

# Congress Considers Tax Credit for Tuition

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Focusing on a nearly fivefold increase in college tuitions, Senate Democrats called on Republican leaders Thursday to include a tuition tax credit in any budget package wrapping up this election-year session of Congress.

"We should not bankrupt families for doing what is right for their children," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., who wants to give parents yearly deductions that he says would save as much as \$2,800 per college student on their tax bills.

According to the Democrats' survey of 50 major private and public colleges, the typical tuition rose from \$3,904 in 1980 to \$17,772 in 2000.

Tuition and fees spiked in the early 1980s, with double-digit annual rate increases, but such cost increases have leveled off in recent years, said Jeffrey Penn, an analyst with College Board, which administers key college entrance exams and tracks college costs.

For example, tuition costs for both public and private rose less than 5 percent from 1998-99 to 1999-2000, Penn said.

But the lawmakers — saying tuitions

have outpaced the cost of health care and the rate of inflation — contend that current costs are shutting out students, who otherwise would be trained to help the nation remain competitive in technology and other industries.

"Every time a young man or young woman does not go to college, not only do they lose, and their families lose, but America loses," Schumer said.

Schumer said the proposed tuition credit — estimated to cost the federal government \$29 billion over 10 years — is cheaper than other tax-cut plans pushed by the Republicans.

He said he is counting on momentum

from a similar tuition tax-deduction plan being pushed by Vice President Al Gore on the presidential campaign trail.

Gore has proposed expanding a current maximum \$2,000 tuition-tax credit to a \$2,800 maximum.

Republican Texas Gov. George W. Bush, who does not offer a tax credit, would allow parents to save money for their college expenses in special tax-favored accounts.

Congressional Republicans had no immediate response to Democrats' charge, but with a full plate of spending bills and other plans, the tax-credit bill faces an uphill battle.

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he calls his "other family" — for the quality of their caring nature.

"I couldn't ask for anything more out of a group of people. They work hard all day long," he said.

The respect is mutual.

"Doug is a very committed and loyal employee with the Chapel Hill Fire Department," said Battalion Chief Bill Minton. "He's just as committed to fire service all over the nation, even the world, if he could get that far."

"He's not afraid to get in there and

work with (younger firefighters) and get his hands dirty," he said. "We depend on him a lot."

But Cline is modest despite having received an award for his instruction. "It's not about an award. It's about making sure folks know what they need to know," he said.

"If I compared this award to the look on a firefighter's face when they really understood something — it's like a gleam in their eye — that's worth more than a hundred thousand awards that people could give you."

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Suzy Menache, Jacques Menache's mother, said the place was wonderful. "It's a family place, where everyone likes to come back to," she said.

El Chilango also offers Spanish classes, which usually are taught by Ranulfo Franco, a restaurant employee, every Tuesday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

"Sometimes there are 20 (people) on Tuesday," he said. "In North Carolina, this is a unique place where you can find Latino culture. Tomorrow night we'll celebrate the independence of Mexico."

There are many people coming,"

Franco said he plans on giving a speech to the crowd at midnight to explain why the celebration is so important.

Regardless of their reason, Menache said he hoped to have people of all ethnicities come together. "We would like to have more events and have more Hispanics involved with our organization," he said.

"We would also like to get the American community acquainted with our restaurant."

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more reliable services.

"Now that the schedule is the same for weekdays year-round, those employees who use the bus won't have to buy parking passes for the times the bus didn't run," Elfland said. "The new plan eliminates all reduced-schedule services Monday through Friday."

Elfland also said the changes in service include extended hours on the campus routes U and RU. Each will run until 8 p.m., an hour longer than last year.

But on weekends, the services will still run on reduced-service schedules, Elfland said.

McClellan said riders will start to see real changes in service during the winter holidays. The transit system historically operated on reduced schedules at these times because the University was not in session.

"The first time the new plan will really take effect is over Christmas," McClellan said.

"That will be the first time we will really see the changes."

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his six-minute-long film, "Paper," is about a kid whose origami animals provide the child an escape from reality.

"He folds the animals to escape his troubled family life, and basically the film is about him going to buy more

origami paper so he can fold a figure to comfort his mother," Manis said.

The Carolina Student, Alumni and Faculty Film and Video Screening begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday and concludes at 10 p.m. Saturday at Carolina Union Auditorium. Admission is free.

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Response Initiative and the military.

"There was a tremendous effort on the part of the DOD and the Department of State to get (ACRI) off the ground," he said. "The military helps the Department of State enor-

mously to project overseas."

Brock said the cooperation he and Schoonover spoke about is key to successful foreign policy. "After two or three days, the military will leave the country a better place and create a feeling of great goodwill to the United States."

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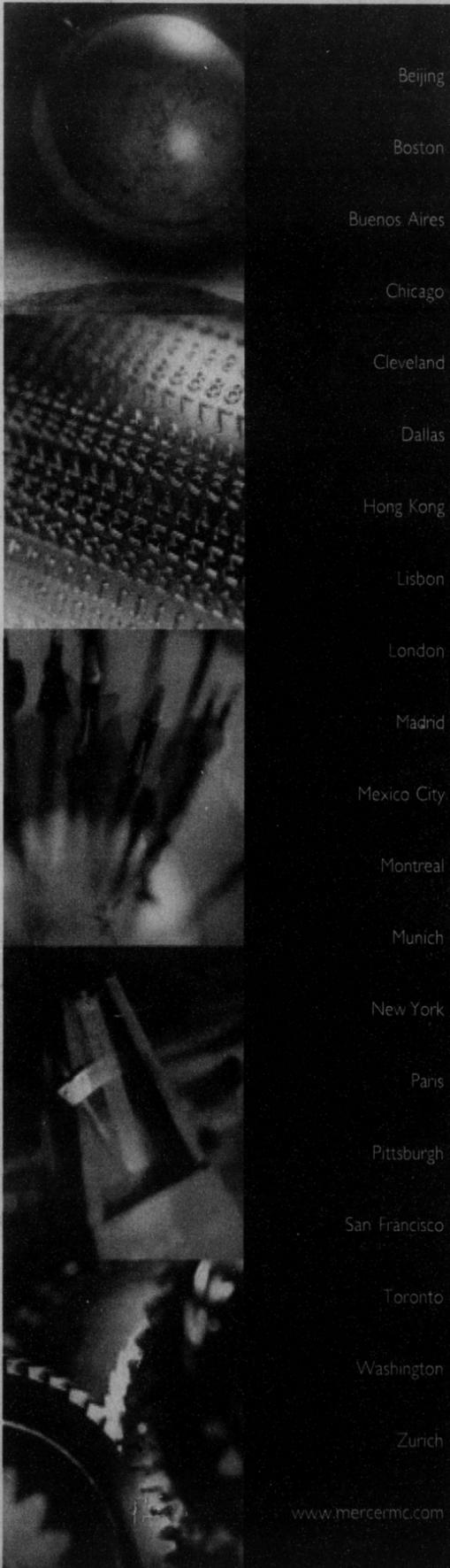
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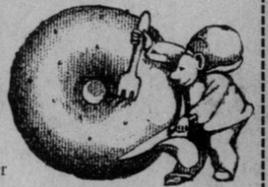
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