## How high will tuition go?

BOSTON (CPS) - By the time the babies born this year get to college, they may have to pay \$45,000 to \$180,000 for their degrees and face a huge postgraduate debt, according to a recent accounting firm study.

"We've witnessed an increase of more than 330 percent in tuition and required fees over the past 15 years in the public sector alone," says Clark Bernard, chair of higher education planning for Coopers and Lybrand, which conducted the college costs study for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

If such rapid tuition increases continue through the turn of the century, as many financial experts expect, 'families who have a child this year will probably have to spend \$45,000 for a public college education in 18 years," Bernard says.

The cost of sending a child to a private college, moreover, will run from \$140,00 to \$180,000, the study predicts.

"The implications (of the study) are extremely serious," says Allan Ostar, AASCU president.

"We may well be creating a debtor class of students" by charging so much for tuition

that students will spend decades paying back their education loans, he says.

Currently, the cost of attending a public college averages \$15,000, Bernard says, while four years at a private instituiton runs about \$37,000.

A recent University of Wisconsin study, Ostar says, shows that today's average college student already has a debt of \$8200 upon graduation.

Compounding high tuition rates is the federal student aid programs' shift from giving students money through grants to a greater dependence on loan programs.

Two decades ago, Ostar recounts, about 70 percent of all federal student aid was in the form of grants and other awards. Today, 70 percent of all aid money is in loans which students must repay after graduating.

If tuition rates continue to soar and the balance between grants and loans remains lopsided, he warns, "a student's ability to purchase consumer goods, a car, clothes -- just the things it takes to get started in life -- will be seriously impaired."

And future college students facing such momentous debts

"may well be influenced in what kind of career they go into based on how well it will help

them repay their loans, rather than choosing the field they really want to go into."

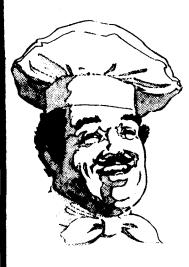


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