was beguiled by the collection. The museum featured 70,000 square feet of space – dwarfing the Harvard Art Museums' 43,000—and Yale made the most of it. Where Harvard seemed lucky to have rooms dedicated to African or Indo-Pacific art, Yale had entire wings. The Euro-centric portions of the museum were overflowing with both works and people – at times dangerously so, as we saw a passing woman collide with a frame on the wall as the security guard looked on helplessly. The American collection was also exceptional, dating back to the earliest years of the Yale Art Gallery in the 1830's. In a series of twelve paintings of the American Revolution by John Trumbull, both a nation and its mythology were born. Most famous of these was *The Declaration of Independence*, the image that likely forms the basis of whatever comes to mind when you imagine that scene in Independence Hall. Of course, the Committee of Five never stood together as Trumbull depicted them, and not all 56 signers were present at the document's presentation. But the iconic painting, historical revisions and all, nevertheless made its way into a life-size version in the Capitol, a pocket-sized version on the back of the two-dollar bill, a litany of school textbooks, and ultimately the national consciousness.

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Why it's Not Called Yale-Harvard

Harvard to Battle Yale in the 132nd Game.

By CAROLINE C. CRONIN

You have felt it – a palpable tension mounting in the yard, at the river and even in the quad! As the crimson of the foliage continues to fade it only blooms with a fury among the jubilant throng. And the reason for these festival rites? The 132nd playing of The Game draws near. The battle set for 2:30 post meridian Saturday, November 21st is to take place at the historic and slightly inconvenient Yale Bowl in New Haven, Connecticut.

The Harvard Crimson has had a winning season going 8-1 and 5-1 in the Ivy League. Yale this year has gone 6-3 and 3-3 Ivy. Currently – but not for long – Harvard lags in the series record 58-65-8. However, since official Ivy League play has began in 1956, Harvard holds the advantage of 34-24-1. We must not forget that Harvard dominated in the first ever playing of The Game, and will (I predict) do so in the last. The score of last year's exciting game held at home was 31-24 and made the program record of an 8-game winning streak in the series. This is matched to previous series record of 8 straight victories of Yale winning 1880-1889. A nine game winning streak will be a series record and just one more way we prove we are far superior to the Bulldogs.

Furthermore, Harvard is in the running for a share of the Ivy League title. Currently competing for that honor are Dartmouth and Penn who also hold a 5-1 Ivy record. This weekend, a Crimson victory will secure at least a share of the title. If Dartmouth loses to Princeton (cross your fingers!) and Penn loses to Cornell (pray to your spirit animal!), then we will have

this title all to our well-deserving selves. Triumph on the final day of the season also means the Crimson will have won the all-Ivy three consecutive years in a row – the first time every in history!

These records on the line mean even more to the seniors who will be playing in their last Harvard-Yale game. For many, this will be the end of their football careers and they would love nothing more than to finish with a victory over our ancient rival. Captain Matt Koran '16, on his final season said, "It has been really special. My motto is been to take advantage of every single opportunity I have. I'm not going to play football after this year and I knew that going into it. So just giving it everything that I have and laying it all on the line every single opportunity that I got." Earning his election as captain he also stated that he is consistently "trying to make sure that I get the same out of the rest of my team so just having fun out there, playing football, enjoying it, trying to make big plays and win games while we're doing that."

Starting quarterback Scott Hosch '16 echoes that sentiment knowing that "Just being senior season, having a role, and being a leader on the team" is very special. These players certainly have been leaders on the team this season more than ever. Tight end Ben Braunecker looks back on it seriously: "As a senior it's different just because it's the season of the lasts which makes everything more real." Braunecker makes sure to keep in mind those who won't be playing this year. "Naturally as football players we do that because we're always one play away from never playing

again. So it's important to cherish every single day. But as seniors there are a lot of guys who had season ending injuries earlier in the year that had they been sophomore or a junior they'd be able to come back and play more football but because we're seniors this is it."

