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Mochinut and Ani Ramen close, reports note health code violations



Two fast-casual restaurants on Nassau.

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When Princeton students returned to campus this fall, the Nassau Street locations of Mochinut and Ani Ramen, two casual chain restaurants located near the Princeton Garden Theater, had closed after being open for less than a year. Other locations of each chain remain open.

Mochinut offered a variety of flavors of mochi donuts, rice-flour batter-coated hotdogs, and bubble tea drinks. Ani Ramen served ramen bowls, rice bowls, and bao buns, among other Japanese meals.

The Daily Princetonian obtained routine inspection reports from the Princeton Health Department that found Mochinut and Ani Ramen to be in violation of numerous public health protocols designed to prevent foodborne illnesses. The reports also found that both establishments had several risk factors that posed a danger to public health. Both restaurants were rated “Conditionally Satisfactory,” and it is unclear whether the health inspections and closure are related.

Representatives of the Montclair Group, which owns [Mochinut and Ani Ramen](#), did not respond to a request for comment through a form on their [website](#).

The report, based on a risk-based inspection of Mochinut and Ani Ramen on March 30, 2023, revealed that management and personnel were documented as being “out of compliance” with multiple metrics.

According to the report, “Kitchen staff [lack] knowledge of food safety basic[s]. All staff handling foods must be trained on food safety basic[s] in the next 14 days, as per the Princeton sanitary code.”

The report said that both establishments lacked preventative measures against food contamination in the handwashing department. While the report on March 30 noted that handwashing facilities were provided in bathrooms and were “convenient,” “accessible,” and “unobstructed,” handwashing itself did not occur in compliance with standards that require employees to do so “prior to work, after using the restroom.”

A follow-up comment summarizing the report’s findings recommends that employees review and implement basic hygiene practices.

The report summary references specific conditions within Ani Ramen and Mochinut that reflect a lack of compliance with various public health measures.

“Ice machine observed with heavy accumulation of dirt and filth,” reads one comment.

“Knife dirty to sight and touch,” reads another comment, corroborating the report that Mochinut and Ani Ramen were not compliant in protecting food from cross-contamination by ensuring that all “equipment food-contact surfaces and utensils shall be clean to sight and touch.”

Mochinut and Ani Ramen were also found to be in violation of rules around how food itself is stored and handled. The “proper separation of raw meats and raw eggs” did not occur and food was not protected from contamination, nor were surfaces in regular contact with food sufficiently cleaned or sanitized.



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According to the report, food was also in non-compliance and not properly labeled, nor was it “protected from contamination during preparation, storage, and display.” Furthermore, “garbage and refuse” were not properly maintained within the store premises and food temperature-measuring devices were not “properly calibrated.”

At the top of the risk-inspection report, the overall conditions of Mochinut and Ani Ramen in terms of adhering to environmental health and safety standards are described as “Conditionally Satisfactory.”

When Mochinut and Ani Ramen first opened to the public in 2022, the risk-based inspection report that year reported both venues to be in compliance with standard protocols. Specifically, during a routine inspection conducted by the Princeton Health Department on Nov. 28, 2022, both of the establishments were deemed “satisfactory” in the report summary.

After hearing about the report and closings, Angel Tang ’27 said, “I mean, it doesn’t matter to me that much ... I don’t think I need Mochinut every day.”

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Correction: This article previously named an affiliate of the business who was not reached out to for comment. The ‘Prince’ regrets this oversight.

NEWS

Former Princeton Karate club member confirmed as NIH director



(Left) Dr. Monica Bertagnolli '81; (Right) Dr. Monica Bertagnolli as an undergraduate karate chopping a wooden board on Poe field.

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Dr. Monica Bertagnolli '81 was confirmed on Nov. 9 as director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the nation's foremost medical research agency and largest public funder of biomedical research in the world. Transitioning from her role as the 16th director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), Bertagnolli is now the highest ranking Princeton graduate in the Biden administration.

Bertagnolli is the first surgeon and second woman to hold the position, which has been vacant since Dr. Francis S. Collins [stepped down](#) nearly two years ago, after more than 12 years in the role.

In an email to The Daily Princetonian, Bertagnolli called the new role a "tremendous honor."

"Coming to Princeton widened my horizons tremendously," Bertagnolli wrote in an email to the 'Prince.'

Remembering the impact of several professors from her time at the University, Bertagnolli recalled being taught "applications of statistics I have used throughout my career in medicine" and topics "highly relevant to current priorities at NIH."

As an undergraduate, Bertagnolli was a Bachelors of Science in Engineering student, **creating** an independent study to pursue a concentration in biochemical engineering. She was also a **member** of the Karate Club, as pictured in the 'Prince.'

Bertagnolli was nominated by President Biden and **confirmed** by the U.S. Senate on Tuesday, Nov. 7 with bipartisan support and a vote 62 to 36. 34 Republicans, including Ted Cruz '92 (R-TX), voted against her appointment, while 46 Democrats voted in favor.

