Yale College Council

Annual Report 2011-2012

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To the Yale Community,

As the end of term nears, and final papers and exams loom large, we hope you take a bit of time to read through this report. It serves as a review of YCC’s past year, highlighting the initiatives we’ve tackled and those that are still in progress. In addition to increasing YCC’s transparency, we hope the report is also a useful tool for YCC Boards to come. The lack of institutional memory traditionally present in the organization will hopefully be mitigated by this comprehensive report.

Through the course of the year, we think the YCC has become a more transparent, accessible, and effective organization and a conduit for broad-based policy changes. Our council has tackled everything from dining reform – the addition of meal options during Thanksgiving break, the creation of $7 meal deals at Durfee’s, keeping dining halls open later to compensate for the closing of Commons during dinner – to technological improvements – Bluebook by YCC, HackYale, and email notifications for grades being posted on SIS.

We have also worked with numerous organizations and Yale departments to create lasting institutional change, successfully lobbying the political science and history departments to create Sophomore Seminars and getting our proposal for the expansion of Gender-Neutral Housing approved by Dean Miller, President Levin and the Yale Corporation.

There are also projects that will require continued support from the YCC and university administrators. Having worked with Yale HEALTH since last summer, we have formally implemented the Mental Health Fellows program in all the residential colleges. All colleges will have hosted a meet-and-greet with their Fellow by the end of the academic year, and we have worked with the Yale College Dean’s Office to ensure that the Fellows are scheduled to meet with every single incoming Yale freshman during Freshman Orientation at the beginning of the next.

Our YCC Website and the centralized events calendar is undergoing its final stages of development; in the next few weeks it will be synced with the Yale Arts Calendar and Roammeo, so undergraduate organizations and groups will only have to submit events to a single portal.

Above all, we have worked to ensure that the YCC acts as a mouthpiece for the student body. We negotiated with administrators to reverse university regulations regarding summer storage and tailgate policies. We also worked with Provost Salovey to create a Provost’s advisory committee, comprised of two undergraduates from each class year. It is our hope that the YCC continues supporting initiatives such as these to magnify student voices and ensure that administrators work collaboratively with students to evaluate and frame those issues that most directly affect us.

Happy reading!

Sincerely,
The Yale College Council Executive Board

Brandon Levin DC’13, President
Omar Njie SM’13, Vice President
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Executive Board Member Reports

Secretary’s Report

A core component of the Secretary’s work is to serve as Director of Communications for the Yale College Council. In striving to meet the expectations of the student body, this year’s approach to campus-wide emails, the redesign of the YCC website, and the revamped YCC weekly newsletter focused on “communicating through action.” In other words, the communication strategy concentrated on relaying the most important events, projects, and initiatives to the student body.

Revamping the YCC Newsletter: Every Tuesday, the YCC sends a campus-wide newsletter to all undergraduate students, Masters, Deans, and various other members of the faculty and staff who are interested in learning about the initiatives and events of YCC. In previous years, undergraduate organizations submitted events and announcements for the newsletter, but due to the mass number of amazing opportunities and happenings on campus, it was decided that the newsletter would feature only those events, projects, and initiatives organized, sponsored, or co-sponsored by the YCC. One new feature of the newsletter this year that has received overwhelmingly positive student feedback was the inclusion of the schedule of Master’s Teas for the week. This is the only place on campus to find a centralized list of the speakers that colleges bring in. Finally, YCC worked with Yale Dining, Undergraduate Career Services (UCS), and Information Technology Services (ITS) to present relevant information and important announcements to the student body. For example, a “UCS Career Corner” featured internships and career options in a wide-range of fields including government, the environment, research, and the arts.

Increasing Accountability and Transparency: In an effort to make YCC more accountable and transparent, YCC has published both a Mid-Year Report and the first Annual Final Report. During the release of the Mid-Year Report, the weekly newsletter called for student feedback on our initiatives, projects, and events. This feedback was used to develop new events and to focus on issues such as increasing awareness of opportunities to network with alumni. In addition, the bottom of each newsletter includes a link to the YCC Meeting Minutes which are also published on the YCC website. Finally, YCC’s meetings are open to all members of the Yale community and are held weekly at a set location and time.

Matt Williams BK’13, Secretary
Treasurer’s Report

For the 2011-2012 Academic Year, the YCC had a budget of approximately $260,000. The YCC budget is responsible for funding a number of YCC initiatives, including the largest event of the school year: Spring Fling. 70% of the YCC budget comes from Student Activity Fee (SAF) contributions, with additional contributions coming from the President’s Office, the Dean’s Office, and some carry-over from last year’s funds. The SAF was $75 per student in 2011-2012, with half of the money in the fund going towards the YCC budget and half going towards the UOFC budget.

70% of YCC’s expenditures are Spring Fling-related. One shift in the expenditures during the year was a larger amount of money spent on Yale-Harvard weekend, as The Game was on our campus this year. YCC used this money to create a large scale Yale-Harvard concert in Commons featuring Switch from Major Lazer, which was free and open to all Yale and Harvard undergraduates; this was done in lieu of a Fall Concert.

Major spending areas for the YCC budget include Spring Fling, the Yale-Harvard Event, Fall Show, and the 10K Initiative, which resulted in the creation of the first-ever Nap Station (to be built by next Fall), as well as many smaller projects. Allocations to subsidiaries such as the Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Class Councils are also a major part of the budget.

As always, you can always contact me with any questions about the budget. The most recent version of this year’s budget is included with this report (and can be found online on our website); unfortunately, due to the timing of Spring Fling, the final numbers for this event will not be known until the Fall, when a final budget will be published.

Archit Sheth-Shah MC’13, Treasurer
### YCC Budget 2011-2012

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Events Director’s Report

In addition to representing the student body on issues that pertain to student life, the Yale College Council organizes a wide range of events. Many of these events are collaborations with the Yale College Dean’s Office, Yale Dining, STAY, UCS, and the Class Councils. This year, the YCC held more than twenty events that reached out to nearly all undergraduate students.

**Fall Fest** occurred September 10, 2011 on Old Campus, and was the kickoff Yale College Council event of the year. YCC collaborates with Yale Dining to bring students cuisine from around the world as an exciting and unique way to start off the semester. The Yale College Council coordinated performances by The Keep Calm and the band formerly known as The Black Marias. In addition, this year we instituted a system in which students picked up wristbands from their dining halls the day before the event, which prevented the long lines seen in past years. Keeping with YCC’s goal of sustainability, this was a 100% waste free event.

**Farm Tours:** Every year the Yale College Council collaborates with Yale Dining to give Yale students the opportunity to visit local Connecticut farms in the "Follow Your Food to the Source!" farm tours. Each tour was completely free and included breakfast and fruit and vegetable picking. This year was our most popular program yet, with over 500 students signed up to go on the tours and learn more about the local sourcing of Yale Dining’s produce.

**The Cereal Bowl,** a new event of the Yale College Council and Yale Dining, allowed students to sample and vote between over thirty popular brands of cereal. The top three winners, Special K Red Berries, Reese’s Puffs, and Cinnamon Toast Crunch, were introduced three weeks later to all of the residential college dining halls for the remainder of the year. At the event, there were games and prizes, music, and special appearances by Lucky the Leprechaun and Tony the Tiger.

**Food Week** was a collaboration between YCC, YSEC Food Action, and Yale Dining during the week of October 22nd, 2011. The week involved a wide range of activities and advocacy events. Events Included:

**What Would You Do for a Wenzel?:** Students submitted a photo of themselves posing with a Wenzel, a popular sandwich from Alpha Delta Pizza, to the YCC website. These were uploaded to Facebook and students voted on their favorite by “liking” the photo. The students who submitted the photo that received the most ‘likes’ (almost 600) received one free Wenzel per week for a year.

**Shake the Hand that Feeds You:** Yale Dining invited local farmers to residential college dining halls for a meet and greet during dinner to learn about local food production.
**Mixology/Burger cooking class at Box 63:** YCC teamed up with Box 63 to offer a mixology class for Yalies over 21.

**Students’ Favorites Menu: Best Meal Ever:** From the results of the YCC/Yale Dining menu poll, Yale Dining created a special menu for one night that included students’ favorite foods (most notably chicken tenders).

**Foam Party:** Each semester, YCC collaborated with Toad’s for an evening foam dance party. A foam machine and foam pit provided exciting additions to the traditional Toad’s Wednesday dance party.

**Last Comic Standing:** Last Comic Standing mirrors the popular Comedy Central show by pitting Yale student comedians against each other in an effort to be the last comic standing. After auditioning over 40 students, YCC selected 12 candidates to move onto the final competition. Three judges ranked five-minute sets to select 5 final contestants to move on. Two winners performed at the Fall Show.

**Fall Show,** held in historic Woolsey Hall, is the annual stand-up comedy event put on by the Yale College Council. This past year, the Yale College Council’s Fall Show took place on Saturday September 22 and was headlined by Bo Burnham, the youngest comedian to ever record a Comedy Central Special.

**The Yale-Harvard Pep Rally** occurred the Thursday before The Game this year as a show of support for our football team. The event included a video produced by Bulldog Productions, a presentation of this year’s varsity captains, a speech from the captain of the football team, a performance by the YPMB, a performance by the Yale Cheerleading team, free kettle corn and 400 free t-shirts, and an after party at Box 63.

