

# Crew member tells of intrigue aboard The Answer

CALGARY (CUP) - A former University of Calgary student and two companions were among the crew of Brian Erb's renegade salvage ship, The Answer.

This information was contained in a letter from Colin Wenger, one of the crew members, to friends in Edmonton.

According to the letter, Erb's attempt to take his ship out of Canadian waters was a last ditch effort against an American salvaging company threatening to monopolize the field.

hammers tried to board ship in an obscure ice-locked corner of the Quebec harbour. However, they were unable to take over the boat.

Later in the week two security guards hired by new owner Paul-Emile Caron were thrown off the ship.

The week previous the 350 foot rig, formally named the Antlean, was sold at a debtors auction for \$28,000. According to Wenger's letter, former owner Erb has been waging a variety of legal battles over the last five years to keep the ship functioning.

The letter states that the ship is the sole competitor to an anonymous American salvaging company.

After threats of take over, the Answer's crew spent the week loading fuel and gathering provisions. They left port Sunday, Feb. 21 and proceeded to manoeuvre the rig, one of the largest of its kind in the world, through 200 miles of ice-clogged St. Lawrence Seaway.

Wenger says Erb claims the ship is still his because Caron purchased the ship at auction (for a fraction of its true value) when it was still called the Antlean. The ship had apparently been renamed and re-registered before the court sale.

in his struggle and were aware of the situation before leaving port in Quebec. "The Yankees are at the bottom of this whole thing," Wenger wrote. He said he is proud of Erb for taking action.

Wenger said the plan was to take the ship to Boston and to proceed from there to Puerto Rico. "We are the underdogs it seems, but hopefully we can get through without further delay," he wrote.

In his letter Wenger says he was on watch duty the night of Sunday, Feb. 16 when a crew of 15 to 20 men wearing hardhats and carrying

On Monday, Feb. 22, the Quebec courts issued an injunction ordering seizure of the ship.

He also says the entire crew, which Erb has promised to pay \$125 a week each, is supporting Erb

## Photo Club meets Thursday

The last meeting of the photography club this year will feature Doctor Reginald Balch who will give an informal talk on his interpretation of what photography is. The meeting will be at 7:30 on Thursday March 21 in Room 26 of the Student Union Building.

photographer with particular interest in nature photography. He was also judge at this year's photography contest.

There are still some photographs and prize money left over from the contest. These can be picked up at the meeting or can be get from Tom Sylvester in Room 102 of Loring Bailey Hall.

Balch is an accomplished nature

## Prominent historians to speak at university

By DERWIN GOWAN  
News Editor

The History Club of the University of New Brunswick has invited four prominent Canadian historians to Fredericton in the next month. Ramsay Cook, George F.G. Stanley, J.M.S. Careless, and Roger Graham.

Cook is coming on Thursday, March 13 at 8:00 p.m. and will speak in Room 303 Tilley Hall. "Social Criticism In Late Victorian Canada" will be his topic.

He is the author of "Canada and the French Canadian Question," "The Maple Leaf Forever," "The Politics of John W. Dafoe and the Free Press," "Canada, A Modern Study," and "Canada and the United States - a Modern Study." Cook edited "The Dafoe-Sifton Correspondence," and "French Canadian Nationalism - An Anthology."

Cook is presently a professor of History at York University.

Stanley will be speaking on his role in the flag controversy during the Pearson years at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20 in 303 Tilley Hall.

Stanley is the author of the "The

Birth of Western Canada - A History of the Riel Rebellions," "Canada's Soldiers, 1604-1954," "Louis Riel," "New France, The Last Phase, 1744-1760," and "The Story of Canada's Flag."

He is presently the Director of Canadian Studies at Mount Allison University.

Careless, a professor of History at the University of Toronto, will speak on "Myth - Information in Canadian History," in Room 303 Tilley Hall at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27.

He is the author of "Brown of the Globe," "Canada, A Story of Challenge," "The Union of the Canadas, 1841-1857," and was the editor of "The Canadians, 1867-1967" and "Colonists and Canadians, 1760-1867."

Graham, chairman and professor of History at Queen's University, will be speaking on Thursday, April third at 8:00 p.m. in Room 303 Tilley Hall on "This Business of Research - A Light-Hearted Serious Look at Historical Methodology."

Graham is the author of the three volume of Arthur Meighen and edited "The King-Byng Affair."

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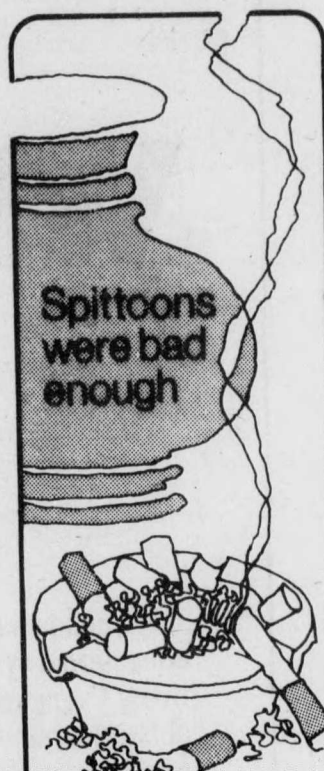
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