

UC Out-Of-State Acceptance Rate Increases

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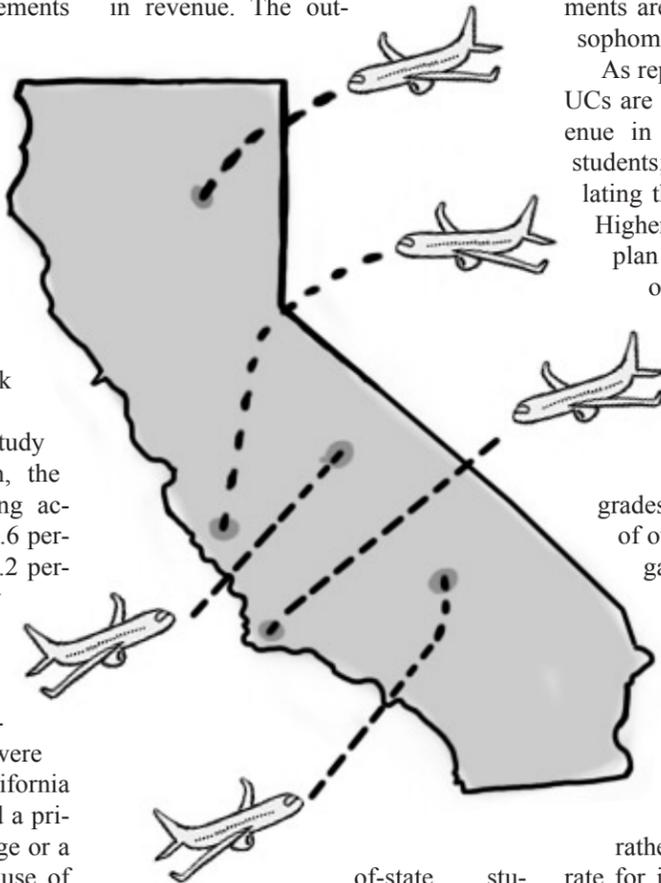
Lately, Californians have been facing an additional obstacle other than meeting the academic requirements when applying to universities in their home state. The University of California (UC) system has recently been accepting more out-of-state applicants.

“The fact that UCs are accepting more out-of-state students makes me feel like I have less of a chance of getting in. It makes me rethink [whether] I want to apply,” senior Mark Yue said.

According to a demographic study conducted by the Daily Bruin, the percentage of Californians being accepted by all of the UCs was 71.6 percent in 2010 and dropped to 61.2 percent in 2014. In addition, only 16 percent of Californians who applied were accepted into UCLA, while 26 percent of out-of-state students and 17 percent of international students were accepted. Some students in California are restricted to choose to attend a private college, a community college or a less-selective state college because of how selective the UCs are being when accepting their applicants.

Moreover, as stated in the Merced Sun Star, the UC system has been more dependent on the tuition fees of students rather than the taxes generated by the state due to budget cuts. According to the LA Times, about one-fifth of

the UC freshmen will consist of out-of-state students this fall, with each of them being required to pay an extra tuition fee of \$23,000, providing the UCs with an additional \$400 million in revenue. The out-



of-state students have to pay the additional fee for the California state taxes that they have never paid for prior to attending the UC. According to the Southern California Public Radio, the additional revenue that out of state students pay makes up about six percent of the core educational budget that the UC

system requires to maintain classes and provide financial aid to their students.

“I’m surprised that colleges are accepting more out-of-state students, but then again our financial aid and supplements are being paid off by the fees,” sophomore Christina Tran said.

As reported by the Huffington Post, UCs are generating the additional revenue in order to support California students; however, the UCs are violating the California Master Plan for Higher Education by doing so. The plan promises to give access to all of the state’s residents to some form of higher education, whether it would be community colleges, UCs or privates. By lowering the acceptance rate of Californians with equal or higher grades and qualifications than that of out-of-state students in order to gain additional funds to support themselves, the UC’s could be seen as not complying with the Master Plan.