Bertagnolli's appointment was **held up** since President Biden **announced** her nomination in May by Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, the chairman of the Senate health committee. In a **statement** released in October, Sanders wrote Bertagnolli "has not convinced me that she is prepared to take on the greed and power of the drug companies and health care industry and fight for the transformative changes the NIH needs at this critical moment."

Sanders finally **scheduled** a hearing for Bertagnolli after the Department of Health and Human Services **agreed to a contract** with Regeneron to develop a new monoclonal antibody treatment for COVID-19 that stipulates that the list price of the drug must be equal to or lower than the price in other major countries.

Bertagnolli previously served as the 16th director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). A month after becoming the director of NCI Bertagnolli was diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer after a routine mammogram in Boston. She expects to fully recover.

Per the **NIH announcement**, Bertagnolli said, "As a physician-scientist for more than 30 years, I have seen the transformative power of NIH research to produce results that save lives, including my own treatment for breast cancer. As NIH director, I look forward to ensuring that NIH continues to be the steward of our nation's medical research while engaging all people and communities in the research effort that includes informing medical practice that drives equitable access to health care for all."

According to the **NIH announcement**, Bertagnolli's priorities for her role include increasing the diversity of participants in clinical trials and restoring trust in science by making it accessible to all communities. She also hopes to strengthen collaboration between the 27 NIH institutes and centers by emphasizing commonalities across all diseases.



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After her graduation 1981, Bertagnolli, who grew up on a cattle ranch in Wyoming, received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Utah before completing her surgical residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

As a cancer surgeon for more than 35 years, Bertagnolli specializes in treating gastrointestinal cancers and **sarcomas**, which are rare cancers that develop in the bones and soft tissues. Since 2000, she has been a surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Gastrointestinal Cancer Treatment and Sarcoma Centers at Dana-

Farber Cancer Institute, where she became the first female Chief of Surgical Oncology in 2007. She also served as the Richard E. Wilson Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School.

While practicing, Bertagnolli's clinical focus was the treatment of patients with germline APC gene mutations, which cause a condition called Familial Adenomatous Polyposis that [increases the risk for colon and rectal cancers](#).

Bertagnolli has conducted extensive research on tumor biology, including the gene mutation that contributes to gastrointestinal cancer development and how inflammation causes cancer. She was a past president and chair of the Board of Directors of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and served as the President of the Alliance Foundation and Chief Executive Officer of Alliance Foundation Trials LLC, which conducts international cancer clinical trials. She was elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Medicine in 2021.

In October 2022, Bertagnolli became the first female NCI director, where she initiated efforts to expand and modernize cancer clinical trials. Part of her efforts included increasing responsible access and sharing of cancer clinical trial data and promoting the inclusion of rural communities in clinical studies.

While she was director, NCI released the [National Cancer Plan](#) which provides a framework for the government, researchers, and the community to collaborate to prevent cancer, reduce deaths from cancer, and improve quality of life for cancer patients.

"We have so many opportunities before us today — better technology and diagnostics, advanced analytics, new therapeutic approaches, and a drive to overcome health challenges for all people, not just those with ready access to resources," she wrote to the 'Prince.' "I look forward to turning these opportunities into better health and well-being by enabling the outstanding work of the dedicated and talented team at NIH."

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ANALYSIS

University hires consultants to assess upperclass dining and other takeaways from the Dining Pilot report



Street sign of Washington and Prospect's intersection.

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Last fall, the University introduced a [plan](#) to test a “dining pilot” which would allow a select set of upperclass students to take up to five flexible meals each week at any co-op, eating club, dining hall, or on-campus store like Tiger Tea Room and Late Meal.

The University’s [stated goals](#) included addressing inequity and creating “community connectedness and shared experience,” but some students [expressed](#) doubts ahead of time. In a USG survey on the dining pilot conducted in October 2022, 74 percent of respondents reported “mostly negative” views towards the program.

Now, the University has released its [final report](#) and survey data, after the program ran last semester. The Daily Princetonian breaks down the report and analyzes what's next for the program.

Perhaps the biggest takeaway is that while the dining pilot provided data to the University, they are not ready to draw conclusions on changes to upperclass dining based on the results. The report says that the University will work with Huron Consultants to "further assess how housing and dining can best support the wellbeing and changing needs of an expanding and increasingly diverse student body." The study will look at "dining and housing policies and processes."

Most meals were eaten at Late Meal and dining halls

Over a quarter of all dining pilot swipes were used at Late Meal, which the University [expanded](#) the hours of this fall.

Dining halls were also popular, with Choi in Yeh and New College West being the most frequented, followed by RoMa, Whitman, Forbes, and the C JL. A majority of dining pilot meals were taken at one of these five dining halls.

While only 2 percent of meals were taken at eating clubs, Tower, Cap and Gown, and Tiger Inn were the most popular. Colonial did not participate in the dining pilot. Not a single meal was taken at a co-op.

This is consistent with [reporting](#) by the 'Prince' during the pilot, as students expressed enthusiasm for late meal but not for eating at the eating clubs. "Having late meal back is the dopest thing to ever happen to an upperclassman besides graduation," wrote Brandon Gauthier '24 at the time in an email to the 'Prince.'

