

Canadian Young Writers Association formed

By BOB STRANACH

"There's a lack of real interest in youth writing in Canada, and it's because of this that we've formed our group," says Chris Tauman, spokesperson for the Canadian Young Writers' Association, an organization which made its debut in Atlantic Canada during the summer of 1974. At that time CYWA published "HORIZON", a weekly magazine operating out of its Chatham, N.B. office through a grant from the federal Opportunities for Youth program.

"This lack of interest shows in the fact that Atlantic Canada, New Brunswick in particular, has few if any major media outlets that allow youth talent a showcase for its work," explains Tauman. He suggests that the CYWA could, in time, meet this need for a recognized youth forum in the Maritimes.

CYWA came into being after three years of speculation and discussion. Pooling the ideas and experience picked up from work with youth journals and yearbooks, the founding members and supporters solidified the group and produced "HORIZON".

An eleven issue mixed-bag of creative writing, journalism, comment, and artwork, "HORIZON" published material of writers from both senior high school and university backgrounds. By giving exposure to the works of a wide variety of writers of three languages, the magazine accomplished its goal of introducing and promoting material that would otherwise go unnoticed. In a number of cases, articles of

Wildlife Society underway

A new campus organization, the UNB Wildlife Society will hold its first general meeting on Monday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. in room 309 of the Forestry building. There will be a talk by Dr. J. Reynolds on the habitat interactions of the woodcock and the earthworm. As well as a few short films on natural history topics will be shown. All are welcome.

The UNB Wildlife Society was formed this year and is meant to bring together all those interested in wildlife resources. Monthly meetings with guest speakers, films, demonstrations as well as outdoor activities pertaining to the field aspects of wildlife biology are planned. Plans also call for an association with The Wildlife Society, which is the professional wildlife management society of North America. The UNB chapter hopes to put forward the same philosophy as this organization, namely the advancement of sound principles of wildlife management as well as such activities as monitoring pertinent environmental issues.

Sociology Society to meet

Racial prejudice will be the topic of a discussion led by post graduate student Maggie Sebastian on February eighth at 8:00 p.m. in the French Lounge of Tilley Hall.

Sebastian has undertaken extensive studies in this area. This event is being out on by the Sociology Society and they invite all interested students to come and air their views or merely listen to the speakers.

particular interest were recognized and printed in larger, more established publications.

After their OFY grant expired, the "HORIZON" staff returned to their respective universities. While this has meant a lull in CYWA activities, members correspond regularly and are presently

engaged in plans for the future, which include a movement into other media areas such as radio and television, the production of an inter-university writers' journal, and the possible publication of a second magazine this summer.

At present CYWA consists of a ten member nucleus and roughly

twenty-five supporting members. Financing of projects is done through grants, advertisers, subscribers, and donations. Due to a razor-thin profit margin, content contributors receive no financial aid. Most, however, are "just satisfied to see their stuff in print." Interested persons wishing more

information concerning CYWA are encouraged to contact the group through Box 412, Chatham, N.B.

While "scattered, unobtrusive and nearly broke," the Canadian Young Writers' Association is, according to Chris Tauman, "nevertheless alive and well and growing in Atlantic Canada."

Biology Department mourns losses

Dr. CW Argue 1904-1975

By The Phantom Photog

Dr. Charles William Argue, a Professor Emeritus at UNB, died on the fourth of February 1975. Dr. Argue, born in Vancouver B.C. on October 17, 1904, was a Professor and Head of the Biology Department of UNB from 1930-1968. The department grew under him after he took it over as a one man department said Dr. A.R.A. Taylor, Dean of Science at UNB. Dr. Argue was Dean of Science from 1946 to 1969 after which he stayed on at UNB as a Professor Emeritus in Biology until his death. He also has served as acting President and Vice President of UNB.

Dr. Argue's training was in Agriculture and plant Physiology. He received a BA and BSA (Bachelor of Science in Agriculture) from the University of British Columbia and an MS from Iowa State University. He received an honorary Doctor of Science from UNB and an honorary Doctor of Laws from Saint Thomas University. He also did graduate work at McGill University.

Said Dr. Taylor his interests were "very much with the students." Dr. Taylor also said Argue was very active with the premedical students in the 1930s with whom he had a "good relationship." According to Dr. Taylor he was "very shy" preferring to stay "out of the limelight." However, he was a "champ" in badminton. He was also "very good" at golf until he strained his back and he played bridge as well.

