'Public Ivys' Draw Experts' Praise

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It's possible to get an Ivy League education without Ivy League costs.

Good public colleges with private school ambience and advantages can be found, according to

education experts.

"There are a number of small public institutions that are rapidly reaching the standards of the 'little' private Ivys," said Richard Moll, who has served in admissions administration at Harvard and Yale universities and has written a book, "The Public Ivys."

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These small public colleges usually have high-quality students and faculty, small classes, rigorous curriculum, an intellectual atmosphere and personal attention to students. Campus population averages about 3,000, which works out to about 22 students in each class.

Moll said tuition costs at these colleges range between \$850 and \$1,500 per year for in-state students, \$2,500 to \$4,000 for out-of-staters. Room and board typically come to about \$3,000. That contrasts with private school tuition and fees which averaged \$12,526 in 1988-89.

Nearly two-thirds of public college students receive financial aid, averaging \$2,800 a year, while the same proportion at private schools receives an average of \$6,000.

Some of the schools mentioned by Moll and another author, Martin Nemko, include Evergreen State College at Olympia, Wash.; St. Mary's (Md.) College; the University of North Carolina at Ashe-

ville; Northwest Missouri State University at Kirksville; Ramapo (N.J.) College; Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va.; the New College of the University of South Florida at Sarasota; the State University of New York at Geneseo; and the University of Minnesota at Morris.

Nemko, a former New York City teacher who is now an education consultant and author of "How to Get an Ivy League Education at a State University" cites St. Mary's College in Maryland as a "decent copy of an elite New England private liberal arts college that will cost you \$80,000 less than the original."

The University of North Carolina-Asheville was rated in a recent survey by the Association of American Colleges as having one of the strongest humanities core curriculums in the country.

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The National Governors Association has called Ramapo College a good example of a school with a good international focus, with cooperative education and internship programs with international corporations in the United States and overseas.

According to Joseph Olander, president of Evergreen State College, institutions like his stress critical thinking, communication and computation skills — "the three C's of education for the 21st century."

Barrette were close
friends. His (below)
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"We have loved him during life, Let us not forget him in death."

FREDERICK B. SNITE, JR.

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