

From a score of states, three foreign countries and more than 100 Minnesota communities students came to the UMD campus this summer in numbers that fell just shy of a new summer enrollment record.

The veteran-swelled enrollment of 1,454 in 1947 continued as the record total, but the ~~low~~ 1957 enrollment of 1,349, continuing an upward trend since 1953, indicates that the 1949 mark will fall in the next few years.

A major 1957 feature was the first Science Institute held on the UMD campus under auspices of the National Science Foundation under a \$9.6 million program to strengthen America's science teaching at the high school level.

William R. McEwen, chairman of the division of science and mathematics and institute director, coordinated a busy first term program that included lectures, laboratory work, field trips and guest lectures.

Participating in a UMD News Service survey of science teaching in America today, 53 of the 76 high school teachers attending the institute agreed that:

The gifted student is lost in the shuffle as the science teacher combats indifference and ~~overwhelming~~ sheer numbers in his classroom; many school administrations do not support the sciences as they do the ~~more~~ showier or more dramatic phases of secondary education; "automatic" promotions and graduations give students ~~little~~ incentive for little more than minimal effort.

An August commencement class of 84 on Aug. 22 in Kirby Student center ballroom heard ~~President J. L. Morrill~~ Dr. Preston Bradley, pastor of the People's church, Chicago, declare that the graduate of today steps into a world of complex challenges never before imagined.

"It is ~~very~~ dangerous to think that as long as one can make a living and be socially acceptable one is secure," Dr. Bradley said. "I see in the smug satisfactions ~~and~~ that come from these standard achievements a real danger that the democratic process may finally result in the willingness to accept the mediocre."

Such an attitude can be ~~most~~ disastrous in a world in which countries with inimical political philosophies are spurring youth to maximum ~~effort~~ preparation and maximum effort, he said.

University regent Richard L. Griggs, Duluth, in congratulating the graduates on behalf of University President J. L. Morrill and the board of regents, declared:

"You have participated in a ~~good~~ growing academic program whose excellency is ~~now~~ becoming known far beyond the boundaries of the state."