

College costs continue to rise despite cuts

BOSTON — The cost of higher education continues to outpace income, inflation and financial aid this fall, even as colleges and universities slash services, according to the College Board.

The average tuition, room and board climbed 6 percent to \$6,207 at four-year public universities and 5 percent to \$15,818 at four-year private colleges, the College Board reported in a survey being released today.

The increases were about the same than last year's, as competition sharpened for the dwindling number of potential students.

"Colleges have simply come to realize that the very markets they wish to serve could not afford them at the rate of increase they were following," said David L. Warren, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

"People are dropping out," said Tchiyuka Cornelius, a student at City University of New York and president of the U.S. Student Association. "There are people who want to go to college but just can't afford to."

While inflation was 2.8 percent from last fall to this fall, the average

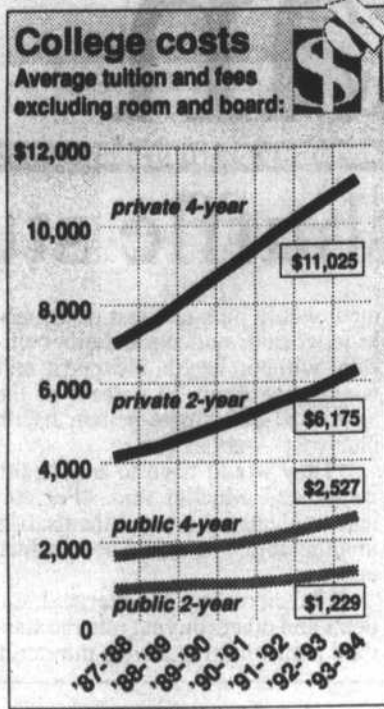
tuition and fees at four-year private universities and colleges rose 6 percent to \$11,025; room and board brought the total to \$15,818. The average cost of two-year private junior colleges went up 7 percent, to \$6,175.

Public university tuition rose 8 percent, to \$2,527, after two years of double-digit increases fueled primarily by state budget shortfalls; room and board boosted the price to \$6,207. The average cost of community and public junior colleges jumped 10 percent for the third straight year, to \$1,229.

Thirty-eight percent of public universities have put off making repairs to buildings, 31 percent have capped enrollment, 31 percent have cut the number of courses they offer and 45 percent have left full-time faculty positions unfilled, the association said.

"Public institutions continue to be under great pressure to increase tuition, but I think they're also under great political pressure to hold down prices," said Donald Stewart, president of the College Board.

"What you see is institutions just cutting and slashing, and you're get-



Source: The College Board AP

ting to the point where they don't have any more to cut."

The cost of attending college ranges from \$120 a year at Antelope Valley College, a commuter school in Lancaster, Calif., to \$27,600 at Landmark College in Putney, Vt., a two-year school for learning-disabled and dyslexic students.

Turmoil hits Russia

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin moved to seize control of the Russian state in a coup against his enemies Tuesday, ousting the hard-line congress and announcing December elections for a new parliament.

The opposition called Yeltsin's action a "coup d'etat" and threatened to impeach him. Lawmakers said they would name Vice President Alexander Rutskoi acting president.



Yeltsin warned that any attempt to stand in his way would be "punished by law." In a national TV address, Yeltsin claimed he was amending the constitution by decree, but his action effectively suspended the charter.

In Washington, the Clinton administration held out support to Yeltsin and President Clinton said he would try to call the Russian president.

Yeltsin's main opponents, Rutskoi and parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, were inside the Russian White House.

By midnight, several hundred anti-Yeltsin protesters gathered outside the building, many waving red Soviet

hammer and sickle flags and erecting makeshift barricades as police stood nearby.

If Yeltsin succeeds in dissolving the parliament and conducting Dec. 11-12 elections, the vote could give him a Congress more in tune with his reformist policies.

Yeltsin's action to break his longstanding stalemate with lawmakers will need the strong backing of the military and security services.

Thirty-five military trucks loaded with soldiers and policemen were parked near Russia's Central Bank late Tuesday.

Khasbulatov urged the police and military to ignore orders from the president and appealed for a nationwide general strike.

"Do not fulfill any illegal decrees coming from the president," Khasbulatov said. "These decrees are considered invalid."

The constitution does not specifically give the president authority to dissolve parliament or call elections.

"Being the guarantor of security of the state, I must offer a way out of the stalemate, and to break this disastrous, vicious circle," the president said in a rambling, 20-minute address on national television.

Earthquake rocks Oregon, California

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — A moderate earthquake shook southern Oregon and northern California, killing a motorist in a rockslide, damaging buildings and cracking a highway bridge. A second person died of an apparent heart attack.

The quake, measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale, struck at 8:29 p.m. Monday and was centered 15 miles northwest of Klamath Falls, said the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo. The center had originally put its Richter reading at 5.4.

"It felt like you were on a raft going over a rapid," said police Officer John Dees, who moved to Oregon from Los

Angeles because he wanted to get away from earthquakes. "You could see transformers exploding over by the railroad tracks and up on the hill."

The quake, followed by two strong aftershocks, caused scattered power and phone outages in southern Oregon.

Kenneth Campbell of Phoenix was killed by a 14-foot boulder that crashed onto his pickup on a highway at Modoc Point, near the quake's epicenter, police said. His wife was unhurt.

