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Regular admit rate falls below 3 percent

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On Thursday evening, 1,431 applicants to Yale College were greeted by a screen of singing bulldogs and the Yale fight song.

In total, 47,779 prospective students applied in the regular decision cycle. The total pool for regular decision included an additional 1,285 deferred students, or 18 percent of the 7,140 early applicants. The News calculated that the regular decision acceptance rate, when accounting for deferred students in the pool, was about 2.9 percent — a decrease from last year's regular decision acceptance rate of 3.65 percent.

The regular-decision admits join 779 students who were accepted in December through Yale's early action program, as well as 118 students who were admitted through QuestBridge, a nonprofit organization that helps lower-income students apply to selective colleges. An additional 37 students who deferred their admission from previous years will also join the class.

In total, 2,328 students were admitted to the class of 2030 out of a pool of 54,919 applicants across early, regular and Questbridge admissions. The overall acceptance rate was 4.2 percent, a decrease from last year's 4.59 percent rate. According to a Yale press release, this year's applicant pool was the second largest in Yale's history, second only to the class of 2028.

Mark Dunn '07, the undergraduate admissions office's director for outreach and recruitment, wrote in an email to the News that students admitted through QuestBridge are

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Acting police chief tapped to stay on

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Mayor Justin Elicker has nominated the acting police chief, David Zannelli, to be New Haven's next permanent police chief.

Zannelli, formerly the assistant chief of police, was named acting chief by Elicker in January following the abrupt departure of former chief Karl Jacobson following his alleged admission to stealing funds from the city's confidential informants program. Zannelli's appointment to the permanent chief role, which Elicker announced at a press conference at City Hall on Wednesday afternoon, is subject to confirmation by the Board of Alders.

"David Zannelli has stepped up to lead the police department through a period of great progress and reduced crime and a period of real challenge during an unexpected leadership change," Elicker said.

Elicker expressed his admiration for Zannelli's integrity as well as his strong commitment to the New Haven community.

Zannelli stood out especially to Elicker because he was one of the officers who chose to confront Jacobson for allegedly embezzling funds from the

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Report shows dip in Jewish students

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The proportion of Yale College students who identified themselves as Jewish has decreased from about 16 percent on average in the 2010s to 9 percent in 2024, the most recent year with publicly available data, according to the Chaplain's Office and a new report from a Jewish alumni group at Harvard.

The report found that the share of Jewish students has fallen at Harvard and Yale. The report does not make a conclusion about the reasons for the decline, Adrian Ashkenazy, the president of the Harvard Jewish Alumni Alliance and a co-author of the report, told the News. When asked about the findings, University officials and campus Jewish leaders alike praised the state of Yale's Jewish community.

Between 2010 and 2020, 16.42 percent of Yale College first years indicated that they were Jewish, according to data from the Chaplain's Office. In 2024, 9.5 percent reported that they were Jewish.

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Trump's Fed target visits Yale

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Lisa Cook, a governor of the Federal Reserve Board whom President Donald Trump attempted to remove last August, gave a talk Thursday at the Yale School of Management on her work in financial stability.

Cook, who is the first Black woman to serve as a Federal Reserve governor, sued Trump after the president said he would fire her on the basis of mortgage fraud allegations. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case in January.

Yale's Program on Financial Stability invited Cook to speak at the School of Management. The program's director, finance and

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Ex-coach bashed Chun in reported note

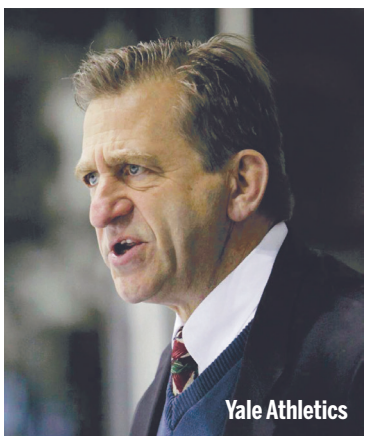
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Retired Yale men's hockey coach Keith Allain '80 criticized Athletic Director Vicky Chun's leadership in a letter to University President Maurie McInnis, Fox News reported Monday evening.

In the letter — sent in October, two months after announcing his retirement — Allain described Chun as "the absolute worst leader" he had encountered and alleged that she fostered a culture that discouraged dissent within the athletic department, according to Fox News.

The Yale Daily News has not reviewed the letter, which the Fox News article said Allain had confirmed as authentic. Neither Allain nor McInnis responded to the News' requests for comment. Chun did not respond to the News' emailed request for comment about the accusations raised in the letter quoted by Fox News.

The revelation of Allain's letter came at an important time, with Chun's contract up for renewal this year. Former University President Peter Salovey named Chun the Thomas A. Beckett director of athletics in 2018 and later extended her contract in 2021 until June 2026.


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Allain, who was the starting goalie for the men's hockey team from 1976 to 1980 and recorded 2,337 career saves, became head coach of the squad in 2006. During his 19 years at the helm, the Bulldogs made six appearances in the NCAA Division I men's ice hockey tournament, including a 2013 national title. He also led the team to seven Ivy League championships. Allain announced his retirement last August.

As both a former player and coach at Yale, Allain reportedly wrote that he felt "compelled" to share his thoughts about Chun's leadership as the University decided whether to renew her contract. He wrote that he was sending the letter "at the urging of several head coaches in our Athletic Department," Fox News reported.

Allain described Chun as "dishonest, self centered and inacces-

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Planned move irks dispatchers

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Yale Public Safety plans to relocate the University's police dispatchers from the Yale Police Department's headquarters to the new Public Safety Operations Center in Science Park.

The announcement of the change left dispatchers "heartbroken," Mike Hall, the president of the Yale Police union, said.

Dispatchers — who answer emergency calls and monitor campus alarm systems — have worked alongside police officers in the Yale Police Department since the Rose Center on Ashmun Street opened in 2006, according to Hall.

The dispatchers learned of the move after Duane Lovello, Yale's head of public safety, posted an announcement to the Yale Public Safety website on Feb. 19. The announcement said that "preliminary discussions" about relocating dispatchers to the new facility were underway.

"No one knew this was even a possibility," Hall said in a phone interview.

About six months ago, Yale Public Safety removed dispatchers' campus camera monitoring system from the Rose Center without explaining why, Hall said. Then, in February, dispatchers heard that the whole dispatch unit would be leaving the police department, he said.

Hall said neither the Yale Police Benevolent Association nor dispatchers were consulted before Lovello posted the announcement online.

"Employees will be engaged as part of the process. During and after the future relocation, there will be no noticeable change to members of our community who seek our services," Lovello wrote in an email statement to the News.

According to the announcement, the consulting firm 21CP Solutions recommended the

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Michael Gormany, who in April will return to the role of New Haven controller, is looking for permission to keep living outside of New Haven.

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