Enrollment at the Delaware County Community College has gone over 300, Dr. Douglas F. Libby Jr., college president, said today.

The figure of 300 is 50 percent over the 200 students Dr. Libby had said a month ago could be "realistically" expected for the college opening last Monday.

The college opened with a 280 enrollment, and Dr. Libby said late registration boosted the totals.

College officials had first planned for 400 students and had approved a $48,000 budget on that basis, but the figure was cut to 200 because of the college's late start.

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"Obviously, there was more of a demonstrated need than any of us anticipated with these kinds of programs," Dr. Libby said. "If this is an indication of things to come, we can look for future enrollments far in excess of those predicted."

While the community college enrollment went far above its latest estimates, the Delaware County Campus of Pennsylvania State University opened Monday in Chester with 235 students, some 85 less than recently forecast.

John D. Vairo, director of the Penn State campus, said late registration this week added only two or three students.

Last July, Vairo said the campus expected some 300 students.

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"At that time, that number of students had written saying they wanted to come," Vairo said.

But even the 235 figure is "overwhelming," Vairo said, because originally officials had anticipated an enrollment of about 80.

He could give "no clear cut reason" for the drop from 300, but mentioned the military draft, marriage and the possibility of students changing their minds to accept employment.

"Things are going well," Vairo said. "We're happy with the progress we're making, and the students tell me they like it."

Classes at Ridley

Dr. Libby said things are "going great" at the temporary Community College facility in a 28-classroom addition to Ridley High School.

He said the overwhelming majority of the students are from Delaware County and the 21 sponsoring districts.

"The numbers indicate a tremendous need for this kind of institution," Dr. Libby said, "regardless of other institutions being provided in the county."