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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana will hold commencement exercises for spring-quarter degree candidates and graduates of the preceding three quarters Sunday, June 10, at 2 p.m. in the Harry Adams Field House.

The 1,764 degree candidates and recipients making up the class of 1979 include nearly 1,000 spring-quarter candidates for undergraduate and graduate degrees. The total represents 1,337 undergraduate degrees, including 11 associate arts degrees; 324 master's degrees, 29 doctoral degrees, and 74 law degrees.

In addition, the University will confer the honorary doctor of science degree upon Dr. Edwin T. Mertz, UM alumnus and Purdue University professor emeritus of biochemistry, whose research has contributed to the improvement of nutrition in many parts of the world.

The exercises will begin with the organ recessional, played by Ruth Browder, followed by the procession of marshals, the Colors, candidates for degrees, the faculty, members of the governing boards, guests of honor, and the president. Eletra Vandeberg will lead the National Anthem, the Rev. Frank Matule will give the invocation, and organist John Ellis will perform Bach's Concerto After Vivaldi.

The deans will then present the candidates to President Richard C. Bowers, who will confer the degrees and deliver the charge to the class.

The ceremonies will close with the benediction by the Rev. Kent Kinney and the recessional.

The commencement exercises are open to the public.