

English 300: Merlin
24 November 1997

Guest speaker! On 24 November we will entertain Professor Thomas P. Roche, Jr., a member of the English Department at Princeton who is known to many of you not only as a teacher of Renaissance literature, but also as a thespian. Professor Roche will deliver a lecture entitled “Absent Arthur” and will then conduct us on a tour of the excellent collection of rare Spenser editions found in Firestone Library. Among many other scholarly accomplishments, Professor Roche wrote The Kindly Flame, a reading of Books III and IV of Spenser’s Faerie Queene that is an authoritative and widely used secondary source for the poem, and edited The Faerie Queene, an edition that is indispensable for work on the poem. Professor Roche is currently working on the iconography of the Muses and a history of Princeton’s English Department.