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Annual Solicitation Campaign of the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges

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DAYTON, Ohio, November 12, 1975 — Presidents representing 12 Ohio independent colleges will be among 27 Ohio college officials visiting Dayton area business and industry November 18-20 for the annual solicitation campaign of the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges.

The combined appeal by the 33 member colleges provides the business community the opportunity to support Ohio private colleges and eliminates the confusion of choosing among competing requests.

Ohio college administrators will meet with the Dayton Area Committee of OFIC, a group of Dayton business leaders to kick-off the three day support drive. Joseph F. Connelly, Senior Vice President of Third National Bank and Chairman of the Dayton Area Committee will preside at the kick-off breakfast, November 18, 8:00 A.M. at the Shrine Club. Perry Wydman, President of Third National Bank will be the speaker.

Working in teams of two, administrators will call upon businesses in Dayton and the surrounding areas. Each corporate gift to OFIC is divided among 33 member colleges of OFIC, 60% equally and 40% according to enrollment. In keeping with the foundation’s purpose, OFIC funds are applied each year exclusively to college operating costs.

Last year OFIC distributed a total of $1,903,220 state wide. Corporations, through their regular contributions, made available $1,844,676. Interest on monies invested during the year accounted for another $58,544. Businesses in the Dayton area contributed about $150,000 of the state total.

Recognized for its best year in regular contributions, OFIC was presented the IBM Incentive Award of $10,000. The Ohio Foundation showed the second highest percentage of year to year gain among the ten state associations. IBM is a regular corporate contributor to Ohio and the other state and regional associations.

Five Dayton area colleges last year benefited from a total of $341,509.61 distributed by OFIC. Antioch, Dayton, Wilberforce, Wilmington, and Wittenberg all received a portion of the OFIC funds.

Presidents joining the Dayton area campaign include: J. Garber Drushal, Wooster; Marvin J. Ludwig, Defiance; Raymond A. Roesch, Dayton; Emil C. Danenberg, Oberlin; Samuel L. Meyer, Ohio Northern; L. Guy Nees, Mount Vernon Nazarene; A.B. Bonds, Jr., Baldwin-Wallace; Benjamin E. Sprunger, Bluffton; William A. Kinnison, Wittenberg; Glenn L. Clayton, Ashland; Sister M. Kenan Dulzer, Ursuline; Robert E. Lucas, Wilmington.