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A celebrated literary figure will participate in an academic festival the first week of April at Montana State University in honor of Prof. Edmund Freeman, who this year marks his 40th anniversary on the MSU English faculty, according to Dr. Vedder Gilbert, department chairman.

Prof. Freeman's colleagues in the English Department banded together to raise a purse to bring I. A. Richards, eminent literary critic and Harvard professor, to the MSU campus for the festival, Dr. Gilbert said. As word of their spontaneous gesture spread, they were joined in their undertaking by students, former students, and friends of Freeman from far and near, he reported.

The festival is an unusual way to honor a professor, Dr. Gilbert said, but the originators of the plan felt that no more fitting tribute could be paid Prof. Freeman than to bring to the campus a scholar of Richard's stature.

Richards is scheduled to arrive in Missoula April 1, according to Dr. Gilbert. The week's activities will be climaxed by a public lecture by Richards on April 8. Arrangements have been made with park officials for Richards to tour Glacier Park some time during the week.

Members of the English Department comprising the committee in charge of festival arrangements are Dr. Jacob Vinocur, Dr. Leslie A. Fiedler, and Dr. Gilbert.

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