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University of Montana President Robert Johns, addressing the 69th annual UM Commencement Sunday, urged graduates to "Consider the idea of having trust and tolerance for your fellow man."

His remarks followed the largest commencement ceremony in the history of the University. Well over 5,000 degree recipients, families, friends and spectators packed the UM Fieldhouse for the afternoon program.

Johns exhorted those receiving degrees to "have courage and confidence in yourselves and faith in your God to pursue the life ahead."

The University of Montana presented a total of 710 degrees in the Sunday ceremony. That number included bachelor's degrees, master's degrees and one earned doctorate degree. About 500 more persons received degrees for work previously completed at the University, although they were not present for commencement ceremonies. The largest previous commencement class was in 1950, when 550 bachelor's degrees were presented.

Three honorary degrees were conferred by the University of Montana. They went to Dr. George Bartelmez, distinguished embryologist and anatomist, and the only member of the National Academy of Sciences residing in Montana; John C. Ewers, Smithsonian associate curator and onetime director of the Plains Indian Museum at Browning, Montana; and Dr. Peter H. Odegard, a Kalispell native and professor of political science at the University of California at Berkeley.

A special honorary doctorate of science degree was awarded for the first time Sunday. The degree, conferred jointly by the six units of the Montana University system, the Council of Presidents and the Board of Regents went to P. C. Gaines, in

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absentia. The award, made at Montana State University in Bozeman and read at commencement activities in the other five Montana university system units, cited Gaines for his 43 years as a scientist and worker at the Montana Experiment Station at Bozeman. The citation praised Gaines as a former head of the Dept. of Chemistry, dean of the faculty, Vice President for Academic **Affairs** and Acting President of Montana State University of Bozeman.

Marshals for the commencement ceremony were Laurence E. Gale, UM Academic Vice President, Donald J. Emblen, professor of business administration and Ralph Y. McGinnis, professor of speech.

Prelude, processional and recessional were provided by the University Concert Bank, conducted by David Whitwell.

Invocation, a prayer for peace once used by Pope John 23rd, was read by Fr. George Ferguson. Benediction was given by Toshimi Tatsuyama of the UM School of Religion.

Also on the platform were deans of all UM departments who presented their department's candidates for degrees to President Johns.