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### YSU spring enrollment surges past 12,000

University has nearly 1,400 more students than three years ago

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio** – Spring semester enrollment at Youngstown State University pierced the 12,000 mark for the first time in eight years as students continue to flock to campus.

The head count of 12,221 on Monday represents an increase of 362 students from the same time last year, a 3 percent jump.

In the last three years, spring semester enrollment has gone up 1,349 students or 12.4 percent. The last time spring enrollment went over the 12,000 mark was 1995, when the number of students stood at 12,452.

"The efforts of everyone on campus to bring more students to the university are continuing to pay off," said YSU President David C. Sweet, who has made enrollment a top priority since coming to YSU 2½ years ago.

"The numbers are going in the right direction. It's an exciting opportunity for us to serve more people and help boost the educational levels in the Mahoning Valley."

Enrollment becomes official at the end of the 14th day of the semester, which was Monday. The final numbers, which are reported to the Ohio Board of Regents, won't be available until early next week.

A big reason for the enrollment increase this spring is a surge of registrations since classes started Jan. 13. In that two-week period alone, enrollment increased by 402 students.

"Everybody's worked hard to try to address any concerns students may have and their contributions are appreciated," said Bill Countryman, interim executive director of enrollment services and registrar.

Among YSU's six college divisions, the College of Health and Human Services experienced the biggest jump in enrollment, up 346 students or 15.5 percent from last spring.

Enrollment is counted in two ways: head count reflects the number of students enrolled, while full-time equivalent shows the number of students enrolled full time. YSU's FTE enrollment also is up this spring, from 9,309 last year to 9,626 this year, a 3.4-percent increase.

#### YSU enrollment

Spring 2000 10,872

Spring 2001 11,155

Spring 2002 11,859

Spring 2003 12,221

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