Eating club members are overwhelmingly satisfied with Princeton's current dining options. Other groups are not.

Of eating club members, 46.4 percent — across both sign-in and selective clubs — expressed extreme satisfaction with dining options. Less than 7 percent of any other group expressed the same level of satisfaction.

This correlates with the fact that the majority of eating club members report "community" as the most important in choosing a dining option. A majority of co-op members and independent students, as well as a plurality of meal plan members, expressed "cost" as the most important factor.



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The University reimbursed co-ops and eating clubs \$10 for every participant that dined at their facilities. It is unclear how the program would be funded if it were to be instituted — namely whether students would opt-in to a flexible meal plan or whether such a plan would be mandatory.

The vast majority of eating club members reported that they were satisfied with dining options. The majority of independent students expressed that they were dissatisfied. This may be because of the [challenges](#) they face buying groceries and participating in meal exchange which allows them to eat with friends at the Eating Club.

Perhaps tracking with this, co-op members and independent students used their dining pilot swipes at higher rates (3.4 per week and 2.8 per week respectively) than their peers in eating clubs (2.1 per week at selective eating clubs and 2.6 per week at sign-in eating clubs).

In the run-up to the dining pilot, a group of student leaders including now-Undergraduate Student Government (USG) President Stephen Daniels '24 proposed a plan which would expand **options** for independent students: allowing the two meals all upperclass students can eat at the dining halls to apply to eating club meal exchange and late meal, and expanding the Pay with Points program in which students have \$150 to spend in town to upperclassmen. The plan did not include opening up meals at eating clubs and co-ops to all students.

The meal plans of dining pilot participants were not reflective of the student body

When the pilot launched last spring, 300 students were randomly selected to participate.

The University divided students into five groups: co-op members, selective eating club members, sign-in eating club members, meal plan holders, and independent students with no dining affiliation. They randomly selected 60 people from each of these groups.

This is not consistent with actual student demographic data — almost 40 percent of upperclass students are in selective eating clubs, while less than 5 percent are in co-ops. In fact, if the dining pilot is launched this fall, the majority of co-op members would be on the dining pilot.

The University has stated that “further analysis should examine the results of this pilot using weighted averages that account for the true demographic distribution of dining options.”

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OPINION

Pride Alliance: Trans Princetonians aren't going anywhere



A sign spray-painted by Jasper Lydon '24 in front of Terrace F. Club

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We — trans Princetonians — aren't going anywhere.

We write this letter during [Transgender Joy Week](#), which spans November 13 to 19 and precedes the [Transgender Day of Remembrance](#), next Monday, November 20. Transgender Day of Remembrance, which began in 1999 as a vigil to honor Rita Hester, a Black trans woman killed in Boston in 1998, honors all those lost to anti-trans violence. That day, each fall, trans Princetonians come together to mourn our trans siblings who lost their lives in the past year. This week, however, we seek to uplift trans and nonbinary people in our community through celebration, education, and advocacy.

The past year has been a particularly challenging one for trans people in Princeton and in the many other states and countries that our community members call home. In 2023, anti-trans activists and provocateurs have engaged in **cruel attacks** on trans people for their own political gain. This includes those coming to Princeton within a week of our solemn memorial, with the goal of provoking a student backlash. Contrary to **evidence-based medical standards of care**, legislators in a number of U.S. states have passed or promoted laws preventing both trans minors and adults from controlling their own bodies. In the week leading up to Transgender Day of Remembrance, we want to take a stand for and celebrate trans joy. Trans people have contributed so much to Princeton, and deserve to be recognized as the valuable community members they are.

The strength of our community in the face of anti-trans hate shows that, despite this hostile environment, we are here to stay. As seen in Princeton's LGBTQIA Oral History project and in The Daily Princetonian's **interviews** with trans alumni from 1960 to 2000, trans people are not new to Princeton's campus. We just finally have the power to speak up.

On campus, current queer and trans students are advocating to address issues affecting them, including calling for **trans-inclusive university housing** and **bathrooms**.

In Princeton's Department of Psychology, the Human Diversity Lab is working on the **TransYouth Project**, the first "large-scale, national, longitudinal study of socially-transitioned transgender children to date."

Princeton alumni have also worked in the service of wider communities. For example, in 2019, artist and organizer **Asanni Armon** '17, who was involved with Princeton's Black Justice League while in college, founded **For the Gworts** — a rent party which has grown into a mutual aid platform for Black trans people in New York.

On an institutional level, the University is taking steps to recognize trans people's accomplishments. Last spring, the University awarded an honorary doctorate to Lynn Conway, professor emerita of electrical engineering and computer science at the University of Michigan and a pioneering computer architect and transgender activist.

The progress made by trans people at Princeton parallels that of trans people at national and state levels. The **National Center for Transgender Equality** and the **Transgender Law Center** have been working tirelessly to protect the rights of transgender Americans against a wave of anti-trans laws. In the town of Princeton, **HiTOPS** and the **Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice** have worked to create opportunities for education and community building. The Princeton Pride Alliance is committed to building bridges between Princeton and these organizations.

