Committee Of 88 Will Meet Legislators During Holidays

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Leaders of the Committee of 88 say they are encouraged by the results of their first attempt to "sell" Ohio State to state legislators and plan to accelerate the program.

During Christmas vacation, committee members will try to meet with legislators who were not approached or were unavailable over Thanksgiving vacation.

More than 60 students were to meet with their representatives last week, but most of the efforts were concentrated on the state's larger metropolitan areas.

ROBERT HOLLIDAY, Engr-3, said the Christmas time effort will be directed mainly at representatives from rural areas. He said the committee hopes to enlist help from students enrolled in the College of Agriculture.

He said preparatory meetings are planned for next week and all interested students are invited to attend.

Holliday told Tuesday's meeting of the Senate Public Affairs Commission that he has talked with some of the students who met with their representatives during last week's vacation.

HOLLIDAY SAID the representatives who were contacted generally were very receptive to the committee's program and expressed the belief that it's a sound plan for enlightening legislators on the needs of Ohio State.

Mark Goldstein, A-4, chairman of the Public Affairs Commission, was one of the students representing the Committee of 88 who talked with his representative (Cuyahoga County).

Goldstein said: "He agreed with our view that Ohio State deserves more appropriations. He said he understands that the rising enrollment and increased cost of attending school require more money.

"He also explained the problems the legislature faces. For one, it only has a certain amount of money to dispense. Another is that most of the appropriations go to the primary and secondary schools, which have strong lobbies in the legislature (such as the Northwestern Ohio Teachers Association). Higher education has no comparable force."

GOLDSTEIN SAID his representative expressed the belief that the committee's program is greatly needed and suggested that approaches by the parents would be even more effective because they are eligible voters.

Holliday said he feels this is representative of the reaction of legislators so far contacted by committee members.