Enrollment up at UND, VCSU, stable at MSUM

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GRAND FORKS, N.D. – The University of North Dakota has 12,470 students enrolled, a 1.6 percent increase over last year’s first-day enrollment of 12,276.

Spokesman Peter Johnson said officials expect that number to climb before the official tally is taken during the fourth week of classes.

Minnesota State University Moorhead’s preliminary enrollment was holding steady at 7,252 students.

MSUM officials don’t have a comparable number for this time last year because the university changed the timing of when registrations are canceled for nonpayment, said Iris Gill, director for institutional research.

At Valley City (N.D.) State University, officials are viewing a 10 percent first-day enrollment increase with caution.

The university has 1,007 students enrolled, compared with 915 a year ago at this time.

VCSU spokesman Doug Anderson said the increase may be because officials put more emphasis this year on registering early in an effort to get students to return after spring flooding.

Mayville (N.D.) State University plans to release numbers Wednesday.

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