As members of the Princeton community, trans safety, joy, and excellence are an important part of our lives. We want Princeton to be a place that shares these values.

This week, **Princeton's Gender and Sexuality Resource Center** (GSRC) is organizing programs to celebrate trans love, joy, and power. We, Princeton's trans undergraduate and graduate students, are also organizing a celebration of trans joy at the GSRC this Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m., with good food, activities, and karaoke for all who would like to attend.



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We are your classmates, friends, preceptors, teachers, and colleagues. We have always been here and are committed to trans futures at Princeton. Come stand with us.

This opinion piece was written by members of The Pride Alliance. The Pride Alliance is an undergraduate student group focused on advocacy and community-building for LGBTQ+ folks at Princeton and beyond. Follow us on Instagram @prideprinceton. Questions about this piece can be directed to Kat Brinkman at kb8522@princeton.edu.

SPORTS

Making history at Princeton and beyond: West Temkin's success at the international stage



Sophomore goalie West Temkin making a key save against Greece during Team USA's first game at the 2023 Water Polo Junior World Championships.

Courtesy of West Temkin

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It was just another day studying for finals at Firestone Library when then first-year goalie West Temkin got a call from the USA Water Polo Men's Junior National Team head coach Jack Kocur.

"You made it. You're on the roster. We're going to Serbia and Romania, are you in?"

Temkin paused for a moment, realizing that all his hard work from the past six months had paid off before responded to Kocur, "F*** yeah."

Kocur told Temkin that he was the second goalie selected and would back up Griffin Price — a first-year redshirt at [Stanford](#) — and represent Team USA at the 2023 Water Polo Junior World Championship. Fast forward 50 days and Temkin has been named the tournament's Best Goalkeeper, helping lead the United States to its first-ever medal at the event.

Surprisingly, water polo was not in Temkin's mind until seventh grade. Due to his height, he enjoyed playing basketball during his younger years. Unfortunately, in sixth grade, Temkin developed Osgood-Schlatter Disease in his knee, a condition that wouldn't allow Temkin to play land sports.

At the time, his good friend Jackson Painter — a current senior on [Stanford](#) water polo — suggested that Temkin start playing water polo. He started playing for his local club team on the "C" team as a field player. Being a goalkeeper had never crossed his mind, but everything changed when one of the main goalies moved up to an older age group.

"They looked for the next tallest guy in the pool and that was me," Temkin told The Daily Princetonian in an interview. "That day, I became the team's starting goalie without any experience playing goalie. I worked super hard for the first few years to really understand how to play goalie."

In August 2018, Temkin started as a freshman at Campolindo High School in Moraga, California. He fully expected to play on the junior varsity team, but was chosen to be the backup goalie on the varsity team. His hard work would pay off once more when he earned the starting spot halfway through the first season.

"We had probably the best team in the nation my freshman year at Campo [Campolindo], and growing up around that talent just made me so much better," Temkin said. "The group of guys were so special."

During his freshman year, the team won the CIF-North Coast Section (NCS) [championships](#) by double digits. Unfortunately for Temkin, the state championships that year, scheduled in Northern California, were [canceled](#) due to bad air quality. At Campolindo, Temkin was surrounded by talent throughout the roster and coached by Miles Price and Anton Sapozhnikov.

"Miles and Anton were just extremely good coaches and always held us to a really high standard, pushing me to be better," Temkin added. "My teammates served as good role models for me wanting to go play in college and just through my career at Campo. I was able to grow as a player through great coaching and just being surrounded by talent."

At the end of his freshman year, Temkin became the first high school water polo player ever to receive an All-American [nomination](#) as a freshman.



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West Temkin in goal as a freshman at Campolindo High School

Courtesy of West Temkin

The Campolindo roster Temkin's freshman year featured over 10 future Division I water polo players. This included the likes of utility Giorgio Alessandria (UCLA '24), Beck Jurasius (Stanford '23), Soren Jensen (Stanford '24), Marcus Longton (USC '23), and Jack Larsen (UCLA '24).

After participating in USA water polo's Olympic Development Program (ODP), he was selected for the Youth National Team following his impressive first season. Temkin was the only rising sophomore playing with a team that consisted of all rising juniors and seniors. The team **won** the UANA Youth Pan American Championships in Trinidad and Tobago.

He earned two more All-American honors throughout his high school career, winning two NCS championships. His junior year being canceled prevented him from being the first player to get All-Americans all four years. His best memory at Campolindo was beating Miramonte in the NCS championship game his sophomore year, after losing to them twice before earlier in the season.

Throughout high school, Temkin made it a priority to keep his grades up and keep his options open. Despite being recruited by the University of California-Berkeley — the defending national champions at the time — Temkin ultimately chose the Tigers.

