Separate, But More Than Equal

Neomi Rao and Luis Roth • From admissions to ethnic deans, a look at minorities at Yale

In just two weeks into the new academic year at Yale College, Richard Brodhead found himself unexpectedly attacked for his ad

mission decisions. When Broidhead, a 57-year-old son of a Jewish mother and a Greek father, was named dean of the college in 2002, he

pledged to make the college more diverse. "It's an ambitious goal," he said. "But I think we can get there." And he did so by making

minorities more visible on campus.

The appointment of a dean of diversity is a new concept in higher education. While some universities have had deans of diversity for years, Yale is one of the few to appoint one specifically for minority students.

In an interview with The Yale Daily News, Richard Brodhead said, "I want to make sure that our students feel included and

valued. That's why I've hired a dean of diversity. He will be responsible for ensuring that all students, regardless of their race or ethnicity,

feel welcome and respected on campus."

Brodhead's appointment was met with mixed reactions. Some students praised the move, saying it was long overdue and that it

would help create a more inclusive campus environment. Others were skeptical, questioning whether a dean of diversity was the best

solution to address issues of diversity.

The role of the dean of diversity is to ensure that all students feel included and valued. This includes creating a welcoming and supportive

environment for members of underrepresented groups. It also involves making sure that the curriculum and other aspects of campus life

are inclusive and representative of diverse perspectives.

The dean of diversity will work closely with faculty, staff, and students to promote diversity and inclusion on campus. He or she will

serve as a resource for students, as well as a leader in the administration.

The appointment of a dean of diversity is a positive step towards creating a more inclusive and welcoming campus environment. While

there is still much work to be done, this move is a step in the right direction.

YFP: The idea of a dean of diversity has received mixed reactions. Some see it as a positive step towards making the campus more

inclusive, while others are concerned about its effectiveness. What do you think?

LEVIN: I think it's a step in the right direction. It shows that there is a commitment to making the campus more inclusive.

YFP: What are some of the challenges that the dean of diversity will face?

LEVIN: One of the biggest challenges will be to create a culture that is truly inclusive. It's not just about diversity in numbers, but about diversity in perspective and experience.

YFP: How can students and faculty contribute to creating a more inclusive campus environment?

LEVIN: All members of the Yale community can contribute to creating a more inclusive environment. This includes being open to new ideas, engaging in respectful dialogue, and actively seeking out opportunities to learn about different cultures and perspectives.

YFP: What can you tell us about the dean of diversity, Richard Brodhead?

LEVIN: Richard Brodhead is a highly respected leader in the field of higher education. He has a strong background in student affairs and has been instrumental in creating inclusive environments at other universities.

YFP: What do you think the future holds for the dean of diversity at Yale?

LEVIN: The future will depend on how well the new dean is able to implement the plans and initiatives that have been put in place. If he is successful, it will be a significant step forward for the university. If not, there will be much work to be done.