**Yale-Harvard DJ Competition and Performance by Switch of Major Lazer:** The Game is one of the best days of the year, and win-or-lose in football, Yalies always come out on top with the fantastic events we throw throughout the weekend. YCC brought in Switch of Major Lazer to perform a DJ set, opened by Night Kids and the first ever Yale vs. Harvard student DJ battle in Commons. The DJs were chosen based off of a competition in which student DJs uploaded their sets to YouTube; the Yale and Harvard student bodies then each voted for a DJ to represent their school. This event was free and open to all Harvard and Yale students, and reached full capacity.

**Finals Week Deals at New Haven Businesses:** The Yale College Council collaborated with New Haven businesses to bring Yalies various deals and specials throughout finals week to make
a stressful week a little bit brighter. A few examples of such deals include discounted coffee at Blue State, 30% off at Ashley’s, 20% off at the bookstore, a burger and beer special at Box 63, and more.

**Iron Chef Yale**, a project planned by the Yale College Council and Yale Dining, is the largest culinary competition between the twelve colleges. Each residential college is represented by three of their best student chefs who prepare elaborate recipes (that you can taste!) in the hopes of winning the grand prize: eternal glory for their college AND a check for $1000. The event featured samples from various vendors, and raffle giveaways of two iPad 2s and multiple “Chicken Tenders Dinners for 10.”

**Blue Ivy’s Baby Shower:** On Wednesday, January 25, 2012, from 10:00pm -1:00am, the Yale College Council collaborated with Box 63, a local restaurant and club, to celebrate a baby shower for future pop princess Blue Ivy, the daughter of hip-hop and R&B artists Jay-Z and Beyonce.

**Mr. Yale** is an annual contest in which each college is represented by one male (or female!) who competes in the hopes of being crowned “Mr. Yale.” The contest begins with a dance by all of the contestants, and is followed by a talent show and interviews. This year’s Mr. Yale is scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 22, 2012.

**Prescreening of ‘Girls’, a collaboration with HBO:** YCC collaborated with HBO to present a prescreening of the first episode of ‘Girls,’ their newest television series on Monday, April 9, 2012. The episode screening was followed by a Q&A with actress and Yale graduate Allison Williams.

**Spring Fling**, the Yale College Council’s annual spring concert, is the biggest event of the year put on by the YCC. Held each year on the first full day of Reading Period, the event draws over 4000 students, faculty, and staff to Old Campus for a day of music. Past Spring Fling lineups have included Lupe Fiasco, Third Eye Blind, MGMT, Matt and Kim, the Ying Yang Twins, Guster, Ben Folds Five, Ludacris, Wale, Girl Talk, and more. The planning and execution of this event is delegated to the Spring Fling Committee. This year’s event is set to take place on Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

Katie Donley ES’13, Events Director

**Events Committee Members:** Debby Abramov ES ’14, Azad Amanat SY ’14, Eric Eliasson BK ’14, Bryan Epps SM ’14, John Gonzalez ES ’14, Nathan Kohrman SY ’15, Kat Lau DC ’13, Eli Rivkin TC ’15, Isabel Santos-Gonzalez SM ’14, Dan Stein TD ’14, Obaid Syed JE ’14, Kyle Tramonte SY ’15, Matt Williams BK ’13, Joseph Yagoda CC ’14
Undergraduate Organizations Funding Committee

The Undergraduate Organizations Funding Committee (UOFC), a standing committee of the Committee on Undergraduate Organizations, funds all registered undergraduate groups at Yale University. The UOFC distributes over $200,000 to student groups for their undergraduate organizations and special events. Student Organizations use these funds for their routine organization-specific needs as well as for special events. The UOFC also offers a Capital Equipment Rental program at no cost to student organizations where student groups can rent tens of thousands of dollars of capital equipment for their events.

UOFC Board 2011-2012

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The Undergraduate Organizations Funding Committee has made several important changes over the course of the 2011-2012 Academic Year. Some of the most significant include funding guideline reforms, increased transparency, and bringing back the 5K Event Challenge. Most notably, at the beginning of April 2011, the Dean’s Office and the Yale College Council approved plans to transition the UOFC to the UOC, which will continue as a subsidiary organization of the YCC, but will have an increased role in overseeing undergraduate student organizations.

Funding Guideline Reforms: The UOFC and the Yale College Dean’s Office have altered guidelines to better fit the needs of undergraduate organizations.

- This year, the UOFC was able to pass new reforms, doubling the food spending limit from $50 per semester to $100 per semester for undergraduate organizations.
- After evaluating over 500 UOFC applications this year, the UOFC worked on proposals aimed at maximizing the utilization of UOFC funds. The UOFC’s proposal did away with category limits and was approved by the Yale College Dean's Office; it will be implemented next year.

Increased Transparency: This year, the UOFC presented new initiatives designed to increase transparency and ease the way in which groups can apply for funding. With the introduction of
office hours, workshops, and roundtable discussions, undergraduate organizations have been able to receive more support in applying and receiving funding.

**Bringing Back the 5K Challenge:** The UOFC brought back the 5K Challenge as a way to foster collaboration between groups, involve the entire student body, and encourage innovation and creativity in events. Many student groups submitted ideas for events that would be free and open to the entire campus. UOFC liaisons then narrowed down the pool to three proposals, focusing on new and engaging qualities. The vote was then extended to the student body. Over 1,000 students voted in the 5K Challenge, and the ultimate winner was the Night Market event, sponsored by over twenty undergraduate organizations.

**Special Events Innovations:** In order to make it simpler for undergraduate organizations to plan special events, the UOFC has utilized office hours and workshops to aide groups in planning these events. Furthermore, to help keep a record of past events and provide support for undergraduate groups who want to plan new events, the UOFC has introduced a Special Events blog (http://uofceventsblog.com/) with information regarding past events.

**Creation of the Undergraduate Organizations Committee (UOC)**

This year, one of the UOFC’s greatest accomplishments was proposing and getting approval for a structural transformation for the UOFC. Throughout the years, the UOFC has slowly been moving away from purely working on the funding needs of undergraduate organizations by offering a wide variety of resources to these organizations. The UOFC has had the unique opportunity to work with and hear first-hand the specific concerns of organizations through applications, one-on-one meetings, office hours, the Capital Equipment Rental Program, workshops, and roundtable discussions. The UOFC also holds several yearly events, dances, and challenges to encourage interaction between organizations and to promote the name of the UOFC.

As a result, the 2011-2012 UOFC Board believed that UOFC should officially be institutionalized as more than simply a funding board. With the support of the YCC and the YCDO, the UOFC Board was able to get approval for the transformation of the UOFC to the Undergraduate Organization Committee (UOC). The UOC will be responsible for the many needs of undergraduate organizations, one of which would be funding.

The UOC will leverage its unique interactions with undergraduate organizations to expand its role and work on creating an even stronger environment for undergraduate organizations on campus. It also hopes to use its unique interactions with undergraduate organizations to communicate the concerns of undergraduate organizations directly to the YCC and work with the administration on new policy initiatives.
Benefits of the Creation of the UOC

- **Clarity for Undergraduate Organizations:** Organizations would have a clear sense of where to turn if they have any questions about funding, activities, initiatives, and regulations.

- **A Need for the Administration:** With new regulations (such as the Sex and Harassment Workshop) the Administration needs to have a clear liaison between Yale and its undergraduate organizations. The UOC would have a unique relationship with the undergraduate organizations that would facilitate this communication through its interactions.

- **Streamlined Communication:** The UOC would act as a direct link between the Administration and undergraduate organizations. The UOC would directly interact with the organizations through meetings, roundtable discussions, office hours, peer liaisons, and funding applications. The UOC will have a unique view of specific needs of the undergraduate organizations on campus.

- **A Need by the Undergraduate Organizations:** The YCC is currently in charge of a large breadth of policy and initiative responsibilities. The needs of undergraduate organizations are copious and need specific attention, policies, and communication opportunities geared specifically towards their needs. The UOC would focus on this need and fill the current gap in policy.

- **Approving of Undergraduate Organizations:** Per the recent change approved by The Committee on Undergraduate Organizations (CUO) that calls for a creation of a committee that would oversee the registration of undergraduate organization, the UOC would step up and take this role, starting relationships with organizations from start.

The current UOFC Board is excited for this change and believes that this change will give undergraduate organizations the support they need.

Allen Granzberg DC’13, UOFC Chair
10K Committee

The 10K Committee is in charge of soliciting ideas that would benefit the student body but cannot find funding through traditional avenues.

**Committee Members:**

Eric Eliasson BK’14  
Leandro Leviste TD’15  
John Gonzalez ES’14  
Teresa Logue SY’15  
Kyle Hutzler CC’14  
Jason Mazzella ES’15  
Grace Jansen DC’15  
Archit Sheth-Shah MC’13 (Chair)  
Nathan Kohrman SY’15  
Nancy Xia SM’15

This year, four initiatives were presented to the student body for a vote after over 20 ideas were submitted and screened by the committee. The four projects were (descriptions provided by those who submitted the idea):

1. **Nap Stations:** We like to rest and recharge when we can, but sometimes there’s just not a place to do it. Namely, Science Hill/Hillhouse area. If you’ve got class/lab, an hour’s downtime before your next class/lab, and wanna catch some Zs, bummer that there’s no go-to place to do it. We’d like to change that: basically, building rest areas that are quiet, attractive, and more comfortable than the down of a wintering Canadian goose; we’ve got a designer, we’ve got a space to pilot project the ideas, all we need is money for materials which is what this $10k deal is all about.

