

# *Playboy* announces winners of college fiction contest

Daniel Mueller, a twenty-eight-year-old graduate student from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, is the winner of *Playboy* magazine's fifth annual college fiction contest. Mr. Mueller, originally from Edina, Minnesota, will receive \$3,000 for "The Night My Brother Worked the Header." The story examines the social dynamics of an Alaskan fish cannery where tensions rise to an unforgettable climax.

Patrick O'Conner, 27, a graduate student at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, won the \$500 second prize for his story "Savior."

The third prize winners include: Thomas Franklin, 26, of the University of Southern Alabama for "Rugs, Chairs, Tables;" Richard J. Cass, 38, of the University of New Hampshire for "Gleam of Bone;" Pamela L. Houston, 27, of the University of Utah, for "Selway;" and Ashley Clifton, 23, of the University of Arizona for "The Father, The Son, and the Holy, Ethereal Kid."

The writing competition was open to all registered undergraduate and graduate college students and is one of the most prestigious writing contests for students in the country.

*Playboy's* fiction editor, Alice Turner said, "We're very committed to this contest. We've been pleased with the country-wide participation and the successful careers of past winners. Our winners have published six novels in the past four years, a wonderful record which we're proud of."

Entries for the 1991 *Playboy* college fiction contest will be accepted after October 1, 1990 with an entry deadline of January 1, 1991. For details on the competition, see the October 1990 of *Playboy* (on sale August 30) or contact Christopher Napolitano at (212) 688-3030, ext. 3392.