

New Writer-in-Residence at UNB

"What is it that keeps you sane in March?" The answer to this question, the opening line in the first poem ever written by the University of New Brunswick's new writer-in-residence, explains how her career started.

Nancy Bauer began writing when she moved to Fredericton in 1967. "I was isolated, cold, had three small children and didn't know many people in the area. If I hadn't moved here, I might never have become a writer," she observed.

For this Massachusetts native, the creative process is sometimes magical: her ideas for novels come to her in a kind of "luminous image" - a waking dream where she can see a character in a setting. From the vision, which she meticulously records, she builds the rest of the novel.

Ms Bauer believes that one of the most important aspects of being a writer is having

discipline. "Your mind doesn't want to release anything unless the thought process can be continuous. At first your ideas may seem vague and unrelated, but if you keep at it, things will eventually come together." Having a set time and place to write, or at least try to write, is what prepares her mind for writing.

Since joining a writers' group initiated by one of UNB's first writers-in-residence, Ms Bauer has appreciated the value of interaction with fellow writers and the sense of community that goes with it. She said the group encourage her to keep writing because it made her feel like a "real" writer. In her capacity as writer-in-residence, Ms Bauer hopes to carry on this tradition.

The novelist, however, is no stranger to generating excitement among aspiring writers. Ms Bauer was a founding member and the first director of the Maritime Writers' Workshop.

She has served as an instructor for nine of the last 14 workshops, been writer-in-residence at other institutions in Canada and the United States, and instructed in an additional 20 writers' workshops in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

A determined activist in the Fredericton and provincial writing communities, Ms Bauer was publisher of New Brunswick Chapbooks from 1967 to 1982, and a member of the founding committee of the Writer's Federation of New Brunswick.

Three of her novels have been published: *Flora*, *Write This Down*; *Wise-Ears*; and *The Opening Eye*. Another, *Samara the Wholehearted*, is in the hands of her agent and she is currently working on a fifth, *The Irrational Doorways* of Mr Gerrard. Ms Bauer has also written short stories, non-fiction and poetry.

She is UNB's eighth writer-in-residence.



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N.B. CRIME STOPPERS RECEIVE COMMENDATION

MONCTON -- A special award of distinction was bestowed on the N.B. Crime Stoppers program recognizing the organization's important contributions in assisting police to solve two separate murder cases in New Brunswick.

Chief Superintendent Dennis Farrell, RCMP J-Division, presented the Commanding Officer's Commendation to volunteer members and media involved with N.B. Crime Stoppers during the organization's fourth annual meeting here. The commendation recognized the work of Crime Stoppers in helping to solve the murder of Belledune resident William Moriarity, and Moncton resident Roger McLanson.

"I am pleased to to commend members of the boards and New Brunswick media for their work and help in the investigations of these two murders," Farrell said. "These cases remained unsolved for three and a half years. Tips to Crime Stoppers solved them both. There is no doubt the tips were received due to the credibility of Crime Stoppers -- a credibility attained through hard work worthy of this recognition."

Farrell said he will continue to support the Crime Stoppers program when he takes up his new duties in Ottawa, later this month. "My new responsibilities include crime prevention, and maintaining the important links of communication between Crime Stopper boards across Canada and the RCMP," he said. "The New Brunswick program is known as one of the most successful in Canada. I hope all of you will continue this work, and assist police to protect the safety of citizens, property and quality of life in our communities."

N.B. Crime Stoppers was formed in 1985 to help reduce the number of unsolved crimes in New Brunswick communities. The program guarantees anonymity for callers and offers cash awards for information which leads to the arrest of those responsible for crimes. In less than three years, 22 local volunteer boards formed throughout the province to administer and raise funds for the program. New Brunswick media generously support Crime Stoppers by publicizing Crime of the Week features on radio, television and in newspapers. To date, the three-way partnership between citizens, media and police has helped to solve more than 650 crimes in New Brunswick.

This week an armed robbery at a private residence located at 15 Queen Street, Minto, N.B., is the subject of our unsolved crime feature.

On November 11, 1988, Mr. Leslie James McEachern, a local taxi operator, answered a knock at his door. Through his partly opened door, Mr. McEachern saw a man with a knife in his hand. As he tried to close the door, the armed stranger forced it open knocking the startled resident backwards. As he stepped back, Mr. McEachern was able to grab the intruder by the wrists but he was overpowered and fell to the floor.

