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George Starbuck to read poetry Wednesday

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George Starbuck writes of Viet Nam in his book of poems called, "White Paper." He will read some of those poems in the University of Montana Music Recital Hall at 8 p.m. Wednesday (Nov. 16).

Herbert W. Gottfried, UM English instructor who will present Starbuck, said the noted poet's appearance is under the auspices of the UM English department and the reading is open to the interested public without charge.

Outraged by the Viet Nam war, Starbuck's indignation bursts through satire into indictment, in the long "Poem Issued by Me to Congressmen" with its two-page title, in "Dear Fellow Teacher," and in the harsh "Of Late."

There also are light poems, deliciously funny or broadly satiric, poems of the American landscape, poems on the vagaries of masscult. The poet is as versatile as he is eloquent and in these poems he finds a new voice.

Starbuck has studied at Chadwick School, Cal Tech, Berkeley, University of Chicago and Harvard. He won the 1960 competition for the Yale Series of Younger Poets in 1960 and the Prix de Rome.

He now teaches in the creative writing program at the University of Iowa. His works have been published in no less than 24 leading magazines, four anthologies, and two books, "White Paper" and "Bone Thoughts."