2. **Squash Rackets:** Ever gone to Payne-Whitney to play squash and then realized you forgot your racket? Don’t have a racket to start with? We want to buy 20-30 rackets for student use that students could check out on an as-needed basis. These rackets would be stored at Payne-Whitney. Shoes can be rented, so why not rackets?

3. **Bluetooth Dongles:** My idea is to create a WiiMote Interactive Virtual Whiteboard at 10 locations on campus that have a projector. The plan uses the Nintendo Wii Remote which is actually an infrared camera. By placing these remotes physically on top of projectors and downloading a free software online by Dr. John Lee, we can drag, control, and move windows on our computer desktops, by physically touching an infrared pen to any projected screen. Imagine your TA writing on a virtual whiteboard in Microsoft Paint and just emailing you the notes, rather than you having to take them down, or using Chem Draw on a huge projector to create accurate reaction mechanisms or even just using Photoshop with your pen to edit individual pixels in a picture. This idea can impact the way artists edit pictures, engineers design parts for automobiles, humanities majors edit...
essays, and how professors, graduate students, and undergraduate students study and work for the next 20 to 25 years. For more information:
http://www.ted.com/talks/johnny_lee_demos_wii_remote_hacks.html and
http://johnnylee.net/projects/wii/

4. Climbing Wall: Yale needs its own climbing wall, especially with the recent closure of New Haven’s only rock gym! College is a time to try new things and a safe, convenient, affordable gym on Yale’s central campus means bringing something exciting and new to many Yalies. Our gym would always be open to anyone, with serious climbers on hand to show beginners what’s up and this project makes a very long-term mark on Yale’s campus. Climbing is an incredible sport, with a big community at Yale, and most other colleges already have climbing facilities. Let’s make it happen! Vote!

After voting by over 1,200 students, the Climbing Wall was deemed to be the student favorite. However, a suitable location to host such a climbing wall was not found, even after working with the Dean’s Office and Payne-Whitney. This idea has thus been tabled for the moment and will be worked on in the future.

As a result, the other three projects were all able to receive a portion of the $10,000, with the largest amount going to the construction of a Nap Station, likely to be located in the Becton Center near Davies Auditorium. The Bluetooth Dongles have been purchased and the proposer of the idea is working with ITS to install them in different lecture halls around campus. Squash Rackets are in the process of being purchased and will be added to the inventory at Payne-Whitney.

Academics Committee

The YCC’s Academics Committee seeks to advocate on behalf of student on issues relating to majors, the academic calendar, feedback in classes, and grading.

Committee Members:
Azad Amanat SY ‘14                      Josh Rubin DC ’14
Eric Eliasson BK ’14 (Chair)            Laura Speyer TD ’14
Bryan Epps SM ‘14                       Dan Stein TD ’14
Nathan Koirman SY ‘15                   Kyle Tramonte SY ’15
Ariella Krystal TD ’14                  Alexis Wise BR ’13
Leandro Leviste TD ’15                  CeCe Xie TC ’13

Credit/D/Fail Improvement: At the end of October, the YCC Academics Committee submitted a policy proposal to Dean Miller to improve the Credit/D/Fail system for students. As
the system currently stands, students opt-in to take up to two classes Cr/D when they turn in their schedules after shopping period. However, a number of students feel that they do not have enough information by the end of shopping period to make an educated decision as to which classes to take Credit/D. Given that a full workload does not begin until after shopping period and that sections often do not meet until after shopping period, we decided to address this issue. Our policy proposes that students have an extra three weeks after shopping period to opt-in to take a class Cr/D.

The Dean’s Committee on Honors and Academic Standing decided against the proposal. This is mainly a consequence of misaligned agendas of the two bodies. Beginning next year, the YCC Academics committee will meet with the Dean’s Committee on Honors and Academic Standing to ensure that the two groups work together on these types of projects.

**Calendar Change (Monday/Friday Switch):** The YCC Academics committee looked to improve the shopping period schedule in the new fall calendar. Students alerted the YCC to some possible negative features of the new calendar (specifically on shopping period). Since these changes have not gone into effect yet, the administration felt that it was best to wait until next year to address any student concerns.

**Mid-Semester Qualitative Feedback:** In response to an overwhelming majority of a student survey last spring, the YCC Academics Committee has proposed a system of qualitative feedback. This will improve the quality of learning and allow students to optimize their understanding of material in each course. The proposal suggests a system in which students are given the explicit option to seek qualitative feedback (from professors or TAs) in all classes that have participation grades. The qualitative feedback would consist of 10 to 15 minute blocks of reserve-able office hours following the first midterm evaluation (or when deemed appropriate by the professor at some point in the middle of the semester).

The Academics Committee, with the support of Dean Mary Miller, has agreed to a trial run within selected departments. Unfortunately due to the timing of the administration’s support, the committee was only able to contact individual professors mid-semester. All professors contacted were thrilled with the idea, and although they could not include these planned qualitative feedback office hours this semester, they did follow in the spirit of the proposal. The actual implementation of a trial will occur next year so that it can be included in syllabi.
**Dining Committee**

The Yale College Council Dining Committee works to connect students to Yale Dining. The Committee exists to advocate on a variety of issues including expanding residential college and retail dining hours, working with Yale Dining to offer meal options during Thanksgiving and Spring Breaks, and offering the best value for meals swipes at retail locations such as Durfee’s Sweet Shop and Kline Biology Tower (KBT) Café. After learning that Commons Dining Hall would be closed for dinner for the 2011-2012 academic year, the Committee made it a priority to work with Yale Dining to expand services in other areas, including extending residential college dinner hours to 7:30 or 8:00 PM and allowing lunch swipes until 5:00 PM.

**Committee Members:**
Sally Cho MC’13                        Kyle Tramonte SY’15  
Nathan Kohrman SY’15                  Matt Williams BK ’13 (Chair)  
Leandro Leviste TD’15                 Cece Xie TC’13

**Residential Dining Hours:** In May 2011, the YCC Executive Board was told that Commons would no longer be open for dinner due to the fact that all twelve residential college dining halls would be operational for the first time in over a decade. The Board worked with Yale Dining to expand residential college dining hours to 8:00 PM in Calhoun, Morse, and Ezra Stiles, and 7:30 PM in all other colleges. Additionally, “to go plates” would be more readily accessible. Finally, in order to compensate for the lack of residential dining options after 2:30, retail locations such as Durfee’s would allow lunch swipes until 5:00 PM.

**Meal Options During Breaks:** Over Thanksgiving and Spring Breaks, many Yale College students remain on campus due to difficulties traveling home (due to distance or financial reasons). As a result, the YCC Dining Committee worked with Yale Dining to offer meals (brunch and dinner) over part of Spring Break during 2011. Because of the program’s success, YCC again advocated for meal options during Thanksgiving Break in 2011. During the break, Pierson College was open for brunch and dinner and was filled to capacity at all meals. Yale Dining continued to open several dining halls several days before the end of Spring Break in 2012.

**Durfee's Meal Deals:** Students receive $7 for lunch meal swipes at Durfee’s, yet few options previously existed to buy an entrée and a drink for under $7. YCC approached Yale Dining with this concern and collaborated to create meal deals including chicken tenders, chips or fruit, and a drink; Hummus Dip Snack and Naked Juice, and a Turkey Wrap and Water. The seven options expanded the usability of the meal swipe and allowed students a wider range of options.
Gender-Neutral Housing Committee

For the past two years, only Yale College seniors have had the chance to opt into gender-neutral housing arrangements on campus. This year, the Gender-Neutral Housing Committee wrote a comprehensive report to work toward the goal of extending gender-neutral housing to the junior class.

Committee Members:
Hyungmi Lim, MC’13
Isabel Santos-Gonzalez SM’14
Matt Williams BK’13
Cecilia Xie TC’13
Joey Yagoda CC’14 (Chair)

Expansion of Gender-Neutral Housing: In February 2012, the Yale College Deans Office, the President’s Office, and the Yale Corporation all voted to pass the YCC’s proposal for the expansion of Gender-Neutral Housing to the junior class. Beginning in Fall 2012, juniors and seniors will have the ability to elect to live in gender-neutral suites. No students will be forced to live in gender-neutral suites. YCC’s full report can be found on our website (ycc.yale.edu).

In writing the report, the Committee gathered several pieces of data: First, the committee surveyed both the sophomore and junior classes, finding overwhelming support for the expansion of the policy. Over two-thirds of sophomores said that they would consider taking advantage of the policy if it were implemented for the upcoming school year.

Second, the committee interviewed one or more seniors from every current gender-neutral suite. Seniors living in gender-neutral housing often said that this was the best living experience they have had at Yale. They mentioned feeling very safe in their current suites, saying that gender-neutral housing enabled them to live with those who they trusted the most.

Passage of the YCC’s proposal by the Yale Corporation marked one of the most substantial institutional changes brought about by YCC to date.

Laundry Bin Program

Archit Sheth-Shah MC’13 worked with Yale Facilities on this project.

In every residential college, one room seems to get much, much messier than every other – the Laundry Room. The Laundry Bin Program was created to bring order to the Laundry Room by providing a place for students to store clothes when all of the washers and/or dryers are filled but a load of laundry needs to be begun or continued. In the past, students have often emptied
washers and dryers by leaving clothes on the floor, on top of washers/dryers, or on folding tables. Using the bin system, this is no longer necessary; students can now simply place clothes from a washer or dryer into a bin before continuing their own load of laundry.