Sobering words, indeed, but accurate. As countless movies, books and TV shows have reiterated (hello Friday Night Lights), playing in these games and on a team like ours is a truly transformative experience not to be dismissed. Four years at Harvard flies by, seniors and alumni will attest, so it is best to cherish it now.

With this in mind, the Crimson head to New Haven confident and eager. Koran knows that the team is "Absolutely gonna beat Yale! Especially with Yale, especially with this game there is a lot on the line. We're fighting for a championship and we can make history by winning this game." The Crimson needs no more than that to leave it all on the field. According to Horsch, "I think we always have motivation to play Yale, playing the big game – so much tradition. And the University is really really depending on us. So yeah there is the record on the line but we're just focusing on winning the game."

Therefore, as we flock to that God-forsaken place this weekend we fly the flag high and know that fair Harvard will hold sway! Remember: *Illegitimum non carborundum*.

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Harvard vs. Yale

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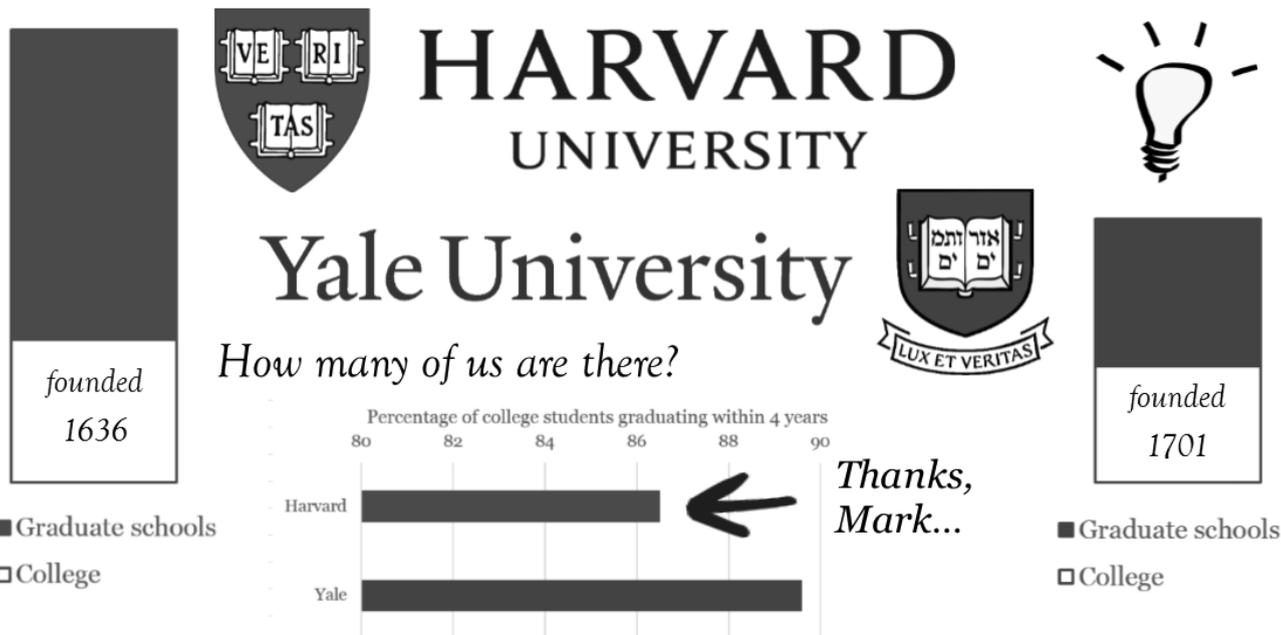


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Some facts and figures
about Yalies & Crimsons- Harvardians
whatever they call us...



Let's get literary:

Yale has 15 mil volumes

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Harvard has John Harvard, & Yale has... Theodore Dwight Woolsey?



Maybe we aren't so different after all!

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