

DULUTH--Ninth University of Minnesota President O. Meredith Wilson told a receptive UMD convocation audience Tuesday (Oct.4) that in the light of our educational heritage, "excellence is all that will be satisfactory."

Speaking before students, faculty and staff, and representatives of the community, Pres. Wilson said "the investment of the mind and the equality of our people are what make us different as a culture."

The school is the instrument for building better minds and the classroom, the laboratory for achieving equality, he noted.

In a presentation that was warm and dotted occasionally with humor, he cited his Range tour and English-American history as background for his remarks.

"From their names and jobs, I can see you have people of all cultures and all economic levels on the Range---as you have represented here at UMD."

"But when the school bell rings, these differences disappear. The only departure then is in individual acceptance of opportunity."

Sometimes we treat education casually, the historian said, because it was an early provision in our country.

He traced education from 17th Century America when the master was responsible for his servants' learning, to the community's taking this responsibility; from education as a "need of economy" to a "deliberate design of culture" --- to the present when we agree that 50 per cent of our people must attend college.

"You must take education very seriously." he said to the students, "work beyond ease, and remember it's not just the greatness of your teachers but how you undertake to learn that brings results."

"If you determine you wish an education, no one can prevent you. If you seek success, you will find the resources available," he concluded.

On the speakers platform at Kirby Ballroom were Regents Richard L. Griggs of Duluth and Dr. Charles Mayo, chief of surgery at Mayo Clinic, Rochester. Dr. and Mrs. Mayo, Regent Griggs, and Provost and Mrs. Raymond W. Darland accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Wilson on a tour of Northern Minnesota Iron and Taconite areas Monday and of the UMD campus Tuesday.