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Foreign Students at Cornell

1st Term, Year 1947-48

As a matter of general information and interest this data on Foreign Students is being sent to all Deans, Heads of Departments, and Administration officials.

The total number of Foreign Students actually registered in the University as of this date is 270 from 41 countries. At this time last year the figures were 245 from 38 countries. This increase is gratifying and is paralleled in other universities, -- a recent news release from the U. S. State Department in the New York Times notwithstanding. It is also gratifying to know that this increase would have been even greater if all of those accepted for this term could have gotten here, but 36 (21 Graduate Students and 15 Undergraduates) were not able to make the necessary arrangements.

Of the 270 total, 166 attended Cornell last year and 104 are new students, 175 are Graduate students and 95 are undergraduates, 222 are men and 48 are women. In addition there are 32 Americans from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, and living in other countries who are sometimes grouped with the bona fide Foreign Students. Immigrants, no matter how recently they may have arrived are not included.

Attached are tabulations showing the distribution by countries and major geographical areas and the distribution by Colleges and Schools. Since Canadians of whom there are 76 are hardly thought of as foreign, another tabulation is given showing the distribution by Colleges and Schools of all foreign students except the Canadians. This really gives a more accurate picture of Cornell's international enrollment.

The number of Chinese students has increased to approximately the pre-war level but is still below their maximum number. The students from India and Pakistan have increased 15% over last year. The Latin Americans who have been going down in numbers each year from their peak in 1944 have gone down again so that they are now just a little more than half of what they were three years ago. Students from Europe have decreased a little and from the Near East have increased a little compared to last year. Canada alone has about three times as many as any of Europe and about twice as many as all of Central and South America.

The three leading countries, Canada, China, India (including Pakistan) have 170 students and all the rest of the countries in the world have only 100.

Inquiries and applications from all over the world continue to pour in by the hundreds. Since the present number of foreign students is only .028 per cent of the total enrollment it is naturally the writer's hope that for the spring term and next fall the numbers can be increased, especially from those areas where the present number is relatively small.

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All Foreign Students

Distribution by Colleges

Distribution in Engineering

	<u>J.</u>	<u>U.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agriculture	81	20	101
Architecture	5	6	11
Arts & Sciences	42	15	57
Bus. & Pub. Ad.	1	1	2
Engineering	26	31	57
Home Economics	3	6	14
Hotel Admin.	-	13	13
Indust. & Lab. Rel.	2	1	3
Law	1	-	1
Nutrition	5	-	5
Veterinary	4	2	6
Total	175	95	270

	<u>G.</u>	<u>U.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aeronautical	3	-	3
Chemical	1	3	4
Civil	11	9	20
Electrical	7	6	13
Mechanical	4	13	17
Total	26	31	57

Foreign Students except Canadians

Distribution by Colleges

Distribution in Engineering

	<u>J.</u>	<u>U.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agriculture	53	18	71
Architecture	5	6	11
Arts & Sciences	21	15	36
Bus. & Pub. Ad.	1	1	2
Engineering	21	27	48
Home Economics	4	5	9
Hotel Admin.	-	5	5
Indust. & Lab. Rel.	2	1	3
Law	1	-	1
Nutrition	3	-	3
Veterinary	3	2	5
Total	114	80	194

	<u>G.</u>	<u>U.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aeronautical	2	-	2
Chemical	-	3	3
Civil	10	8	18
Electrical	6	6	12
Mechanical	3	10	13
Total	21	27	48

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1st Term, Year 1943-44

Europe
(except England)

Belgium	1
Finland	1
France	2
Greece	3
Iceland	1
Italy	1
Netherlands (inc. N.I.I.)	4
Norway	10
Portugal	2
Sweden	1
	<u>26</u>

British Commonwealth
(except India)

Canada	2
Canada	76
England	7
Jamaica	1
South Africa	1
Wales	1
	<u>88</u>

Far East

Cyprus	1
Egypt	6
Iran	2
Palestine	1
Turkey	8
	<u>18</u>

Far East

Afghanistan	2
Burma	1
China	49
India	42
Nepal	1
Pakistan	3
Philippines	3
	<u>101</u>