"What it boiled down to was, am I going to play water polo for the rest of my life," Temkin told the 'Prince.' "Or am I going to go to a school where I can meet amazing people and have a fantastic career. I'm 100 percent confident that guys [who] go to Cal [Berkeley] and UCLA and all these UC'S do that as well. But I think Princeton just sets you up for a way better 40 years after college."

Last season, Temkin and the Tigers won a program record 27 games and earned a bid to the NCAA tournament. Temkin had a 14-2 record in goal for Princeton, making 154 saves — including 10 against Fordham in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

He appreciates the fact that while being on the East Coast, he and his teammates still have the opportunity to play the top teams in the nation in California.

According to Temkin, “Dusty [Men’s water polo head coach Dustin Litvak] makes it such a priority for us to travel to California … We’re still competing with them, we just went to California and played an extremely close game with UCLA and Pepperdine — closer than most people have played UCLA.”

“I think it’s extremely impressive what we’re able to do being this far away. And I think adjusting to that has been a lot easier than people assume coming in,” he continued.

In mid-October, the men’s team traveled to [California](#) to play seven games in a week, including the [No.1](#) ranked UCLA Bruins, who they lost to by just two goals. For reference, the Bruins have played the Berkeley Cal Golden Bears three times this season, going 3–0 and beating the defending national champions by an average of three goals.

Temkin explained how the team embraced being from the East Coast even though many of the players have Californian roots. Last season, the team adopted the title: Garden State Warriors.

“A lot of the guys from the team are from the Bay Area, home to the Golden State Warriors. One day, we realized we’re in the Garden State,” Temkin said.

“It’s always a surprise to people that we’re able to do so much from New Jersey in a water polo aspect. Who would have ever thought that a team from New Jersey would be ranked [sixth](#) [in the country]. We’re the only collegiate water polo team in the entire state. Being able to do so much here … it’s our state and we’re defending it.”

Throughout his career, Temkin has been surrounded by other stellar players. Last season as a first-year, he split time in goal with Antonio [Knez](#), who is currently at Pepperdine University using his final year of NCAA eligibility. This season, Temkin is again splitting games with Kristóf Kovács — a first-year from Hungary.

On the USA junior team, Temkin and Price went head to head for the starting spot. “Competition is amazing, but it’s also extremely hard,” Temkin said.

“What makes it so unique is my connections with Knez last year, Kovacs this year, and Price, we’re all extremely close and good friends, so the competition is friendly. But … there’s always that aspect of well, one person is going to play. So it always makes me work even harder,” he continued.

His junior national team experience started in January 2023, following the conclusion of his first season with the Tigers. A rigorous training camp began with 60 of the best American water polo athletes under 20 years of age. There were eight goalies at the training camp fighting for two spots, and Temkin was determined to be selected for the team.

“I actually hurt my knee and wasn’t able to play for half of the first training camp,” Temkin told the ‘Prince’.

“I came back [to Princeton] and was like, I need to get healthy. I did a ton of physical therapy. On top of the extra work I was doing in the pool, I would go to the women’s practices on top of our [men’s team] practices, and then also spent hours doing stretches and PT [physical therapy] in the training room.”

Every month after the initial training camp, Temkin would leave Princeton to fly to California, just to be back on campus for 72 hours, training and playing scrimmages for the entire weekend. Each month, more players would be cut with the final roster eventually consisting of two goalies and 13 field players.

The final training camp was in late April, during the weekend of Princeton's lawnparties. "I've still never been to a **lawnparties**," Temkin said, laughing.

During that weekend, there were three goalies left: Temkin, Price, and Bernardo Herzer (a redshirt first-year at USC). Ten days after returning to Princeton, Temkin would get the call from Kocur while studying for finals.

The 15 athletes trained before heading to Europe at the USC for three days. Temkin was told that Price would not be there for the first two days, leaving him as the sole goalie.

"I was told that I'd be the only goalie there for the first two days so I was like, I have some time to showcase myself. I can really, like, show my potential," Temkin said.

He added, "I played extremely well and was off to a great start. I told myself, look, you're the second goalie. There's no pressure right now to like, beat him out. I don't know if these coaches have their minds made up, but I'm just gonna play like I play."

Prior to the tournament starting in Romania, the team headed to Serbia to train for a week and played a warm up tournament without any implications to prepare for Junior Worlds. Price would start the first exhibition game against Hungary, but Temkin would get the nod for the next three games.

"He puts me in Serbia and then puts me in Montenegro and then the Croatia game, and we win Montenegro, and we win Croatia, and you start winning these games that I'm playing, and I'm like, wow," he said.

Prior to the tournament, Temkin suffered from a quad cramp and was in severe pain. "I could hardly walk. I spent like two hours a day getting this like, worked on by the trainer, I could just barely make it through these games. But, I wasn't telling anybody, I was just hanging on by a thread," Temkin said.

Everything changed when the team got to Romania. Before the first group game against Greece on June 11, Temkin was told by the coaching staff to meet them in the lobby.

