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Charles E. Hood, director of placement at the University of Montana, reports a sharp rise in the number of graduates placed during the 12 months ending Sept. 1, 1965, over the corresponding period the previous year.

In educational placement, registrants served by the U of M Placement Center rose from 367 last year to 550 this year for a 50 per cent increase. The number placed was up one third, and the number with advanced degrees placed skyrocketed 100 per cent.

In industrial placement, registrants serviced rose 45 per cent, and the number placed was up 68 per cent.

For both industrial and educational placement, graduates placed during the year numbered 416, compared to 300 last year. The 1965 total includes 338 placements in schools and colleges and 78 in industry and government.

Only graduates who registered with the Placement Center are counted in the total, Hood pointed out. Many other graduates obtained positions through their schools or departments or on their own, he noted.

More than half (52 per cent) of the graduates placed by the center accepted positions in Montana. In educational placement, 55 per cent of the teachers located in Montana; only 38 per cent of the graduates taking jobs in industry or government remained in the state. The number of teachers leaving the state increased from 40 per cent in 1964 to 45 per cent in 1965.

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Fourteen per cent of those placed held advanced degrees, and 86 per cent held undergraduate degrees. In industrial placement, the largest number of graduates placed had degrees from the School of Business Administration or the College of Arts and Sciences. Of these, the greatest number accepted positions as accountants or management trainees. Of their employers, 65 per cent were private companies and 35 per cent were government agencies.

In educational placement, teachers and administrators signed contracts in 68 Montana communities. The largest numbers were employed in Missoula, Great Falls, Havre, Billings, Butte and Helena. Teachers accepted positions in 22 other states, including California (26), Oregon (21), Washington (17), Idaho (15), Wisconsin (10) and Alaska (9). Teachers were also placed in four foreign countries, including 15 placements in Canada.

Ninety per cent of all placements were made during the five-month period from April through August, with the peak figure (112) recorded in June. Most job candidates were placed after personal interviews with recruiters who visited the center. A total of 155 recruiters for schools, colleges, business firms and government agencies held about 1,400 interviews with seniors and graduate students. Most candidates were interviewed by more than one recruiter. Favorite months for interviews were October, November, February, March and April.

More than 2,000 sets of credentials, which include data sheets and written recommendations for each candidate, were mailed to prospective employers during the 12-month period covered in Hood's report.

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