

If Dr. William A. Rosenthal of the University of Minnesota, Duluth (UMD) had his way, he would be happy just as a teacher---and a cook.

As head of UMD's Department of English since 1951, chairman of the UMD Faculty Council, chairman of the UMD Faculty Library Committee, and a member of the University Senate---to name just a few---Dr. Rosenthal's role as an administrator-academician is pretty well defined.

Also set is his talent in the kitchen. "Fair weather or foul, I love to cook everything that's good to eat," Rosenthal matter of factly admits. "It's not just a hobby; I've always cooked."

Rosenthal spent five years and two tours in Europe during World War II as a rifleman with the U.S. Army. "After that little experience, I didn't even like to go on picnics," he intones.

Professor Rosenthal's more serious interest, from the beginning, was English. He received the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees at Northwestern University. He stayed on three years as an instructor before coming to UMD in 1949 as an assistant professor.

Normally a smiling, dry wit professor-type, Dr. Rosenthal can, when upset, master the colorful word as well as the next man. He isn't very happy about: the number of freshmen who still need to take remedial English; the little writing high school and college students do outside of English classes; and employer complaints about graduates who do not write well enough.

But there is hope, Rosenthal feels, that better English instruction in secondary schools, more in-service training for teachers, and a greater college awareness of the problem of writing proficiency will bring about an improvement in the use of the English language.