

## ■ footnotes: what does yale have to do with cambodia?

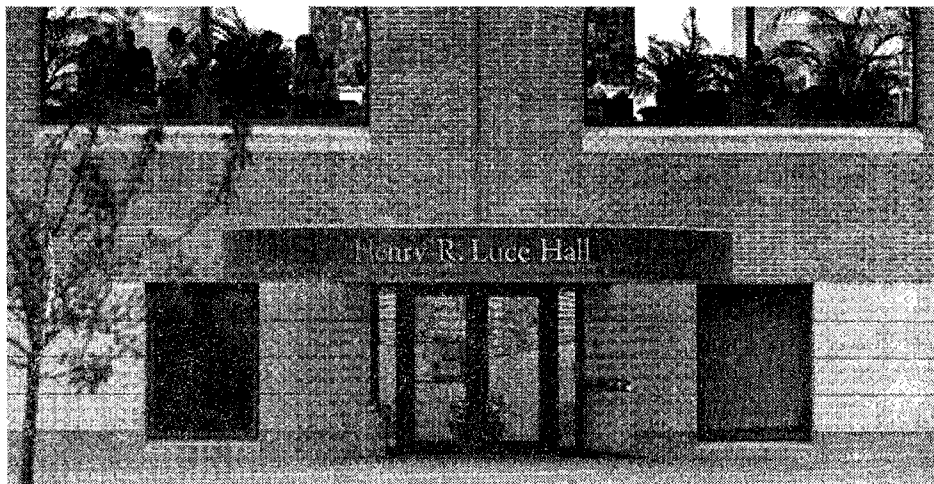
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For those of us who aren't Political Science majors, it can be hard to stay informed about current events in between classes, activities, parties, and those other marginally important things—like, you know, eating and sleeping.

So these days, with the economic crisis and the election dominating the news cycle, who has time to read about the Cambodian genocide?

It's easier than you think. Yale's Genocide Studies Program offers a great online resource for learning about the history of the Khmer Rouge regime as well as the current news about bringing those responsible to justice. But the website goes beyond giving you a comprehensive background: With a few carefully-chosen clicks, you can immerse yourself and realize a deeper understanding of the conflict and the region.

Go to [www.yale.edu/cgp](http://www.yale.edu/cgp) and click on "photographs" on the sidebar to view



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some of the most gripping evidence of the regime's brutality, including more than 10,000 photographs of prisoners who were ruthlessly tortured and exterminated.

The sidebar's "Maps of Cambodia" leads you to a variety of links to maps of the region that detail the location of prison and

mass grave sites and include satellite images. The site also provides information about the United States' involvement in Cambodia in the '70s—check out the declassified transcripts of telephone conversations between former U.S. officials, including Nixon and Kissinger, parts of which sound as though

they could have been taken straight out of a movie script.

The Genocide Studies Program, founded four years after the Cambodian Genocide Project in 1998, also offers resources on other major genocides in history at [www.yale.edu/gsp](http://www.yale.edu/gsp). Some of the names will be familiar—such as the Sudanese and Rwandan genocides and the Holocaust—but others, some of which are still current concerns, may be surprising. "Amazon Region" has some of the most chilling resources: Click on the prompt on the left sidebar and select the first link on the page to view a shocking video of an attack on an Indian village in Brazil in June of this year.

We all know it's easy for you to cut yourself off from the outside world during your time in college. But the next time you find yourself puttering online, try to quell the urge to stalk your cute lab partner on Facebook and instead explore the often-frightening world outside our little bubble.