Withdrawal Rate Examined By Registrar In Interview

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In an interview this week, Mr. Michael V. McEnany, Registrar, answered rumors about Rice's allegedly high flunk-out rate.

This past semester, out of a total under-graduate enrollment of 1656, only 61 withdrew. And of these 61, only 19 failed to meet the requirements of the Committee on Examinations and Standings: i.e. 19 flunked out.

Of the other 42 withdrawals, all voluntary, only 15 left for clearly academic reasons. These figures are almost final, and Dr. McEnany doubts that there will be any change, percentage-wise, in the complete results.

ASKED TO compare these figures with those of the fall semester, 1961, Mr. McEnany said, the number of voluntary withdrawals has remained constant. However the number of required withdrawals was 29, 10 more than those of the semester just past.

He continued: “In the class of '62, with 521 students 59 per cent completed their degrees in the normal 4 years. This is a pretty good figure.” The Registrar added that only 10 per cent of the class of '62 flunked out and that 27 per cent withdrew voluntarily. The remaining 4 per cent are still attending. Furthermore, the number of students of that class, 521, included all these placed within the class at one time or others in the period '58-'62: transfers, drop-outs, etc.

Mr. McEnany also noted that thirty per cent of the class of '62 had been on the Dean’s List at least once.