"You're on man. You proved this past week that you can do it ... We had a stat coach there also just strictly took stats for us. He just said, 'We looked at all the stats ... like it's conclusive that you have to be the guy playing,'" his coaches told him in the lobby, according to Temkin.

Temkin said he knew that his performances would have to back up the decision made by the coaching staff.

"I was excitedly nervous, nothing has started yet. The pre-tournament meant nothing." The team played at an Olympic level pool, with box seats for select fans.

He added, "In the past, I wasn't super proud of how I've played internationally. And I wanted this to be the big change. I wanted to feel good about how I played, so I didn't let myself get super worked up. But it felt amazing."

Once the tournament started, Temkin took advantage of the opportunity. He made eight saves against Greece in the opening game en route to a 13–10 win for Team USA. He continued to impress throughout the tournament, and never lost his starting spot.

Against Montenegro in the quarterfinals — a game in which many expected Team USA to be knocked out — Temkin had one of his best games, recording 12 saves and putting Team USA in the semifinals. After losing in the semifinals to Hungary, the team had a rematch with Greece. This time, for a chance at a medal.

Temkin let in just six goals, garnering 12 saves en route to a dominant 11–6 win. The win marked the first time Team USA medaled at a junior world championships tournament.



Temkin poses with his bronze medal, the third place trophy, and his best goal keeper award at the 2023 Water Polo Junior World Championships award ceremony.

Courtesy of West Temkin

"I think that might have been one of my best games, I didn't really have any errors. And as a whole, like, our group played so extremely well. I give a lot of credit to my teammates and the effort they put in. None of this would've been possible without their support," Temkin said.

Temkin added, "I remember waiting next to Serbia and Hungary, two of the best countries historically. After them, it is usually Montenegro, Italy, Spain, but it was us, the US."

Someone went up to Temkin, telling him he was being presented with the best goalkeeper award. Temkin was unsure whether or not to call his mom, but chose to have her be surprised during the ceremony. Temkin's parents went to Romania to support him despite being unsure if he was going to be playing at all.

"I come from around the corner. I can see my mom and everyone is so surprised," Temkin told the 'Prince.'

"I went to go hug my mom later and she was crying," Temkin said. "The support that they've [his parents] given me throughout the years and my sisters, my family has just been, like, my number one fans."

At Princeton, Temkin is planning to major in the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA). He is unsure whether or not he will continue his water polo career after Princeton, but wants to stay connected to the sport he has come to love.

"It really just depends on what the senior national team needs, like what the goalie situation is," Temkin said.

"I would love to play with them for a few years. I would also love to go play in Europe for two, three years. I do want to keep playing water polo for the rest of my life, whether that be with an Olympic club, or coaching," he continued.

The Tigers are in the midst of yet another historic season. With a record of 25–5, the Tigers are just two wins away from a third consecutive NCAA berth.

"You can always think that you're the underdog and try to embody that underdog mentality. But we're not the underdog anymore," Temkin said.

He said, "We've shown time and time again that we have the talent to compete with these teams. I'm fully confident in our group of guys that we can win a national championship."

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THE PROSPECT

Birthday candles in the Thanksgiving turkey: Three reasons why I love my Thanksgiving birthday



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Holiday birthdays may initially seem like a disadvantage, especially for those whose birthdays fall in December and who may be handed a card that joyously says, "Merry Birthday!" However, I feel especially lucky (and thankful, of course) to have a birthday near Thanksgiving.

Although Thanksgiving historically falls on the fourth Thursday of November, my birthday falls anywhere from the fourth Wednesday to the fourth Saturday. So my family always clumps the birthday celebration into the Thanksgiving festivities.

Here is a banquet of reasons as to why I love my Thanksgiving birthday.

Reason 1: It is a feast (with presents)

Many people celebrating their birthday are faced with quite the dilemma: what do you want to eat on your birthday? Thankfully, this decision has already been made for me.

Each year, I enjoy a table adorned with glazed turkey, homemade mashed potatoes, stuffing, a variety of casseroles, cranberries, buttered buns, and vegetables. My personal favorites are the stuffing and potatoes, which warm my soul. After the main course, there are pies galore, fruit bars, caramel with apples, and even more pies.

As if I wasn't full enough, there's always room for dessert, specifically birthday cake! My favorite of which is a marble cake with vanilla icing. After the feast, I only feel slightly sick, which is usually mitigated by opening presents.

Reason 2: All the other festivities — all for me, of course!

In my adolescence, I admit to being a little closed-minded about how my birthday and Thanksgiving coincided. I remember naively saying, "Thanks for coming to my birthday!" as relatives streamed into the dining room to grab a plate.

One of my favorite Thanksgiving festivities is the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. I hail from rural Wisconsin, so it does not take much to amuse me. Watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, I was outright in awe of the grand spectacle. I distinctly remember gloating to my little sister; "Do they have a parade on your birthday, too?" She would roll her eyes, yet mine would remain glued to the television as I watched skyscraper-sized balloons of Barney, Shrek, and Hello Kitty glide across the screen. The parade remains one of my all-time favorite Thanksgiving traditions, and it truly is a birthday treat to watch the dancers, bands, and other performers put on a spectacular show each year in celebration of giving thanks. It is, of course, also some quality birthday entertainment.

