

YSU enrollment up; sets new record

YSU has the highest enrollment in its history, approximately 15,500, according to preliminary fall quarter figures announced by President Dr. John J. Coffelt. The previous enrollment record was 15,030 in 1970.

Coffelt said the preliminary figures show an increase of more than 11 percent over last fall's enrollment of 13,917.

Coffelt pleased

"We are pleased with our current enrollment picture," noted Coffelt. "Enrollment gains demonstrate that YSU is continuing to grow and meet the diverse needs of the Mahoning Valley and northeastern Ohio."

Increase expected

YSU officials have been optimistic that enrollment would increase, coinciding with state and national trends. The new figures, however, surpassed the anticipated increase.

Economy a factor

"Enrollment, which has now grown for the second consecutive year, reflects a continued faith in the value of higher education," observed Coffelt. "While the economy has been a factor in the return to school, I think the University's image has been enhanced by the visible physical growth of the campus and an expanding appreciation of the quality of our academic programs."

Largest number

Dr. James A. Scriven, dean of admissions and records, reported that this year YSU had the largest number of applicants in all categories, and the largest number of enrolled applicants. "It's significant that we had the highest number of first-time college students. Over 3,100 are

in this category," he stated.

Exact figures will be available next week, but Scriven said preliminary figures show there are approximately 9,800 full-time and 5,700 part-time students. Approximate undergraduate figures are 13,700, and 1,800 in the Graduate School.