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HUGO WINS \$500 CANE PRIZE
FOR HIS "SELECTED POEMS"

MISSOULA--

Richard Hugo, director of the creative writing program at the University of Montana, has been named the winner of this year's Cane Competition for his "Selected Poems," published in 1979.

The \$500 prize for the contest, sponsored by Poetry Society of America, will be presented at an awards ceremony on March 28 at the National Arts Club in New York City. The program will feature a celebration of Elizabeth Bishop and will include talks by John Ashbery, Elizabeth Hardwick, Howard Moss and Kathleen Spivack.

Naomi Lazard, a visiting poet at the UM and the president of the society's governing board, will accept the prize for Hugo, whose previous commitments will prevent his attendance.

Hugo's eighth volume of poetry, "White Center," has just been published. His fifth volume, "What Thou Lovest Well, Remains American," published in 1975, won the Theodore Roethke Memorial Poetry Prize, which is given every three years for the most outstanding book of poetry during the period.

His poems have appeared in The New Yorker, The Atlantic Monthly, Poetry, American Poetry Review, Esquire and other periodicals and are included in several anthologies.

Teacher and editor as well as poet, Hugo is the author of "The Triggering Town: Lectures and Essays on Creative Writing," and the editor of the Yale Younger Poet Series.

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Hugo was one of the poets honored in the presidential salute to outstanding American poets at the White House in January

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