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The passing of one of the great figures in religion, Dr. Paul Tillich, has a special poignancy for New College students and faculty.

Dr. Tillich, the John Nuveen Professor of Theology at the University of Chicago, had been invited to the campus this winter to take part in a series of discussions on religion.

Dr. Tillich died Friday night.

New College president John Elmendorf said, "It was with great regret that we learned of the death of Paul Tillich, a great contributor to religious thought of our times. Dr. Tillich had accepted an invitation to the New College campus for this coming winter, and both students and faculty of the college were eagerly awaiting his arrival."

"Paul Tillich had enormous impact on the contemporary view of religion, particularly with the college generation, whose wavering beliefs were often bolstered by his firm and uncompromising faith. His voice will be greatly missed in this time of moral and religious stress," said Dr. Elmendorf.

The German-born theologian, a member of the United Church of Christ, was a professor of philosophical theology at Union Theological Seminary for 22 years and then was University Professor at Harvard University before taking the professorship at the University of Chicago.

New College has planned a series of discussions in the area of religious life, and a number of ministers, theologians, and others concerned with the influence of religion on modern life have been considered for invitation here.