

Judges Announced for Literary Competition

Well known Canadian writers will judge the five categories in the Writers' Federation of New Brunswick's 1991 Literary Competition.

Three poets will judge the poetry manuscripts submitted for the Alfred G. Bailey Prize. Don Gutteridge is a professor in the Division of Curriculum Studies at the University of Western Ontario. His eleven books of poetry include *Love in the Wintertime: New Poems 1980-1989*, Oberon Press, *The Exiled Heart: Selected Narratives, 1968-1982*, Oberon Press, and *God's Geography, Coldstream*. His fifth novel, *How the World Began: A Parable of 1812* will be published by Moonstone Press in the spring of 1991. Don McKay, a former resident of Ontario, recently moved to New Brunswick and teaches English and creative writing at UNB. His seventh book of poetry, *Night Field*, will appear in the spring of 1991. One of his earlier books, *Birding, or Desire*, won the CAA award for poetry and was short-listed for the Governor-General's Award. The third judge is always the President of the Writers' Federation of New Brunswick. This year's president, Leona Keenan, is a founding member of the WFNB and a poet whose work has appeared in *The Dalhousie Review*, *The Fiddlehead*, *The Cormorant* etc., she is also the co-editor of a successful community newspaper,

The Keswick Exchange.

Bill Gaston, writer-in-residence at the University of New Brunswick for 1990-1991, will judge the fiction entries (first prize is the David Adams Richards' Prize). Books by him include the novel, *Tall Lives* (Macmillan of Canada) which is to be published in paperback by Seal Books in February, *Deep Cove Stories* (Oolichan Books), and a forthcoming book of poetry, *Inviting blindness*. Varied experiences as a professional hockey player in Toulon, France, as a teacher at UBC and St. Mary's University among other schools and extensive travels through Europe and the Middle East are reflected in his writing.

The non-fiction entries will be judged by Joyce Barkhouse. Born in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, Joyce Barkhouse writes historical fiction, celebrates heroes and retells myths and legends. Her interest in outstanding native Nova Scotians has resulted in biographies on writer Thomas Raddall and inventor Abraham Gesner. Other writings include the short story "The Heroine of Lunenburg" and children's books *Anna's Pet* and *The Witch of Port LaJoye*.

Ed Kavanagh is judge for the children's literature category. He was born, raised and lives in St. John's Newfoundland. His writing for children includes numerous songs and theatrical pieces as well

as the following books: *Amanda Greenleaf and the Spell of the Water Witch*, *Amanda Greenleaf and the Boy Magician*, *Amanda Greenleaf Visits a Distant Star*. An album by him, released in 1990, is titled *Alison Gross and other Wickedly Wonderful Songs*. His talent as a writer, actor and musician are highlighted in his performances for children.

Al Pittman, judge for the poetry category, was born in Newfoundland and currently teaches at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Cornerbrook. His first literary endeavour was the play "This Life to Live" which won first prize in the Newfoundland government sponsored Arts and Letters Competition. In the Foreword to Pittman's first book of poetry titled *The Elusive Resurrection*, Fred Cogswell refers to "the direct, honest way in which the poems record the personal experiences and reactions of the writer" and the "genuine 'elan' or joy in life" present in Al Pittman's poetry. These characteristics carry through his children's books, *One Wonderful Fine Day for a Sculpin Named Sam* (in its third printing), *Down by Jim Long's Stage* (now in its fifth printing) and *One a Wing and a Wish* to be released by Breakwater Books this year.

Inquiries concerning the literary competition can be directed to the Writers' Federation of New Brunswick, P.O. Box 37, Station A, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 4Y2.

Winter Carnival Week Approaching

If you didn't know it already, next week is UNB Winter Carnival - full of events and lots of fun!!! Tuesday, January 29 is skiing at Crabbe Mountain. Lift tickets will be on for half price (\$10) and there will be free transportation from the SUB at 10:00 a.m. and will be returning at 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, the Loonie Movie series will be presenting "Days of Thunder" with Tom Cruise. Show times are 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Thursday night features the hilarious comedy act of Jimmy Flynn in the SUB Cafeteria. Tickets are only \$5.00! The Winter Carnival concert on Friday night is BLUE RODEO with special guest Bob Lambert. Tickets go on sale today in the upper SUB lobby for only \$10 (+GST). Tickets will go quickly so don't miss out! On Saturday at 2 p.m., Varsity Mania Presents University hockey at the Aitken Centre as the UNB Red Devils take on their arch-rivals,

the St. Thomas Tommies. Admission to this event is free to get out to support your team!!!

A great UNB tradition of the Winter Carnival is the Snow Sculpture Competition. This year there are two categories for this event. Houses will be competing against themselves and townies for a \$500 first prize and a \$300 second prize. Facilities, clubs and societies and sport teams will be competing for a \$500 first prize and a \$300 second prize. Everyone should build some sculpture of their own design on Wednesday or Thursday with the judging to take place on Friday afternoon.

Vice President of Student Activities, Jason Burns, hopes that everyone will get involved. "We've got a great week planned and the entertainment for this term is phenomenal." Remember, WINTER CARNIVAL - JANUARY 29 TO FEBRUARY 2!!!

A UNB Student Union Winter Carnival 1991 Event
Campus Entertainment Presents:

BLUE RODEO

With Special Guest
BOB LAMBERT



Friday, February 1st, 8:00 pm in the SUB Cafeteria

Admission: \$10.00 + GST

I.D. required at door