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FROM: BOB GILLULY, SPORTS NEWS EDITOR  
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MISSOULA---Paid admissions to the new Montana University swimming pool exceeded the 50,000 mark during its first year of operation, according to an announcement this week from Earl Martel, director of student activities and facilities.

The pool, opened in midsummer of last year, has had 50,533 paid admissions through July 20. Increased use of the facility is reflected in attendance figures so far this summer--9,040. This is a substantial increase over the summer of 1958, according to pool manager Bud Wallace.

"We feel that the attendance figures are indicative of the great need for year-around swimming facilities in Montana," Martel commented. "Constructed without cost to the Montana taxpayers, the pool is more than paying for itself," he added.

Summer programs at the pool include swimming lessons for both children and adults, lifesaving and diving lessons, and daily swim sessions open to University students and Missoula townspeople.

The pool also has been a new "home" for the MSU swimming team, a squad that placed a strong fourth in Skyline Conference Championships in the new tank last March.

Summer personnel include lifeguards Wayne Veeneman, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Doug James, Oakland, Calif.; Bill Brubaker, Beaver, Pa., and John Vought, Missoula. Women instructors are Edwina Sievers, Missoula, and Nancy Trask, Deer Lodge.

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