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To the Faculty and Students  
From Esther Raushenbush

The Board of Trustees is most appreciative of the intelligence, energy, and dedication to the College with which the students have been seeking ways to deal with the immediate issue of the tuition increase, and, even more important, has been considering how we might preserve and advance education here in the face of escalating costs.

The Faculty, the President, the President-elect and the rest of the administration are also working on the problems of the future, and, in a single month, combined efforts have set the College on a creative and important path toward the common goals.

In view of these efforts, and especially in appreciation of the work of the students, alumnae members of the Board of Trustees have undertaken to provide special funds to make it possible to reduce the proposed tuition increase from \$400 to \$300 for the coming year. The \$50 increase for board and room, which covers only the increased costs, must remain.

To supplement this generous action, the Board of Trustees has agreed to allocate a sum of money in the budget for special grants-in-aid or loans to those students for whose families the tuition increase creates hardship, but who are not eligible for scholarships.

Both these decisions were made as a statement of faith that, in the course of the coming year, the College will find ways to improve and advance education in this College and, together with the College's fund-raising efforts and scholarship programs, will keep the tuition costs within a reasonable range. The College community will continue to work on the educational and financial programs which are under study by the students and other groups.

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