

Penn State Enrollment Climbs

The Pennsylvania State University climbed from 17th to 14th place among the Nation's colleges and universities in grand total enrollment and continued in 15th place in full-time enrollment.

This was reported today in the 47th annual school and society collegiate enrollment survey prepared by Dr. Garland G. Parker, dean of admissions and registrar at the University of Cincinnati.

In the report, Penn State showed a gain in grand total enrollment from 31,174 students last year to 37,481 registered for credit this year while in full-time enrollment, the gain was from 23,968 last year to 26,794 full-time students this year.

Including credit and non-credit students in both full-time and part-time status, Penn State this year reports a record enrollment of 54,731 as compared to 48,359 last year.

In moving to 14th place in grand total enrollment, Penn State moved ahead of University of Michigan, University of Missouri, and New York University. The same institutions that were ahead of Penn State in full-time enrollment last year again led the list this year.

In his national study, which included reports from 1,095 accredited universities, senior colleges, four-year colleges, and two-year institutions affiliated with four-year institutions in the United States and Puerto Rico, Dr. Parker found a record total of 3,558,618 full-time students and a grand total of 4,855,279 students enrolled.

He noted, however, the first drop in freshmen enrollments since 1951.

With such heavy deterrents as the declining birth-rate year of 1948 and Selective Service demands, "the big news this year is that we have as many freshmen as we do," Dean Parker said.

"The mighty march of full-time freshmen, so niticeable in recent years, was checked this fall," he reported. "The 771,370 freshmen in 921 comparable institutions showed a decrease of 0.9 percent.

"Birthrate figures suggest small, if any, freshman increases in the next two years. Thereafter freshmen registrations will climb again as we enter the enrollment decade that even now may be anticipated as the "soaring seventies."

NATIONAL DEFENSE LOANS CANCELLED

Officials of the Pennsylvania State University have not applied for Federal funds for the continuation of the National Defense Student Loan program authorized under the National Defense Education Act of 1958 and loans under this program will be discontinued, effective with the Summer Term, 1967.

With the development of other aid programs, particularly the programs adopted last year by the Commonwealth, as well as new programs by the Federal government, the Trustees have determined that the resources of the University could be used more effectively by discontinuing participation in the N.D.S.L. program.