A whiteboard is placed near the bins in order for students to note to their peers explaining which washer/dryer was emptied into which bin. The program was first piloted in Silliman, with bins installed in Trumbull and Saybrook over Spring Break. By Fall 2012, all colleges will have the bins in place.

An example of the Laundry Bins in Silliman:

![Image of Laundry Bins in Silliman]

**Mental Health Committee**

The goal of the Mental Health Committee is to improve access and awareness of mental health resources at Yale. The Committee aims to create synergy among existing service programs and implement new reforms like the Mental Health Fellows for undergraduates.

**Committee Members:**

Debby Abramov ES’14
Azad Amanat SY’14
Sheila Enamandram CC’13
Bryan Epps SM’14
Andrew Fleming JE’14

Omar Njie SM’13 (Chair)
Kat Oshman PC’13
Joy Shan CC’15
Tori Westerhoff TC’13
**Yale Mental Health Fellows:** Marking the Yale College Council’s most transformative initiative in the realm of mental health, YCC and Yale Health collaborated on the Yale Mental Health Fellows initiative. The Yale Mental Health Fellows Program seeks to be more proactive in dealing with student mental health issues. In its formative year, this initiative uses existing clinicians from Yale HEALTH to increase mental health professionals’ presence in the residential colleges. Fellows are expected to hold workshops on issues related to stress management and healthy living, and also be present in the residential college setting. Most importantly, the Fellows serve as the “point person” in the residential college in order to help students navigate the ins and outs of Yale HEALTH.

Because this program was in its pilot year, introduction of the Mental Health Fellows came at different times. Freshmen in seven of the twelve residential colleges were introduced to their Fellow during Freshman Orientation. Beginning in the Spring 2012 term, the Mental Health Fellows were introduced all members of the college (as opposed to just freshmen). In deciding how to integrate the Fellows into the residential college framework, each member of the YCC met with his or her designated Fellow to discuss goals for the program. Before the end of the Spring 2012 term, each Mental Health Fellow is expected to hold an “introductory event,” such as a study break or workshop on mental health-related topics. An example of an introductory event was Berkeley College’s dessert reception, in which Dr. Karen Hoffman was welcomed into the College. A Berkeley College junior said of the event, “It was great to finally put a face to Yale Health. [Dr. Hoffman] was incredibly approachable, and I’m happy that the University is starting to take a proactive approach to battling mental health issues.” For a list of all Fellows and contact information, please refer to the YCC website.

**Collaboration with Other Institutions:** During Spring 2012, members of YCC Mental Health Committee also met with administrators from other universities during the Student Mental Health and Counseling Services review process. At this meeting, committee members spoke to the administrative heads of Mental Health Programs at Yale’s peer institutions. Committee members discussed implementing a mental health week at Yale next year and student perceptions of mental health services at Yale. The administrators present at the meeting commended the Mental Health Fellows Program’s efforts and accomplishments and alluded to similar programs in place at their own institutions. The administrators with whom the committee met will release an official report soon that will be used to plan for the next academic year.

**Mental Health Reference Sheet:** To supplement the Mental Health Fellows Program, the Mental Health Committee created a “Mental Health Reference Sheet,” a condensed list of the variety of resources available to Yale students when in need of guidance or counselor. Resources include Yale Health departments, as well as student groups including Walden Peer Counseling,
the Chaplain's Office Liaisons, and Queer Peers, among many others. Each resource is followed by a brief description and contact information. The reference sheet will be available by year's end on both the YCC website and in residential colleges.

**Goals for Fall 2012:** Finally, the Mental Health Committee has created an agenda for next year to build upon the program's successful integration from this year. The committee has met extensively with Dean of Student Affairs, Marichal Gentry to ensure a Mental Health Fellows information session during the 2012 Freshmen Orientation. The Orientation meeting will be supplemented by an additional meeting during October to make certain that freshmen are aware of the resource. Additionally, October is often the first month of midterms, so a reminder of the resource may help freshman get accustomed to Yale's academic climate. The committee also hopes that Fellows will meet with sophomores during the mandatory sophomore registration meeting held in every college.

The committee will continue to make the Mental Health Fellows more of a presence in the college by encouraging them to hold workshops and study breaks. Eventually, the committee hopes they will all be able to hold drop-in hours in the college and be available by email and/or phone.

**Science and Engineering Subcommittee**

The Science and Engineering Subcommittee (SES) was formed this year to address concerns for science and engineering students.

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**Accomplishments:** In its first year, the subcommittee began work on a number of long-term initiatives as well as achieved short-term goals. Some of the achievements of this year include:

- Working with Yale Transit to double the number of buses that go to Sterling Chemistry Laboratory/Sloane Physics Lab during peak hours
- Working with UCS to create “one-click” searches for jobs/internships in specific subject areas, including one for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
- Creating the first ever Science & Engineering Poster Session which will occur during Bulldog Days
• Starting the free Science & Engineering Eli Adventures to highlight the science side of some of Yale’s resources
• Compiling the forthcoming report on Grading Transparency in Science & Engineering

**Future Goals:** In the long-term, continued goals of SES include:
• Creation of smaller introductory science classes modeled on the current Economics Department system, a proposal which has been brought to Dean Mary Miller and Dean William Segraves and Chemistry DUS Scott Miller
• Creation of a mentorship program that pairs current upperclassmen with incoming freshmen interested in the sciences/engineering for advice on course selections, their 4-year course plan, professors, etc.
• More residential college seminars focused on the sciences

**Committee on Sexual Climate and Harassment**

The YCC Sexual Climate/Harassment Committee is collecting information from student groups and the administration on Yale’s sexual climate. We are looking at ways that the YCC can work to make campus sexual culture open to all perspectives and comfortable for all members of the Yale Community. In addition, the committee is working to ensure that the process for dealing with cases of sexual harassment is streamlined, effective, and efficient. We want to ensure that all campus resources are readily available, and that every Yale student believes their situation will be dealt with in a serious and committed manner. Over the coming weeks, the committee will be meeting with administrators and working to gain a better understanding of the University-wide report commissioned by President Levin, as well as his response. We look forward to finding ways to finding how this report can effectively mesh with our campus community.

**Committee Members:**
Debby Abramov ES’14
Nathan Kohrman SY’15
Dan Stein TD’14
Shivani Vohra CC’13
Alexis Wise BR’13

This year, the Committee met with administration to understand changes in Yale’s sexual harassment policy and is in the process of compiling and publicizing information about changes and procedure to file complaints and helping with planning and changing freshman orientation.

**Sophomore Seminar Committee**

While informally surveying students about their academic experiences at Yale, the Yale College Council has learned that there is a large demand for sophomore seminars. Seniority often
precludes sophomores from getting into in-major seminars. While there is a seminar program designed for freshmen, there are very few seminars targeted exclusively to sophomores. The goal of this committee is to expand options for sophomores to take seminars through either sophomore-only seminars or sophomore slots within pre-existing seminars that previously did not have designated slots for sophomores.

**Committee Members:**  
Andrew Fleming JE’14  
Allegra Gordon BR’14  
Josh Rubin DC’14  
Laura Speyer TD’14  
Joey Yagoda CC’14 (Chair)

**Accomplishments and Results:** The Sophomore Seminar Committee partnered with the History and Political Science Departments to achieve tangible results starting in the spring of 2012. History seminars, formerly known as "junior seminars," will now be renamed "undergraduate seminars," and 2 spots in each history seminar will be reserved for sophomores. This has been extremely well received by the sophomore class. One political science course, "Classics of World Politics," has been taught as a sophomore-only seminar since 2007, and was offered again in the spring of 2012. The Committee hopes to expand these models to more departments in the future.

**Students and Alumni of Yale (STAY)**

In 2011, Yale witnessed a sharp increase in student-alumni programs and participation in events and activities both on and off campus. The AYA instituted numerous programs encouraging student-alumni interaction including alumni-led career panels, alumni interview training for Yale college seniors, networking events for students and alumni, student-alumni mixers with various Yale Clubs, and Student Leadership Forums attended by Yale undergraduates and graduate and professional school students. These programs were exceedingly popular and successful, attracting a wide range of students and alumni interested in strengthening the Yale community and preserving the Yale memory. The participants of these programs voiced an interest in creating an organization to officially and formally bridge the undergraduate, graduate and professional school, and alumni communities together.

After discussions with the AYA Board of Governors, on which YCC President Brandon Levin sits, the AYA and Junior Class Council held a forum in April and May of 2011 brainstorming the possibility of STAY, or Students and Alumni of Yale. The Yale College Council worked to bring STAY to life early September of 2011, making STAY one of its committees, and appointing liaisons to the AYA to help organize the formation of STAY. Students and alumni were
passionate about STAY’s purpose and existence, and started working together until the winter of 2011 to make STAY a reality. Dedicated to the infinite possibilities of fostering relationships between Yalies (students and alumni), STAY adheres to the following mission statement:

“Through service, mentoring and social programs, STAY changes lives by connecting Yale alumni and students—graduate and professional school students and undergrads alike. This central purpose uniquely positions STAY in the Yale community. By enabling Yale students to share alumni knowledge, wisdom, and life experience, STAY more fully achieves Yale’s mission. By providing Yale alumni with a direct window into the campus lives and aspirations of today’s students and by harnessing student energy and brainpower, STAY creates new—and newly-inspired—leaders for Yale.”