Reason 3: The aftermath

After most of the food has been eaten, the football games have been watched, and the relatives have left, there is a particular moment of tranquility that is quintessential to each one of my Thanksgiving birthdays.



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My family and I pack up the leftovers, clean up the house, and cozily settle on the couch in front of the fireplace. Usually, we accompany this downtime with a cliché holiday movie. A few hours later, the leftovers are quickly broken into and the feast has begun again, only this time with less stress about getting food on the table for everyone, allowing for more time to be spent with family.

Thoughts of putting up the Christmas tree loom overhead — which are usually never acted upon due to the essential Thanksgiving nap. With the Wisconsin winter, snow usually swirls across the sky, giving a glimpse of the rest of the holiday season. The fireplace simmers down — and so does the chaos of the day — and all is well. There is an indescribable peace in these Thanksgiving birthday evenings, and these moments of serenity remain to be the most fulfilling part of these coinciding celebrations.

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THE PROSPECT

Martin Scorsese's 'Killers of the Flower Moon:' The Osage, oil, and the Reign of Terror



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In a solemn gathering, the Osage people bury a ceremonial pipe and declare that their children will now speak the white man's language and be raised in the white man's culture. Shortly afterward, the Osage are seen celebrating as oil gushes from the ground. As filmmaker Martin Scorsese foreshadows, this black gold, which according to the film made the Osage the richest people per capita in the world, also brought the attention of those who sought to exploit them by whatever means possible. "Do you see the wolves in this picture?" asks Ernest Burkhart (Leonardo DiCaprio), reading aloud from a children's picture book on the Osage people. As the film cuts to a scene of Ernest and his brother robbing and looting the Osage people, it is clear who these wolves are.

In "Killers of the Flower Moon," Scorsese's latest film, the audience follows Ernest and his uncle William "King" Hale (Robert De Niro), who plots to have Ernest marry a wealthy Osage woman, Mollie Kyle (Lily Gladstone) and murder her relatives to inherit her headrights to the oil reserves located in Osage territory. Based on the real story of W. K. Hale, covered in a 2017 David Grann book of the same name, Scorsese paints a damning image of the historical treatment of the Osage people by their white "guardians," who controlled their finances and orchestrated the Reign of Terror from 1910 to 1930, killing an estimated 60 Osage people for their headrights. While most of these murders went uninvestigated, the deaths of Mollie's sisters, mother, and other relatives prompted an investigation from the FBI. Whereas the story of the Osage murders could have turned

into a typical Western, Scorsese experiments with genre norms by framing the entire narrative around the romance and marriage of Ernest and Mollie and interspersing scenes of familial life with depictions of Ernest and Hale's heinous acts.

Mollie's doomed marriage to Ernest is what elevates "Killers of the Flower Moon" to the next level. Starting off as her taxi driver and eventually marrying her, Ernest seems to care, to some extent, about his wife but simultaneously assists his uncle and brother in killing her relatives. DiCaprio masterfully portrays this character as cowardly, gullible, and greedy. His performance leaves audiences wondering how Ernest could possibly claim to love Mollie while committing such despicable deeds. Throughout the movie, audiences know that the main mastermind is Hale, and De Niro's interpretation of this double-faced man, who claims to be the benefactor of the very people he kills, is what defines the tense relationship between Ernest and Hale — pawn and manipulator.

The standout performance in this film, however, is by Gladstone, whose character Mollie has to watch her family die one by one while unknowingly being poisoned by her husband under the guise of insulin injections for diabetes. "Killers of the Flower Moon," despite being narrated from Ernest's perspective, is ultimately a story about Mollie and the Osage people. Gladstone pulls us into the tragedy of this story. Mollie's pained cry at realizing her last remaining sister's house has been blown up, her reaction to Ernest's confession to murdering her family, and her pleas to the President to help the Osage — Gladstone's performance is what grounds the Reign of Terror in reality and displays how brutally agency was stolen from the Osage people.

Scorsese's cinematography allows the plot to progress efficiently and seamlessly. The movie opens with a TV report of newfound oil on Osage land and Ernest arriving home from World War I, then transitions to scenes exemplifying the Osage people's wealth without skipping a beat. Scenes with Ernest, his brother Byron, and other moonshiners and criminals are dark and grainy, whereas the reunions and meetings within the Osage are characterized by the bright colors of their clothing and jewelry. One of the most striking scenes is the death of Mollie's mother Lizzie from "wasting disease," (in reality, poison) where she shuts her eyes and opens them to see her ancestors beckoning her to accompany them into a lush green environment — perhaps one of the only truly hopeful scenes in the movie. Across its long three-and-a-half-hour runtime, "Killers of the Flower Moon" has no scenes that lag or bore the audience, and for me, those three-and-a-half hours went by fast.

