

# Tuition up, aid down at universities nationwide

## Students forced to pay more for less

(AP) — Public colleges are hitting students with the biggest tuition increases in a decade, giving less scholarship aid to pay for it and offering fewer and more crowded classes.

Elementary and secondary school funding largely was protected as legislators struggled this summer to close budget gaps in more than 30 states, but public university campuses were not so lucky.

A 50-state survey by The Associated Press shows that, nationwide, state higher education appropriations for fiscal 1992 total an estimated \$35.7 billion, virtually unchanged from the \$35.5 billion spent by all 50 states in 1991.

Nine Western and Southern states that weathered the recession better than most are boosting appropriations by at least 5 percent. But 17 others are lowering appropriations, and 24

states are raising them by less than 5 percent — not enough, in many cases, to prevent program cuts and higher student fees.

State colleges across the country are deferring maintenance, limiting or freezing faculty pay hikes, cutting back on library, computer and research budgets, and in some cases, laying off non-tenured teachers and administrators.

In at least 21 states, public college tuitions are headed up in double digits, the biggest increase since 1982, when runaway inflation sent tuition and fees at four-year public institutions up an average of 20 percent.

Tuitions are up 40 percent to \$2,274 a year at the University of California system after a 1.1 percent reduction in its state appropriation. Rates are 10 percent to 29 percent higher at

Connecticut state campuses, and Florida college students will pay 15 percent more, on the heels of a 10 percent rise last year.

Mississippi state college rates are up an average of 14 percent — 17.7 percent at predominantly black Jackson State. And at the University of Oregon, fall rates are rising by nearly one-third: \$2,598, from \$1,965.

City University of New York, which in years past offered free education to generations of immigrants and others, hiked its fees by 28 percent at four-year campuses to \$1,850. The 64-campus State University of New York had its state funding cut by \$54.8 million and is increasing tuition by \$500 to \$2,150 a year, following a \$300 rise last December.

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## Students at San Diego State take fee issue to the streets

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Not since Vietnam have students at San Diego State University marched, chanted and waved banners so passionately.

Their cause? "We just want a proper education," said Merek Findling, a 19-year-old sophomore.

Students on the normally quiet, predominantly commuter campus have been stunned by a 20 percent fee increase, prompted by a \$19.6 million budget cut.

One out of every 10 class sections was eliminated. About 550 part-time instructors were laid off. An estimated 1,100 students at the already overcrowded university failed to get into a single class they need to graduate, and at least 17,000 of the 35,000 students enrolled failed to receive one or more of the classes they sought, officials said.

"The feeling on campus is outrage," said Findling, who applied for five classes this fall, but got only one. "This semester at San Diego State is going to be explosive."


Students vented anger over the impending cuts with protest marches last spring.

The campus's turmoil is the most visible sign of statewide higher education cuts imposed in July to help erase Califor-

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