

# Poetry

## LURKING

Pale children skipped past  
Banks of dirty, yellow snow.  
Clad in sandals and shorts, they were  
Again deceived by false promises of spring.

Students with much work to do  
Lounged on roof tops along  
The tree lined streets of Winter's litter.  
They too were fooled by melting ice and snow.

Like a lizard behind a Rock  
Though, the true March wind  
Began to nip at the pallid bodies  
And the yellow-gray ice cakes.

TERRY GASTON  
March 24, 1979

## UNCLE ERNIE'S DEAD

Uncle Ernie died to-day,  
Too many pills, the doctors say,  
Who knows the games he tried to play,  
Competitions entered, his psyche's way.

But who's to say, and for us all,  
Are we, or our psyche, throwing the ball?  
Now Keith is dead at thirty-one,  
It seems assured his bad guy won.

JOHN NEULAND

Each one has his own story  
But not everyone  
wants to reveal

The scars still hurting  
The cuts which never heal

Each one keeps his story  
Until he finds someone  
To tell it to

Only then  
Will he take it off the shelf

Only Then,  
Will he open up his book for you

Margaret Comeau

elusive dreams, marshmallow creams,  
candy-coated smiles  
strawberry hearts and cautious starts  
into a world of crystallized thoughts  
chocolate caravans, and sweetened voices  
seeping through shafts of light  
but they're only secluded senses  
and shingled tensions  
bartering in the web of night.

JANICE P.

## THE ROSE

The top  
Is soft, gentle and very fragile,  
The stem  
Is firm, painful and very strong,  
And so too  
Are the characteristics  
Of true love.

JOHN M. ERSKINE  
Feb. 6, 1979

By M.W.

## LIGHT THOUGHTS DURING A BLACK-OUT

one night  
the electricity machine  
snapped,  
and there was darkness -  
absence of light -  
no light.

our land  
which  
the sun  
lights  
from six to six  
through all the seasons  
since Man's infancy  
was daubed  
Dark

when the electricity  
machine died  
I groped alone  
in the darkness  
alone  
afraid  
alone  
searching  
frightened alone  
until I heard human beings talking.

I heard people talking  
and I could not see  
Dark or Light  
I only heard  
human voices  
talking.

25th March 1979

## THE TWO ROSES

One rose  
Is like the girl,  
Perfect, even and symmetrical,  
The embodiment of pain and beauty.  
The other rose  
Is like the boy,  
Strong, straight, and very fragile,  
The embodiment of the lore that should have  
been but never was  
Apart  
They can only survive until the winds of  
time blow strong,  
Together  
They can spawn eternal beauty.

JOHN M. ERSKINE  
Feb. 6, 1979

## \*\*ATTENTION\*\*

UNB students, faculty and alumni from both the Fredericton and Saint John campuses are urged to make nominations for the annual excellence in teaching awards which will be presented at Graduation exercises in May.

The awards are named the Dr. Allan P. Stuart Memorial Awards in honour of the late chemistry professor who was a 1973 recipient of the award.

Nominations must bear the names and addresses of at least two nominators and include some supporting statement. Deadline for nominations is April 6, 1979.

Teachers of first term courses as well as second term or full year courses are eligible. Nominations should be based on the following criteria:

- comprehensive knowledge of subject;
- preparation for class;
- enthusiasm for subject and ability to arouse interest;
- encouraging student participation;
- setting high standards and motivating students to attain them;
- communicating effectively at appropriate levels;
- evaluating students on their understanding of the subject rather than on ability to memorize;
- being accessible to students outside of class.

Nominations should be sent c/o the University Secretary, Old Arts Building, UNB Fredericton.



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