In addressing this important historical event, Scorsese and his team worked to ensure that Osage representation was accurate by involving community members in costume design, character styling, sets, and music. To quote Scorsese, "Every possible aspect with every scene with the Osage had to be dealt with people from the Osage Nation." This was echoed by the Osage Nation's Principal Chief. Some critics believe that the film lacked enough screen time and contribution from the Native actors, and it certainly could have elaborated more on the laws that permitted the exploitation of the Osage and centered Mollie's character more in the film. But as it stands, "Killers of the Flower Moon" is a powerful and tragic depiction of a particularly brutal period of American history.

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Being thankful without the people I'm thankful for



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For some people, Thanksgiving is the forgotten middle child of the holidays. Halloween has months of anticipation: watching scary movies, planning a costume, and decorating the front steps. Christmas takes plenty of planning: buying gifts, decorating the house, planning Christmas parties. Thanksgiving is left in the middle as the holiday that people use as an excuse to eat a ridiculous amount of food without being judged.

I've always loved Thanksgiving. While my mamaw and aunt would run around the kitchen, I would try to find something to help with before eventually deciding to sit in the living room and chase the kids around instead. My papaw, dad, and uncle would be talking about sports or politics or anything else I didn't particularly care to listen to. My family was together, but Thanksgiving wasn't a very special occasion because of this — my family

has always been close. It wasn't uncommon for all of us, grandparents, aunts, and cousins included, to have dinner together. However, Thanksgiving was the day that we reflected on that closeness, on the connection and care we have for one another.

Last year, I didn't think that missing Thanksgiving would be as hard as it was. My family all called me and wished me a happy Thanksgiving, which I reciprocated. I talked to different members of my family throughout the day, but everyone always had to get back to their own holiday gathering. My mamaw could talk for a minute, then had to get back to preparing the food. My aunt could talk for five minutes, but she had to get the kids ready to head to my mamaw's. While they did include me, I couldn't help feeling alone. It was the holiday that was meant to bring family together, and I was stuck 500 miles away in a despondent dorm room.

I would usually rely on my boyfriend for comfort, but he was also at home with his family. One of the perks of going to school 100 miles from home is that you can go back more or less whenever you want to, so of course he was home for Thanksgiving. Yet, I was still in my dorm. I would like to say I was able to go out with my friends so that at least I had a meal with someone, but that would be a lie. In all honesty, I spent the day missing my family and wishing I could be home with them. I decided to work on a paper for a class I don't remember now, and that was my holiday.

This year I will be in the same boat as I was in last year, except I will be stuck in an even sadder dorm (thanks, Forbes Annex). But I've realized that there's no point in being disconsolate about not going home. Of course, I wish I could be with my family. I hate missing events: holidays, birthdays, or whatever. I always want to be home, but that's not how life works. I'm just as capable of appreciating, loving, and being thankful for my family while at Princeton as I am when I'm sitting at the table with them. In fact, I think being away from them physically makes me appreciate them more. When I'm away, I see how much it means to be able to chase my little sister around the kitchen or help my mamaw prepare the food. I hate being away for Thanksgiving, but it doesn't change how thankful I am for my family.

So, there's no point in sitting alone in my dorm this year. Going for a walk, finding something good to eat (though nothing can compare to a home-cooked meal), or spending the day with a friend are all things I can do to celebrate the holiday this November. Sure, it's in a different form from what it had been, but the meaning remains the same. I still have the people I love, and no distance can change that.

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6G Wireless: A new method to reduce food waste w/ Atsutse Kludze GS



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HUMOR

Honor Committee to pardon one violator for Thanksgiving



The sky above East Pyne Hall.

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Taking inspiration from the presidential turkey pardoning that occurs yearly on Thanksgiving, the Honor Committee has announced they will also be pardoning one student accused of violating the Honor Code.

“As we give thanks this fall, we should also forgive,” said Chair of the Honor Committee Ross Ponsabiliti ’24.
“In that spirit of forgiveness, we’re offering a second chance at a legitimate academic career to one lucky offender.”

Those eligible to be pardoned will include students reported for working together on group projects, exam-takers who misspelled the Honor Pledge, and confused first-years in COS126 who probably did nothing wrong.

The pardoned student will be selected based on a number of personal hygiene criteria. This will include observing the personality of their body odor and checking how thoroughly they brush their tongue.

"If I had known that we'd be pardoning someone, I would have made sure we convicted more students," said Sophomore Class President Lee Derr '26, appointed to a one-year term on the Committee. "There were at least 10 kids whose note sheets had suspiciously small handwriting on the ORF245 midterm."

"I know I deserved to get Honor Coded for forgetting to thank my writing sem professor on my R2 acknowledgments page, but I have my fingers crossed that the righteous and benevolent committee will give me a second chance," said Dee Seever '27, who nervously asked if any of us were on the Honor Committee. "I'm excited for the Princeton community to witness the generosity [of the Honor Committee] at the pardoning ceremony."

The pardoning ceremony will be held over Zoom at sunset on Thanksgiving evening so the candidates and their families can spend their valuable vacation time worrying about the fate of their academic careers in the company of their loved ones.

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