

## Developing writers gather here July 13-19

The Maritime Writers Workshop is heading into its fifth year, with a staff of 10 experienced author/teachers and places for 40 participants in a one-week resident creative writing program at the University of New Brunswick.

Developing writers will gather on UNB's Fredericton campus July 13-19 for a program of lecturers, small group discussions, individual conferences, and writing time. Tuition is \$95 for the week.

Novelist and short story writer, and popular instructor at the workshop's opening year, John Metcalf, will return this summer. He will be joined by playwright Dave Etheridge, novel/short story writers Nancy Bauer and Dale Estey, poets Robert Alan

Burns, Robert Cockburn, Michael Brian Oliver, Kay Smith, and David West, and author-editor Joseph Sherman.

Accommodation at the historic Lady Beaverbrook Residence provides workshop participants with a setting for literary discussions long into the night, at a cost of only \$30-\$35 per week, plus meals.

The workshop becomes very much a Fredericton community event, with public readings nightly by guest staff members and students.

For Nancy Bauer, mentor of new writers and workshop organizer since its inception in 1975, the workshop is a "community of writers exchanging ideas, (in) a festival atmosphere". Far from passively listening to lecturers by a literary celebrity, participants

work actively with instructors and each other to refine their prose or poetic style, she said.

The workshop has nurtured many publishing writers, such as Dale Estey, whose first novel, *A Lost Tale*, will be released in the fall by St. Martin's Press, New York City.

Other names on past workshop rosters include Ann Mitton, finalist in the *Flare* magazine short story contest, and poets Kathy Tyler, Duncan Armstrong, Darrell McBrearity, and Cathy Pelletier, who all have books to their credit. Harlequin romance novelists Anne MacLean and Jill MacLean (not related) met and began their successful collaboration at a UNB writers workshop.

Workshop "graduates" Ethel Thompson and William Redstone

have published books of history, and historical articles by three other participants have appeared in print. Two workshop veterans writer for *Atlantic Insight*, several for the *Atlantic Advocate*, others for *Books Now* and for various weekly newspapers. Numerous short stories by workshop writers have been published in magazines and anthologies.

But Mrs. Bauer points out that the workshop is a broad umbrella, it shelters writers with a wide range of experience. She said the program provides stimulation and change of pace for many participants who enjoy creative writing and literature, but have few professional ambitions.

The deadline for applications is June 1. A brochure and application form are available from the Extension Department, UNB, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 5A3.

Several bursaries to cover tuition are available. The Maritime Writers Workshop is supported by



**Nancy Bauer**

the Canada Council, the N.B. department of youth, recreation and cultural resources, UNB, and several local sponsors.

## Drama '80 returns

Junior and senior high school students who enjoyed *Drama '80*, a one-week theatre festival on the UNB-STU campus, will be able to return for a Theatre Arts Workshop this summer.

This is the opening year for the summer drama workshop, which is scheduled to run July 6-19. Six experienced theatre professionals will staff the program, which is a joint venture of the UNB extension department and the New Brunswick chapter of the Canadian Child and Youth Drama Association (CCYDA).

Students will have the option of staying in UNB residences or living at home for the two-week period. They will work throughout the day and evening in classes on voice and language appreciation, movement, period etiquette, and

improvisation. There will be special sessions on make-up techniques, visits to such local resources as the costume exhibit at the National Exhibition Centre, and a final dramatic production for special guests.

The fees range from \$160 for tuition only, \$195 for tuition and two meals per day, to \$300 for tuition plus room and board. A limited number of scholarships are available.

The staff includes Jack Medhurst, who teaches theatre arts at Ryerson Polytechnic in Toronto. Mr. Medhurst, who is on sabbatical leave this year to do theatre research, ran his own drama school for 17 years, and presented the TV series, "Let's Act It Out". He will be joined by Tom Crothers, veteran of 30 years experi-

ence in Ireland and Canada. Mr. Crothers has worked in all aspects of theatre, including writing for stage, TV, films, and radio, and drama education for schools and universities. He is presently lecturing in the UNB faculty of education.

Active drama educators and CCYDA members David Dayler and Rozena Hallum will be joined by Fredericton artists Kathleen Driscoll, of the Maritime Contemporary Dance Company, and Ilkay Silk, of the TNB Young Company and St. Thomas University, in rounding out the workshop staff.

The workshop is directed at students 13 to 18 years of age. Registration information is available from the UNB Extension Department, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, E3B 5A3, 453-4646.

## McCarthy wins NSERC scholarship

A UNB computer science graduate has been named as a recipient of the National Science and Engineering Research Council's most prestigious scholarship for first-year graduate students.

David McCarthy of Saint John has been awarded an NSERC 1967 Scholarship, valued at \$11,200 a year for up to four years. He will use the award to pursue master's and PhD level studies in computer systems and design at the University of Toronto.

The 1967 Scholarship were introduced during Canada's centennial year. Several awards are presented each year, and appli-

cants must be nominated by their own universities.

David McCarthy is a graduate of Simonds High School in Saint John, and spent two years at UNB Saint John before coming to UNB Fredericton to complete his degree. He graduates May 15 with a degree in computer science.

David spent one summer working as a computer programmer at Thorne's Hardware in Saint John, and last summer as a research assistant at Defense Research Establishment Pacific, a navy laboratory in Victoria, B.C.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark McCarthy of Renforth.

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