

Richard Eberhart to speak to Friends of Library

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Richard Eberhart, one of the most honored of American contemporary poets, will be the speaker at the annual meeting of the Friends of the UCSD Library at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, October 25, in room 2414, Building C at the University of California, San Diego.

Friends of the UCSD Library and their guests are invited to the meeting which will be followed by coffee and a social hour in the UCSD Library. Election of the new council for the coming year will be on the agenda for the evening and new memberships are invited.

Professor Eberhart, co-winner of the Bollingen Prize from Yale University Library in 1962, is the author of "The Quarry" a new book of his poems which appeared last month. He is called by Yale English and American Studies Professor R. W. B. Lewis, "outstanding among the living American representatives of the incantatory and celebrational strain."

Professor Eberhart, appointed Professor of English and Poet in Residence at Dartmouth College in 1956, will visit UCSD on his way west to present the first in a series of Robert Frost Memorial lectures at San Francisco. The title of his talk for the "Friends" will be "Poets, Collectors and Librarians."

Mr. Eberhart was born in Austin, Minnesota, in 1904. He attended Dartmouth College, receiving an A.B. degree in 1926. He later attended Cambridge University, receiving his B.A. there in and his M.A. in 1933. Dartmouth College conferred on him its Honorary Doctor of Letters in 1954. In the thirties Mr. Eberhart was a tutor to the son of King Prajadhipok of Siam for a year and later a Master in English at St. Mark's School, Southborough, Massachusetts.

Following World War II, he joined The Butcher Polish Company, Boston, where he is now honorary Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors. Since 1952, when he returned to teaching, he has served as poet in residence, professor, or lecturer at the University of Washington, the University of Connecticut, Wheaton College (Norton, Massachusetts), and Princeton.

Mr. Eberhart's first book, "A Bravery of Earth", was published in 1930.

"Reading the Spirit" appeared in 1936; "Song and Idea", in 1942; "Poems New and Selected", in 1944; "Brotherhood of Men", in 1942; and "Selected Poems" in 1951. Two books, "Undercliff: Poems, 1946-1953" and "Great Praises" were published in 1957. "Collected Poems, 1930-1960" appeared in 1960 and "Collected Verse Plays" in 1962.

He served as Consultant in Poetry at the Library of Congress from 1959 to 1961 and was appointed by President Eisenhower to the Advisory Committee on the Arts for the National Cultural Center in Washington in 1959. He is a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters and was appointed Honorary Consultant in American Letters, 1963-1966, by the Library of Congress in 1963.