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College costs set record nationally, federal aid drops

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NEW YORK — College tuition increased 13 percent for the new school year — double what it cost to send a kid to college in 1972, says the College Board.

The record college costs, coupled with cutbacks in federal student aid, mean many parents and students will be asked to cover more of the bill than they did in the past, said Joe Paul Case, an official with the board's College Scholarship Service.

The College Board, a nonprofit educational association serving students and schools, said a survey showed the most expensive private school — at \$12,030 per school year — is Bennington College in Bennington, Vt.

Twelve other schools in the Northeast, where the high cost of imported oil adds to the bills, were also in the \$11,000-plus range.

By contrast, total costs at the most expensive public colleges will run about \$6,000 in the 1981-82 school year, according to a report based on expense information from 1,160 colleges.

"In 1981-82, average total costs for resident students rose 13 percent (\$803) over last year's costs at private colleges and 14 percent (\$464) at public colleges," the report says.

Trailing Bennington as the most expensive private schools were Harvard, \$11,950; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$11,845; Yale, \$11,600; Sarah Lawrence, \$11,600; Princeton, \$11,289; University of Pennsylvania, \$11,200; Brown, \$11,195; Barnard, \$11,150; Tufts, \$11,113; Bard, \$11,063; Dartmouth, \$11,045; and Bryn Mawr, \$11,010.

The smallest increases reported were for students who commute from home. They face an average

11 percent hike at private colleges and 10 percent at public schools.

Since the 1972-73 school year, college bills have doubled. Average total expenses are up by 95 percent at public colleges and 110 percent at private colleges, the report says.

Despite the high figures, the college expense rate runs behind the inflation rate. The Consumer Price Index has risen by 123 percent.

A survey showed 64.3 percent of students at private schools and 42.7 percent of students at public schools depended last fall on some aid.

The new average residential college year costs cited by the College Board are:

- public two-year colleges, \$3,230
- private two-year, \$5,604
- public four-year, \$3,873
- private four-year, \$6,885.

Pay hikes to be small due to Reagan's policies

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LOS ANGELES — Federal workers will feel the effects of President Reagan's economic recovery program beginning Oct. 1, in the form of pay raises roughly one-third as large as those they once could have expected.

The president has proposed a 4.8 percent cost-of-living raise for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 for 14 million white-collar employees now receiving less than \$50,000 a year.

The pay increase is to go into effect for 490,000 blue-collar employees at different times in different areas of the country.

The annual pay boost is the smallest since a 4.8 percent increase in 1973 and about half as large as the raise given to federal workers last year.

In addition, Reagan has acknowledged that in accordance with the 1970 Pay Comparability Act — which requires government workers to receive roughly the same pay as they would for similar work in the private sector — his advisers had calculated an increase of 15.1 percent was due.

But that figure did not survive pressures brought to bear by Reagan's fight to reduce government spending and bring the federal budget into balance.

Reagan said he is setting into motion the lower pay increase "in accordance with our economic recovery program."

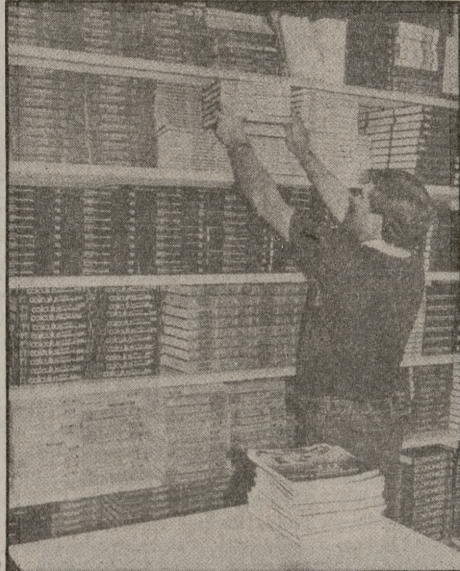
"While I fully support the comparability principle as the best basis for determining federal pay," Reagan said, "I believe that significant changes are required in the way that principle is currently defined and implemented."

The president said his advisers had proposed legislation to alter the formula; however, Congress has not yet acted on it. Reagan noted the same law applies to the military, and Congress is expected to provide a larger pay increase for the armed forces.

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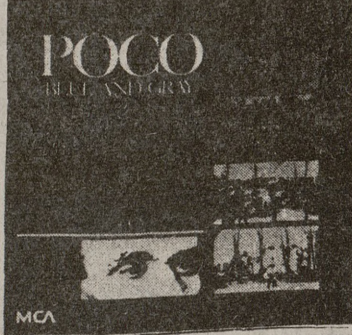
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