Poet James Dickey To Visit Wiess

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James Dickey, whose most recent volume, ‘Buckdancer’s Choice,’ has won the National Book Award in Poetry for 1966 against competition by Steven Spender and W. H. Auden, will be on the Rice campus May 2, 3, and 4.

Dickey will read his poetry in the Chemistry Lecture Hall on Tuesday night, May 3. On Monday night he will hold a reading and discussion in the Wiess lounge for members of the college. Although Dickey will stay at Wiess, Brown and Will Rice are helping to sponsor his visit. Dickey will have will discuss the artist’s role in modern society with Larry McMurray at Will Rice Wednesday night.

Dickey succeeded Spender as the poetry consultant to the Library of Congress for the 1966-67 term. His previous volume, ‘Drowning with Others,’ received the National Book Award nomination in 1965. He has also written ‘Helmets’ and ‘Into the Stone’ and has been Poet-in-Residence at a number of colleges, including the University of Wisconsin and Reed College.

In the past year Dickey has written several cover articles for the New York Times Book Review.

Raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Dickey earned degrees from Vanderbilt, and from 1952 to 1954 taught English here at Rice.

Each season, Dickey gives poetry readings before college audiences throughout the country. Also considered a strong and lucid spokesman for the literary arts, Dickey frequently addresses the public-at-large in forums and general discussion groups.