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A record number of degrees — 1,369 — plus one honorary doctor of laws to Montana’s senior United States Senator, Mike Mansfield, were conferred at MSU’s 76th annual commencement.

The previous record was in 1971 when 1,329 degrees were granted. Included in the 1972 total were 1,203 bachelor’s degrees, 147 master’s and 19 doctorates.

In conferring the degree of doctor of laws on Senator Mansfield, who is also senate majority leader, MSU President Carl W. McIntosh said “. . . your extended career of productive service dedicated to the people of Montana has provided a response to the needs of our State in a context appropriate to the national and international complexities of our times. Your wisdom and knowledge have been matched by integrity and talent. Your perception of the ideals of higher education is scholarly; your support of their survival magnificent. But, we especially recognize you as a man from Montana and for Montana who has been humble enough to speak to us easily and strong enough to speak for us courageously.”

Preceding commencement, at a dinner honoring the doctoral candidates, President McIntosh conferred the university’s second
highest honors — blue and gold awards — on W. Norman Oswald '31, of Dallas, Texas, and Anker Christy '20, of Spokane.

Oswald's award read, in part "... Your integrity, wisdom and management ability to design, develop and produce weapons handling systems have brought you national fame as recognized by your recent designation as Small Businessman of the Year for 1970 by the Small Business Administration of the United States Government."

Christy’s citation was in recognition of an outstanding productive career in the design, development and operation of petroleum refining, transportation and distribution systems, both in times of peace and war. "Your integrity, wisdom and knowledge have brought great credit and recognition to Montana State University, the College of Engineering and its Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Department," the citation read.

Eleven retired faculty and staff members were also honored at the dinner and presented university certificates of appreciation of their services by Dr. McIntosh.

These included:

Dr. Robert G. Dunbar, director of the Center for Intercultural Programs and professor of history.

Dr. C. J. D. Brown, professor of zoology and fisheries management.*

John "Brick" Breeden, basketball coach, director of athletics, director of Career Placement Service.

Howard H. Dean, professor of English.