Trustees Approve 1985-86 Charges

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DAYTON, Ohio, January 18, 1985 -- The University of Dayton Board of Trustees today approved recommended price adjustments for the 1985-1986 school year which begins in August.

The average total University costs for a full-time, undergraduate, resident student will increase by 8.8 per cent, from $7,348 per year (two semesters) to $7,992 per year. These include increases in full-time tuition charges from $4,500 to $4,980 per year (two semesters); University fee charges from $260 to $280 per year; seven-day meal tickets from $1,358 to $1,412 per year; and residence hall charges for a double room from $1,230 to $1,320 per year.

Tuition increases reflect "both a University commitment to enhancing the quality of its educational opportunities and an appreciation of what is required to keep UD accessible and attractive to a wide range of students," according to University of Dayton President Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M. "We are a very good University getting better. We are still moderately priced for a major, independent university. We are determined to improve the excellence of education at the University of Dayton," Fitz told the trustees. He noted that 60 to 75 per cent of the new revenues generated by the tuition increases will go directly to academic priorities of the University.

The increases, according to Fitz, are based on budget assumptions which include: stable undergraduate enrollment, but declining graduate enrollment; a projected inflation rate of five to six per cent; faculty and staff salary increases averaging five and one half per cent, based on merit; and a 15 per cent increase in University-funded student financial aid. Among the other projected expenditures for the 1985-1986 budget, which the trustees will be asked to approve in May, are select salary increases for some faculty and staff groups designed to address competition from other sectors and others designed to achieve a better balance among the faculties to maintain the quality of the entire University faculty. Increases are also projected in the areas of mandatory Social Security payments, program improvements, the library budget, and capital improvements, including the continued renovation of academic facilities and the purchase of computers and computer maintenance.

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