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The University of Toledo ranked among the top 100 public universities in terms of voluntary support, with its endowment market value ranked 55th among the same 100, according to the most recent edition of "Voluntary Support for Higher Education."

The ranking is for the 1981-82 reporting period, which shows that UT generated \$4,916,759 in gift income. Its endowment market value was \$8,777,000, according to the report.

Only 68 of the 258 reporting institutions surpassed UT in total volume of private contributions. Among nine public universities reporting in Ohio, UT ranked third behind The Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati.

"Voluntary Support for Public Higher Education" is generated from data published by the Council for Financial Aid to Education.

UT's success in private fund raising was recently hailed with the announcement that its Decade of Development, which began with the Centennial Fund campaign in 1973, had been concluded, with more than \$22 million contributed in the 10-year period. The figure more than doubled the original goal of \$10.5 million. Private giving during the period included support for scholarship, library, equipment and UT's first endowed chair, in addition to the construction of Centennial Hall, the Continuing Education Center and Centennial Mall. The total figure included alumni giving of more than \$4 million.

UT's Presidents Club, founded two years ago by a small group of alumni and friends, has just concluded its charter membership period, reporting that 70 charter donors have committed more than \$1 million in support.

Joel A. Levine, president of Wabash Lagrange Steel Co. and chairman of the club's executive committee, commented that "the Presidents Club offers many alumni and friends an opportunity to express a continuing interest and support of the University and its many fine programs. Our charter membership includes many first-time donors to the University."

Of the Presidents Club success and in other private giving efforts, UT President Glen R. Driscoll said:

"That kind of giving says a great deal about how the community regards us. These private gifts have and are enabling the University to offer its steadily growing student population better educational opportunities, thereby enhancing the value of their degrees."

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The Presidents Club offers individualized opportunities for making charitable contributions to The University of Toledo. Presidents Club members pledge \$10,000 or more in support to the University, with a minimum of 50 per cent designated for the club's endowment fund.

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Dr. Glen R. Driscoll, University of Toledo president, has been named to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's commission of college and university presidents. The commission, which eventually will have 44 members, was established at the NCAA's convention in Dallas in January.

Creation of the commission came via the American Council on Education (ACE) Committee on Division I Intercollegiate Athletics, of which Dr. Driscoll also is a member. The committee had asked for formation of a presidents' group that would have input into NCAA matters.

The new commission grew from a proposal by the NCAA Council that was an alternative to the ACE plan which would have given a presidents' group decision-making powers. The new commission will serve in an advisory capacity instead. Its members are chosen by presidents of NCAA member institutions. Dr. Driscoll was appointed by presidents of the Mid-American Conference.

In addition to establishing the commission and its membership selection process, the NCAA convention approved legislation requiring athletes to make satisfactory progress in specific degree programs and allowing commission members to alter NCAA convention agendas in order to group together issues important to presidents. It would thus permit those wishing to vote on certain issues to attend the convention for a brief time, rather than for week-long sessions. President Driscoll's prediction is that this will lead to much more presidential influence and control over intercollegiate athletics in the near future.

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