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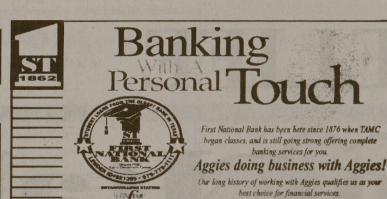
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Lean state revenues drive tuition on colleges campus

(AP)—A second bad year for the economy is driving up tuition and fees on many public fouryear campuses as state revenues decline and costs keep escalating.

"Last year, overall, wasn't pretty. This year is worse," said Travis Reindl, director of state policy analysis at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

'The situation's pretty much caught up with everybody. The effects of the economic slowdown are being fully felt.

At private schools, which rely on tuition, followed by private gifts and endowment income, a survey of some 225 schools found tuition and fees growing 5.8 percent on average this fall up from last year's 5.5 percent increase, said Tony Pals of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

That's a "slight uptick," Pals said. "But certainly not anything like you're seeing on the public side.'

The National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, which represents the larger public institutions, posts a running tuition survey of its members on its Web site. Responses show hikes frequently of more than 5 percent for the upcoming academic year.

Using the Web survey as a guide, The Associated Press asked college officials around the country about in-state tuition and fees this fall. The University of Colorado at Boulder is typ-

ical of public schools; it is raising tuition and fees 6 percent for in-state undergraduates, to \$3,566 from last year's \$3,357

Other cases are more dramatic

Texas A&M University tuition and fees will soar nearly 28 percent for incoming freshman and transfer students, to \$4,758 from last year's \$3,722. Returning students get a break in the form of a more modest increase, less percent, to \$3,858.

- University of Kansas, up nearly 21 Trac cent, from \$2,884 to \$3,484.

University of Iowa, a 19 percent rise \$3,522 to \$4,191.

Washington State University, up 16 cent, from \$3,898 to \$4,520.

State cutbacks ended a seven-year to freeze at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and University. They also forced building m nance funds to be cut in half. This fall, intuition and fees are rising slightly more to percent, from \$3,664 to \$3,936.

In California, the news looks more mix students at public institutions since lawn are still working out the state budget.

Under the proposed spending plan, in tuition and fees at all California State and Unit of California campuses would remain und for an eighth straight year - \$1,876 at Cal campuses and \$3,859, on average, at UC's.

But out-of-state students will pay far and money would be cut for libraries, equi and maintenance, among other things.

Nationwide, what's adding to school bu pressures as state revenues drop is that a children of baby boomers and adults are goin

The federal government has projected enrollment nationwide, now around 15 mil at two- and four-year campuses, will grow percent a year through the end of this dear reaching 17.5 million by 2010.

Historically, in bad economic times, education is among the first places state leg tures and governors look to cut. And in states, lawmakers also have power to set with for state schools.



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Mob beats two men era to death after crash

CHICAGO (AP) — Police pleaded for help Wednesday in finding members of a mob that pulled two men out of a van after an accident and beat them to death with bricks, stones and their bare hands.

"This is a simple, senseless double homicide committed by a bunch of cowardly thugs," Police Superintendent Terry Hillardsaid. "These are

murderers. They killed two innocent people." One

person was being held for questioning, but police said they had made no arrests.

Autopsies showed that Anthony Stuckey, 49, and Jack Moore, 62, died from multiple injuries and blunt trauma,

Cook County medical officials said. Both deaths were ruled homicides. The accident happened

Tuesday evening in the middleincome Oakland neighborhood on Chicago's South Side after the victims' rental van veered over a curb and crashed into a stoop filled with people, injuring three women, one critically.

Detective Phil Cline said the men were using the van to move furniture and it wasn't known what caused the van to swerve.

The group beat the two men with their hands, feet, bricks and

stones, police said. The size

the group wasn't immediate Both men lived in the area. "They hit them with bricks that came off the side of the building," Taquita Mixa Mixa the Chicago Tribune. "They

beat-down. Julia Mitchell, 29, who l

across the st from the acc scene, said arrived and n believe that anyone eye contact one of the would kill someone men, lying or ground.

> Virginia Stuckey mother of one of the looked at beaten men blinked once

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knew that he died," she said Virginia Stuckey said hers was helping Moore move items from an apartment would not have been driv

lived with her since January. "I really can't believe anyone would kill someone that," said Stuckey, 72. "Ih

Toni Preckwinkle, a alderman who represents area, said the neighborhood been improving over the

NEWS IN BRIEF

Justice Department investigates AOL Time Warner accounting practices

NEW YORK (AP) - AOL Time Warner Inc. said Wednesday the Justice Department is looking into its accounting practices, 12 ing the possibility of a criminal case against the world's larges

AOL Time Warner did not detail the Justice Department's problem and agency officials declined comment. Securities regulators all already investigating the company's bookkeeping.

Authorities say man who allegedly sold fake IDs to hijackers fled the country

PATERSON, N.J. (AP) — A man who allegedly sold fake IDS two of the Sept. 11 hijackers apparently fled the country for Egyl just before authorities came to arrest him in a raid on his home

and businesses Wednesday, investigators said.
Interpol was notified to be on the lookout for Egyptian imm grant Mohamed El-Atriss, who faces charges of manufacturing and distributing fraudulent documents and conspiracy.

El-Atriss, 43, sold a fake ID card to Khalid Almihdhar, who wa on the airliner that crashed into the Pentagon, and one to Abdu Aziz Alomari, who was aboard one of the planes that destroyed the World Trade Center, said Sheriff Jerry Speziale.

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