Dr. Argue was a member of the Deutsch Committee, established to review UNBSJ and according to Dr. M.D.B. Burt, Head of the Biology Department, was essential for Science to be instated at UNBSJ. Besides this Argue lectured at UNBSJ while still lecturing at UNBF. Dr. Burt also stated that Dr. Argue was largely responsible for the establishment of the faculty of Nursing at UNB. In addition Dr. Argue was President John Anderson's first boss when Dr. Anderson first worked at UNB as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Argue was an honorary life member of the Red Cross Society, the New Brunswick Medical Society, The New Brunswick Association of Registered Nurses, and the UNB Faculty club. He was a member of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada from 1938 to 1956 and from 1960 to 1965, the Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship Committee, and he represented New Brunswick on the NRC from 1950 to 1956. During World War II he organized a Red Cross

blood donor's clinic in what is now the Faculty Club on the third floor of the Old Arts Building. He had several Clinics and for his work with the blood bank he was awarded the CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire). He also received the Coronation Medal from Queen Elizabeth II.

Dr. Argue, at his death, was involved in a study of tardigrades (small bear like animalcules), work for which he was commissioned by the National Museum of Ottawa. He has published three papers on the subject and was preparing a fourth when he entered the hospital preceding his death. He was once called the only Canadian expert in this area. He was also at one time the Superintendent for the eradication of Ragweed for the provincial government.

Dr. Burt pointed out that Dr. Argue was "one of the best teachers the University has ever known" and that a large number of Canada's top scientists were inspired by him.

Mr. VW Porter 1916-1975

By BRUCE CUMMING
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When the flags on the Campus were flown at half mast on January 16, 1975, some members of the University community may have wondered, who is it for this time? But to a significant number this symbolic act meant the loss of someone whom we had grown to respect and depend upon and towards whom we felt very genuine regard and gratitude for his contributions to the University.

Recognized affectionately by many of us simply as "Vic", Victor William Porter became seriously ill with heart trouble on December 9, 1974. He had been working actively in the greenhouse of the Department of Biology earlier in the week and though visibly in pain

was not the sort of person who would pamper himself because of trouble that he considered would probably shortly go away again. He stayed in Oromocto Public Hospital until an improvement in his condition, showing hopeful signs of a full recovery, enabled him to return to his home early in the New Year. Within a week his health had deteriorated very rapidly and he died on January 15, 1975 at the age of fifty-nine.

It was in 1963, on leaving the Canadian army after thirty years service, that Vic Porter's love of plants and his facility with them came to the fore. He purchased the existing "London Nursery" which was being operated as a wholesale carnation nursery, and formed the Green Thumb Nurseries Ltd. Under his direction this enterprise literally flourished and blossomed, to the extent that a move to larger premises on Lincoln Road was carried through in 1968. During the next season his sales of plants and flowers amounted to \$52,000. Prior to the spring sales season of 1970, Vic Porter had on display a total of over 100,000 bedding plants, tropical plants, potted plants, vegetables and shrubs. This was quite an achievement for a span of seven years and says much for his, his family, and his staff. Very unfortunately, Vic Porter found it necessary to close the nursery in 1970 when previously assured government assistance, in the form of a repayable loan to cover expansion, did not materialize. It is sometimes forgotten by others, or never even realized in the first place, how much dedication, hard work, knowledge, and what a wide range of skills are required for such enterprises.


Vic Porter was appointed Grounds Supervisor at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton Campus, in April, 1971. Vic found this to be a demanding and sometimes frustrating task when needed funds were not forthcoming for so much that could be done to improve the beauty of the campus. Nevertheless, he left his mark with

some of the flowers that blossomed across the campus and, during the winter, apart from preparing for next season's work, there was always the sticky problem of coping with unexpected snowfalls and ice that could clog the campus and involve the University in chaos if not properly managed.

The Department of Biology, with its expanded greenhouse and other facilities for growing, maintaining and experimenting with plants, was very fortunate to be able to appoint Vic Porter as Technician in charge of the greenhouses in August, 1973. He came to us with all his enthusiasm for plant life and his wide range of knowledge in controlling pests and diseases, and soon put this to good use. The greenhouses have flourished, or more accurately, the plants growing in them have prospered through his efforts, and the general interest and enthusiasm shown by people who have visited the greenhouses has increased accordingly. In parallel with these developments more courses have been instituted involving practical work by students in the greenhouses, or with plants grown there.

I know that those students who associated directly with him feel a deep sense of gratitude for his unstinting help and advice, as the staff and faculty also do. We treasure the memories of our times with him, and although life and death proclaim the lesson that no one is indispensable, we will miss him greatly.

For those who knew Vic Porter, much of the foregoing may be common knowledge, but to many others he may only have been someone who was in charge of the grounds, or who worked in the greenhouses. Perhaps the best tribute that we can pay him, as a University community, is to keep his memory alive in the beauty of the grounds and in the fulsome range of plants that he nurtured in the greenhouses. To his wife, his son, two daughters, his sister and other relatives we extend deepest sympathy and respects.



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