STAY consists of a coalition of undergraduates working closely with the Association of Yale Alumni ("AYA"), Undergraduate Career Services ("UCS"), and graduate and professional school associations to add a dimension for alumni-student interaction in service, outreach, social life, publicity, mentoring, networking, and career panels. Through the efforts of the committees and working groups—Outreach and Membership, Marketing and Public Relations, Career Panels, Mentoring, Networking, Service, Social, Day of Service; Assembly, Development, Club and Shared Interest Group Liaison, and AYA Advisory—students and alumni continue to reconnect and inspire each other through talent and meaningful work.

STAY was officially launched in January of 2012 and received 250 applications from a pool of undergraduates, graduate and professional school students, and alumni. Applicants indicated their preferences for the committees they wanted to serve on, and the founding committee reviewed applications and notified students of their assignments soon after. STAY’s launch event occurred at the Rose Alumni House, where students and alumni, joined by the AYA Board of Governors, socialized at a welcome reception. An email announcing STAY’s creation was then sent to over 3,000 Yale alumni leaders.

Since its conception, STAY has been involved with many initiatives including Student Leadership Forums, the Yale Club of Chicago and Silicon Valley Spring Break events, Yale Day of Service student task force, collaborations with the Yale Clubs of Boston and New York, JCC career panels, and Dessert with the Yale Club of New Haven. In the near future, STAY will launch a Yale Bed and Breakfast program to place students in contact with alumni when visiting foreign areas, a graduate and undergraduate Big Sibs program, a panel about “Yale Then and Now” during the AYA Assembly, a network of students and alumni via a internet program modeling Yale’s Blue Marble, and service trips, among many other initiatives.
Summer Storage

After providing an additional summer storage option to students at the end of the last academic year, YCC decided to revamp the program in coordination with the Council of Masters and to make it financially sustainable.

*Dan Stein TD’14 and Nathan Kohrman SY’15 worked with the Council of Masters on this project.*

In response to the changes in summer storage regulations, the YCC reached out to the Council of Masters to begin the search for a long-term solution to the issue of storage. Yale faces a fundamental shortage of storage space, leaving students to turn to local New Haven solutions, many of whom increase prices because of the captive market.

The Yale College Council sent out a survey to students in November of 2011, asking about summer storage needs. Out of 223 respondents, 169 said they would need more storage than what their college was offering. Out of the 169, 40% said they would need between 4 and 6 more boxes than what their college would offer.

The Council of Masters initially proposed a plan with Collegeboxes.com, which was interested in charging $45 per box and $75 per couch. The YCC felt these prices were exorbitant and unmanageable for many Yale students. We reached out to peer institutions and found a program at Princeton University that was run by their student government, providing storage for about 2000 boxes at a price of under $10 per box.

By working with the Council of Masters, we’ve reached out to the existing Yale relationships with Eagle Leasing and Beavex moving to get trailers and moving men for the program. Through a purchasing system on the new YCC website, students will be able to purchase storage space at prices of $12.50 per box, and $35 per couch. In comparison to the proposed college boxes system, we will be saving the Yale student body a combined total of more than $50,000.

We will have capacity for 1500 boxes and 60 couches this year. This program is financially sustainable, and we hope that it will become institutionalized and continue to expand over the next few years.
Technology (Tech) Committee

This year the YCC Tech Committee worked on a number of projects. The committee serves as a link between the student body and members of Yale ITS and the Registrar's Office. We have benefited greatly this year from these partnerships, and the realm of technology is one in which YCC has had, and can continue to have, a powerful impact.

Committee Members:
Dan Stein TD’14
Patrick Toth MC’14

YCC Website: Development of a new website began during the summer of 2011. The website was designed by Response Marketing and with help from Yale ITS, the Executive Board and members of the committee were able to implement the website on Yale servers. The website features important information about YCC such as the Constitution, a continuously updated budget, and what events the Council is planning. The website will soon feature a calendar designed for undergraduate organizations to feature their events in collaboration with Roammeeo (an Application for mobile phones designed by several Yale students and winner of the 2011 YCC App Challenge) and the Yale Arts Calendar. Eventually the Council hopes that the website will serve as a portal for both student organizations and individual students.

Email Notifications for Grades: At the end of both the Fall and Spring Semesters, students used to obsessively check to see if their grades had been posted to the Student Information System. In collaboration with Yale’s Chief Information Officer, the Registrar, and Information Technology Services (ITS), student are now notified via email when a grade is posted to their transcript, eliminating the need to constantly check SIS for grades.

Yale Bluebook by YCC: The committee worked with the creators of Yale Bluebook, developed out of the YCC App Challenge, to offer continued financial support and to feature the application on the YCC website. Thousands of students used Yale Bluebook by YCC to shop for classes during the fall and spring semesters of this academic year. The Council hopes that it can work with Yale’s Registrar and ITS to transition the Online Course Selection System from an outdated interface to a more streamlined version similar to that of Yale Bluebook by YCC.

Transition from Horde to EliApps: The committee has worked with the Student Technology group to implement the transition from Horde to EliApps, and have reported issues to them as students have encountered errors. We have also encouraged ITS to release a mailman user guide to help students navigate the transition away from panlists.

YCC App Challenge: The committee is working on the 2nd Annual YCC App Challenge with increased prize money. Teams of students from all four years have come together to create apps
to improve the lives of Yale students. We’ve hosted "code review" sessions with Yale ITS to allow professional programmers to help improve students' code, and we have over $3000 in prize money that will go to the winners. In addition, we have created a separate component of the contest this year for an app that will allow YCC to gain better insight into student opinions through polling.

**Laptop Loaner Program:** In partnership with the Student Technology Collaborative, YCC was able to get the Netbook Loaning Program up and running this year. YCC purchased ten laptop computers so that students would be able to check them out while their own laptops were broken. The program has been a huge success: it’s generally the case that 90%-100% of laptops are in circulation at any given time, and students are generally happy with the program. Student Technology Collaborative (STC) manages the program, taking care of both technical details as well as actual distribution to students.

In addition, YCC and STC introduced the **Cell Phone Loaner Program**, which saw similar success to the laptop program.

**Undergraduate Career Services Committee**

The YCC UCS Committee serves as the bridge between UCS and the student body. Original goals included working with the UCS peer liaisons, finding an effective way to navigate the UCS website, looking into peer and graduate affiliate advising, and working on pre-PhD and research career advising. We also focused heavily on better and more targeted advertising to students.

**Committee: Members:**

- Debby Abramov ES’14 (Chair)  
- Eric Eliasson BK’14  
- Dilan Gomih DC’13  
- Becca Liu PC’13  
- Aala Mohamed ES’14  
- Obaid Syed JE’14

**UCS Residential College Advisory Board:** Created jointly by YCC and UCS last year, the residential college advisory board continues to provide a forum through which students can give top UCS administrators direct feedback.

**Increased Appointment Times with UCS Counselors:** Given that most students begin their summer internship and job searches during the months of January and February, we worked with UCS to increase the number of available appointments with UCS professional counselors during January and February.
Class Council Updates

Freshman Class Council

The Freshman Class Council exists to voice the concerns of the Freshman class and plan major events of Freshman year, including: Freshman Barbecue, the production of annual Harvard-Yale football game t-shirts, the Freshman Dance, and much more. Through these initiatives, the FCC seeks to assist in the integration of new students to the Yale community and form lasting bonds between the freshmen of Yale College. Representatives are elected in the early fall from each of the twelve residential colleges of Yale, and leadership positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are chosen within the council to serve for a term of one semester.

FCC Executive Board 2011-2012

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Throughout the year, FCC hosted a number of events including Freshman Barbecue, Speed Dating, and the Freshman Lunch Program.
**Freshman Barbecue:** On October 15, 2011 on Old Campus, FCC 2015 hosted the annual Freshman Barbecue. The event began at 11:00 and ended around 2:00-3:00. The theme of the day was Wild Wild West, and around 600 freshmen enjoyed burgers, garden burgers, hot dogs, cookies and blondies, fruit, and hot cider. The Branford/Saybrook dining hall provided the food and two workers to assist with manning the grills. FCC members borrowed grills and tables from five residential colleges, and the members grilled the food. The activities on old campus were relay races, a marriage booth, a pie-eating contest, a water balloon fight, and an inflatable obstacle course rented from an outside vendor. FCC 2015 also spoke with many area businesses in the days before the barbecue to collect gift cards and other prizes to raffle off.

**Harvard-Yale T-Shirts:** Per tradition, the Freshman Class Council produced t-shirts for the annual Harvard-Yale football game. After soliciting and tweaking designs to comply with the licensing offices of Harvard and Yale Universities, the following design was endorsed:

The representatives of the Freshman Class Council sold shirts from Wednesday, November 16th, 2012 through the Game on Saturday, November 19th, 2012 for $12. In total, the FCC sold over 750 shirts and raised nearly $9000 in revenue.