Latin America

Argentina	1
Brazil	1
Colombia	2
Costa Rica	3
Cuba	6
Dominican Republic	2
Ecuador	6
Guatemala	1
Mexico	8
Panama	4
Peru	1
Venezuela	2
	<u>37</u>

Total	270
Number of Countries	41

Graduate Students	64.8%
Undergraduate Students	35.2%
	<u>100%</u>

Men	222
Women	48
	<u>270</u>

Hawaii	10
Puerto Rico	17
Canal Zone	1
Americans living abroad	10
	<u>38</u>

February 27, 1948

Foreign Students at Cornell

2nd Term, Year 1947-48

Last term I sent to all the Deans, Heads of Departments and Administration Officials, a circular letter and tabulation of the foreign students in the University as of that time. This circular is to give everyone a picture of the foreign student situation in the second term and for the year as a whole.

Last fall I reported that 270 foreign students from 41 countries were registered in the University. A large number of new students were admitted for February and although many of them were not able to get here for various reasons, 35 new registrations were made. After I reported the figures for the first term, four other foreign students arrived and were able to register for the first term, so that these, with the 35 new arrivals in the second term, give a figure of 309 students from 45 countries who have registered in the University in the first term, the second term, or both.

As far as I have been able to find out, 24 foreign students either graduated or left the University for one reason or another at the end of the first term so that the actual enrollment in the second term is 285 from 42 countries.

The Canadian students continue to increase slightly, the Chinese students have increased considerably and are now as many in numbers as before the war. The Indian students have decreased slightly but are still here in large numbers. As a general trend in the acceptance of foreign students for next fall, it might be well to give special consideration to those from countries in Europe and the Near East. During the last few years, the numbers from Latin America have been going down and it is hoped that their numbers can be increased also. At present, they are about half of what they were a few years ago.

There is one difficulty which we, like all other universities, are faced with and that is that almost all foreign students, except those from Latin America and holders of scholarships from their own governments, need financial help. This is particularly true of students from Europe and China. In some countries, it is almost impossible for a student to secure a passport unless he has a scholarship as well as an admittance from an American educational institution. The awarding of our 24 Foreign Student Tuition Scholarships for next year is going to be an extremely difficult problem because it will be impossible to take care of most of those who apply and in many cases, unless a scholarship is given, a student can not come. Because of this financial situation, it may be that the actual enrollment of foreign students in the University next fall will decrease, although I am sure that everyone in the University hopes that this will not be so.

Attached is a tabulation showing the actual registration of foreign students by countries and areas in the first term, the second term and the total for the year.

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Year 1947-48

<u>Europe</u> (except England)	<u>1st</u> <u>Term</u>	<u>2nd</u> <u>Term</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>for yr.</u>	<u>British Commonwealth</u> (except India)	<u>1st</u> <u>Term</u>	<u>2nd</u> <u>Term</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>for yr.</u>
Belgium	1	1	1	Bermuda	2	2	2
Finland	1	1	1	Canada	76	77	79
France	2	4	4	England	7	8	8
Greece	3	3	3	Jamaica	1	1	1
Iceland	1	3	3	South Africa	1	1	1
Italy	1	1	1	Wales	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Netherlands (inc. N.W.I.)	4	4	4		88	90	92
Norway	10	10	12				
Portugal	2	2	2				
Rumania	-	1	1				
Sweden	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>				
	26	30	33				
 				<u>Latin America</u>			
<u>Near East</u>				Argentina	1	1	1
Cyprus	1	1	1	Brazil	1	1	1
Egypt	6	6	6	Chile	-	1	1
Iran	2	3	3	Colombia	2	2	2
Palestine	1	-	1	Costa Rica	3	4	4
Transjordan	-	1	1	Cuba	6	5	6
Turkey	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	Dominican Republic	2	1	2
	18	20	21	Ecuador	6	7	7
				Guatemala	1	-	1
				Mexico	8	8	8
				Panama	4	3	4
				Peru	1	2	2
				Venezuela	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
					37	37	41
<u>Far East</u>							
Afghanistan	2	2	2				
Burma	1	1	1				
China	49	56	60				
India	42	38	46				
Nepal	1	1	1				
Pakistan	3	1	3				
Philippines	3	6	6				
Siam	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>				
	101	108	122				
				<u>Total</u>	270	285	309
				<u>Number of Countries</u>	41	42	45