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It was drawn to the attention of the Administration today that the Seminary family was not notified in advance of the publication of the catalog concerning the tuition increase to take place next September. We trust that the Student Body will accept this oversight with good grace and realize that it was inadvertent and an oversight which occurred, at least in part, due to the unanticipated illness of the Dean of the Faculty.

The Board of Trustees who voted this increase in tuition did so feeling that the raise would increase the student's participation in his educational expenses from 18%-19% of our budget to approximately 22% of our budget. This means that on the basis of this year's budget 78% needs to be raised by endowments and gifts from interested people. The projected increase which will bring the annual tuition charges to $350.00 still brings the cost of theological education at Fuller considerably below the costs listed by first class seminaries accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools. Thus, for example, exclusive of room and board, tuition and fees of Union Theological Seminary are listed as $727.00-$767.00; Yale Divinity School, $775.00; Princeton Theological Seminary, $533.00; The Divinity School of the University of Chicago, $780.00; San Francisco Theological Seminary, $572.50.

We regret that we failed at the level of liaison to inform you in advance of the publication of the catalog. We goofed!

The Trustees also voted to grant tuition help to anyone whose financial situation would be such that the $50.00 increase would be too much for him to bear.