In addition, 82-year-old Anna Marion Horton of Chiloquin died late Monday of an apparent heart attack. Police said her son told an officer she was frightened by the house shaking.



SPORTS WIRE

Latest Elvis sighting could be at NFL game in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The estate of the late singer Elvis Presley has joined the ownership group trying to bring an NFL expansion franchise to Memphis.

William B. Dunavant Jr., who leads the ownership group, and Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc. chief executive officer Jack Soden made the announcement at Graceland, Presley's former home-turned-tourist-attraction.

Dunavant said the estate, along with Elvis Presley Enterprises, would have a "significant" financial stake in team ownership, but he would not specify the amount.

Franchises cost \$140 million each. Dunavant said the league office and NFL Properties, which coordinates the league's marketing efforts, reacted positively to the news.

The estate of Presley, who died in 1977, is valued at \$50 million to \$100 million.

"To be able to bring the name of Elvis Presley into our ownership group, I can't tell you what it means to me personally or what it will mean to our city," Dunavant said.

"Elvis, Memphis, Memphis music, NFL football — pretty good combination for, hopefully, world-

wide recognition for our city," Soden said.

The ownership group is scheduled to present its offer to an NFL expansion committee today in Chicago. Two franchises will be awarded Oct. 26 or 27.

Soden noted also that football was Presley's favorite sport and that he loved to play and watch the game.

"I can't remember a time when we've made a business decision or a financial commitment that would have been more enthusiastically applauded by Elvis Presley," Soden said.

Band

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McGinn had similar thoughts. "I think that it would be brilliant if everyone could go to the doctor ... if Paul could go to the dentist without having to worry about shelling out \$400," he said.

Tisdale said he partly blamed former political administrations for the directionless and shiftless generation called X.

Change and direction won't occur, he said, until Americans work together toward improved social and political goals.

"(The Clinton administration) is trying to give people back the good ol' American dream, but it's not going to happen," Higgins said. "The success that Clinton is changing — it won't work unless everyone is willing to let it."

Meanwhile, Tisdale said, members of Sideshow work toward their

own ideas of success based on creativity in their music.

"This is creative success for us," he said. "This is what we want to do. No one else is going to do anything else for us."

Sideshow used their creative success to tour the western United States this summer promoting their May release of "Eggplants and Sunspots," their fourth recorded effort.

During the month-long tour, the band lived in their van and bummed places to stay from their listeners.

"People let us stay at their houses," McGinn said. "They bought us food."

"Hopefully the next time we go on tour, the people who liked us will bring other people who have never heard us," he said. "That is what this success is all about."

That type of creative success, band members said, can't be found in college.

"I went to college, but it was such a waste," Tisdale said. He values education as a way to gain knowledge,

he said, not a degree.

"I want to go and study entomology, which deals with insects, but only because bugs are neat," Tisdale said. "It isn't like I would actually want to do anything with that knowledge. I just want to learn about it."

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If I am doing what makes me happy, why should I struggle for what people call success?

— Tisdale
Sideshow drummer

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"What I really want to do is wake up each morning and learn something

new," he said.

Attitudes similar to his, Tisdale said, define Generation X's idea of success.

"Wouldn't you rather be in some crazy job than being totally bummed out and having nothing to look forward to day after day?" Tisdale said.

"I want to go to college, and I want to get a job. But there is just no point to that kind of success," he said. "There's no peak to it."

Success depends not on position or status, he said, but on experience.

"You could be one of the world's greatest athletes — maybe the greatest in the world — but what does that mean?"

"You get notoriety, fame, stardom and all that," Tisdale said. "But then you could work in an old folk's home and have the exact same inner feelings of success."

These ideas set the band members apart from the rest of society and make them a part Generation X.

"It's not like we're down on America, or anything," Higgins said. "But we're not down with it either."

Tisdale said any positive efforts he could make toward eliminating his Generation X stereotype would be through Sideshow's music.

"There is absolutely nothing that I can do to make this world a better place except make music and make people happy through that music," Tisdale said. "That's all you can do anymore. Just take care of you and your friends and your family."

Tisdale's philosophy of looking out for No. 1 could apply to the entire generation, he said.

"We're all losers so we might as well enjoy it while we can," he said. "I don't think that there is any hope for this generation."

STATE WIRE

NAFTA would help Nebraska farmers

OMAHA — The North American Free Trade Agreement would help Nebraska corn farmers and the country as a whole, a spokesman for the Nebraska Corn Board said.

In statements prepared for testimony to the Senate Agriculture Committee Tuesday, Michael Bauerle of Champion said a study commissioned by the Corn Board indicates that U.S. corn exports would expand under NAFTA and the price of corn in Nebraska would increase.

"As corn farmers, we can see specific benefits for our product under NAFTA," said Bauerle of the plan that would virtually elim-

inate trade barriers between the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., praised the study commissioned by the Corn Board.

"What I'm hearing from town hall meetings and talking to Nebraskans is that there is a lot of confusion right now about NAFTA," Kerrey said. "This is a disciplined, solid study that takes an impartial look at the facts."

The Nebraska Corn Board, which represents more than 32,000 Nebraska corn producers, conducts programs for market development, research, promotion and education.

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