**Roast Harvard Study Break:** This event was a nighttime, outdoor marshmallow roast to build student enthusiasm for the Harvard-Yale Football Game. The FCC provided grills borrowed from the various Residential Colleges, apple cider purchased from Trumbull dining hall, and skewers, marshmallows, graham crackers, and chocolate purchased from local vendors. Due to rain, the event took place under the Vanderbilt Hall archway as opposed to the Lanman-Wright Hall courtyard as planned. Despite poor weather, over 100 students attended the event. Roast Harvard also served as a time for students to purchase Harvard-Yale Game Day T-shirts, and was scheduled right before the YCC Pep Rally to help boost attendance at both events.
**Freshman Speed Dating:** On Friday, January 20th, FCC in collaboration with the Ivy Council, hosted what has become an annual Freshman Speed Dating event. Silliman dining hall was packed to capacity with over 200 members of the class of 2015, who got to know other freshmen better through two and a half minute encounters. Tickets were available for purchase from members the week leading up to the event and at the door for $5. FCC had tables of "guys looking for guys", "girls looking for girls", and "guys and girls looking for each other". The event lasted approximately two hours.

**A Masked Study Break:** In preparation for Freshman Dance, the Freshman Class Council hosted a study break in Phelps Hall from 9pm-10pm for students to decorate the masks that came with a ticket purchase. Feathers, sequins and miscellaneous supplies were purchased from Oriental Trading and laid out for students to use. Snacks were provided and music videos were played throughout the event.

**Freshman Dance:** The annual Freshman Dance took place on Saturday, February 4th, 2012 from 10pm-1am in Commons Dining Hall and was masquerade themed. The Freshman Class Council hired DJ Wazwani for music, Andrew Rubenoff for decoration services, and provided simple snacks, water, and lounge areas on each side of Commons for attendees. In addition, speakers were rented from UOFC and lasers and fog machines were rented from Fun Factory DJs. Tickets were sold the week leading up to the dance by individual representatives and in Commons during lunch times. Final ticket revenue totaled $9,360, and attendance at the dance was approximately 950 people.

**Freshman Lunch:** Building on the Yale Lunch and ISO Lunch Tag initiatives held earlier in the year, the Freshman Class Council instituted a similar lunch program solely for freshmen. Through "Freshman Lunch," students of the Class of 2015 were able to opt-in to a system that randomly paired them with another member of the Class of 2015 for a meal. Freshmen then planned the logistics of the meal via e-mail or phone through contact information provided in the application. To incentivize participation, the FCC offered a $200 gift certificate to Miya's Sushi to the student who organized and attended most meals. As proof of attendance, students took pictures after the meal and uploaded them onto the website.
Sophomore Class Council

The Sophomore Class Council (SoCo) exists to voice the concerns of the Sophomore class and plan several events throughout the year including DUS (Director of Undergraduate Studies) Dinners, Sophomore Assassins, and the Sophomore Snowball Dance. Through these initiatives, SoCo seeks to connect students with a wide array of academic resources while at the same time hosting events that bring the class together in meaningful ways. Representatives are elected in the early fall from each of the twelve residential colleges of Yale. The SoCo President is elected each year in April to serve the following year.

Representatives

John Gonzalez ES’14 (President)        Peter Humanik SY’14
Josephine Smit ES ‘14                 Lucia Duan MC’14
Alec Arana ES ’14                    James Shirvell MC’14
Caroline Smith DC’14                 J.B. Moss TD’14
Jarred Phillips DC’14                Eun Sung Yang TD’14
Tiffany Bell DC’14                   Aly Moore BR’14
Kerri (Keyi) Lu PC’14                TaoTao Holmes BR’14
Charles Stone PC’14                  Sabire “Ipek” Demir BK’14
Marissa Pettit CC’14                 Nick Defiesta BK’14
Natalia Garza CC’14                  Amelia Clark TC’14
Christina Hull SY’14                 Andrew Fleming JE’14

The Sophomore Class Council plans a variety of social as well as academic events to ensure that all members of the class are able to come together in a variety of different interactions.

DUS Dinners: SoCo has worked with Directors of Undergraduate Studies to put on intimate dinners with students interested in pursuing their major department. At the end of sophomore year, many Yale students declare their majors, and we’ve tried to make that process as easy and seamless as possible. Thus far, the Council has organized dinners for 10 majors: Global Affairs, Psychology, Ethics, Politics & Economics, History, Economics, Biomedical Engineering, Humanities, English, Anthropology, and Geology & Geophysics. Each dinner was capped at 25 students and was by RSVP only. A majority of the dinners had two available times, due to the demand. In addition to the dinners, we email sophomores each week with any major deadlines that are relevant to students.
Bulldogs Across America Information Session: We were approached by Rowan Claypool, the founder of the Bulldogs Across America Program, to discuss the benefits of the program to sophomores. We organized two exclusive dinners on February 7th that were very informative, especially for international students that found the program intriguing. In addition, on February 9th, we organized a study break where Mr. Claypool talked freely to students of all classes who were interested in the program.

UCS Career Assessment Tests: The Council worked with UCS roll out an exclusively-sophomore career assessment program. In addition, we include important deadlines for internships and summer programs in our weekly emails.

SoCo State Fair: On October 22nd, SoCo had a sophomore BBQ on Cross Campus. The event included food grilled by SoCo members, free cotton candy, a raffle, free kettle corn, live music from student bands The Rain Brigade and The Keep Calm, free caricatures, ring toss, cider pong, photo background and magic from some sophomore magicians. It was well attended and occurred from 11-2 p.m.

The Sophomore Snow Ball: On December 3rd, SoCo organized an exclusively-sophomore dance in Stiles Dining Hall from 10-1. We made about $1100 in ticket sales and had about 250 students attend. The event included free Martinelli’s Apple Cider, cases of Ferrero Rocher, and tables spread out with free chocolate bars. Christmas lights were draped from the ceilings and paper snowflakes were hung from the walls. We pre-sold tickets in dining halls, created a promotional video to spread word about the event, and gave away free ping-pong balls to commemorate the dance.

No-Shave November Photo Competition: We alerted sophomores in the beginning of the November about our photo competition and let sophomores submit their photo at the end of November to be judged by the class for creativity. We approached Chairigami, a local cardboard furniture store, to help with the prize for the event. The owner designed a mustache-themed throne chair specifically for the competition. From December 1-12th, students voted for the most original photos, and prizes were given to the top three photos with the most likes. The winner received the “Throne of Stache,” 2nd place received a $25 gift card to Froyo World, and 3rd place received a variety of disposable razors. The winning photo received 232 likes, and SoCo donated $232 dollars to New Haven Reads, the charity the winner wished to donate to.

Sophomore Assassins: The competition occurred over the month of February: from February 4th through March 2nd. 200 sophomores participated in the event. SoCo approached Miya’s Sushi to be a sponsor, and the restaurant served as the source of $675 worth of prizes. The winner received $200 in gift certificates to the restaurant, 2nd place: $100, 3rd place: $75, 4th
place: $50, 5th-10th place: $25 and $25 to the four individuals who didn’t already receive prizes. Sophomores had to eliminate their opponents by hitting them with a sock.

**Sophomore Ice Skating:** On Friday, March 23rd, we rented out Ralph Walker Ice Skating Rink for one final winter event. We provided free transportation to and from the ice rink. The event lasted from 4:30-6:30, with about 60 sophomores attending.

**Sophomore Dinner:** On Thursday, April 12th, we are holding a dinner open to the entire class of sophomores in Commons. We are currently working with Yale Dining to determine the specifics of the event, but we plan to have a keynote speaker, Donna Dubinsky (previous CEO of PALM), the Yale Precision Marching Band, a student speaker, and a slideshow of sophomore photos.

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**Junior Class Council**

The Junior Class Council (JCC) aims to represent and address the interests of over 1,300 juniors in the class of 2013, providing academic, social and career-oriented opportunities and resources.

**Representatives**

Jennifer Nadleman CC'13 (President)       Benjamin White SY '13
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Jonathan Alverio PC '13                 Alexander Dancu BK '13
Andrew Connery PC '13                   Ashutosh Venkatraman BK '13
Dakota McCoy BR '13                     Matthew Roth TD '13
William Jordan BR' 13                   Linda Lai TD '13
Sanket Karuri ES '13                    Nayeon Kim SM '13
Rachel Milewicz SY '13                  Joy Chen SM '13

**Career Panels:** JCC has worked with the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA), Undergraduate Career Services (UCS) and Students and Alumni of Yale (STAY) to host a series of 12 career panels to provide undergraduates with the opportunity to speak to alumni and other professionals from various fields about their experiences and to provide advice for students.
interested in careers that are not heavily advertised on campus. Each panel lasted approximately 90 minutes and was hosted in William L. Harkness Hall, the Hall of Graduate Studies, or Linsley Chittenden hall. Discussions were led by JCC representatives, who served as moderators and were followed by a Question and Answer session with the audience. Networking and refreshments concluded each panel.

The themes of the panels were determined based on the response of a survey that had been sent out to the entire junior class. Panels included Law, Scientific Research, Economic Development, Gap Year for Pre-Meds, Conservation, Media, Politics and International Relations, Education and Academia, Public Relations, Marketing and Advertising, Science and Health Policy, Start-up Companies, and Writing. Each panel had 2-5 speakers and had an audience size of 30-70 students.

The panels were advertised to all classes at Yale as well as to students in other professional schools. The panels were all filmed by Yale ITS, and will be made available online, increasing their accessibility.

**Oktoberfest:** On Saturday October 15, 2011 JCC hosted an outdoor “Oktoberfest” on Cross Campus from 11-2. The event, catered by Yale Dining, featured live musical performances by various musical groups, hot apple cider, face painting, and Oktoberfest cuisine.