“I believe that UCs are in the wrong, because we are the residents of their state, yet they aren’t providing us with [an] education, but rather [limiting] our acceptance rate for increased tuition fees,” junior Simon Voong said.

The UCs’ enrollment rate for future years is uncertain because of the actions they are currently taking to select their prospective students and their need to accept Californians.

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AAP Encourages Later School Starting Time

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As teenagers undergo puberty, their sleep cycle shifts up to two hours back, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), meaning that adolescents naturally sleep and wake up later than adults do. With this in mind, the AAP proposed that middle and high schools start class at 8:30 a.m. or later so that students would be able to get between 8.5 and 9.5 hours of sleep.

“The research is clear that adolescents who get enough sleep have a reduced risk of being overweight or suffering depression, are less likely to be involved in automobile accidents, and have better grades, higher standardized test scores and an overall better quality of life,” pediatrician Judith Owens said, according to the AAP.

At the moment, 15 percent of high schools in the nation start at 8:30 or later, according to NPR. The reason many have not yet followed suit is because the shift in scheduling would disrupt several other aspects of life, including parent and teacher schedules and various after school activities, or would be difficult to implement.

“Teenagers often procrastinate on things and stay up later than they should,” senior Alex Rinard said. “I would support a schedule change so that we could have a partial solution to that problem.”

However, not all agree that the change would be effective.

“People will just sleep later and wake later instead of sleeping longer,” school nurse Anita Man said. “Teenagers need to build up self-discipline to go to sleep earlier.”

BAND SPOTLIGHTS

What are some changes in band this year?

Elizabeth Juarez: The biggest change for the band this year is we changed our marching style to a bent leg technique, which has been particularly difficult for the older members who have only done the old [method], which is a straight leg technique, their entire high school career. We also have a lot more color guard than we’ve had in recent years, which I think is amazing.

Do you plan for any changes to band this year?

Elton Moc: I’m hoping to keep most of the traditions we already have currently in band, but I am looking to help improve our musicality and making this year exciting for not only for the band, but also for the school, the football team and our supporting audience at the football games, and for the people who come to the competitions we will attend.

How is practice for homecoming coming along?

Elton: I can’t spoil much about our plans for Homecoming, but I can tell you that we’re putting in a lot of work for this year’s “spooky” sur-

prise!

How does it feel to be drum major this year?

Elton: Being the drum major this year is a huge honor. Assisting Mr. Trulson [and] directing the band [are experiences] I won’t forget this year, and it feels great to finally be able to show the band what I can do for them, since they have done so much for me.

How does it feel to be the assistant drum major this year?

Elizabeth: Being assistant drum major is definitely a lot of responsibility however I feel that I am gaining a lot of leadership skills and I am enjoying the experience.

How has being in band affected your life?

Elizabeth: Band has made me realize that I’m able to do more than I had ever believed myself to be capable of before. I can go to ten-hour practices in the hot sun; I can get up at 5:30 a.m. for a competition and still survive. Band has also given me a great group of friends I never would have found if I hadn’t

joined. Band is an amazing group of people and I love them like a second family.

How do you think this year will go for band?

Elton: This year, I feel like band will be more efficient and exciting. From new techniques to more opportunities to perform, I feel like we will be able to accomplish a lot due to our passion to work our hardest, and our many opportunities to show everyone what we’re capable of. Overall, I am to work as hard as possible to make this year for the Mighty Moors Marching Band as great as possible. I am proud and honored to represent them as this year’s Drum Major, and we will make this year as exciting as possible for all the events we will perform at.

Elizabeth: Competition wise, I’m honestly not sure where we are going to stand; we are entering a new competition circuit this year, moving from Western Band Association to Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association, that most of us [have] never been in before, but hopefully we’ll do well. If we continue to work hard and keep our spirits up, then we should be successful.

