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UM TO CONFER TWO HONORARY DEGREES

Norman Maclean, Chicago, Ill., a writer and scholar who grew up in Missoula, and G.W. Prescott, Wyoming, N.Y., an eminent botanist associated for many years with the University of Montana Biological Station, Yellow Bay, will be awarded honorary degrees at UM commencement exercises June 14 at 2 p.m. in the Harry Adams Field House.

Maclean will receive the doctor of letters degree, and Prescott, the doctor of science.

Maclean earned a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago and was a member of the faculty there for 45 years, retiring as William Rainey Harper Professor of English in 1973. He is the author of such diverse publications as "A Manual of Instruction in Military Maps and Aerial Photographs," "The Theory of Lyric Poetry from the Renaissance to Coleridge" and "A River Runs Through It."

The last, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1977, consists of autobiographical stories set in the western Montana of Maclean's youth.

Maclean is featured in a piece titled "The Old Man and the River" in the June issue of Esquire.

Prescott is a world authority on microscopic aquatic plants (algae). A prolific writer of scientific books and articles, he is nearing completion of a six-volume work that will be the definitive reference on North American desmids, a group of organisms, according to UM Botany Chairman Sherman Preece.

Prescott's books and articles will be on public display in the second-floor showcases of the UM Botany Building June 8-12, Preece said.

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Prescott served on the Michigan State University faculty for 22 years and from 1950 and 1968 taught summers at the UM Biological Station. After retiring from MSU in 1968, he became a professor of botany and the first resident biologist at the station. A UM professor emeritus of botany since 1980, he remains identified with the biological station as a faculty affiliate.

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