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78TH UM COMMENCEMENT JUNE 15 TO INCLUDE  
PRESENTATION OF 2 HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREES

MISSOULA--

University of Montana President Richard C. Bowers will deliver the charge to the graduating class and award two honorary doctoral degrees during the 78th Annual Commencement ceremonies at UM June 15.

Commencement ceremonies on the Missoula campus, open to the 1,872 summer-through-spring UM degree recipients, their parents, friends and the general public, will be at 2 p.m. June 15 in the Harry Adams Field House. Spring quarter graduates total 1,012.

The two men selected to receive the honorary degrees are C. Leo Hitchcock, Seattle, Wash., who will receive an honorary doctor of science degree, and Edmund L. Freeman, Missoula, who will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Freeman, who joined the UM faculty in 1919, studied at the University of London and the British Museum from 1922-23. He studied at Northwestern University and did research at the Newberry Library in Chicago from 1929-30. Freeman received his A.B. degree from Missouri Wesleyan College and did graduate work in British literature at Northwestern. He retired from the English faculty at UM in 1962.

He co-authored two anthologies entitled "Prose Preferences" with Sidney Cox of Dartmouth College, and in recent years has written letters, columns and articles for Montana newspapers and magazines.

While he was on the UM campus, Freeman held several offices and participated in many activities. He served as debate coach for several years after joining the UM faculty in 1919, and he continued to have an active interest in composition teaching until his retirement. He served as president of several organizations, including the High School Debate League, the American Association of University Professors and the American Federation of Teachers.

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Hitchcock taught in the botany department on the University campus from 1932-37. He received his bachelor's and master's <sup>degrees</sup> from Pomona College, Claremont, Calif., and a doctoral degree from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

While at the University of Montana, Hitchcock began writing a text entitled "Vascular Plants of the Pacific Northwest," a five-volume work which stands as an authority on the plants of the area. He also wrote a condensation of the book which contains information for both the professional botanist and the plant enthusiast.

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