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MISSOULA Jan. 26 -- Winter quarter registration at Montana State University totaled 3,621 students at the end of the third week of classes, an increase of 6.2% over the same period last year, it was announced by Leo Smith, MSU registrar. At the same time last year, the University had enrolled 3,410 students for the biggest winter quarter registration in the school's history up to that time.

"The trend toward larger registrations seems to be a continuing process, and within the last five years our winter quarter enrollments have climbed 30 percent," Smith noted. There is usually a drop in winter quarter registrations as compared with the preceding fall quarter, although the dropoff between the 1960 fall registration and the current winter quarter is appreciably less than usual, Smith indicated.

The winter registration at MSU includes 2,581 men and 1,040 women.

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