

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
Ithaca, New York

December 9, 1953

Foreign Student Enrollment
Fall Term, Year 1953-54

The enrollment of foreign students this year is the largest in the history of the University. We have been able to make this same statement every year since the end of the war. At present, there are 484 foreign students registered in the University from 68 countries. There are, as usual, a large number of immigrants who are not counted since we only list as foreign students those who are returning to their own countries upon the completion of their studies. That is why no students or countries are listed from behind the iron curtain although we have quite a number of such students in the University.

This year there are 51 foreign students who are members of or living in 29 of the fraternities. This constitutes 28% of the total number of foreign undergraduate men. I believe that this compares very favorably with the ratio of undergraduate American men who are in fraternities. Thirteen fraternities are each providing free room and board for a foreign student. The other 38 students were selected through the regular rushing process in competition with Americans. Included in this group are a student from Vietnam, two from China, one from Ceylon, one from Syria, and one from the Philippines. This speaks well for the general attitude of tolerance and lack of discrimination on the part of the fraternities. Two sororities are providing free room and board for foreign girls, one from Sweden and one from Israel. The cooperatives and Telluride and Gamma Alpha, the graduate fraternity, have 23 foreign students living in their houses. Altogether, there are 76 foreign students in these living groups from 30 countries.

As has been the case during the last few years, the foreign students participate in all the extra-curricular activities of the campus to a considerable degree. There are quite a number in varsity and freshman athletics, particularly soccer. There are three on the Board of the Cornell Daily Sun, a couple in the men's Glee Club, and about a dozen working on the Willard Straight Hall committees. Also, they are members of various social and honorary clubs and organizations. In general, although we are always striving for improvement, the situation is, in my opinion, a very healthy one.


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Foreign Students
1st Term 1953-54

Distribution by Colleges and Schools

<u>College</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agriculture	110	68	178
Architecture	4	14	18
Arts and Sciences	68	23	91
Business and Public Admin.	17		17
Engineering	29	65	94
Home Economics	5	3	8
Hotel Administration		12	12
Industrial and Labor Relations	12	27	39
Law	9		9
Nutrition	9		9
Veterinary Medicine	8	1	9
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Totals	271	213	484

Distribution by Schools in Engineering

<u>School</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aeronautical	1		1
Chemical	2	4	6
Civil	12	24	36
Electrical	9	12	21
Engineering Physics	1	3	4
Mechanical	4	22	26
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Totals	29	65	94

Graduate Students 56%
Undergraduate Students 44%

New Foreign Students	260	Women (from 28 Countries)	60
Old Foreign Students	224	Men	424

Foreign Students
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<u>Europe</u>		<u>Latin America</u>	
Basque	1	Argentina	6
Belgium	2	Brazil	5
Denmark	1	Bolivia	2
Eire	1	Chile	2
England	16	Colombia	18
Finland	5	Costa Rica	5
France	12	Cuba	6
Germany	32	Ecuador	2
Greece	15	El Salvador	2
Iceland	1	Guatemala	2
Italy	5	Honduras	2
Netherlands	7	Mexico	9
North Ireland	2	Nicaragua	1
Norway	6	Panama	7
Scotland	3	Peru	6
Spain	1	Uruguay	1
Sweden	3	Venezuela	13
Switzerland	3		<u>89</u>
Wales	1		
	<u>117</u>		
		<u>Africa</u>	
<u>Near and Middle East</u>		Egypt	7
Iran	7	Gold Coast	1
Iraq	4	Liberia	5
Israel	10	Morocco	1
Lebanon	3	Nigeria	3
Saudi Arabia	1	South Africa	3
Syria	3		<u>20</u>
Turkey	8		
	<u>36</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
<u>Far East</u>		Australia	1
Afghanistan	5	Bermuda	3
Ceylon	7	British Guiana	2
China	26	Canada	79
India	25	Jamaica	6
Indonesia	3	New Zealand	2
Japan	8		<u>93</u>
Korea	2		
Malaya	2		
Pakistan	6		
Philippines	30		
Ryukyus	2		
Thailand	8		
Vietnam	5		
	<u>129</u>		
		Total number of students	484
		Total number of countries	68