T&CC, Dana, Grad. school gain as overall enrollment declines

While total enrollment at YSU declined 3.8%, increases were experienced in the Graduate School, the Technical and Community College, and the Dana School of Music, according to figures released yesterday by the University.

The 3.8% decline represents a decrease of 530 students, bringing the university's total enrollment to 13,458. The recent figure shows 28 more students than reported earlier in the Ohio Board of Regents' statistics.

The School of Business Administration experienced the largest decline of all the schools, followed by the College of Arts and Sciences. The Business enrollment dropped from 2,759 students to the present count of 2,387. A&S decreased from 3,640 students to 3,281, a drop of 352 students.

The Technical and Community College leads all schools in enrollment for the first time with an increase of 310 students, boosting its total to 3,706. The Graduate School, steadiest in terms of consistent growth, has increased in enrollment by 17.4%, from 971 last fall to 1,140 students now enrolled. Dana's increase was from 331 students to 349.

The undergraduate enrollment by classes is as follows: seniors 2,256; juniors, 2,227; sophomores, 2,720; and freshmen 5,115. The junior class was the only one to show an increase, with the freshmen class having the largest decline, a difference of 358 students or a 6.6% decrease from last fall.

More men than women still enroll at YSU according to figures, which count 7,996 males and 5,462 females. The overall enrollment statistics of women students exhibit no change, with the large decrease of women in Education and A&S offset by gains in Business Engineering, Music, T&CC, and Graduate School. Men's enrollment, however, dropped in excess of 500 students from last fall, primarily at the lower division level.

The statistics also reported a trend in students' registering for a lighter work load. The total student body averaged 12 quarter hours last fall, and this fall the average is 11.7 quarter hours.