Marathon Swim

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ROOT: Not necessarily. To give you an example, Marge Piercy read at a college in Virginia just before I went back there several years ago, and complained bitterly about the room she had been given. She was told William Stafford had just read there and it suited him fine. She replied, but "I am a name poet."

Incidentally, I got a letter a couple of days ago which will bring me face to face with the Eastern establishment for the first time in many a year. It was an invitation to go read for the Academy of American poets at the Guggenheim. They are having a Northwest poets thing and John Haines, Tess Gallagher, and Carolyn Kizer, who is still counted as a Northwest poet, and Bill Stafford will be there, too. We'll all be up there spewing pine needles at them.