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I have had three different relationships to Yale. When I was an undergraduate, New Haven barely existed beyond Chapel Street and the Green. When I returned from Boston University Medical School to a Yale psychiatric residency, my life was on the other side of the Oak Street Connector, where the

medical school provided a much more expanded view of New Haven life.

After I left the full-time faculty for a private practice of psychiatry, specializing in eating disorders, I began to feel more like a resident of New Haven. I live in a turn-of-thc century house only three blocks from the Divinity School with my wife Karen, a clinical social worker, and my two sons, Ari and Nathaniel, who are eight and four respectively. Now I see Yale from the perspective of children, neighborhood, schools and friendships. At times I have “townie” feelings and wonder why Yale is not doing more for New Haven, a town that badly needs the leadership and knowledge that Yale could offer.

As a Yalie, I have hopes that Rick Levin, our new president and a longtime resident of New Haven, will find a way to bring the two closer together to solve the pressing problems that both have in common.