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FOR RELEASE THURSDAY, MARCH 23

John Frederick Nims of Notre Dame University, acting editor of Poetry magazine, will be visiting lecturer at the poetry workshop to be conducted at Montana State University from June 12 to 24, according to Dr. Agnes V. Boner, associate professor of English at MSU and director of the workshop.

The workshop for junior and senior high school teachers will focus on the study and teaching of contemporary poetry, Dr. Boner said. It is one of the few such university workshops in the country selected for co-sponsorship by the National Council of Teachers of English, she noted.

Nims will lecture on contemporary poetry and consult with students who are interested in writing verse. Dr. Boner said the distinguished teacher and poet has published two volumes of poetry, "A Fountain in Kentucky" and "Knowledge of the Evening." He has translated Italian and Spanish verse.

The workshop program will include discussion of the teaching in poetry in high school, led by Dr. Boner, and instruction in criticism and interpretation of poetry by Dr. Seymour Betsky of the MSU English faculty.

Students will spend three hours a day in class during the two-week session and may earn three graduate credits, Dr. Boner said. Classes will be spaced to allow registrants to take other summer-session courses.

Teachers interested in participating in the workshop may obtain detailed information by writing to Dr. Agnes V. Boner, Director, Poetry Workshop, Montana State University, Missoula.

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