The Junior Class Council also hosted a number of tailgates and other social events with the goal of bringing the junior class together to socialize.
Executive Board

Brandon Levin is a junior in Davenport College and is President of the Yale College Council. This is Brandon’s third year in student government at Yale, where he previously served as YCC Treasurer his sophomore year as well as Chair of the Freshman Class Council. A native of Los Angeles, Brandon spends the rest of his time singing with the Yale Spizzwinks (?), Yale Baroque Opera Project and Yale Glee Club, dabbling in theater, sharing fun facts about Yale as a tour guide, and playing IM basketball. He’s also partial to really good food, so he spends a lot of time eating.

Omar Njie is a junior in Silliman College and is the Vice President of the Yale College Council. During the past two years Omar has served on the Freshman Class Council as a representative for Silliman College, on the Sophomore Class Council as president, Spring Fling Committee, and on various University standing committees. He is pre-med and majoring in Global Affairs with emphases on economic development and global health. He is a Yale Global Health Fellow and often lends his photography skills to the Yale Daily News. Omar also serves as the chair of the 2013 Class Gift Campaign.

Matt Williams is a junior in Berkeley College and serves as the Secretary of Yale College Council. A Global Affairs major, his academic interests focus on international relations and East Asia. In addition to serving on YCC for the previous two years, he is an active member of the Berkeley College Council and blogs for The Yale Globalist. Additionally, he works for the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs and the Office of the Secretary. Hailing from Ohio, he enjoys biking, hiking, and other outdoor activities.

Archit Sheth-Shah is a junior in Morse College and is the Yale College Council Treasurer. Archit was one of Morse’s YCC representatives last year and has also served as a Morse College Council Student Activity Chair in the past. Archit is double majoring in Biomedical Engineering and Economics. He is a Vice President on the Yale Economic Review’s Business Team where he works on fundraising and advertising and also enjoys playing football and occasionally dodgeball for Morse’s IM teams. From San Jose, California, Archit loves In-N-Out animal style fries, good vegetarian burritos, and saying “hella.”

Katie Donley is a junior in Ezra Stiles College and is the Events Director of the Yale College Council. Katie has been involved with student government since her freshman year; she was a member of the Freshman Class Council in her first year and then the Stiles representative on the Yale College Council. She got her start in event planning at Yale by being in charge of organizing 2013’s Freshman Screw, and since then has planned everything from a trip to see Jerry Springer be filmed to a Puppies and Candy event. She is an Economics and Psychology double major, and
when not planning YCC events works as a Master’s Aide in Ezra Stiles. In addition, she is a big fan of all things Stiles, burritos, naps, and her two puppies Bruiser and Scruffy.

**Allen Granzberg** is a junior in Davenport College and is the Chair of Undergraduate Organizations Funding Committee (UOFC). This has been Allen's third year on the board of the UOFC. On campus, Allen has a varied set of interests. Allen is captain of the Yale Ballroom Dance Team and enjoys shaking his hips rhythmically (to music of course!). He is also an active member of the dance group Sabrosura, treasurer of the Yale Undergraduate Law Review, and works as a Davenport Master’s aide.

**Berkeley**

**Joshua Ackerman** is a sophomore in Berkeley College. Josh was previously the historian for the Freshman Class Council and chaired the "Freshman Speed Dating" event. He teaches middle school students about sexual reproduction through Community Health Educators and serves as the treasurer of the Public Health Coalition. Josh is also a Jewish Life Fellow through the Sifka Center for Jewish Life and works as a Recruitment Coordinator at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. In his free time, Josh is an avid ceramic potter, cross country runner, and photographer.

**Eric Eliasson** is a sophomore in Berkeley College. He is a former chair of the Freshman Class Council, a squash extraordinaire, loves Sundaes, and speaks Italian. As FCC Chair, he planned Freshman Olympics, the largest and best event of freshman year and organized the puppies and ice cream study break for YCC. Although he’s undecided on a major, he’s interested in Economics, Religious Studies, and Psychology. In his spare time, Eric can be found doing Intermediate Micro Problem sets, playing Berkeley IMs, dressing as a superhero, saying the word y’all (even though he's from CT), and answering all and any emails sent his way!

**Branford**

**Allegra Gordon** is a sophomore in Branford College from Woodside, California. In addition to YCC, Allegra spends her time serving as the co-student activities chair of Branford and as a Master's Aide. Allegra is majoring in Geology, concentrating on energy and environment geosciences. She loves playing tennis, dancing, going on adventures and engaging in good conversation. Allegra was elected as a YCC Representative in Spring 2012.

**Somin Lee** is a sophomore in Branford College. She previously served as the Branford representative for the Freshman Class Council. Majoring in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Somin plans to attend medical school after college. Somin currently teaches for Community Health Educators, plays violin for the Berkeley College Orchestra, and serves as a board member.
for the outreach division of the Yale Scientific Magazine. She also fell in love with Japan after spending a summer there. Somin served as a YCC Representative during Fall 2011.

ALEXIS WISE is a junior in Branford College from Los Altos Hills, California. This is Alexis’ third year involved in student government at Yale: initially Alexis served on the Freshman Class Council, and last year she represented Branford on the Yale College Council. Alexis is majoring in Psychology, with a strong interest in consumer psychology and buying behavior. She is a Branford College Master’s Aide and the Vice President of the Women’s Leadership Initiative at Yale, where she previously served as Business Chair. In her free time, Alexis enjoys teaching at New Haven High Schools with Community Health Educators, traveling, competing at IMs, eating Shabbat dinner at Slifka, laughing at stand-up comedy, and playing board and card games.

Calhoun

SHEILA ENAMANDRAM is a junior in Calhoun College. Last year, Sheila served on the Sophomore Class Council last year. Aside from student government, Sheila spends her time working as a Calhoun Master’s Aide, advocating & fundraising for public health causes, researching epilepsy at the medical school, keeping up with Indian culture with the Yale Raga Society, and chilling out to sweet music. Plus, true to her Princeton roots, she's obsessed with J.Crew and all things preppy.

JOSEPH YAGODA is a sophomore in Calhoun College. Majoring in Ethics, Politics, and Economics, he leads the Council’s Gender-Neutral Housing and Sophomore Seminar initiatives and is a proud Events Committee planner. Outside of the Council, Joey teaches health education in New Haven schools, serves on the Calhoun College Council, and captains the Calhoun intramural swim team. He enjoys doing crossword puzzles in coffee shops, reading about behavioral economics, and learning new dance moves.

Davenport

JOSH RUBIN is a sophomore in Davenport College. Josh is a Global Affairs (Security) major, and has served on the Davenport College Council since September of his freshman year. He also currently serves as Communications Director of the College Democrats of Connecticut, 2012 Elections Coordinator of the Yale Dems, and works for the Yale Office of Sustainability as a STEP Coordinator. A native of Syosset, NY, Josh also plays IMs (coed football, B- hoops and softball).

SHIVANI VOHRA is a junior in Davenport College. Shivani was secretary on the Sophomore College Council last year and is majoring in Economics. Shivani is both a foodie and tea-oholic (she actually has two shelves filled with tea in her dorm room). She is a huge dog person and enjoys naps, knitting, and making new friends.
Ezra Stiles

**Debby Abramov** is a sophomore in Ezra Stiles College. She is one of the most genuine and exciting people you will meet at Yale, or in your life for that matter and she's thrilled to represent Stiles on the Yale College Council. Debby has been involved in event planning and all other student government awesomeness since freshman year when she was highly involved on the Freshman Class Council where she was Vice Chair and organized 2014’s epic Freshman Olympics. Debby enjoys afternoon runs in the beautiful New Haven weather, planning and setting up crazy huge events for Yale students with her best friends, and using the word "y'all" since she’s from Virginia.

**Aala Mohamed** is a sophomore in Ezra Stiles College. Aala joined YCC to pursue her passion for student government and policy. Academically, she is intrigued by the wonders of biology (anything to do with the human body, really). She is involved with other student groups on campus such as JAM (co-president), Yale Sight Savers Program (board member), and the Yale Black Women’s Coalition (treasurer). Also interested in relationship-building with the larger Yale community, Aala is the 2014 Association of Yale Alumni (AYA) delegate and an undergraduate World Fellows liaison. She loves her city (Chitown!), her good fiction (HARRY POTTER), and her moose. She's also obsessed with babies.

**Jonathan Edwards**

**Andrew Fleming** is a sophomore in Jonathan Edwards College. Andrew is also involved in the Sophomore Class Council as well as various other undergraduate organizations, including the Yale International Relations Association, Community Health Educators, and Relay for Life. He is a Colorado native and enjoys skiing, hiking, swimming, igloo camping and various other outdoor activities. The only food that matters to him is a Chipotle burrito with extra chicken and a fair amount of guacamole.

**Obaid Syed** a sophomore in Jonathan Edwards College. With every new room, new street, new city, new continent that crosses into his experiences, he wishes more to absorb and understand, and maybe if he gets attached to a place, to help and to change. He is happy to be serving on YCC this year.

**Morse**

**Sally Cho** is a junior in Morse College. She has been involved in her college as a master’s aide and a photographer of the awesome new facilities. A common sight at the Morsel and Morse beach, Sally is an avid fan of everything -- --. She is studying Economics and Political Science, but is also very interested in psychology and foreign languages. Sally is a native of Los
Angeles where she likes to eat real Mexican food, bike on the beach, and prepare intensely for another earthquake.

