

## Husband/wife team write sci-fi book



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Frieda Wheeler helped her husband with the 'technical side' of a sci-fi book

by Michelle Walch  
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Frieda Wheeler, Secretary for the Developmental Learning Center in Barlow Hall, just helped publish a book.

"It's a real thrill, knowing that something with his name is on the bookshelf, real exciting," Wheeler explained.

Wheeler's husband, Scott, wrote a science fiction book called "Matters of Form." While out of work, he decided to write it and his story was accepted by the second book publisher, in New York. "He has written a sequel, but they're not sure they want to buy it. He's revising the second and the third one is still being read. The fourth and fifth are still being worked on."

## Fulbright scholarships provide people various opportunities

by Caree Hussey  
Feature Editor

Kay Davis, ESL Coordinator/Targeted Learning Center, is currently in Panama City, Panama on a Fulbright scholarship. She is studying Spanish and ESL methods and teaching English and American Literature.

"This is all over the world, it's quite an extensive thing. It involves literally hundreds of people," explained Dr. Donald Epstein, history instructor. Dr. Epstein received a Fulbright scholarship and spent a summer in Egypt.

The Fulbright scholarships give people opportunities to go to a foreign country to study and do research in many different areas. It also gives people from other countries the chance to come and study life in the United States. These scholarships are funded by the sale of U.S. properties in other countries. Since converting these funds to U.S. dollars would be unprofitable, they are left in the country for our scholars to use.

Although mainly awarded to instructors, there are other categories of scholarships that are awarded to artists and musi-

"It takes a long time," Wheeler says of writing and selling a novel. "It takes six to seven months to hit the stores."

The Wheelers turned into a team of writers as she explains, "He would type a few chapters and I would retype it and correct it. It took roughly six months."

"My only contribution has been the technical side of it. I have no imagination whatsoever," Wheeler smiled.

The staff's reaction has been positive, "They've been really nice about it, but it hasn't made any difference..." meaning she has not been esteemed as a 'celebrity.'

Wheeler says of her job at the college, "I've worked here for 16 years, and I really enjoy it."

cians who wish to participate in this cultural exchange. Competition for Fulbright scholarships is tough. People from all over the United States are applying for them. The applications are usually turned in in October for the following year. Once scholarships are awarded, the applications are no longer valid. One must re-apply for them every year.

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Here at CCC we have had people go to Panama, Costa Rica, China, and Egypt through this program. One doesn't necessarily need to know the native language of the country where they wish to go. "In some cases, you do have to know the language and there must be some sort of proof that you know it. In other cases, the seminar is conducted in English and you are given the opportunity to learn a little bit of the language. Usually foreign scholars have to know English," commented Dr. Epstein.

## Student experiences life in Switzerland

by Caree Hussey  
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Have you ever dreamed of visiting a foreign country? Last summer, Matt Stiger fulfilled this dream and went to Switzerland.

He went through a program called the Northwest International Cooperative Education Program. Stiger went to mandatory meetings held in Vancouver and participated in an orientation class. He also had to read reports from people who had already returned and had to make out a ten page pre-departure report himself.

The trip was expensive. There was a \$475 fee for the program (the cost has gone down somewhat), for finding a place for him to live and finding him a job. Air fare to and from cost \$748. Stiger also had to get a passport which cost \$50 and a work permit which cost \$13.

Although he'd had a year of German, "the first three weeks I had extreme difficulty with the dialect that they speak in Switzerland, they speak fast and they speak the most unbelievable mutilations of the high German... as it's taught in the class. The orientation class got me familiar with the history of Switzerland, but it didn't do a thing to prepare me for the dialect, and that's what really messed me up." Stiger had a job at a local grocery store and stayed with a family in the area. "The woman I stayed



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Matt Stiger tells of his difficulties with the Swiss dialect.

with spoke enough English to tell me dinner was ready or we could go to the city next week, or something like that. The man, her husband, spoke French and German, but no English, so for

*"... they speak the most unbelievable mutilations of the high German..."*

the first month I was a very close-mouthed person." He did meet some people who were fluent in

English at work, however.

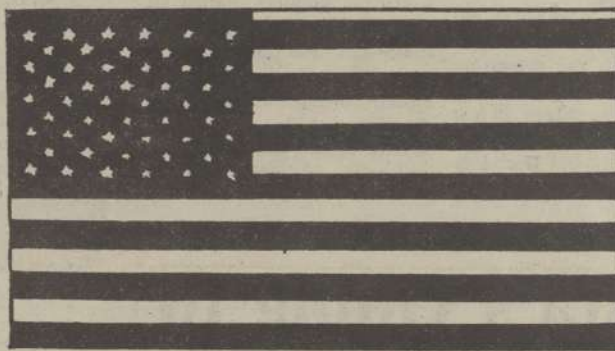
Would he like to go back? "I'm sort of toying with the idea of going back as a student, that would have to be through a different program, but at the moment it doesn't seem feasible, it is expensive." Stiger would like to study in Switzerland, Austria or Germany.

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