

Morehead May Drop Football

College Enrollment Down 25 Per Cent

MOREHEAD, Ky., Feb. 10 (AP)—Morehead State Teachers College has been hit sharply by the war, its second semester enrollment is approximately 25 per cent below that of last year's second term and football may be abandoned this fall. These observations were made today by President W. H. Vaughan.

Second term enrollment to date is 448, and although it is expected 25 or 30 more students will register before matriculation closes Monday, the figure still will represent nearly a one-fourth drop from the 1941 spring session.

First semester enrollment for this school year was 425, but ordinarily second term enrollment nearly doubles that of the first

Ellis Johnson Plans To Continue Football

In Lexington yesterday with his basketball team en route from Bowling Green to Richmond, where they will meet Eastern tonight, Head Coach Ellis Johnson said that his present plans were to continue football at Morehead although his squad had been greatly depleted by the war. Coach Johnson estimated that he would not have more than 14 men answer his call for spring practice, which is scheduled to get under way next month.

term. This is due to the fact that many rural teachers whose schools close the first of February attend college the second semester.

The president said the enrollment drop would mean a loss of approximately \$30,000 annually in tuition fees. "This, of course, will hit us sharply," he added, "but already we have reduced the payroll about \$15,000 a year by not replacing some of the teachers leaving for military or other reasons."

Morehead is a comparatively new school, but, due to a considerable extent to the efforts of the late State Senator Allie Young, its plant is a large one and the college has progressed rapidly. A large proportion of the teachers in eastern Kentucky counties received their training at Morehead.

In recent years Ellis Johnson, one of the University of Kentucky's all-time great athletes, has made Morehead football and basketball teams powers among those of small colleges. Now, however, it appears football may be abandoned for the duration of the war.

President Vaughan said:

"I consider it doubtful that Morehead will have a football team this fall. In fact, I don't think very many of the smaller colleges will have teams. I understand Transylvania College already has acted to drop the sport for the time being."

Vaughan added, however, "It may be possible for us to have some kind of a team with the 20 or 25 boys who will be available, that is if we don't try to play 'pro' football, but just make the best of what we have."