**Pat Toth** is a sophomore in Morse College. Originally from New York, NY, and Danbury, CT, he is studying political science, with strong interests in computer science and philosophy. When he's not studying or working as a student tech, he enjoys hanging out with his friends in Morse, listening to lots of music, and watching any crime drama or animated comedy that he can find. Last year, Pat was a member of the Freshman Class Council; this year, he's happy to be working on behalf of all the undergrads!

**Pierson**

**Rebecca Liu** is a sophomore in Pierson College. Last year, she got an early start on student government at Yale through Freshman Class Council and had the privilege of co-chairing Freshman Screw. Rebecca hesitates to state exactly where she's from since she hates picking favorites but has been a resident of Louisiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Utah. Equally high in number are her interests; around campus, Rebecca is involved in activities that range from planning Model UN Conferences to giving college tours. Interested in international business law, Rebecca plans to major in either Economics or Political Science. Rebecca is incredibly excited to be a part of YCC and can’t wait to serve the school she loves!

**Kat Oshman** is a junior in Pierson College. Last year, Kat served as a Pierson representative for Sophomore Class Council, where she joined the executive board as Communications Chair. As an Art major concentrating in Painting, Kat lives in her studio and already sometimes buys oil paint instead of food. She somehow still loves to do more art besides painting, so Kat is also a staff illustrator for YDN and dabbles in graphic design (such as this year’s YCC logo). Kat enjoys tennis, hanging out in Pierson courtyard, G-heav egg-and-cheese sandwiches, and Texas.

**Saybrook**

**Azad Amanat** is a sophomore in Saybrook College. Azad was a Saybrook representative with the Freshman College Council last year and is pumped to get things rolling this year. Azad helped organize the Freshman Olympics, Fall BBQ and Screw (among other epic endeavors). He is a proud Saybrugian who loves Yale, LA, his Iranian heritage and generally off-color humor.

**Nathan Kohrman** is a freshman in Saybrook College. He previously served as the Freshman Class Council Chair, and his passion for student government is second only to his passion for 30 ROCK and the Harry Potter series. When not singing with the Baker’s Dozen of Yale or acting in musicals, Nathan enjoys studying Chinese and trying to make Yale summer storage affordable for the student body. Nathan was elected as a YCC Representative in Spring 2012.
Larissa Liburd is a sophomore in Saybrook College. Larissa got her start in student government at Yale through the Freshmen Class Council last year as an associate member. She is heavily involved in the Yale International Relations Association (YIRA) and can therefore usually be found wherever YIRA’s next event is meant to be (or at Sushi on Chapel. Seriously). Larissa captains the Saybrook IM Women’s Soccer team and is a voting member of the Saybrook College Council, and is often seen reading books upside down on various window seats around Yale. Whenever the editors send her enough emails, she also writes for the YDN’s WEEKEND issues. Larissa served as a YCC Representative during Fall 2011.

Silliman

Bryan Epps is a sophomore in Silliman College and is from Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. Previously he was on the Freshman Class Council, and this is his second year on the Silliman Activities and Administrative Committee (SAAC). He enjoys biking, kayaking, hiking, backpacking, tennis, skiing, running to East Rock and West Rock, and virtually anything outdoorsy. He also loves food and hopes to try every restaurant in downtown New Haven before he graduates.

Isabel Santos-Gonzalez is a junior in Silliman College. She has been an active member of SAAC (Silliman Administrative and Activities Committee) since her freshman year at Yale. Fall semester of sophomore year she organized the Safety Dance and spring semester she served as SAAC co-chair. When not participating in meetings and events related to student government, Isabel can be found coaching parliamentary debate at New Haven Academy, directing tournaments for the Urban Debate League, working in the music library, or conducting independent research as a Bouchet Fellow. Isabel loves Chicano literature, tomatoes, Arrested Development, The Beatles, Miya’s sushi and coffee.

Timothy Dwight

Leandro Leviste is a freshman in Timothy Dwight College. In addition to serving on YCC, he is a member of the Freshman Class Council and served as the Vice-Chair during Fall 2011. He is from Manila, Philippines and enjoys following current events, traveling, and learning from other cultures, especially America’s! Leandro was a debate nerd all throughout high school. At Yale, he is also involved in the ISO, YIRA and the YPU. Leandro was elected as a YCC representative in Spring 2012.

Laura Speyer is a sophomore in Timothy Dwight College. She served as FCC Secretary during the Fall of 2010 and spent most of Spring 2011 sleeping. Laura is from New York City, but still occasionally speaks to people from other places. Aside from student government, Laura enjoys dogs, novels, peanut butter, arguments, travelling and all things Chinese (except for stinky tofu).
Laura served as a YCC Representative during Fall 2011 and is now studying abroad at Peking University in China.

**DAN STEIN** is a sophomore in Timothy Dwight College and is from beautiful Southern California. At Yale, Dan has been involved with the Spizzwinks(?), Yale Daily News, Yale Political Union, Yale College Council, and tour guiding. He considers In-n-Out, Arizona Iced Tea, Dispatch, Chipotle, and Rainbow Sandals to be a way of life.

**Trumbull**

**VICTORIA WESTERHOFF** is a junior in Trumbull College. She is a Cognitive Science Major, with a concentration in Judgment and Decision Making. She has been part of Trumbull College Council for her entire college career, first as a Freshmen Representative, then as a Student Activities Chair, and now as TCC President. Last year, she had a fabulous time as a Trumbull College Representative on the 2010-2011 Sophomore College Council. She is a Co-Principal Trombonist for the Yale Symphony Orchestra and served as a YSO Social Chair last year. She has a weakness for Van Gogh paintings, openly loves Battlestar Galactica, and is addicted to Fresca.

**CECE XIE** in a junior in Trumbull College. She got involved in student government last year by serving as her college's representative on the Sophomore Class Council. Hailing from a suburb near San Francisco, she has a soft spot for sunny sand beaches, new technological gadgets, and authentic ethnic cuisine. In her spare time, she dances in Groove Dance Company, plans events for the Yale Undergraduate Law Review, and cooks delicious delicacies with the Taiwanese-American Society. As both a gymaholic and a coffee addict, you’ll often find her at the PWG or sipping a tall extra hot nonfat chai tea latte at Starbucks.

**Class Council Presidents**

**JOHN GONZALEZ** is a sophomore in Ezra Stiles College and the Sophomore College Council President. From California’s Central Valley, John has a love of In-N-Out burgers, Jamba Juice smoothies and V-neck t-shirts. John was previously Communications Chair of the Freshman Class Council and enjoys shooting promotional videos for events. On campus, John likes performing stand-up comedy and posting piano tutorial videos to his YouTube account, youtube.com/crazyasianpiano, where he has over 10,000 subscribers and 5.5 million video views. He also serves as a Dwight Hall mentor and is member of the Spring Fling committee.

**JENNIFER NADELMANN** is a junior in Calhoun College and is the President of the Junior Class Council (JCC). Jennifer is pursuing an intensive degree in Molecular Cellular and Developmental Biology, following the Neurobiology tract. On campus, Jennifer is a coordinator from the DEMOS Assemblies program, is a Slifka Jewish Life Fellow and is involved in Calhoun College
Council (CCC). She is also a research assistant at the Yale School of Medicine studying Alzheimer's disease and ribbon proteins in the retina.

**Associate Members**

**Dilan Gomi** is a junior in Devenport College. She is double majoring in Political Science and African Studies. In addition to YCC, the Illinois native is editor in chief of the Yale Rumpus, involved with Athletes in Action, co-inter-religious chair of St. Thomas More Undergraduate Council, and volunteers regularly at a local soup kitchen among other things. After previously serving on Davenport College Council and Sophomore Class Council, Dilan is very excited to be working within YCC to make Yale campus life the best possible.

**Bechir-Auguste Pierre** is a freshman in Jonathan Edwards College. He is also a Freshman Class Council representative for JE and has worked very hard for the first annual Freshman Talent Extravaganza. He is a member of the Men’s Club Volleyball team in addition to teaching students about substance abuse in Community Health Educators. Bechir is also the student manager for Jonathan Edwards Dining Hall as well as a Haitian Creole translator for the law school. In his free time, he plays intramurals, reads, and meets new people.

**Eli Rivkin** is a freshman in Trumbull College. He is from Los Angeles, California but is currently living in Paris, France. He hopes to major in Global Affairs but is still undecided at the moment. Within YCC, he works with the events committee helping to plan events like Harvard-Yale weekend, the Bo Burnham comedy show, and many others. When he’s not working with YCC, he serves as the Development Director and writes for the Yale Politic, is a member of the Myanmar Project, serves as the social media director for SNAP PAC, works as an International Ambassador, serves on the networking committee of STAY, and is a member of the SigEp Fraternity.

**Kyle Tramonte** is a freshman in Saybrook College. He is from Galveston, TX and is currently serving as the Secretary of the Freshman Class Council. In addition to student government, Kyle is a frequenter of Dems' Trivia Nights, YIRA cocktail parties and pretty much anything that promotes mingling. If you can’t find him bopping around Old Campus, Kyle will most likely be at Alpha Delta Pizza consuming a Wenzel or watching Downton Abbey in a library somewhere.

**Nancy Xia** is a freshman in Silliman College. She is the current Vice Chair and the past Treasurer of the Freshman Class Council. She is a color fanatic and modern art lover. Her hobbies include obsessive spreadsheets, compulsive laughing, and contemplating the reality of her existence.
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