Alums Give All-Time High In Funds for University

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Rice alumni contributed $170,351 to the University this past year including $45,933 from 3200 contributors given to the Rice Alumni Fund, an all time high. The remainder of the amount was given in such specific forms as scholarships, fellowships, awards, gifts to the library, and money received from alumni through the Rice Associates.

This raised the five-year total of alumni donations to $897,247. This figure does not include large special-purpose gifts, the exact amounts of which are not disclosed. However, the inclusion of such gifts would push the five-year total well past the $1,000,000 mark.

THE PERCENTAGE of alumni contributing this past year was 27%, also a new high. While this figure is well above the national average, it is far below the 70%-80% mark hit by some of the older eastern schools with which Rice attempts to compete in the academic world. It might also be noted that a certain "institution of higher learning" in College Station won $10,000 two years ago for having the highest participation in the nation.

According to the alumni office, many Rice grads picture the University as such a wealthy organization that their small gifts are of no importance. It is little realized that beside the obvious good to which such monies are put, many grants from foundations and such are based on the percentage of alumni who actively support the school.