

## Reading Practice

**Instructions:** You are going to read two letters to the Columbus College university newspaper about some recent plans to create a new fitness center. After you read, discuss the questions.

### Letter 1

A week ago, President Clark **announced** plans for a new fitness center for our college. I love the idea. It's going to give us a chance to exercise and to relax before and after classes. College is not just a time to sit in a library and study. It's a time for us to make our bodies and our minds stronger.

When the gym is ready to use, I'm going to go there every day. Yes, we're going to pay for it. There is going to be a **tuition** (*matricula*) increase. But, in my opinion, a gym is going to improve our lives.

Last month, a study showed that students **gain** (*suben*) 5 kilograms in their first year of college. I'm sure that is not going to happen once we have our new fitness center.

-Alison Meadows

### Letter 2

Last week, President Clark talked about plans for a new fitness center for our college. The center sounds great. It's going to have a beautiful gym, an indoor running track (*pista*), an Olympic size pool, a basketball court, exercise machines, and weight-lifting equipment. But this fitness center is going to cost a lot of money.

Where is the money going to come from? You probably guessed (*adivinaron*)! Most of the money is going to come from us. Our **tuition** (*maticula*) is going to increase. That's why I'm **against** the plan.

With a tuition **increase**, we are going to need to work while we go to school. We are not going to have time to enjoy the fitness center. We are not going to have time to study.

Why is president Clark doing this? He only wants a fitness center because other schools have them. He thinks more students are going to come here if we have a new fitness center. But we are here for a good education, not to go to a gym.

-Joe Molina

**Vocabulary:** Match the vocabulary words with their meanings.

1. Is the **tuition** the same as it was last year?
  - a. The amount of homework
  - b. The amount of money you pay for school
2. Tomorrow the mayor is going to **announce** a plan to close some streets to cars.
  - a. Tell everyone about
  - b. Answer questions about
3. I am **against** the plan to close the street to cars.
  - a. Not in favor of
  - b. Worried about
4. They **increased** the number of students from twenty-two to twenty-five per class.
  - a. Raised

b. Changed

5. **In my opinion**, students need a fitness center.

a. I know

b. I think

6. I **gained weight** in my first six months of college because I stopped exercising.

a. Got lighter

b. Got heavier

**Comprehension:** Who said the following statements. Put an X next to the name.

	Joe	Alison
1. It's going to cost too much money.		
2. It's going to be a great place to relax.		
3. More students are going to need to get a job.		
4. College is not only a place to learn.		
5. We're at college to get an education.		

**Discussion:** Universidad Castro Carazo is celebrating its 85th anniversary this year. Imagine you work for the university and you want to make some changes to improve the student experience.

Our Plans	Justification
We are going to...	because...
We are going to...	so...
We are going to...	in order to...

Be ready to share your plans with your partners in the main room.