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[Mayor: Safety, public works and parks cuts are coming](#)

By [Adam Brandolph](#), Pittsburgh TRIBUNE-REVIEW  
Thursday, November 19, 2009

Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl announced today that after balancing his 2010 budget using stop-gap measures, he will cut services in public safety, public works and the parks department in 2011.

[Many parents inaccurately claim college tax credit](#)

11/19/2009, 12:39 p.m. EST  
STEPHEN OHLEMACHER,  
**The Associated Press**

(AP) — WASHINGTON - A government report says more than 314,000 taxpayers made inaccurate claims for a popular tax credit that helps pay college expenses, getting \$532 million they weren't entitled to receive.

## **Inside Higher Education Articles November 20, 2009**

### **Taxing Relationships**

November 20, 2009

Colleges and businesses often work together, but they're not always allies on tax policy. A downward economy could test their ties.

### **A Different Kind of Test**

November 20, 2009

One college takes "sound mind, sound body" to a new level, requiring students to lose weight or take a fitness class to graduate.

### **Smart Homes**

November 20, 2009

Case Western researchers explore whether high-speed networks can improve health care, public safety and graduation rates in the poverty-stricken neighborhoods surrounding its campus.

### **Doctorate Production Ebbs**

November 20, 2009

1.4 percent increase in number of degrees awarded in 2008 is smallest since 2003; growth in biology doctorates accounts for most of the uptick, and humanities continue to dip.

## **Inside Higher Education Daily News Update**

*November 23, 2009*

### **Surviving the Game of Chicken**

November 23, 2009

Many financial aid officers are unnerved by mixed messages Washington is sending about the student loan programs. What's a college to do?

### **Northeastern Ends Football**

November 23, 2009

After determining that it would cost millions more in spending to build a competitive program, university opts to kill team.

### **Strike Looms at CUNY**

November 23, 2009

Professional Staff Congress, representing 85 employees at the City University of New York Research Foundation, is likely to walk out over health care, raises.

### **East Stroudsburg University students spend a night homeless**

Friday, November 20, 2009

Dozens of East Stroudsburg University students spent Wednesday night shivering in the cold, huddled around a fire and sleeping in cardboard boxes on campus to experience what life is like for the homeless. The second annual Night Without a Home event, sponsored by the university's student sociology club as part of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, gave students the chance to live for one night in the cold without iPods, cell phones or heat.

Source: By Adam McNaughton, The Pocono Record

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### **Lucasfilms director Dave Filoni returns to Edinboro**

Thursday, November 19, 2009

The Force is strong with David Filoni. Yoda strong, you might say. Filoni, 35, heads the animation division of Lucasfilms, working directly with George Lucas, who hired him in 2005. He got his start at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated from the art department with a degree in applied media in 1996.

Source: By Dave Richards, The Erie Times-News

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### **New Cases of Flu Drop on College Campuses**

Thursday, November 19, 2009

For the first time since fall began, new cases of flu among college students have started to drop, hinting that this wave of the swine flu pandemic has peaked, the American College Health Association reported.

Source: By Donald G. McNeil Jr., The New York Times

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### **Temple U. adjunct teachers stage a protest**

Friday, November 20, 2009

Adjunct instructors, who say they make up nearly half of Temple University's faculty, called for better pay and working conditions yesterday at a demonstration in front of the campus bell tower near Paley Library.

Source: By Susan Snyder, The Philadelphia Inquirer

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Source: By Adam Brandolph, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

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**Md. reports increased enrollment at public, private colleges**

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Enrollment increased at Maryland's public and private colleges this fall, with public two-year colleges seeing the greatest growth and private institutions the least, according to a report released Wednesday.

Source: By Daniel de Vise, The Washington Post

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**Budget cuts put college aid in crosshairs**

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Gov. Martin O'Malley (D) on Wednesday will ask the state's top two fiscal officers to approve about \$105 million in new spending cuts that could reduce financial aid for students at Maryland's independent colleges and universities, cut Medicaid funding for hospitals and further reduce access to state mental health programs, according to sources familiar with his plans.

Source: The Washington Post

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**California: University System Moves to Raise Fees**

Thursday, November 19, 2009

The University of California system moved to raise student fees by \$2,500 over two years as students demonstrated against the higher costs.

Source: The Associated Press

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**Academic Researchers' Conflicts of Interest Go Unreported**

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Few universities make required reports to the government about the financial conflicts of their researchers, and even when such conflicts are reported, university administrators rarely require those researchers to eliminate or reduce these conflicts, government investigators found.

Source: By Gardiner Harris, The New York Times

**Cal U. turns to locally grown foods**

Sunday, November 22, 2009

The era has passed when the same brand of frozen chicken patty routinely found its way onto the daily menu, buried under different sauces in college dining halls. Those meals wouldn't satisfy today's students, who are much more aware about eating healthy foods than those a generation ago, and campus food vendors are responding to their appetites.

Source: By Scott Beveridge, The (Washington, Pa.) Observer-Reporter

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**Grossman promises to fight for community college**

Friday, November 20, 2009

The columnist E.J. Dionne, in town for a Nov. 13 meeting of the Jefferson Educational Society, asked the man sitting next to him -- Erie County Executive-elect Barry Grossman -- which issue sparked the hottest talk during his recent campaign. "The community college," Grossman said.

Source: By Robb Frederick, The Erie Times-News

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**Federal proposal would give \$9 billion to community colleges**

Monday, November 23, 2009

A plan to pump billions of federal dollars into the two-year college system is "the most far-reaching legislation in the history of community colleges," said Alex Johnson, president of the Community College of Allegheny County.

Source: By Mike Cronin, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

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**Dropout problem gets lost in numbers**

Sunday, November 22, 2009

Here's a brief quiz: Can you name the developing nation with the following education problems? a. 1 in 5 ninth-graders fail to graduate from high school. b. 2 in 5 minority students fail to graduate on time. c. 170 students drop out each day. Here are your choices: Somalia, Afghanistan or Timor-Leste. All three of these countries are suitable candidates because all have well-documented problems serving their citizenry, most notably their children. In reality, this is a trick question. The answer isn't a country at all. It's a commonwealth - Pennsylvania.

Source: By Nathan Mains, in the (Harrisburg) Patriot-News

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**Regents Raise College Tuition in California by 32 Percent**

Friday, November 20, 2009

As the University of California's Board of Regents met Thursday at U.C.L.A. and approved a plan to raise undergraduate fees — the equivalent of tuition — 32 percent next fall, hundreds of students from campuses across the state demonstrated outside, beating drums and chanting.

Source: By Tamar Lewin and Rebecca Cathcart, The New York Times

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**A Crown Jewel of Education Struggles With Cuts**

Friday, November 20, 2009

As the University of California struggles to absorb its sharpest drop in state financing since the Great Depression, every professor, administrator and clerical worker has been put on furlough amounting to an average pay cut of 8 percent. In chemistry laboratories that have produced Nobel Prize-winning research, wastebaskets are stuffed to the brim on the new reduced cleaning schedule. Many students are frozen out of required classes as course sections are trimmed.

And on Thursday, to top it all off, the Board of Regents voted to increase undergraduate fees — the equivalent of tuition — by 32 percent next fall, to more than \$10,000.

Source: By Tamar Lewin, The New York Times