McEachern's hands were badly cut by the knife.

He was ordered to roll over onto his stomach and, as he did so, the robber tore at his rear pocket, grabbed his wallet and fled.

When Mr. McEachern got up to lock the door, he saw the robber running to the rear of the house.

Police were quickly on the scene. With the assistance of the police dog, they were able to follow the suspect's fresh tracks from behind Mr. McEachern's residence to the Main Street Irving, and on to the old railway station. However, due to rain, the trail was lost at the corner of Main and Theatre Streets.

Police obtained the following description of the intruder:

- 6 feet tall;
- 180 lbs, well built and strong;
- he wore a dark balaclava, a camel brown suede bomber jacket,
- blue jeans and brown "dress" boots;
- the suspect is described as a neat, clean person.

Police have done an extensive investigation of this robbery. Now the citizens of Minto and the police need your help to obtain more specifics about the suspect in question.

Crime Stoppers will pay a minimum \$1000 for information received this week that leads to the arrest of the person responsible for this violent armed robbery. If you have any information about this case, or any other serious crimes in New Brunswick, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS; that's 1-800-222-8477. You will not have to give your name. Should your tip lead to an arrest, Crime Stoppers guarantees a cash award.

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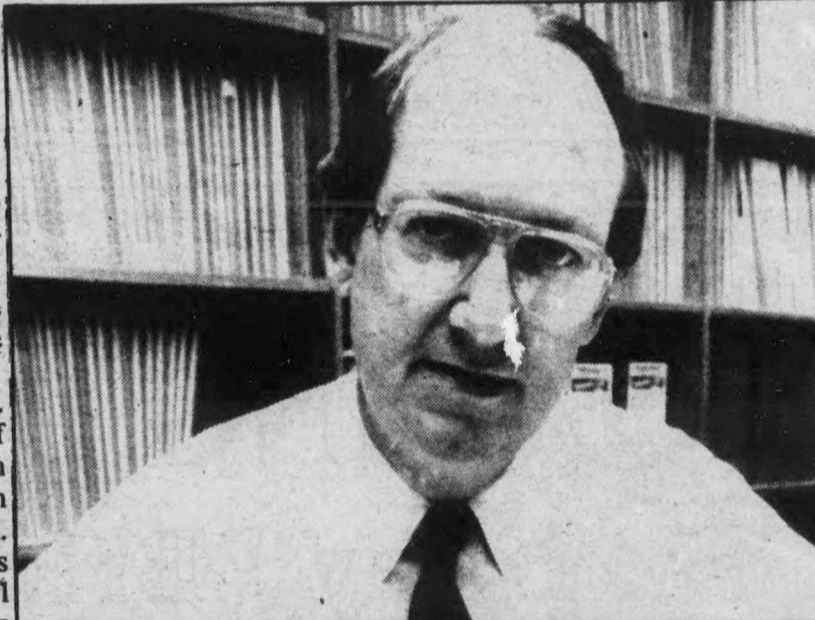
Piers to Give Toole Lectures

An expert in organic synthesis and the chemistry of natural products will give the 1989 F.J. Toole Lectures at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, Nov. 6-8.

Edward Piers, a professor of chemistry at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, will give three lectures in the series, which is open to the public.

On Monday, Nov. 6, Dr. Piers will speak on The Use of Rearrangement Reactions in Organic Synthesis at 8 p.m. in Room 146 of Loring Bailey Hall. At 4 p.m. the next day, Dr. Piers will discuss Bifunctional Reagents in Organic Synthesis in the same room. Wednesday's talk on Studies in Natural Product Synthesis is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. in Room 303 of F.J. Toole Hall.

An elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Dr. Piers has received numerous awards during his 26-year career as a teacher and researcher at UBC. These include an Alfred P., Sloan Fellowship; the



Dr. Edward Piers

Chemical Institute of Canada, international conferences and Merck Sharp and Dohme Lecture symposia; and published over 100 articles in his field.

The Toole Lectures commemorate chemist Frank Toole, UNB's first dean of graduate studies and a leader in establishing UNB as a research university; given over 50 institutions. He died in 1975, after a career that spanned 35 industry, and at national and years.



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Irene Clark just recently celebrated her 25th anniversary at the UNB Bookstore. Irene has been a cashier at the store for 25 years. Congratulations Irene.

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