University Gifts Fall $2.5 Million

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behind Harvard and Yale, which received $46.5 million and $43.4 million, respectively, last year.

Mr. Lyons indicated that the university has been unsuccessful in soliciting unrestricted funds, which he considers the development office’s “biggest battle.” Columbia received $200,000 in unrestricted gifts from individuals last year, which represents less than two per cent of total individual gifts received by the university.

Other Ivy League schools generally receive one-third or more of their individual contributions without accompanying restrictions on how the funds may be used.

Mr. Lyons noted, however, that Columbia “defines unrestricted funds differently from other universities.” Funds which are given to a single division of the university to use as it wishes are not considered unrestricted. He stated, since such funds are not for the university’s general use.

Columbia received 37 per cent of its gifts last year from individuals, twelve per cent from corporations, and 43 per cent from foundations, according to the figures released by the office of development. The remainder of the funds came from other sources.

The figures Mr. Lyons released were prepared for a conference held by the directors of development of the eight Ivy League schools and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Lyons said it is highly important that the university decide exactly for what purposes it needs to raise money.

“The other Ivy League schools, even the smaller ones, are ahead of us in the setting of priorities,” he commented.

He added however, that “if providing half a million dollars for air conditioning in the libraries is what turns an alum on, we won’t try to shove a half-million dollar grant for the gym down his throat.”

Engineering Professor Heads Program in Public Service

Professor of Nuclear Science and Engineering Leon J. Lidofsky has been appointed director of the engineering school’s Program in Engineering Education for Public Service.

The program was established at the school last spring with a $200,000 grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

When the program was established, the foundation said it would aid in the development of “social engineers” capable of solving a broad range of urban problems.

Under the program, students will study problems in the New York City area such as energy supply and demand and transportation.

Professor Lidofsky commented that “we have the duality of engineers not involved in social problems and non-engineers making social decisions. It is this general situation we wish to attack.”

Wesley J. Hennessey, dean of the engineering school, commented yesterday that the purpose of the program “is not to solve urban problems but to create in engineers a greater awareness and sensitivity of what community needs are and to teach them how to work with community leaders.”

Dr. Lidofsky has in the past served on nuclear advisory groups for the Atomic Energy Commission and the National Research Council.

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